

THE REMINDER

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PROGRAM FOR APRIL, 1978 - DR. HENRY SMITH, CHAIRMAN

Friday, April 7th

Speaker: James Fryfogle M.D.

Topic: "Problems with Medicare, Blue Cross & Blue Shield"

Friday, April 14th

Speaker: Harold Josephson CLU

Topic: "Updating Family Insurance"

Friday, April 21st

Speaker: George Thosteson M.D. - Detroit News Health Columnist

Topic: "Experiences With Advice To Patients On Health"

Friday, April 28th

Speaker: Donald Albert M.D. - Past President Mich. Heart Assoc.

Topic: "Activities of Michigan Heart Association"

Friday, May 5th

Speaker: William Stockwell (S.M.C. Member) - Seaholm Students

Topic: "Bridging The Generation Gap"

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS - BILL WILSON, CHAIRMAN

Friday, April 7: "Bali Hai to the Barrier Reef"
Joe Bachman, Leader

Friday, April 14: "The First Day on the Somme"
Jim Flack, Leader

Friday, April 21: "Proverbial Sayings"
Paul Carter, Leader

Friday, April 28: "Space Colonies"
Ray Agren, Leader

Friday, May 5: "Guides for Living for Grandchildren"
Gordon Robertson, Leader

SPECIAL EVENT - ART INSTITUTE TOUR & SPECIAL LUNCHEON - TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Our Special Events Committee has made arrangements for a tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts for members and their wives, Tuesday, April 25th. A special luncheon will be served our group in the North Court of the Institute promptly at 12 noon.

Lunch will be followed by the tour. We will see art highlights which will be described by one of the Institute's trained escort-lecturers assigned to our group.

Arrangements for transportation will be announced later at meetings, and on the bulletin board.

If you haven't yet signed up and want to go, see Gordon Robertson or Dick Sneed. Tour, including luncheon, \$5.20.

1978 GOLF SEASON APPROACHES -- SIGN UP NOW

Les Wilson, Games Chairman, suggests that golfers sign up with any of the 1978 Golf Committee, most of whom are either back here now, or on their way from the tropics.

1978 Golf Committee includes: Frank Morton, Chairman; Clem Ludden, Lloyd Sturgeon and Gene MacCracken.

We play at Birmingham's Springdale Course, 300 Strathmore. Strathmore is the first entrance north of Big Beaver Road, on the east side of Woodward. We play Thursday mornings. Tee-off time 9:07 through 11:07. You may sign up as a foursome or as an individual, and we will work you into a foursome later. Golf league dues are \$3.00, payable on the first day of play. Nine-hole green fees are expected to be \$1.50 this year.

As we go to press, play is still expected to start April 20, but further announcements will be made to confirm this date.

CAMERA GROUP -- BOB BROWN, CHAIRMAN

The Camera Group will next meet in the Business Women's Room of The Community House at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11. Jim Van Doren will show some of his slides. Those of us who saw his prints last year can assure you that the slides will be very much worth seeing.

BIRMINGHAM'S RECYCLING CENTER CONTINUES

Members are reminded that the local recycling center, staffed by volunteers, continues its successful operation. It's open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring bundled newspapers, glass bottles sorted by color, tin cans, or aluminum (from frozen foods, or foil).

Proceeds from the sale of these materials have been used to help various Birmingham organizations who exist for the purpose of community-wide help. The center is reached by turning east off Eton on Holland (the street alongside Birmingham Lumber).

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB BOWLING

In the last few weeks the Senior Men's bowling teams have really been hot with five or six men rolling 200 or better scores. The hottest bowler of them all, however, is Ray Swartz who joined our Club and our bowling league in January. As of March 27, he has rolled 30 games for a total of 5393 pins, for an average of 179. Not only is he leading the league with the highest average, but on March 27, he rolled a season's three-game high of 661 pins. Pretty fast pace for a retired men's league!

