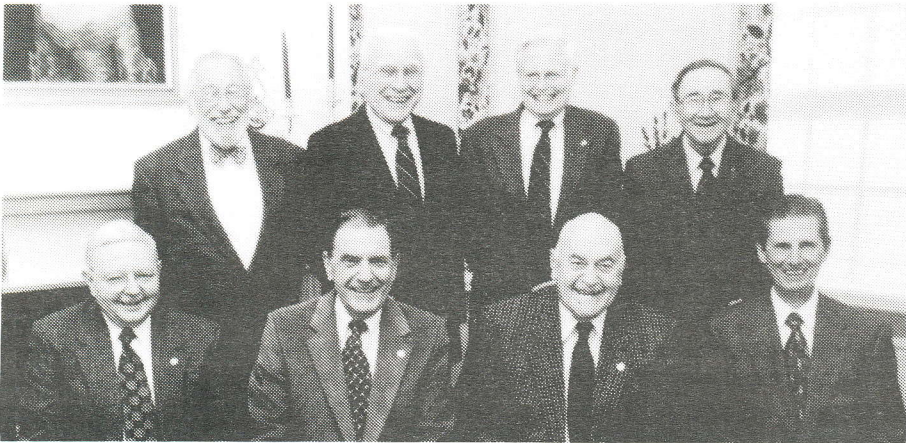


# The Reminder



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

## New Officers for Senior Men's Club



## DECEMBER 1998

### DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: NORRIS F. LEE

- 4** Speaker: Cynthia Edwards, Mich. State Police – Community Services  
 Subject: “What Seniors Need to Know About 1998-99 Driving”  
*Applicants by reservation only*

- 11** Speaker: Ms. Kerry Price, Detroit Country Day Music Teacher  
 Subject: “Christmas Favorites – A Program of Music”  
*Applicants by reservation only*

## JANUARY 1999

- 8** Speaker: Frank Mautte – Fordham Football Captain – 1936  
 Subject: “The Seven Blocks of Granite”  
*Applicants invited A - D*

## Discussion Groups

### DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: MAURICE ALLEN

- Dec. 4** Speaker: Dr. Donald Overy, Cardiologist  
 Topic: “Washington D.C. Medicine”
- Dec. 11** Speaker: Dr. Richard Huff, DVM  
 Topic: “Animal Research – Human Medicine”

## JANUARY 1999

- Jan. 8** Speaker: Ed Coley, Senior Men's Club  
 Topic: “Year 1998 in Review”

## John R. Caldwell Tops Officer List For Coming Year

John Caldwell, the new president of the Senior Men's Club for 1999, is shown in the photograph at left taken by Bob Hadley.

Front row, left to right, are: Ernie Bergan, secretary; Carver Wood, second vice president; Caldwell, and Bill Reilly, first vice president. Back row: Carl Ingraham, parliamentarian; Ray Latovic, treasurer; Ben Ewing, corresponding secretary; and Sherwin Vine, officer at large.

Missing the photo shoot were: Don Upward, assistant treasurer, and Stewart Keeney, officer at large.

The nominating committee was composed of Brad Ballard, Bob Hadley, John Spomer, Phil Werner and Art Burgott, chairman.

### Joined SMC in 1987

Caldwell, 80, has been a member of the Club since 1987. He has made several presentations at the Club's discussion sessions, was chairman of the Computer Group for three years and served as second and then first vice president during the past two years.

The new SMC president was born in Bedford, Pa. and received his doctor of medicine degree from Temple University. He did his internship at the U.S. Naval Station at Great Lakes, Illinois and served in with the Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

Caldwell served on the staff of Henry Ford Hospital for 37 years, specializing in internal medicine and hypertension.

He and his wife with 52 years tenure, Julia, live in Birmingham. They have five children, 12 grandchildren and one great grand daughter.



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Special Birthday Greetings:

John Arthur will be 92 on Dec. 5.

Baldwin Sinnaeve will be 93 on Dec. 4.  
Charles Windsor Will be 91 on Dec. 31.

## Associate Member Birthdays:

Ronald Blanchard on Dec. 10.

Harry Rogers on Dec. 2.

## Became Life Member:

Edwin Deer, who joined in March 1983. Charles Henning, who joined in June 1985.  
Robert Schwab, Associate Member, who joined in June 1987.  
Bruce Smith, on leave, who joined in Oct. 1979.

## Deaths:

John Howitt, who joined in Mar. 1986.  
Leland Rosemont, who joined in Nov. 1992.  
Richard Sneed, Life Member, who joined in Nov., 1976.  
Roy Thayer, on leave, who joined in July, 1988.

