

The Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



February 1999

FEBRUARY 1999

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: EDWARD CHAMBLISS

- 5** Speaker: Deanna McGraw, Executive Director of Detroit Executive Service Corps
Subject: "Challenges for the Non-Profits"
Applicants invited A - E

- 12** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Louise Westfall, First Presbyterian Church
Subject: "Journey to Honduras"
Applicants invited F - L

- 19** Speaker: Dr. N. Sean Ohanian, William Beaumont Hospital
Subject: "New Horizons in Heart Surgery"
Applicants invited M - R

- 26** Speaker: Patricia McCullough, Birmingham Development Director
Subject: "Birmingham's Future"
Applicants invited S - Z

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- 5** Kathy Parker and Debi Green direct Seaholm High Students in Musical Selections from "The WIZ"
Applicants invited A - E

Discussion Groups

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: DON COX

- Feb. 5** Speaker: Marlys Vickers, Director of Economic Development, Oakland County
Topic: "Economic Vitality for Oakland County"
- Feb. 12** Speaker: Dante J. Lanzetta, Jr., City Commissioner
Topic: "Birmingham 2016 Plan Update"
- Feb. 19** Speaker: Don Cox
Topic: "Tell Us About Your First Car" (Bring Pictures)
- Feb. 26** Speaker: John Seely
Topic: "A History and Discussion of Bay View Association"

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- Mar. 5** Senior Men's Club Debate
Resolved: that the Proliferation of Global Mergers and Acquisitions Endangers the Security of the U.S.A.

1998 Outstanding Service Awards Go to Williams, Ballard

By Dick Harper & Alvie Smith

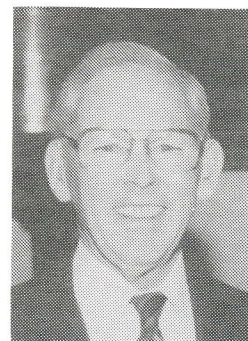
Two veterans of service to Senior Men's Club activities over the past 15-plus years have been selected for the Club's Outstanding Service Awards for 1998.

Charles W. Williams and Bradley Ballard, Jr. were presented with their handsome lucite awards at early January luncheons by Former President Gordon Henderson, chairman of the Policy Committee responsible for the awards.

CHUCK WILLIAMS

Chuck Williams has been involved in many Club activities since joining in 1984, including president in 1991. But he takes the greatest pride in his work championing the Applicant Activity.

Henderson called this a major contribution "in encouraging applicants to



Williams

use their talents and enthusiasm to stimulate ideas and participation which benefited the entire Club." Since 1991, Chuck has served on seven Club committees.

Among other Club activities, he helped start the Database Committee (which he currently chairs) and the Computer Committee. He also serves on the Legislative and *Reminder* Committees.

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A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which meets on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Officers for 1999 are: John R. Caldwell, president; William T. Reilly, first vice president; Carver Wood, second vice president, Ray Latovick, treasurer; Ernie Bergan, secretary, Ben Ewing, corresponding secretary. Officers-at-large: Stewart Keeney, Sherwin Vine.

Staff of *THE REMINDER* includes: Alvie Smith, editor; Dick Davis, Dick Harper and Paul Pen-tecost, associate editors; Kathy Wolf, layout; Joe Kern, mailing.

Golze, Schorn Have Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to Dick Golze who attended all 43 regular meetings in 1998, says Brad Ballard, Attendance Committee chairman.

Runner-up for regular members was Sherman Vine with 42. John MacDonald and Joe Kern attended 41 meetings.

Among Life Members, Carl Schorn attended all 43 with Henry Dawkins and Lloyd Sturgeon coming 41 times. Sincere congratulations to our life members whose average age is 89 1/2 years.

Sadly, excluding new members, 27% of our "active" members attended 11 or fewer meetings, while 69% attended 22 or fewer.

200 Dues' Delinquents

Dues deadline is Jan. 31 and nearly 200 members are delinquent.

On Jan. 15, 70 regular and 120 applicant members had not paid.

For active members, dues are \$30; Applicants, \$15; Associates and On-Leave Members, \$10. Make checks out to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. Applicant checks go to Joe Kern, members in other categories to Walt Meyers.

Oldest Workers in the U.S. Tell Why They Won't Retire

The Detroit Free Press recently carried a story that should be an inspiration for all of us who are retired, but still manage to keep a busy calendar with work-for-pay or charitable activities or perhaps some of each.

