

# The Reminder

May 2002

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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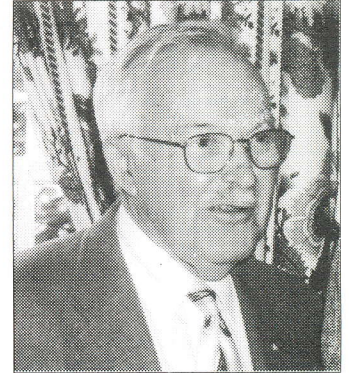
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## Hall of Fame – Ray Swartz

Ray Swartz will be leaving the Senior Men's Club in May to return with his wife, Ruth, to be near his daughter and her family in Ohio. A true gentleman, a great friend and a loyal member he will be sorely missed. If the Birmingham Senior Men's Club had a Hall of Fame, Ray would be elected to membership on the first ballot. It would be a landslide.

He would follow in the footsteps of such notables as Jim Flack, Walt Meyers, Bob Watson, Joe Kern, Chuck Williams and Art Burgott. Men of this caliber, including Ray, have worked diligently to insure the Men's Club will always be a great organization.

Ray joined the SMC in January 1978. Not only does Ray work on various committees, but he is also an active participant in many of the Club activities. He has been chairman of the games committee for 12 years and



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## MAY PROGRAMS

MAY CHAIRMAN: John R. Caldwell

- 3 Barry A. Franklin, Ph.D ..... Director of the Cardiac Rehab Program, Beaumont Hospital  
"How to Prevent a Future Heart Attack: Proven Strategies"
- 10 Bob Seeley ..... World Class Pianist  
"Boogie Woogie"
- 17 Ashutosh Tiwari, M.D ..... Fellow, Department of Urology, Henry Ford Hospital  
"Robotic Radical Prostatectomy"
- 24 Steven A. Yarows, M.D. FACP ..... Associate Professor Internal Medicine, University of Michigan  
"Home Blood Pressure Monitoring"
- 31 Professor Joel W. Russell ..... Chair, Department of Chemistry, Oakland University  
"The Use of Computers in Teaching Chemistry"

## MAY DISCUSSIONS

MAY CHAIRMAN: Harold Melin

- 3 Ms. Nancy Simmons ..... Owner, Low Vision Solutions  
"Low Vision Solutions"
- 10 Dr. Janet McPeck ..... Director, Crossroads For Youth  
"Choices, Choices, Choices"
- 17 Mrs. Phyllis Martz ..... Historian, First United Methodist Church  
"Remembering Old Birmingham"
- 24 Mrs. Barbara Babb ..... Registered Nurse  
"Steer Straight"
- 31 Dale Glick ..... Sagemark Consulting  
"Estate Tax Repeal: Fact or Fiction"

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Special Birthday Greetings:

Vince Quinn, life member will be 87 on May 1  
Gerry Markey will be 86 on May 2  
Bill Licht will be 90 on May 3  
Charles Ross, life member will be 88 on May 6  
Bob Hadley, life member will be 90 on May 10  
Clif Elliot will be 85 on May 12  
John Easterbrook will be 92 on May 14  
Bill Waltsgott, life member will be 88 on May 19  
Dr. Sid Miller, life member will be 88 on May 23  
Dennis Sante, life member will be 88 on May 23  
Ray Swartz, life member will be 88 on May 28  
Paul Carter, life member will be 93 on May 28

## New Applicants:

Richard L. Halsted, (Nancy), 4053 Spur Hill Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48034  
Sponsor: Roger T. Gaskill

John W. Phardel., (Ardis), 30765 Ivyglen Court, Bingham Farms, 48025 (248)645-1131  
Sponsor: Ken Holloway

Thomas J. Russell, (Mary Jane), 2387 Chelsea Court, Troy, 48084 (248)816-1884  
Sponsor: Donald L. Dawson