**Transferred to Associate:** B. Benton Harvey, 811 Treasury Bend Rd., Charleston, S.C., 29412.

**Took Leave of Absence:** William Bones, George Fraumann, Leslie Gertz.

## Change of Address:

Mearl Noftz, 2945 Woodward, #33, Bloomfield Hills, 48304.

## New Members:

Berg, Spencer B., (Phyllis), 75 Hillside Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 335-0068.  
Sponsor: Jim Fonda.  
Lee, Ralph F., 309 Williamsbury, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 646-3186. Sponsor:  
Ben Root.  
McAlpine, Gordon A., (Ethel), 32750 Ramsey Rd., Franklin, 48025, 626-5179.  
Sponsor: Ed Jones.  
Miltner, Oliver A., (Rita), 705 Westbourne, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 647-4390.  
Sponsor: Joe Rattner.  
Minard, William F., (Barbara), 6445 Thurber Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 626-0169  
Sponsor: Jean Batts.  
Spencer, Robert W., (Iris), 736 N.Cranbrook Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 644-6159  
Sponsor: Jim Cameron.

## New Applicants:

Hadley, LeRoy, (Florence), 18812 Hillcrest Blvd., Beverly Hills, 48025, 642-6038.  
Sponsor: Ed Jones.  
Harrington, G. Robert, (Dorothy), 11043 Stratford Lane, Bloomfield Hills, 48304,  
642-3344. Sponsor: King Ruhly.  
Ivanko, John M., 596 South Glenhurst, Birmingham, 48009, 642-3964. Sponsor:  
George Kendro.  
Meier, James M., (Cynthia), 1263 Maryland, Birmingham, 48009, 646-1497. Sponsor:  
John McDonald.  
Peabody, James M., (Wilma), 5560 Land Lake Road., Bloomfield Hills, 48302,  
644-1445. Sponsor: Don Cox.  
Williams, Carroll V., (Suzanne), 670 Ann St., Apt. 102, Birmingham, 48009, 593-9741.  
Sponsor: Ben Ewing.

— Walt Meyers & Bob Babcock

## Web TV Subject Of Computer Group

Web TV will be the subject of the Computer Group meeting on Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m. including both discussion and demonstration.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Web TV, it is a way to access the internet and send as well as receive e-mail through your TV. You simply get a WEB TV—for as low as \$100—

from your local electronics store, and connect it to your TV set.

You may wonder why the Computer Group would be interested in such a device since most already have a computer. This meeting will try to answer that, and maybe even give some of you an idea for a different kind of Christmas present.

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# Suddenly It's 1900 in 2000! That's the Big Y2K Dilemma

By Don Cox

Most of us have heard about a Y2K problem, and many have been wondering what it is all about.

First let me explain that the Y stands for year, while the 2 stands for 2, and the K is the abbreviation for thousand. In other words, it is about a year 2000 problem which has the potential of causing all kinds of trouble with computers.

## How Did This Happen?

When personal computers were first available, they were restricted by the size of their memory capabilities. The initial ones had only a few kilobytes memory.

Because of this, the programmers who wrote computer software did all they could to save space. One of the ways was when storing a date, they only allowed two digits for the day, two digits for the month, and two digits for the year.

So, instead of saying Thanksgiving fell on 11/26/1998 this year, they said it fell on 11/26/98. That has become so common that all of us accept it and wonder what the big fuss is all about. It's because the 19 before the 98 is assumed.

## When 2000 Turns to 1900

Now we are fast approaching the year 2000, which means that the computers will call that year 00. Since the 19 is assumed, our friendly computer thinks it is 1900.

Here's a simple example.

When a shipment of canned tomatoes arrives at an automated grocery warehouse, a robot takes it to a storage lot in the warehouse.

The robot would scan the bar code and tell the main warehouse that it had stored X cans of tomatoes in a particular slot. The bar code would also include the expiration date for the tomatoes.

Say the expiration date is 02/12/04. The computer, however, thinks the tomatoes spoiled in 1904. So it tells the robot to get rid of the tomatoes. The robot takes them to the dump.

Areas most acutely affected are

those making heavy use of numbers, such as invoicing, ordering, shipping, and payrolls.

## Technical Experts At Work

Fortunately, technical experts have been working feverishly on this problem for years, and this is particularly true of large organizations like the government, libraries, corporations and schools.

The state of Michigan has spent \$55 million to modify over 700 critical links in its systems; Detroit about \$50 million.

For individual owners, the problem is more acute and because a lot of computers are on networks, one bad apple could spoil a whole barrel. However, software fixes are already available and more will be offered before the millennium.

So, even though the media has been writing "scary" stories about the demon Y2K, experts don't expect it to be more than a glitch here and there, at least in the advanced industrial areas of the world.

Let's hope so.

## Auto Show Trip Set For Jan. 14

January 14 is the date Senior Men's Club members get a chance to attend the International Auto Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit.

