

The Reminder

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PROGRAM FOR APRIL -- MARDY POLANER, CHAIRMAN

- Friday, April 8 Speaker: Dr. John R. Caldwell, Staff Physician, Henry Ford Hospital, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension
Subject: "The Last Epidemic"
- Friday, April 15 Speaker: Professor Irving Bluestone, retired Vice-President, International Union, U.A.W.
Subject: "Current Trends in Collective Bargaining - Impact on White Collar Jobs"
- Friday, April 22 Speakers: Bonnie Anderson, Executive Director, East Michigan Environmental Action Council, and Dr. Eugene V. Perrin, Professor of Pathology and Pediatrics, Wayne State University
Subject: "The Great Lakes: Problems, Solutions, and the Role of Michigan Residents"
- Friday, April 29 Speaker: Mary Ellen Riordan, Teacher, Detroit School System, retired President, Detroit Federation of Teachers
Subject: "Public Employees and the Right to Strike"

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN FOR MAY, GEORGE WARD

- Friday, May 6 Speaker: BSMC Robert McElroy, Commanding Officer, U. S. Coast Guard Station, Belle Isle
Subject: "The Coast Guard in Detroit"

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS -- BILL WILSON, CHAIRMAN

- April 8 "Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die?"
Dr. Henry Smith, Leader
- April 15 "A Peek into the Past"
Herbert Lugers, Leader
- April 22 "Investments"
Berry Ketchum, Leader
- April 29 "The Community House"
Dick Sneed, Leader
- May 6 "Retirement -- Some Tricks of the Trade"
Gordon Robertson, Leader

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Tuesday, April 12 -- Executive Board, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 12 -- Camera Group, 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 14 -- Golf opens at Springdale, see Page 4
Wednesday, April 20 -- Special Event: Theater Party, see Page 3

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CENTURY CELEBRATION HONORS ARBON DENNIS (Editor's Comment)

It isn't often that we of the Senior Men's Club are able to celebrate a member's 100th birthday. For Arbon Dennis it was done with a flourish and with expertise by our officers, committee members, and Community House staff, who contributed to the event which was a special feature of our Friday, March 18, meeting.

Seated at the speaker's table was our hero -- in person, in the flesh -- as alert as any of us. The microphone was frequently passed along to Arbon who answered questions and expressed appreciation clearly. Behind the polish of the proceedings were the efforts of our Publicity Committee in advance of the affair, and our Officers in arranging and managing every detail. President (Sweet Old Bob) Watson was active in the presentation; First V.P. Art Burgott was in control all the way, creating a short but dramatic program that came off without a single hitch. Even the enormous cake was wheeled in right on cue, with a "100" centerpiece. It was served to the members at lunch and pronounced "unusually luscious" by an old curmudgeon. It was arranged for by Gale Colwell (Executive Director of The Community House) and her staff, all of whom did a noble job.

In addition to the centerpiece of the cake, Arbon was presented with a flowering plant (in memory of his years as a landscaper at Cranbrook) -- and a giant birthday card -- the biggest surprise of the day. It was a life-size portrait of Arbon, done by SMC Member Clem Cykowski, and signed by 200 members. It is beautiful. May we hope that Clem will do the same for all who reach the century mark while still active members.

Even though the affair was stimulating, Arbon bore up well and was happy to attend a reception for him at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, the 20th -- his actual birth date.

And now, we add: "Arbon, may you continue to enjoy good health and good friends."

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt.
 -- Herbert Hoover

DINNER AND SHOW APRIL 20 -- AL KILLEEN, SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRMAN

Nancy Dussault, star of TV's "Too Close for Comfort" and former co-host of "Good Morning America" is the attraction at our Special Event Wednesday, April 20. She stars in the musical comedy "I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road" at the Birmingham Theater.

We start the evening at The Community House. A cash bar opens at 5:30 and dinner is served at 6:30. After dinner we walk to the theater where the curtain goes up at 8:00 p.m. Members' wives, applicants on our waiting list, and their ladies are invited. Tickets for dinner and show are \$15 per person. You can get them at our club meetings through Friday, April 15.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS

May 19 -- Lunch and racing at Detroit Race Course

June 22 -- Bus trip to Tiger ball game (night game)

SUNCOAST CHAPTER HAS ANOTHER HOT TIME IN SARASOTA

Under the leadership of Bill Smith, our Suncoast Chapter held its annual get-together of snowbirds from the north and Associate Members now living in Florida or other warm spots. They enjoyed a good luncheon and a sing-along afterward, Friday, March 11. Following is the list of those attending -- exactly in the order reported to THE REMINDER. James B. Baynes, Herbert and Isobel Baynes, Bruce and Ruth Smith, Ada Goers, R.H. and Margaret Butler, Paul and Blanche Keener, Nelson and Hazel Jones, Rollie and Marion Nette, Ken and Letta Stevenson, Frank and Mildred Hudson, Bill and Edith Losie, Norman and Mildred White, Sturgis and Jean Gregory, Jim and Evelyn Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers, Charles and Marcia Frey, Howard and Carol Green, Berrien and Jean Ketchum, Murray and Doris Hayward, Muir and Harriet Frey, Burke and Teddi Bartlett, Russ and Gerry Smith, Bill and Claire Smith, Wally and Kate Dean, Sally Gulick, and Jack Gill.