Clifford Wagoner, (Jacquie), 4845 Keithdale Lane, Bloomfield Hills, 48302 (248)644-8296  
Sponsor: Kenneth Brooker

## New Members:

Roger R. Glomstead, (Mary), 500 Billingsgate Court, Bloomfield Hills, 48301-1608 (248)855-2462  
Sponsor: William J. English

## Member Address Changes:

Edward C. Conley, 2505 Keystone Club Dr. Moraine, OH 45439-4223, (937) 294-1454  
William G. Licht, 200 Chester St., Apt. 529, Birmingham, MI 48009-1439  
Alex I. Pirie, 4659 Oakhurst Ridge Rd., Clarkston, MI 48348 (248) 393-0757  
Dennis E. Sante, 29451 Halstead Road #203, Farmington Hills, MI 48331-2836  
William M. Straith, 3770 Pine Lake Knoll Dr., West Bloomfield, MI 48324-1666

## Birthdays of Members on Leave of Absence:

Jim Schneider will be 78 on May 3  
Bob Mandy will be 80 on May 7

## Associate Member:

Charles B. Breedlove (on leave)

## Deaths:

Colin Gowans, active member, joined April 1987

—Bill Peschel and Jim D'Allemand



# The People Who Make It Happen



For the past several months, your editor has been more than a little inconvenienced by a series of chemotherapy treatments. As you have noticed, however, The Reminder has come out each month on time and with all the essentials in place. That's because there are some terrific people who step up and make it go.

Paul Pentecost shows up each month to proofread the material. He makes sure we are faithful to submissions by all chairmen and that we haven't forgotten our basics of spelling and punctuation. Dick Harper reports the official business of the executive board, and Bill Reilly gives us great copy on life members and other notables. Also to be noted are the chairmen who get copy to us in good shape and on time.

The lifeblood of The Reminder continues to be in the hands of Lee Trumbull and Kenya James who put the paper together. Their expertise in copy preparation and layout make the newsletter what it is. And Bill English's crew makes sure that over 800 copies of The Reminder are mailed to the right place and on time. Thanks to all these people for a great job!

— George Lumsden

## Seaholm Performers



*Seaholm High School students performing George M!*

## Old Geezers

"Geezers" (slang for an old man) are easy to spot:



At sporting events, during the playing of the National Anthem, Old Geezers hold their caps over their hearts and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe them. Old Geezers remember World War I, the Depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the atomic age, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing, not to mention Vietnam.

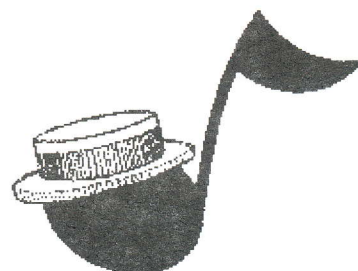
If you bump into an Old Geezer on the sidewalk, he will apologize. If you pass an Old Geezer on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. Old Geezers hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

It's the Old Geezers who know our great country is protected, not by politicians or police, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old Geezers with their decent values. We need them now more than ever. Thank God for Old Geezers!

Space prevented our giving credit to the Seaholm Thespians who did such a good job at our meeting in March.

If you've worried about the younger generation, worry no more. These kids are great!





## Applicant Orientation

I am pleased to report we had excellent attendance at the orientation meeting held in March. Quite a few applicants expressed an interest in participating in the club's activities open to applicants, resulting in 15 applicants signing up for one or more activities.

The next orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2002 at 1:30 PM in the Hackett Room at The Community House. Recent applicants will receive invitations, but all sponsors and other applicants are welcome to attend. Please advise John Flintosh, secretary at 626-0910 or by email, [jflintosh@yahoo.com](mailto:jflintosh@yahoo.com) of your intention to attend. Highlights of the club's history, organization and overview of activities and interest groups will be reviewed as well as a question and answer period. The dress is informal with the meeting lasting approximately one hour. Plan to attend and meet with fellow applicants.

