

The Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



OCTOBER 1998

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: TOM VAN VOORHIS

2 Speaker: Dr. Robert M. Gavin Jr., President of Cranbrook Educational Community
Subject: "Cranbrook - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"
Applicants invited A - D

9 Speaker: Neil Monroe, Editor of the Oakland Press
Subject: "Politics"
Applicants invited E - K

16 NO MEETING

23 Speaker: Dr. Gary D. Russi, President of Oakland University
Subject: "Oakland University, A Model for the 21st Century"
Applicants invited L - Q

30 Speaker: Greg Alessi, Program Director of Oakland County Children's Village
Subject: "The Amazing Jug"
Applicants invited R - Z

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6 Speaker: Heath Meriwether, Publisher, Detroit Free Press
Subject: "How Newspapers Will Compete in the Information Age"
Applicants invited A - D

Discussion Groups

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: DONALD CLARK

- Oct. 2** Speaker: Walter Newgeon, Chrysler Electric Vehicle Specialist
Topic: "Electric Vehicle Today - Is it for You?"
- Oct. 9** Speaker: James DuBay, Director of Corporate & Public Affairs, Detroit Edison Co.
Topic: "Electric Restructuring - The Agenda or Menu?"
- Oct. 16** NO MEETING
- Oct. 23** Speaker: Geoffrey Hockman, Chairman - Birmingham Principal Shopping District
Topic: "What's Ahead for Birmingham?"
- Oct. 30** Speaker: Charles Amann, Research & Development Consultant
Topic: "Quest for a Better Engine at GM Research, 1950 - 75"
- Nov. 6** Speaker: Carol Woodard, Librarian, Baldwin Public Library
Topic: "Browsing with Library Computers"
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Special Events: DSO Concert, Visit To Historic Holly

A Champagne Brunch is planned for Oct. 11 at the historic Holly Hotel in Holly, Michigan.

This famous hotel has been widely praised for its architecture, ambiance, cuisine and service, according to co-chairman Larry Smith.

After a 1 p.m. brunch, the group will visit the Detroit Model Railroad Club located about two blocks from the hotel.

Price for participants: for adults, \$23, and for children 12 or under, \$12.50.

Travel is by private car and printed directions are available on request. For further information on this event, call Larry Smith, 644-2914 or John Horiszny, 646-3470.

DSO Does Gershwin Nov. 5

A Gershwin Centennial Celebration is the title of a special Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert planned for Senior Men's Club members at 10:45 a.m. on Nov. 5, in Detroit's Orchestra Hall.

A block of 55 main floor tickets has been secured at a reduced rate for the two hour program featuring Gershwin's greatest hits.

A charter bus will depart from the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham (located on Maple Road and Pleasant) at 9:45 a.m. and will return there about 1:30 p.m. Participants will be able to leave their cars in the church parking lot.

Cost for ticket and transportation is \$29 a person. Tickets will be on sale at Club luncheons Oct. 2 and 9 and until Oct. 16 by calling Larry Price of the Special Events Committee at 647-3676.



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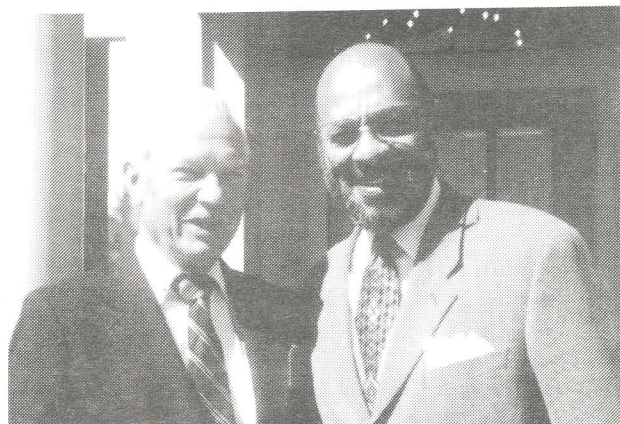
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Mayor Archer Optimistic About Detroit's Future

SMC member Dick Golze and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer enjoy some beautiful Michigan fall weather prior to the Sept. 4 luncheon. Mayor Archer discussed the dynamic recent growth and future promise of Detroit.