COMMUNITY BAND SPRING CONCERT FEATURES O.S.U. DIRECTOR

"The Sounds of Spring" will be the theme of the next concert by the Birmingham Community Band at the Ross Wagner Auditorium of Seaholm High School Sunday, April 24, at 3:00 p.m. Senior citizens may attend free of charge. Dr. Donald McGinnis, former director of the Ohio State Band will be the conductor. Old O.S.U. boys are welcome to wear their scarlet and gray, but Chick Holmes is requested not to wear his Wolverine fright mask.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER INFORMATION

Mardy Polaner, our diligent Corresponding Secretary, has revealed the following vital statistics: Associate Member Lee Clark has a birthday April 9 and Howard Larick April 16. Otherwise, all is quiet on the associate front. (Not even a complaint, Mardy?)

MARCH BRIDGE REPORT -- CHARLES E. BLACK, CHAIRMAN

There were 228 Bridge Players for the 5 weeks in March for an average of 46 players per week.

10 Highest Scores		10 Highest Averages		
1.	Thompson Darling	4580	1. Harvey Bumgardner	2870
2.	Morgan Phillis	4310	2. Thompson Darling	2800
3.	Harvey Bumgardner	4040	3. George Howell	2740
4.	Frank Hanson	4030	4. Jules Falkes	2620
5.	Charley Kass	3800	5. Charley Kass	2560
6.	George Howell	3790	6. Alex Bodary	2550
7.	Larry VanTuyl	3750	7. Bob Benson	2400
8.	Bob Benson	3640	7. Baylor Sutton	2400
9.	George Winborn	3630	8. Jack Decker	2340
10.	Elmer Bailey	3560	8. Frank Hanson	2340
			9. Will McCortney	2330
			10. Larry VanTuyl	2300

Low Score for the period -- 460 -- Mardy Polaner

There was one Grand Slam and there were seven Small Slams.
There were 22 tables of Duplicate Bridge.

High Scores for the month:

N - S -- Bob McKelvey and Henry Bardsley
E - W -- Vern Bryant and Les Wilder

GOLF!! SEASON OPENS APRIL 14 -- RAY SWARTZ, CHAIRMAN

Where? Springdale Golf Course. When? Thursday, April 14, 9:30 a.m.
How much? \$3.00 Entry Fee, \$2.50 Greens Fee each nine.

The elements cooperating, we hope to start on the above date. We have four more starting times available this year with 11:14, 11:21, and 11:28 still available. There are also some openings in some of the foursomes. If the members of these foursomes have someone, please let me or any member of the Golf Committee know. There will be a schedule of the foursomes with their starting times posted on the bulletin board. Also all the golfers who have no foursome or who just want to fill in.

The Committee: A. Ray Swartz, Chmn., John Spomer, Walter Sprague, and Hockey Melikian.

P. S. We aren't Pros! Just out for Fun, Exercise, and Fellowship!

SLIDE PRESENTATION CAMERA GROUP SUBJECT -- PAUL FITZPATRICK, CHAIRMAN

All members and applicants are welcome at the Camera Group meeting in The Community House Tuesday, April 12, at 2:00 p.m. The subject is the preparation of slide shows for effective presentation. This will be handled by Phil Satterthwaite, Fletcher Street, and Bob Hadley.

BOWLING: SEASON IS WINDING DOWN -- JIM REEVES, CHAIRMAN

The second half of the bowling season is now in its final stages. Four sessions remain plus a "Roll-Off" with the First-Half Winners.

Attendance was up and down during March, with a high of 42 on the 28th, a low of 24 on the 21st (the day it snowed), and a modest 37 for each of the three remaining weeks during the month.

The Politicians are still at the top of the heap; Top Dogs are second, six games off the pace. The DAWGS could narrow that lead by winning three (or four) points in their "Make-Up" game, caused by the snow-out, and scheduled for March 31st. The Cow Boys are in third place. The second half of the race is still far from settled with most of the teams closely bunched within striking distance of the leaders.

Individual highs for March were: (Games) Jack Lorne - 232, Ray Swartz - 231 (Both highs for the season) and Bert Henderson - 212; and (Series) Bert Henderson - 563, Ray Swartz - 556, and Marcel DeSmet - 537. A season team high game of 699 and team high series of 1923 were rolled by the Top Dogs.

The Bowling Banquet has been rescheduled from May 19, 1983 to June 1, 1983, due to MICHIGAN WEEK activities.