— Hudson Scheifele

## Ten Steps to a Better Life

Dr. Fred Stansky, Director of the Meadowbrook Health Enhancement Institute spoke at an April SMC meeting and described these ten steps to a better life:

1. Maintain a comprehensive exercise program
2. Avoid tobacco
3. Control cholesterol
4. Optimize nutrition (healthy eating)
5. Achieve optimal weight
6. Minimize alcohol consumption
7. Manage stress effectively
8. Minimize use of stimulants
9. Maintain spirituality
10. Have a comprehensive annual physical

Dr. Stransky subtitled this list "How to live to 100!"

—Dick Harper

*"To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals."*

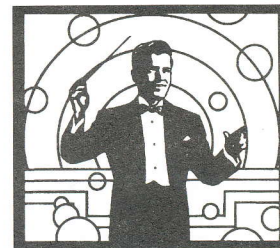
—Ben Franklin

*"Show me a man who makes no mistakes, and I will show you a man who doesn't do things."*

—Theodore Roosevelt

## SMC goes DSO

Applause for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra "Pop goes British" concert May 23, 2002 is becoming loudly evident by the early response to this special events committee program.



Ticket sales for the 1:30 PM Thursday afternoon performance at Orchestra Hall are growing for the 55 highly sought dress circle seats with their commanding view of the stage where musicians will be complemented by dancers and singers.

"Evita" and "Oliver" and "Phantom of the Opera" will be some of the Andrew Lloyd Webber hits you will be hearing and seeing during this lively and colorful concert.

The price of \$36.00 includes charter bus transportation from the First United Methodist Church, with departure at 12:30 PM from the parking lot at Maple Rd. and Pleasant St. Our return will be before 4:30 PM.

—Larry Price

## Wrong Answer

A lieutenant needed to use a pay phone but didn't have change for a dollar. He saw a private mopping the floors and asked him, "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

"Sure," the private answered.

The lieutenant gave him an icy stare and said, "That's no way to address an officer. Let's try it again. Private, do you have change for a dollar?"

"No, sir," the private replied.

## Truth About Taxes

Ever wonder why the IRS calls it "Form 1040?" Because for every \$50 you earn, you keep \$10 and they take \$40.



## Bridge Report

Contract averaged eight players. High average scorers for this period were Carl Schorn (2825), Chris Davenport (2625), Don McNair (2563), Wade Braisted (2550), Bob Hinz (2300), Henry Dawkins (2140). There were no slams.

Duplicate averaged 27 players. High scorers were Jim Crabb (.7167%), Jim Johnson (.6571%), Phil Werner (65%), Jim Fonda (.615%). There were 30 small slams.

—Zack Endress and Don McNair

## Bowling

Congratulations to the 2001-2002 season champions: Team 5 (Ray Latovick, Tom Tabor, Bill Minard and Phil Martz).

Individual leaders: High game - Joe Maertens (246); High series - Joe Maertens (624); High average - Phil Martz (170).

Team leaders: High game - Team 5 (752); High series - Team 2 Hoagland, Trudell, Clark & Jordan with (2062).

Sixty-three bowlers participated this season and sixty nine 200 games were bowled. Also three 600 series were bowled, one each day by Joe Maertens, Phil Martz and Dick Harper.

Doubles winners were: Dennis Kozak/Phil Strong - 131 pins.

Next season will begin the first Monday in September after Labor Day. All members and applicants are invited to join us. New teams will be formed. Call Dennis Kozak, 644-8934.

Bowling Banquet will be May 1, 2002 at Thunderbird Lanes.

—D.J. Kozak

## Investment Study Group

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 8, 2002 at 2:45 PM at The Community House. Our speaker will be John A. Hoagland, Senior V.P. - Investments at Smith-Barney in Troy and Howard L. Margolis, V.P. & Trust Specialist Citigroup Trust. Their topic will be "My Legacy to My Loved Ones." Plan to attend this important program.