Members Risk Membership Loss

A total of 155 active members—over 36%—had not fulfilled the SMC minimum attendance requirements as of July 31, reports Brad Ballard, attendance chairman.

Warning letters were mailed in late August to 11 members who had attended two or less meetings.

Club rules require attendance of at least 10 meetings for 1998 and new members must have at least the equivalent of one meeting per month from date of induction.

Ballard encouraged delinquent members to put enough meetings on their schedules for the rest of the year or, in case of special circumstances, call him at 646-2011.

Photo Exhibit Oct. 23

The 3rd Annual Photo Exhibit will be held on Oct. 23. Members are invited to submit work on Oct. 22 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Ruth Shain Room. Contact Chairman Harold Brown for further details.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Joe Landre, 96 on Oct. 23.

Carl Schorn, 91 on Oct. 17.

Ross Wagner, 93 on Oct. 27.

Became Life Member:

Roy Siegel, who joined in Nov. 1980; Scott Purvis, who joined in June 1987.

Leave of Absence: Lester Swanson.

Deaths:

G. Cameron Buchanan, who joined in July, 1995.

William Corrigan, who joined in Jan., 1995.

Resigned: William Wilson, who joined in Oct., 1996.

New Members:

Irwin, Richard M., (Ann), 2155 E. Hammond Lake, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 338-3746. Sponsor: Don Boucher.

Oancea, Nicholas, (Ann), 2243 Pine St., Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 644-8316. Sponsor: Jack McLaughlin.

Mennick, William F., 6936 Windham Ln., Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 642-9751. Sponsor: George Kendro.

Schneider, Edward N., (Joan), 1216 N. Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 645-1593. Sponsor: Bob Reid.

New Applicants:

Doelle, Gerald L., (Lynn), 403 Larchlea, Birmingham, 48009, 647-6873.

Sponsor: Dick Henne.

--Walt Meyers & Bob Babcock

Seniors' Quality of Life Important To New Community House Director

By Alvie Smith

Shelley Roberts, the new executive director of The Community House, wants to expand even more the services it provides to senior citizens, young children and, in general, a broader geographic area.

The new boss at The Community House has been associated with the organization for 13 years and served as president of its board from 1988 to 1990. Most recently, she was employed by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, where her primary responsibilities involved extensive fund-raising activities.

Wants Expanded Service Area

Roberts' vision for The Community House involves broadening still more the geographic area it serves to groups in nearby counties.

Roberts exhibits great enthusiasm for her job and real excitement for the opportunities it offers for "serving so many people in so many ways."

She says "confidentially" that "The Senior Men's Club is my favorite Club activity; it has been a part of The Community House for the longest period, has the most active program and in so many ways is an integral part of our family."

Roberts has an interesting outlook on working with seniors, the largest growing segment of our country's population.

"In working with organizations like Senior Men's and Women's Clubs and BASCC, The Community House reaches a large number of area seniors. All of us need to be generous in helping 'frail' older people who need assistance in securing the basic requirements of living.

"But the greatest challenge by far is in sponsoring activities which provide meaningful sports, educational, social or other fun activities for seniors who are still in relatively good health—in effect, providing them with ways of enriching the quality of their lives.

"We want to make the Community House a key resource in achieving these goals. We want to



Shelley Roberts

maintain a friendly, hospitable environment; a home away home from all who use our services.

Asks for SMC Support

"In return," she said, "We hope Senior Men's Club members will continue to support our programs, fund-raising efforts and in being emissaries for the Community House, telling your friends about the high-value services we provide to the community."

Roberts emphasized that the CH receives no public funding and survives strictly on nominal event fees, donations and volunteers

She lives in Birmingham with her husband, Jeff, and their two children.

Group Meetings

Camera Group

Gerry Finn, who gave Camera Group members an interesting presentation on Mongolia last month, will be back on Oct. 6 with a slide show on exotic West Africa. Included will be a trip on the Niger River with a stop at Timbuktu. The meeting begins at 2 p.m.

