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Camera Group To Travel With the Batts

The Camera Group program for January is entitled:

"The Jeans in New Zealand and Australia - 1992"

This is a video travelog produced and directed by Jean and Jean Batts. The sound and action will involve you, and you will view the area in a way that you may not have before. If you have been there, you will see things that you probably missed.

All members, applicants, wives and guests are invited.

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1993, 2:00 p.m. right here at The Community House.

H. JEAN BATTs
CHAIRMAN

Computerites Gather Jan. 20

Computer Group members, having spent an enjoyable afternoon last month, are looking forward to more of the same for January.

The December meeting featured weighty discussions on such matters as Intel's coming Pentium chip, a "mainframe on a chip"; how to ungarble the games done in by one of our members' grandchildren; and the confessions of a leading member of how he succumbed to the lures of Windows with his new PSI after months of disrespect for same.

The next meeting on the usual third Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 2:30 will feature more of the above, plus a possible feature attraction.

Stay tuned for Friday announcements.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Jan. 12 | Executive Board Meeting | 9:30 a.m. |
| Jan. 12 | Camera Group Meeting | 2 p.m. |
| Jan. 13 | Investment Group Meeting | 2:45 p.m. |
| Jan. 20 | Computer Group Meeting | 2:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 | Another session for golfers at The Dome on 12 Mile Road at John R. | 9 to 11 a.m. |
| Feb. 17 | <u>Special Event</u> -- Valentine's Day Luncheon | |
| Mar. 4 | Another session for golfers at The Dome on 12 Mile Road at John R. | 9 to 11 a.m. |
| BOWLING | Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes | 9 a.m. |
| BRIDGE | Tuesday at 9 a.m. and Friday after lunch | |

ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

THE REMINDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JAN. 22, 1993

January Program Features Harlan, Auto Expert Smith

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: H. JEAN BATTS

- 8** Speaker: Carmen Harlan, TV Station WDIV News Anchor
Subject: "A View From the Anchor"
- 15** Speaker: Dave Smith, Editorial Director,
"Ward's Autoworld"
Subject: "Auto-Matic Insights"
- 22** Speaker: Donna Foehr, author of the books "Football for Women" and "Touchdown," lecturer and TV host for "Touchdown Series"
Subject: "Football and Its Ramifications"
- 29** Speaker: Merrily Dean Baker, Athletic Director, Michigan State University
Subject: "University Athleticism and Scholarship"
- FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: C. EDWARD CHAMBLISS
- 5** Speaker: Representative John Jamian
Subject: "Legislative Issues in Review"

DISCUSSION GROUP

JANUARY CHAIRMAN: BLAINE GORDON

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| Jan. 8 | Blaine Gordon | "Agriculture in Crisis" |
| Jan. 15 | Jim Flack | "Washington, D. C." |
| Jan. 22 | Jim Bostwick | "Urban Traffic: Some Possible Answers" |
| Jan. 29 | A representative of Bill DeJong Associates, introduced by Ken Nagley, will discuss "School Facilities --- A Challenge for Our Public Schools" | |

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: PAUL FITZPATRICK

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| Feb. 5 | Ed Hoagland | "Polar Bears" |
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Valentine Lunch, Bridge Feb. 17

An opportunity for you to score points with your bride is being provided by the Special Events Committee.

It comes in the form of

a Valentine bridge luncheon to be held at The Community House on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Members who enjoy bridge and their wives or guests are invited.

"Twas Indeed A Season to Be Very Jolly

It has been almost a month since the last meeting of the Senior Men's Club, so a bit of reminiscing may be in order.

As usual, the memories of Christmas-oriented activities carry a special warmth. The part on Dec. 9, chaired by Bob Hagemeyer, attracted an overflow crowd of 276, who enjoyed a delicious, nicely served dinner (475 pounds of turkey!) and another delightful performance by the Village (Players) Voices.

Two days later, at the final 1992 meeting, the SMC hostesses were special guests, with Santa Claus (Ken Bond) passing out gift certificates and special tokens for Elaine Dobson and Carol Hollingshead who have served for the entire 35 years of the club's history.

A special group of waiters handled the job that day, led by co-chairmen Don Dawson and Bob Lorenzen. Others were Frank Allen, Chalmers Brown, Jim Fonda, Bob Fregolle, Bill Hunter, Ed Moore, Herman Peters, Ben Root, King Ruhly, John MacDonald, Dave Taylor and George Ward.

John Strang and Jim Lowman led the table setting committee, and Lou Randall handled the table decorations.

Gale Colwell, Community House director, was on hand to receive a check for \$400 for the House's annual staff Christmas party.