—Tom Van Voorhis

## THE REMINDER

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, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2002 are: Ernest Bergan, president; Benjamin E. Ewing, first vice president; Richard N. Harper, second vice president; John H. McLaughlin, recording secretary; Frank Barnes, corresponding secretary; Raymond Latovick, treasurer; William F. Minard, assistant treasurer; Robert Bannon and Don Cox, officers at large.

THE REMINDER includes: George Lumsden, editor; Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost, Dick Davis and Alvie Smith, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photography; Kenya James and Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bill English, mailing.

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has been the leader of the Thursday golf league for 22 years. In addition he is a veteran of the Table Setting Committee (the pickle man) and has been a Chaplain at the Friday meetings. As a participant he is active in golf and bowling. To honor Ray for his many accomplishments, the S.M.C. awarded him the "Outstanding Service Award" in 1990.

As always, Ray like men of his stature has many varied interests. He is a Past Worshipful Master of his Masonic Lodge, a member of The High Twelve and a member of the Commandery. He has been treasurer for all three. Ray is also an usher at the First Presbyterian Church which he joined in 1951.

Ray moved from Ohio to Detroit in 1935 two weeks before he turned 21. He found a job with Rotary Steel which eventually became L.T.V., from which Ray retired after 42 years of service.

Good luck Ray and may contentment always be in your life.

—Bill Reilly

## Moving?

The Reminder is sent to you every month by first class mail. This means that the post office forwards it to you if you are temporarily out of town. If you are planning a permanent move, please give us the new address and phone number. This will get The Reminder to you sooner and will save the Club the cost of a post office fee.

—Bob Engel



## Financial Outlook

The executive board meeting of March 19, 2002 included a report from treasurer Ray Latovick on the club's financial condition. As usual, this report detailed club income and expenses, balance sheet items and current member equity.

Treasurer Latovick noted a somewhat disturbing recent trend—a decline in club member equity, and he noted specific underlying factors, particularly increased expenses.

Subsequent to the board meeting, President Ernie Bergan requested that Ray develop a projected SMC budget for the remainder of the calendar year 2002 as a means of focusing attention on this emerging problem and to identify possible solutions for board consideration.

—Dick Harper

## Thursday Golf

We are now in the second month of golf. Please adhere to your tee times and arrive one half hour early to be ready to play. Help your teammates by following the flight of their ball. When you get to your ball and are ready to hit, and no one else is, hit your ball regardless of who's away. As is the Men's club custom have the short hitters go first. Keep up with the group in front of you. Slow play is discouraged.

All golfers are welcomed even if you did not sign up earlier in the year.

—Bill Reilly

*"Golf is like a love affair. If you don't take it seriously, it's no fun; if you do take it seriously, it breaks your heart."*

—Arnold Daly

*"Golf is so popular simply because it is the best game in the world in which to be bad."*

—A.A. Milne

## Joint Group Meeting

The Camera Group will meet jointly with the Computer Group at The Community House on May 7, 2002 at 2:00 PM. The guest speaker will be Mike Greer on the subject of digital photography. His business is the training and education of digital photography. Currently he is conducting a class at The Community House.



—Bill Gridley

## Historic Church Tour

Reserve Monday, July 1, 2002 for a unique and interesting special event. The Detroit Historical Society presents a tour of Historic Houses of Worship in Detroit. The cost for this tour of historical Detroit churches is \$35.00 each and includes the tour, transportation and lunch.

- ◆ The Unitarian-Universalist Church
- ◆ Bethel AME Church
- ◆ Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church
- ◆ St. John Cantius Roman Catholic Church
- ◆ Holy Cross Hungarian Church



This is an advance notice. Tickets will go on sale June 7, 2002.

## Club Dates to Remember

**Executive Board Meeting:** 9:30 a.m. May 14, 2002.

**Reminder Deadline:** May 17, 2002.

**Bridge:** Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.

**Golf:** Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. at Springdale

*All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.*

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