

# The Reminder



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

## MARCH 1998

**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: CARL SCHORN**

- 6** Speaker: Kathy Parker and Seaholm Students  
Subject: "Fiddler on the Roof Selections"  
*Applicants invited A - D*
- 13** Speakers: Father Ed Belczak, Pastor at St. Thomas Moore  
Subject: "Living a Balanced Life"  
*Applicants invited E - K*
- 20** Speaker: Ed Conley, Member of Senior Men's Club  
Subject: "The American President"  
*Applicants invited L - Q*
- 27** Speaker: Marian Siatczynski  
Subject: "Piano Artistry"  
*Applicants invited R - Z*

## Discussion Groups

**MARCH CHAIRMAN: THOMAS M. PERKINS**

- Mar. 6** Linton A. Bodwin "Inside the D.S.O."  
**Mar. 13** Janet L. Armil "Student Testing - Key to Excellence?"  
**Mar. 20** Leon E. Sowell "You and Your Phone Bill"  
**Mar. 27** Tom Perkins "The Magnificent Masters"

## Chrysler Executives At Club Meeting



James Holden (right), executive vice president of sales for Chrysler, was the luncheon speaker Feb. 20, assisted by L. Daniel Bodene, communications manager.

## Meyers Wears Two Big Hats in Seniors' Work

**By Paul Pentecost**

S. Walter "Walt" Meyers holds one Senior Men's Club record that will probably never be broken, the youngest person at age 58 ever to serve as president. He has been an active SMC member since joining in 1971—and still is.

But in his "spare time," he also helps out at the Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council (BASCC) with important financial responsibilities for the organization for which he also has served as president.

Meyers, a native of Texas, grew up in Chicago and was a 1941 graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology. He worked in a Chicago air-craft engine plant during World War II. Later with companies in Wisconsin, Mississippi and Minnesota before DeVlieg Industries brought him to manage its Royal Oak plant from 1961 to 1971 when he took early retirement.



**Meyers**

### President in 1977

Among his important activities after joining SMC in October 1971 were as golf chairman in 1974, second vice president in 1975, first vice president in 1976 and president in 1977. For the past 20 years, he has edited the Roster/Handbook and collected

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## Henry Ford Estate Tour March 18

A special historical trip to the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn is a special event being planned for SMC members on Mar. 18.

The program will begin with a 10 a.m. guided tour of the Ford mansion built at the peak of Henry and Clara Ford's lives. Lunch will be served at 11:30 in the Pool Restaurant in the mansion's original pool room, a beautiful architectural space with steam heated benches and rare Swedish green marble.

Active and applicant members, wives and friends are invited. Tickets are \$16 per person. Getting there is your responsibility, but maps are available.

For information on this event, call either Tom McVetty at 647-6598 or Gene Jacoby at 646-9315.

## Members Give \$39,400 To Community House

Senior Men's Club members opened their hearts and wallets in 1997 in participating in the annual Community House Fund Drive.

Final SMC total was \$39,400, says Dick Straight. This exceeded the \$35,000 goal and was \$10 more per giver than last year.

The Community House also surpassed its goal of \$287,000 with a final total of \$309,354.

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Special Birthday Greetings:

Lloyd Miller will be 90 on Mar. 8.

Paul Fisher will be 91 on Mar. 12.

### Associate Member Birthdays:

James Hinkamp, Mar. 18.

Clyde Simpson, Mar. 19

### Became Life Member:

Benjamin Krause, who joined in Mar. 1983.

### Resigned:

William Fognini, who joined in July, 1996.

### Change of Address:

Thomas Mitchell, 155 Crescent, Buffalo, N.Y. 14214-2330.

William Rieker, Apt. 3A, 313-541-5985.

Richard Ruppel, 3651 Nesting Ridge, Rochester Hills, 48309.

Donald Wagner, 15191 Ford Rd. Apt. 507, Dearborn, 48126, (313) 582-1773.

### Deaths:

Walter Blanchard, who joined in Sept. 1995.

Roy Hawkinson, Life Member, who joined in Apr. 1983.

### Resigned:

Ken Porter, was on leave.

### New Members:

Callam, Charles K., (Mary), 5127 Iron Gate, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 646-5938. Sponsor: Phil Werner.

Miller, George A., (Barbara), 266 Argyle, Birmingham, 48009, 646-6325. Sponsor: Gene Jacoby.

Netter, Herman A., (Mary Ellen), 706 Upper Scotsborough, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 253-1413. Sponsor: Jim Lowman.

Villa, John J., (Jean), 32550 Plumwood, Beverly Hills, 48025, 646-0119. Sponsor: Phil Werner.

## Art Byington Again Tops Club Bowlers

Art Byington dominated individual scoring during the first 22 weeks of competition in Senior Men's Club bowling.

He had highest single game score of 246; high series at 608; and high game average of 175.

Two teams tied for team scoring:

o **Team No. 11:** includes Murray Binkley, George Kurche, Paul McGovern and Ray Swartz.

o **Team No. 14:** Fran DeGrande, Jules Falke, Bob Hadley and John Wargelin.

Leaders in high team game and series continue from last month. They are:

o **High Team Game** (710), Harry Deem, Ray Latovick, Ed Neill, Stormy Wetters.

o **High Team Series:** (2,032), Tom Bedford, Chuck Frederick, Bob Jordon, Don Upward.

## Computer Group to Observe Fast-Trac

The Computer Group will get an update on Oakland County's Fast-Trac program at their Mar. 18 meeting beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Fast-Trac is a computer system for monitoring vehicle traffic and altering patterns to provide a smooth, steady flow.