KEEPING UP WITH*NEW MEMBERS

*So you may know them
better, The Reminder
presents:*

RICHARD O. STRAIGHT

BACKGROUND -- Born in Highland Park but was raised in Grand Rapids and Holland; graduated as nine varsity letter man from Grand Rapids Central High in 1940. Played football at MSU; joined ROTC and was assigned to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to train replacement troops for Italy and France. Saw end of mule artillery as it was switched to trucks. Spent 40 years as a sales engineer and sales manager. Retired in 1985.

FAMILY -- Met wife Gwen at MSU. She's daughter of Senior Men's Club member "Ham" Berger. They have four children, 12 grandchildren. Dick has served on the vestry of St. James Episcopal several times.

HOBBIES -- Golf, world travel (130,000 miles with Nomads), and bridge. Served over 30 years as volunteer fireman of Bloomfield Village.

SPONSOR -- David Dobson.

GEORGE N. HILLFINGER

BACKGROUND -- A Detroit native, he attended Wayne State, graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry. Served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, eventually retired from the corporate planning staff of Ross Operating Valve, a multinational company, Oakland County resident 36 years, active in school and library affairs.

FAMILY -- He and wife

SENIOR MEN!!! PLEASE PASS THE WORD!!!

Since last fall an interest group has been meeting with the goal of forming a senior women's club at The Community House. This proposed organization will be social in nature and will meet on a twice-monthly basis. Tentative by-laws and organizational information are being presented to The Community House Board of Directors at the January meeting for

their approval. We would like to pass the word to as many women as possible. Those interested should call Penny Kleene, 644-7421.

Every Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. Senior Women are playing bridge at The Community House. This is a 'drop-in' group; both contract and duplicate are played. Please call Shirley Watson, 644-8798 for further details.

Edythe, a Birmingham realtor, have two sons and a daughter.

HOBBIES -- Bridge, tennis, pocket billiards, and mushroom forays.

SPONSOR -- Dan Harrington.

JOHN M. RADY

BACKGROUND -- A native Detroit who graduated from Catholic Central High. Completed undergraduate degree at U. of D. after serving for three years in

the Navy as a radio and radar technician in WW II. Admitted to Michigan Bar in 1949 until he retired in May 1985 as vice president and secretary of ANR.

FAMILY -- Married Shirley Moore of Detroit in 1950, and they have four children. Are active in Holy Name church.

HOBBIES -- Tennis, squash, bicycling, reading, gardening and bridge.

SPONSOR -- C. Arnold Carlson

Investors Plan Taped Panel Discussion

A taped panel discussion involving Senior Men's Club members will be the feature of the Investment Group meeting at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at The Community House.

Bob Fregolle will serve as moderator, and the tape will be made available to members.

Applicants, wives and friends are welcome.

PHILIP R. BLOYER

BACKGROUND -- attended Wayne State and Western Michigan Universities, majoring in art and communications. Got his officer's training at Yale and served four years in the Air Corps as an armament officer on B29s. Eventually joined Campbell Ewald and became senior art director and served on the Chevy account for 22 years. Has won several awards for his paintings.

FAMILY -- He and wife Shirley have two children and four grandchildren; have been married 49 years.

HOBBIES -- Fine arts, painting, and golf.

SPONSOR -- Bob Hadley

Two-Pin Win Helps Team No. 9 to First-Half Title

It was a stirring match, with two big pins in the second game making a big difference, as the No. 9 team, led by Captain Jim Hobin, took the first half title in the Senior Men's Bowling League.

Hobin, Norman Vine, Virgil Smith and Jim Reeves lost the first game in the rolloff, then won the second one by two pins and the third game by a solid margin.

They wound up with 37.5

points to 36.5 for the losing No. 3 team that consists of Captain Harry Mitchell, Bob Babcock, Paul Fisher, and Norris Wetters.

Hobin's team will rolloff with the second half winners for the league championship

The rolloff was only one of the highlights of the holiday season interval. On the 21st, bowlers had another champagne event with a bottle going to the member of each team with the most pins over average; including subs.

The winners were:

*Art Byington	+ 7
*John McDonnell	-26
Norris Wetters	+19
*Norm Clark	+27
Lloyd Sturgeon	+80
Ray Swartz	+45
Dick Harper	+ 9
Jack Howitt	+80
*Jim Hobin	+ 9
*Les Swanson	+62
*Tom Bedford	+128
Bob Klein	-14
Jim Odom	+ 3
Bob Pearce	+44
Sub Ted Staggers	+13

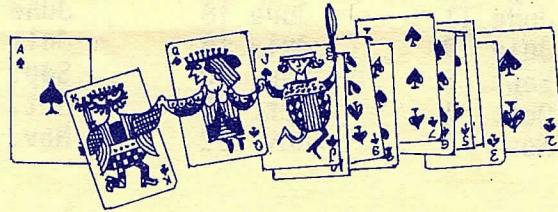
Names highlighted with an asterisk also won champagne in the Thanksgiving Cheer event.