It was the story of Milton Garland of Waynesboro, Pa., who is 103 and who has worked at the same company for 78 years.

He's America's oldest worker who says he's gotten a lot of wisdom over the years.

Don't Worry About Anything

"Don't worry about anything; worrying never solved anything. All it does is distort your mind."

Garland has 40 patents on refrigeration engineering, and is working on several others now. He plans to never stop working, because, as he says emphatically "work builds character."

Garland was honored in Washington, D.C. recently in a Green Thumb program to find the oldest active workers in America.

Second honors went to William Sunderman, 100, who has taught at eight universities, written 44 books and once played the violin in Carnegie Hall.

Rock Breaker at 87

Third oldest worker was 87-year-old Walter Burnett, who started working when was nine. He works eight to 10 hours a day in a Carroll County, Maryland rock quarry breaking up huge, four-ton slabs of slate.

"My wife always says I forget just about everything except to go to work."

He has these words of advice for older citizens:

"Live life like you're going to live forever, not like you're going to die tomorrow."

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Clare Charron will be 93 on Feb. 5.

Bronson Allen will be 98 on Feb. 18.

Murray Kennedy will be 100 on Feb. 21.

Resigned:

Burton Ansell, who joined in Sept. 1996.

Deaths: Kenneth Porter, on leave, who joined in Nov. 1994.

Joseph Collins, who joined in Sept. 1993.

Change of Address: Robert Cooper, 15181 Ford Rd., #236, Dearborn, MI 48126.

W. A. Hassberger, 3439 Benjamin, #223, Royal Oak, MI 48073, 554-9749.

Roy Siegel, 15151 Ford Rd., #414, Dearborn, MI 48126.

New Members:

England, Richard E, (Harriette Jane), 18115 Riverside, Beverly Hills, 48025, 644-8618.

Sponsor: Tom Harrison.

Mandy, Robert R., (Elizabeth), 32750 Bingham Ln., Bingham Farms, 48025, 646-7424.

Sponsor: Tom Noakes.

Smeak, Carroll D., (Fran), 600 Fairfax, Birmingham, 48009, 647-4064. Sponsor:

Blaine Gordon.

Smith, Sidney W., (Margaret), 882 Hidden Ravines, Birmingham, 48009, 646-0438.

Sponsor: Jim Cameron.

New Applicants:

Hesskamp, Arthur W., (Dorothy), 7036 Lindenmere, Bloomfield Hills, 48301,

626-6057. Sponsor: George Miller.

— Walt Meyers & Bob Babcock

Trooper Edwards' Gives Safe Driving Tips For Senior Citizens

When Michigan State Police Trooper Cynthia Edwards spoke to the Senior Men's Club Dec. 4, she had a bushel of hints on safe driving, with special emphasis on older drivers.

With winter's driving dangers just beginning, here are highlight tips from her talk which may help all of us be safer drivers.

"Driving safety is a challenge for all drivers and is a skill drivers must work at all their lives," she emphasized. "The young don't have experience to help them through difficult situations. Experienced drivers must resist over-confidence. And 'mature' drivers must be alert to physical impairments of aging and to finding ways to adjust to them."

Defensive Driving Tips

She emphasized defensive driving with tips like these:

- Allow ample room between cars around all sides of you.
- Look well ahead.
- Keep eyes moving — use mirrors, check blind spot, look for pedestrians, bikes.
- Use caution when turning — signal, slow down, look.
- Pass only when safe, use signal, check blind spot.
- Buckle up, buckle up!

Age-Related Problems

"All drivers should recognize their own special driving problems and their ability to react properly in emergency situations," Edwards said. "And these become more critical with age.

Critical skills include vision, particularly at night, hearing and strength to maneuver your car quickly out of bad situations.

Be aware of the effects of medications, and avoid use of alcohol when driving which may magnify effects of medication."

"Bad weather and long trips have their own special hazards," she said.



Edwards

"In bad weather, use your headlights, slow down, increase distance and make sure lights and windshield wipers are working properly," Edwards said.

On long trips, allow enough time, be well rested, take breaks at least every two hours and don't drive alone," she advised.

Discussion Group Seeks Volunteers

In response to the recent membership survey, leaders of the Discussion Group are working hard to feature more SMC members as discussion leaders.

Alas, despite an article in the Reminder and announcements at the Friday luncheon meetings over the last month and postings on the bulletin board, the cupboard of volunteers was bare.

So, don't be bashful; we need your help.

If you have special expertise, an interesting hobby, charity work that stirs the emotions or have some strong opinions you want to get off your chest, step forward.