As of this writing (March 27), there are four weeks remaining in the 1977-78 season. Team #8- The Luvs (consisting of Leon Lytle, Captain; Murray Stewart; Art Underwood; and Vince Versa) are still leading the league with 30 points. With several hot days, practically any one of the other teams could really challenge this lead. Only nine points separate the ninth place team from the first place team.

The roll-off for first and second place for the year will be Monday, April 24. All other teams will be rolling for final position on that day.

Our bowling banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 18. All club members are invited and urged to attend. Any one wishing to contribute door prizes should contact a member of the Bowling Committee.

BOWLING COMMITTEE:

Ross A. Wagner, Chairman
Walter Dreyer, Vice Chairman
Jack Decker, Treasurer

MARCH BRIDGE REPORT - JOSEPH H. SCHULTEIS - CHAIRMAN

There were 344 bridge players for the five weeks in March for an average of 68 players per week.

10 HIGHEST SCORES FOR MARCH WERE:

- 1 - Murray Stewart 5340
- 2 - Hackey Melikian 5200
- 3 - Dan Watts 4370
- 4 - Vern Bryant 4310
- 5 - Fred Wittick 4290
- 6 - Corliss Watson 4250
- 7 - Jack Decker 4220
- 8 - Vic Ulrich 4210
- 9 - Joe Henninger 4190
- 10 - Carl Schorn 4180

10 HIGHEST AVERAGES FOR MARCH WERE:

- 1 - Vern Bryant 3090
- 2 - Joe Henninger 3070
- 3 - Jack Decker 3060
- 4 - Les Wilder 2940
- 5 - Al Voss 2820
- 6 - Claude Morrow 2790
- 7 - Fred Wittick 2770
- 8 - Corliss Watson 2710
- 9 - Harry Calvert 2660
- 10 - Bill Renton 2650

Low Score for March - 420

There were 20 small slams bid and made during March. This was the largest number since we started this program.

THREE-INCH RAIN SLIGHTLY DAMPENS CAPRI ISLES GOLF COURSE BUT NOT NEXT-DAY LUNCHEON AT DAVEY'S LOCKER

(Special to the Reminder, based on dispatches from our intrepid correspondent Nelson Jones and interviews with Tom Osberger)

In spite of a heavy rain, cold weather, and strong winds, a few Senior Men's Club golfers appeared on the court at Venice, Florida, Thursday, March 9, and played one or two holes -- after which play was called off and all hands made plans to meet at the annual Suncoast Chapter luncheon, next day.

It was still cold Friday, but 78 people blew in on the wind for the seventh annual conclave of the Florida Suncoast Chapter at Davey's Locker, Sarasota.

Burke Bartlett MC'd in his usual fine style. One container of Crown Royal was dispensed to Mildred Hudson in return for chances bought with devalued dollar bills. The Blind Bogey quarters were awarded to Lyman Jillson and Tom Osberger. This was in lieu of the usual distribution based on skill and talent, which had been canceled by Mother Nature's three-inch rain storm over the Capri Isles Golf Course. In addition, some bottles of what was reported to be red pop were won as door prizes.

A delicious fried chicken lunch was served in the traditional deluxe Davey's Locker fashion. Weather may have played a part in sixteen "no shows" who had reservations. Sweet old Bob Watson reminds one and all devotees of the sun to get reservations in early for the second Friday in March, 1979--at the same location. Bob will make better arrangements with the weather man.

MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED THE SUNCOAST LUNCHEON

Following the custom of last year, we are listing only the members, former members, and applicants. Here they are, according to a list forwarded by Nelson Jones.

Burke Bartlett	Art Farrell	Bill Losie	Dick Rassel
Jim Baynes	Don Fleser	Clem Ludden	Bill Restrnick
Herbert Baynes	Frank Hudson	Clarence Lunn	Ed Schneider
John Bickel	Gerard Harrison	Lantz Mackey	Larry Smith
Ed Bloss	Lyman Jillson	Ted Macksey	Russ Smith
Charles Buck	Nelson Jones	Don McGuire	Bill Smith
Edgar Brown	Paul Keener	Frank Morton	Ken Stevenson
Howard Christie	Berry Ketchum	Rollie Nette	Paul Turner
Harold Cousins	Art Lane	Tom Osberger	Bob VanDuzer
Lee Durham	Laymon Long	Victor Peck	Bob Watson

Since this list had to survive the Florida winds and cold wave, it is possible that errors have occurred. They will be corrected in the next issue, if you'll send a note to the REMINDER.