Harry Mitchell provided a major moment with a terrific 244 game and a 604 series, and Ed Barrett, Jerry Fitzsimmons, Jim Hobin, George Kurche, Ray Latowick, Bill Quinlan, Les Swanson, Bob Watson and Sherman Vine took bows for their perfect attendance record during the first half of the season.

There's still time to get in on the bowling fun ... Mondays at 9 a.m. at the Thunderbird Lanes.

DON WAGNER
CO-CHAIRMAN

FRAN DeGRANDE
CHAIRMAN



This report covers the period of play Nov. 20 to Dec. 11.

CONTRACT BRIDGE Only three weeks played during the period, since there was no play on Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving.

Average number of players was 12. Three small slams were bid and made during the period: six spades by Bert Van Kemper and Marty Hubbard; Carol Hollingshead and Don Wagner also bid and made six spades; six no trump bid and by Jack Frailey and Al Wagner.

The three highest average scores for the period were:

BOB LUTZ	2987
HERB LUGERS	2747
MARTY HUBBARD	2253

The three highest individual scores for a single day's play were made by:

CAROL HOLLINGSHEAD	4410
CARL SCHORN	4140
JOE KERN	3250

We are looking for members or applicants to join our contract group so that we could have more

foursomes than we currently have playing. If you have an interest, please contact Don Wagner either by phone (647-5652) or at any of our regular club meetings.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE averaged 52 players. The four highest percentages were:

OMER PETTI	75.0%
LARRY MARCHETTI	74.0%
BOB COSTA	65.0%
JIM JOHNSON	62.3%

No grand slams were made, but 30 small slams were bid and made. Really too many to list, but my congratulations to all who took part.

NOTE: Both duplicate and contract is played on Tuesdays - 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and on Fridays from 12:45 p.m. to 3-3:30 p.m. All members or applicants can take part, whether you have attended the Friday meeting or not. We would appreciate prior notice by phone, so proper foursomes can be set up. If you want duplicate play, call Henry Bardsley (646-9507).

School Group Seeks Input On Facilities

The Designing Tomorrow's Schools Committee of the Birmingham Public Schools is reviewing information generated through two community meetings. The information will be used in an effort to develop a comprehensive plan for the district's facilities.

A third community meeting will be held at Covington Middle School on Thursday, Feb. 4, 1993

beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Several options for facility use will be presented to the public for further review and discussion at the meeting. The committee wants your input and questions; therefore, BSMC members and applicants are urged to attend the meeting.

Also, you are invited to attend committee meetings scheduled for Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the school district's administration building, 550 W. Merrill in Birmingham. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

The committee intends to make final recommendations to the Board of Education in March. Now is the time to become involved and give your opinion regarding a very important undertaking of the Board of Education.

Golfers Swinging

Golfers launched their season Thursday at the Dome on 12 Mile Road and John R, and they'll be back at it on the first Thursday of February and March from 9 a.m. to 11. Cost: \$8. Pro will be there to give some tips.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Applicants' Schedule for '93

<u>A - F</u>	<u>G - L</u>	<u>M - R</u>	<u>S - Z</u>
Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26
Apr. 9	Apr. 16	Apr. 23	Apr. 30
May 7	May 14	May 28	June 4
June 11	June 18	June 25	July 30
July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Sept. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24
Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 29
Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 19

No meetings April 2, May 21, Oct. 22, Nov. 26, or the month of August.

Applicants cannot attend any December meetings.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Wilbur Karber, will be 90 on Jan. 5
 Dave Stamy, Life Member, will be 96 on Jan. 17
 Charles Richards, Life Member, will be 92 on Jan. 22
 Don Murray, Life Member, will be 93 on Jan. 27
 Merlyn Smiley, Life Member, will be 92 on Jan. 27

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Jan. 19 - John Slater

BECAME LIFE MEMBER:

William Pilditch, who joined in March, 1973

DEATHS:

John A. Schmidt, who joined in Sept. 1984
 Arthur F. Brookman, who joined in Feb. 1976

REINSTATED AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER:

Donald Richards, was on Leave of Absence

"Jug" Total Passes \$2,800 Mark

FOR THE RECORD -- John Spomer wrote a check for \$2,805.50 on behalf of the Oakland County Children's Village as a result of his "Fill the Jug" collection. That adds up to a lot of toys and year-round recreation equipment for a lot of kids. Incidentally, the Christmas Party committee pitched in the money it would have spent on flowers for guests at the Dec. 11 party. And everyone was happy about it!

NEW LEADERS -- John Lorimer is taking over the chairmanship of the Special Events committee and Charles Blessed will be chairing Investment Group meetings.