The group will meet at the Road Commission offices, located in Pontiac just behind the Oakland County Farmer's Market. Call Don Cox if you need a map.

## Applicant Meet Set For March 17

The next meeting of the Applicant Activity will be held Mar. 17 at 2:30 p.m.

Applicants can pick up Senior Men's directory of active members at no cost from Joe Kern at regular Friday meetings.

An applicants' directory will be published in March.

## What Men's Club Means to Me

What does the Senior Men's Club mean to you?

The editor posed that question recently to a group of active Club members and following are excerpts from their comments.

**George Lumsden:** "The Senior Men's Club may be the last refuge of civility and propriety left in modern society. Retired men who dress as they once did for business luncheons. Men who show respect for God and country in dignified and respectful ways. Men who keep current through knowledgeable speakers and who can disagree without being disagreeable. Here are talents that once made the industrial world go around, freely employed for the mutual enjoyment of all. SMCB is a treasure!"

**Ken Nagley:** "I consider it a privilege to belong to a Club whose membership is made up of quality individuals of our community. Participation has broadened my perspective of life in being associated with men of great diversity of occupations, interests and experiences and share those with me through meetings and activities."

**Lee Busch:** "One of the smartest things I did in my later life was to join the Senior Men's Club. It has given me the opportunity to contribute to meaningful projects, to make many acquaintances and friends, to make good use of available time and to keep up with

what's going on in all aspects of society through the excellent weekly programs. I'm so glad I'm here!!!"

**Granville Sharpe:** "The open acceptance of each other as we are, without shuffling for position or weighing the baggage of the past, leaves us free to be ourselves in good company...At each meeting, I am buoyed up by the energy, optimism and courage I see around me and I realize how well off I am. It has been a great experience."

**Bill MacLachlan:** "I especially like the chit-chat prior to meetings when we can enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members one-to-one. I also like the fact that we can look at ourselves and enjoy being a bunch of old coots, loving life, realizing we should not be too serious about mundane affairs."

**Bob Hebert:** "I was particularly impressed that when I first applied as an applicant, I could immediately participate in so many interesting activities. As a regular member since 1995, I am always inspired by the dedication to service by so many generous and able members."

## Chuckle for the Day

"One of the mysteries of life is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry the daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world."  
Anon.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 10	Executive Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.
	Camera Group	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 11	Investment Study Group	2:45 p.m.
Mar. 17	Applicant Activity	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 18	Tour of Henry Ford Estate	10:00 a.m.
	Computer Group Visits Fast-Trac	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 20	Deadline for April <i>Reminder</i>	

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

**Golf:** First and Third Thursdays at Golf Dome on

John R. north of 12 Mile Road

9:00 a.m.

**Bowling:** Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes

9:15 a.m.

ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

## Computer Equipment For Children's Village

The youngsters at Oakland County Children's Village have some new computer equipment thanks to Senior Men's Club members, but could use more.

SMC member Jim Leese donated a computer recently and St. James Episcopal Church gave another, which unfortunately did not include a printer. So, after a Computer Group discussion, Tom Nicholson found a spare printer and Charles Henning gave a supply of diskettes.

"There is still a great need for games, manuals, diskettes and additional 386-type systems," Joe Maertens says.

If you have any of these items to donate, call Joe at 647-0733.

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membership dues to assist the treasurer.

Only four members of the Club have longer tenure than Meyers—Murray Kennedy, September 1968; Paul Fisher, October 1968; Carl Schorn, February 1970; and Ross Wagner, September 1971.

Most other days of the week, Meyers can be found at the old Midvale School building, where he has also been active since joining the organization in 1985. He served as president in 1988 and 1989 and since then has alternated between the roles of finance vice president and assistant treasurer.

He says "these roles are important because BASCC must fund most of its activities through dues collection and contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations."

He also has been on the travel committee for 13 years and has served as chairman since 1990. He coordinates the planning for everything from one-day trips and overnight trips to overseas travel for BASCC members.

Meyers and his wife Stephanie have lived in Birmingham for the past 36 years.

## Detroit-Windsor Tunnel Is Camera Focus

If you've ever wondered how they built the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, you'll have a chance to find out at the March meeting of the Camera Group, Dick Golze says.

When the 50th anniversary of the tunnel was celebrated in 1979, noted photographer Jack Kausch helped publicize the event with film footage of the original construction which he had secured from the daughter of the dredging contractor.

Jack will show this film, along with some slides at the 2 p.m. Mar. 10 meeting of the Camera Group in the club room.

## Investment Group Features Tax Tips

Tax time is here! So our favorite tax adviser, Bob Aginian, tax manager of the Budd Company, will make his annual appearance before the Investment Study Group.

His presentation is entitled "1997 Income Tax Law Changes." Dick Harper says the meeting will be held Mar. 11 at 2:45 p.m.

## Hebert, Henderson, Fitzpatrick Top Bridge

Bert Henderson took honors in contract bridge play and Denny Fitzpatrick and Bob Hebert tied in duplicate play for this period, as reported by Al Wagner and Don McNair.

### Contract

Bert Henderson	3,210
Art Burgott	2,650
Betty Page	2,650
Don Spaulding	2,620

### Duplicate

Denny Fitzpatrick	67%
Bob Hebert	67%
Jim Peters	65%
Mike Best	63%

## Golf Blooms In April

April is the magical month for Senior Men's Club golfers.

The season for regular Club members begins Apr. 2 at Springdale Golf Club and for applicants on April 20 at White Lake Oaks Golf Club.

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