The Special Events Committee has chartered a 55-passenger bus to take SMC members, spouses and guests to the show. The bus will leave the back end of the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at 1669 West Maple at 9:45 a.m. and will return at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Bus tickets are \$8 per person, excluding show tickets and meals. Show tickets are \$4 for seniors.

Tickets will start selling Dec. 4th. We are expecting a repeat of last year's sell-out of tickets, says Roger Struck. "So you'd better get your tickets early."

## Top Club Speakers



Two of the top caliber speakers who addressed the Senior Men's Club recently are shown above. Dr. Gary Russi, left, president of Oakland University, talked about OU's tremendous growth and future plans. Heath Meriwether, publisher of the Detroit Free Press, talked about politics and the place of newspapers in the information environment of our communities.

## Deadline on Club Survey Is Dec. 11

Time is running out for regular members and applicants to tell us how to improve Club activities.

Dick Harper says that he has responses from 160 members, which leaves about 550 who have not filled out the questionnaire included in the mailing of the November *Reminder*.

Of particular concern is the lack of responses, estimated at only about 20% of applicant membership.

"Returns thus far indicate that members want to make a number of changes, particularly in running the luncheons more efficiently and with more interesting use of time," Harper said.

"We really want to know what you think—and that includes both regular members and applicants. But you'll have to act quickly; deadline Dec. 11."

## Dick Sneed Honored As Volunteer of Year

Dick Sneed, former president of SMC who died in November, had previously been named Volunteer of the Year by the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC) for his years of devoted service to the organization.



# Some Advice On Growing Old And Keeping A Friend Or Two

A recent article in the Detroit Free Press offered tips about how to age tastefully. Here are excerpts.

Lord, Thou knowest that I am getting older.

Keep me from becoming too talkative. Keep me from falling into the tiresome habit of expressing an opinion on every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details. Give me the wings to get to the point.

Free me of the notion that simply because I have lived a long time, I am wiser than those who have not lived so long.

If I do not approve of some of the changes that have taken place in recent years, give me the wisdom to keep my mouth shut.

Lord knows that when the end comes, I would like to have a friend or two left. — *Author unknown.*

## Richardson To Tell 1999 Stock Outlook

The Investment Study Group has scheduled one of its most popular speakers for its Dec. 9, which begins at 2:45 p.m.

Don Richardson of Roney & Co. will be making his 16th annual presentation to the group. He will be discussing "The Stock Market Outlook for 1999" — certainly a challenging subject in view of the recent market volatility. Dick Harper says attendees "will get a lot of solid investment ideas."

## Applicant Dues Rise

Applicant dues increased from \$10 to \$15 a year, effective Dec. 1.

Gordon Miller, chairman of the Applicant Activity, said his organization requested the increase to cover basic costs, particularly those relating to communications such as the Applicant Directory.

If your dues are paid, you're home safe. Otherwise, they will cost you \$5 more for 1999.

## Art Byington Tops Bowlers with 176

After eight weeks of bowling, the leading team is made up of Bob Erben, John McDonnell, Jack Trudell and Joe Maertens, according to a report by Dennis Kozak.

### Individual Scoring

- High average, Art Byington, 176.
- High game, Jim Salrin, 231.
- High series, Vince Caputo, 586.

### Team Scoring

High game (706): team of George Atkinson, Cliff Dean, Murray Binkley, Jim Salrin.

High series (1993): team of Ed Neill, Harry Mitchell, Vince Caputo, Bob Jordan.

## Members Give \$5,532 For Children's Village

The Club's fund drive for the Oakland County Children's Village ended a little ahead of last year's contributions, but was short of its established goal of \$6,000.

Drive Chairman Phil Werner said a total of \$5,532 was raised this year compared to \$5,506 in 1997. Unfortunately, he estimated, only about 20% of applicants participated in the fund drive.

## McNair, Marchetti Tops in Bridge

Don McNair was high scorer in contract bridge and Larry Marchetti tops in duplicate play during the Nov.-Dec. period, according to Zac Endress and Al Wagner.

### Contract

Don McNair	3900
Carl Shorn	3710
Joe Kern	3700

### Duplicate

Larry Marchetti	77%
Bob Elliott	74%
Ben Root	65.6%

## Other Club Dates To Remember

**Dec. 8:** Executive Board, 9:30 a.m.

**Dec. 11:** *Reminder* deadline.

**Golf:** Mondays and Thursdays at Golf Dome on John R north of 12 Mile Road.

**Bridge:** Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.

**Bowling:** Thunderbird Lanes Mondays at 9:15 a.m.

All events are at The Community House unless otherwise specified.

## Camera Club Officers

New officers for the Camera Group, are as follows:

Chairman Stan Skaistis, Vice Chairman Bill Gridley, Secretary-Treasurer Harold Brown.

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