Let either Harold Stanton (646-4989) or Phil Werner (646-8199) know you're ready and willing to share your wisdom with fellow Club members.

Changes in Friday Meetings On The Way

Prompt action is expected on changes in the Friday meeting format called for in the recent survey. These were discussed by Pres. John Caldwell at the Jan. 15 luncheon.

Although details have not been worked out, he says the following are probable early changes:

• **Timeline:** Business meeting will be shortened up to 15 minutes; this time being allocated to more time for speakers and Q&A.

• **Eliminate:** Birthdays.

• **Shorten Substantially:** Reading of minutes; committee reports, particularly detailed sports scores and jokes; induction of new members and Life Members; guests and returning members.

Other Club Dates

Feb. 9: Executive Board, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 19: Reminder Deadline

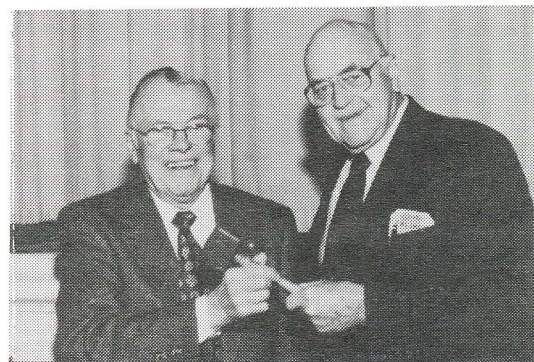
Golf: First & Third Thursdays at Golf Dome on John R north of 12 Mile Road.

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

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

All events at the Community House unless otherwise specified.

Changing of the Guard



1998 SMC President King Ruhly, left, does the traditional passing-of-the-gavel trick in extending good wishes to new President John Caldwell.

Group Meetings

Camera Group

At the Feb. 9 Camera Group meeting, Walter Fry will show and narrate some of his most interesting slides collected during extensive travels in Europe, Great Britain and the United States. The meeting begins at 2 p.m.

Investment Study

The Investment Study Group will meet on Feb. 10 at 2:45 p.m.

Robert Aginian, Tax Manager, Budd Co., will again share his expertise on strategies to minimize taxes.

Aginian will discuss "Helpful Hints on Preparing 1998 Taxes."

"Since keeping more of your money is always fun, this talk will be especially helpful and timely," says George Miller, group chairman.

Computer Group

The Computer Group will hold its Feb. 17 meeting in the Baldwin Library. The meeting will be at 2:30 p.m.

James Moffet, head of the library's Reference Department, will give a presentation "Baldwin On-line Data Bases" and discuss how these are being continually updated.

Martz and Salrin Get Top Bowling Scores

After 17 weeks of bowling, the winning team includes Bob Hadley, Bruce Smiley, Ken Brooker and Frank Barnes, says Dennis Kozak.

Phil Martz leads individual scorers with a 176 average. Other leaders were:

High single games: Jim Salrin and Martz tied with 231.

High series: Martz with an outstanding 638.

High team game: (743) Team of Ray Latovick, Don Doty and Bob Klein.

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

Outstanding Service Awards



Gordon Henderson, right, congratulates Brad Ballard on his selection for a 1998 Outstanding Service Award. This presentation was made Jan. 15

(AWARDS, from page 1)

Williams joined the Club after retiring from engineering careers in Chrysler and Federal Mogul.

He and his wife Mary Helen have been married 50 years and residents of Birmingham 40 years.

BRAD BALLARD

Ballard has been a member of the Senior Men's Club since 1985, serving on several ad hoc committees. But his most notable contributions have come from his participation on the Attendance Committee since 1993 and as chairman since 1995.

Henderson said a key Ballard accomplishment has been his organization of attendance as a basis for warnings to delinquent members and for recommending increasing the maximum number of regular members that can be accommodated, now at 425.

Before joining the Club, Ballard

Richardson, Chambliss Lead Bridge Scorers

John Richardson and Ed Chambliss were top bridge players for the December-early January period, according to Don McNair and Zac Endress.

Contract:

John Richardson	4050
Joe Kern	3320
Carol Hollingshead	2940

Duplicate:

Ed Chambliss	66%
Joe Rattner	63%
Omer Petti	62%

served as commander with U.S. Navy anti-aircraft armament during World War II and with GM's Fisher Body engineering for 37 years.

Brad and his wife, Pat, live in Birmingham and are members of Christ Church Cranbrook.

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