There is still time for new bowlers, including those now on the waiting list, to come and join in the fun. We bowl every Monday at 9:30 a.m. at Birmingham Bowl. We have plenty of alleys and can use more bowlers.

COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND DRIVE OFF TO A GOOD START -- HAS A WAY TO GO
(A Report by Chick Holmes, Chairman for SMC)

The Senior Men's Club individual participation in the 1983 Community House Fund Drive is progressing splendidly. Through March 28, more than 250 SMC members and waiting-list applicants have donated over \$10,500 -- an average of about \$41. This is a substantial increase over 1982.

Total contributions from SMC and the community at large equal \$74,000 -- 46 percent of the goal of \$160,000. We still have a long way to go! I urge you to give as soon as possible. The Community House needs your support now.

-- Chick Holmes

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CPR CLASS AT SILVERDOME MAY 16

Pontiac Silverdome will host an all-day training session in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Monday, May 16. Announcement says that you can attend at any time from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The session is open to the general public. Attendees will be assigned to groups as they arrive. Our President, Bob Watson, points out: "A working knowledge of CPR could save the life of a friend or loved one."

SENIOR ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW IS MICHIGAN WEEK FEATURE

Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC) is sponsoring an arts, crafts, and hobby show and sale Tuesday, May 17, from noon to 4:00 p.m. in the St. James Church Undercroft, Maple and Chester.

There is no admission charge. All items on display are made by senior citizens. Local seniors who may wish to display or sell their art or craft works are asked to call the BASCC office for information about registration. The phone is 642-1040.

TWO MEMBERS OFFER CEMETERY LOTS AT REDUCED PRICES

Associate Member John Slater, who moved to North Carolina a few years ago, is now thinking about selling the cemetery grave spaces he owns in White Chapel Cemetery, Long Lake and Crooks roads. For information call his son, Richard Slater, 540-6288.

Another member has lots in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Masonic Section, at 12 Mile and Novi Roads, asks \$400 per lot. Phone 647-5435. Will sell four lots or two lots.

VISTAS SPONSORING SUNDAY SEMINARS FOR SENIORS AT LIBRARIES

"Volunteers In Service to Area Seniors" (VISTAS) are presenting a series of discussions at Bloomfield Township Public Library this spring and another series next fall at Baldwin Library. Here's the spring schedule at Bloomfield:

- April 17: "Here Come the Robots" led by technical executives from Ford Motor Company, John W. Scicluna and Keith W. Dunbar.
- May 22: "It's a Plastic World" with Dr. William C. Meluch of General Motors Research Laboratories.
- June 12: "Our Changing Population," with Dr. Jacqueline Scherer of Oakland University.

No technical knowledge is needed to enjoy these programs. The time is from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the Sundays named. The fall schedule will appear in a later issue.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS ON WAITING LIST

Prospective members on our waiting list may attend one meeting a month on dates set up in the following schedule:

Last Names	A thru F:	Apr. 29, June 3, July 1
"	"	G thru L: Apr. 8, May 6, June 10, July 8
<i>Pollock-</i>	"	M thru R: Apr. 15, May 13, June 17, July 15
"	"	S thru Z: Apr. 22, May 27, June 24, July 22

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES IN MARCHNEW MEMBERS:

HARRINGTON, DANIEL J.	3/83	649-5242	KRAUSE, BENJAMIN R.	3/83	646-0891
2351 Manchester	B	48008	1270 Pierce St.	B	48009
SCHNEIDER, JOHN P.	3/83	649-5568	DEER, EDWIN W.	3/83	646-5136
2124 Pembroke	B	48008	467 Bonnie Brier	B	48009
HOWARD, WILLIAM R.	3/83	334-1873	JESZKE, MITCHELL J.	3/83	644-7324
360 Concord Pl., Apt. #1	BH	48013	1556 E. Emmons	B	48008

RESIGNED OR DROPPED

Eugene L. Bacon, Frank C. Basford, Daniel Fierz, John J. Parker, Paul F. Seibold, Kenneth Forston, Associate Member.

TRANSFERRED TO ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

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IN MEMORY

LLOYD L. LAKE, SR., who joined the Senior Men's Club in 1976, died on March 25 at the age of 86. He opened Lake Jewelers in Birmingham in 1946 which he owned and operated until retirement. The store was sold in December, 1982.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, who joined the Club in 1981, had to give up his membership because of ill health. He died March 26, 1983. During his 39 years as Probate and Circuit Court Judge, he pioneered many programs for juveniles, and was the co-founder of Camp Oakland.

WILBUR E. SAYLOR, died on April 1, 1983 after a long illness. Prior to retirement in 1965, he was manager of advertising and sales promotion for the Kelvinator Division of American Motors. He joined the Senior Men's Club in 1966.

RICHARD KALBFUS, a Life Member of the Senior Men's Club, died on March 31, 1983. He joined the Club in January 1962. He retired from Sterns and Foster, a fabric manufacturer, after 40 years with the company.