Computer Group

Bob Snider, retired director of the U.S. Weather Service for Michigan, will speak to the Computer Group at its Oct. 21 meeting; starting time is 2:45 p.m. instead of the normal 2:30 p.m. time.

The meeting will focus on the technical aspects of how weather forecasts are developed, using the latest technological tools. Snider worked as a meteorologist for a couple of major airlines before joining the US Weather Service.

Investment Group

"Online Investing" will be the subject of the Oct. 7 meeting of the Investment Study Group; starting time is 2:45 p.m.

The speaker will be Patrick Perfitt, an electronic brokerage specialist with the Southfield office of Charles Schwab & Co., who will discuss this newest and fastest growing investment mode.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 6	Camera Group	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Investment Study Group	2:45 p.m.
Oct. 11	Champagne Brunch at Holly, MI	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	Executive Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Oct. 16	Deadline for November <i>Reminder</i>	
Oct. 21	Computer Group	2:45 p.m.
Oct. 22	Applicant Group Meeting	Noon
Oct. 23	Photo Exhibit	

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

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

ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

Community House Seeks Club Support

Nearly half of Senior Men's Club members have not yet contributed to the 1998 fund drive of the Community House as of Sept. 10, according to SMC drive chairman Dick Straight.

Only 388 active and applicant members have given out of a total membership of 726. This group has given a total of \$33,500 toward a goal of \$50,000.

"We encourage all members to consider making a generous gift," Straight said, "as a strong show of support for all the special things the Community House does for us."

The Community House's goal is \$325,000 this year compared to \$309,000 raised in 1997.

Griffin, VanDenBrook Top Bridge Scorers

Bob Griffin was high scorer in contract bridge and Steve VanDenBrook won in duplicate for August-September play, as reported by Al Wagner and Jac Endress.

Contract

Bob Griffin	4800
Robert Jordan	3050
Carl Schorn	2700
Jack Richardson	2630

Duplicate

Steve VanDenBrook	69%
Ben Root	68%
Jac Endress	66%

Conley Speaks At Applicant Luncheon

SMC member Ed Conley will be guest speaker at a special Oct. 22 noon luncheon for applicants at the Community House.

Conley served with U.S. intelligence during World War II, including time on Gen Douglas MacArthur's staff in the Pacific.

Tickets for \$12.50 can be secured by calling George Falls (645-0698), Chuck Kirkpatrick (646-8850), or Jim Schaeffer (647-5208)

New Life Member



Scott Purvis is the newest Life Member of SMC. He has been a Club member since June 1987.

Research Seeks Member Ideas

SMC members will be asked soon to voice their opinions about how to increase interest and participation in Club activities.

The Executive Board has approved the development of a questionnaire to be circulated among all regular and applicant Club members, with Dick Harper serving as project chairman.

While the questionnaire focuses on Friday luncheon meetings, members will be encouraged to comment on any Club activity.

The questionnaire will be included with the November *Reminder*. Survey results and recommended changes will be reported to the membership by early 1999.

Children's Village Featured Oct. 30

"Don't miss the Oct. 30 meeting of the SMC, come prepared to hear a great story about wonderful help being given to children in trouble, and come prepared to open your heart and wallet in support of these activities."

That's the word from Phil Werner, speaking of the Oakland County Children's Village.

And the speaker will be Greg Olessi, it's program director, who will tell Club members about the amazing feats performed because of "The Amazing Jug," which serves as the collection plate for this worthwhile charity.

If you can't make this meeting, remember "John's Kids" (named for drive initiator John Spomer). Send a generous gift for Oakland County Children's Village to Werner at 6810 Orinoco, Bloomfield Hills, 48301.

Dues Are Due Now!

Club dues should be paid by year's end; make checks out to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham.

Active Member dues are \$30, Applicants, Associate and On-Leave members \$10. Member dues payable to Walt Meyers, applicant dues to Joe Kern.

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