ADDITIONAL SUNCOAST LUNCHEON COMMENTS FROM A MEMBER

Excerpts from a letter to Ken Clark from Don McGuire, a member since 1958, now living in St. Petersburg.

March 11, 1978, 11 A.M. Temperature 62°.

Greetings, Ken! Twas a dandy meeting down here in Florida, about 1 1/2 hours drive from St. Petersburg. Pearl did the driving. Guess I must have the longest SMC record of those present--for among the various awards I was announced as the "Guest of Honor" -- and given an envelope containing a ten dollar bill! I can't quote all the names of those who exchanged many warm handshakes and greetings. A very nice session.

I receive the Club's publication--do enjoy your efforts. We are both OK and are finding the folks here most friendly. A "hello" to the Club members from me. Cheerio.

Don McGuire

RUMOR IS AROUND THAT SPRING IS HERE --- SIGN UP FOR GOLF

Snowbirds who have been highly publicized in the articles about the Suncoast Chapter are reminded that the golf season up here in the north is coming mighty close. Y'all please refer to page 2 of this issue for information.

OLD LIMERICK ACQUIRES NEW VERSIONS

The Princeton Tiger revived this well-known limerick:

There once was a man from Nantucket
Who kept all his cash in a bucket
But his daughter named Nan
Ran away with a man
And as for the bucket, Nantucket.

Then the Chicago Tribune got into the act by running the sequel:

But he followed the pair to Pawtucket
The man and the girl with the bucket
And he said to the man
He was welcome to Nan
But as for the bucket, Pawtucket.

It took the New York Press at Syracuse University to come up with the clincher:

Then the pair followed Pa to Manhasset
Where he still held the cash as an asset
But Nan and the man
Stole the money and ran
And as for the bucket, Manhasset.

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND DRIVE -- CHICK HOLMES, CHAIRMAN

As I have been advising you recently, we are well launched into our portion of The Community House Fund Drive for 1978. About one-third of our members have turned in their checks, and I'm trusting that each week, particularly as our snow birds return, we'll begin to approach 75% participation -- on our way to 100%.

We are deeply indebted to The Community House, where our meetings have been held since the club's beginning. I strongly urge all of you to give as much as you can, as soon as you can. (Truthfully, you'll save Jim Cameron and me a lot of work if we don't have to hound you.)

To those of you who have signed up for the community-at-large campaign: Please mark your calendars with your calling date or dates--and show up at Merrill-Lynch at 6:30 p.m. on that/those days.

Merrill-Lynch has moved to its new location on the west side of Woodward in the new office building several hundred yards north of Lone Pine Road, in Suite 1000. Thanks for your cooperation.

VITAL MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Names and addresses of new members are at the bottom of this page so that you can easily clip and insert in your roster.

IN MEMORY OF

Donald D. Ewing, who joined in June, 1974: died February 28, 1978.

Harry W. Stevens, who joined in February, 1970: died March 31, 1978.

Manley Bailey, lifelong Birmingham resident: died March 23, 1978:

He was on our waiting list and would soon have become a member.

NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED DURING MARCH:

Charles H. Huntoon	March 1978	644-8893
650 N. Williamsbury Road	Birmingham	48010
James T. Lynch	March 1978	646-4378
1540 Fairway Drive	Birmingham	48009
Guy Galyon	March 1978	647-4846
1109 Derby Road	Troy	48084

CORRECTION

In the list of new members, in our last issue, the address of Lloyd Kile should have been: 18050 Dunblaine, Birmingham, 48009.