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THE BLUE AND GRAY

No more shall the war cry sever,
Or the winding rivers be red,
They banish our anger forever,
When they laurel the graves of
our dead.

Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Love and tears for the blue,
Tears and love for the gray.
--Francis M. Finch (1867)

LIMERICK

There was an old party of Lyme,
Who married three wives at one time.
When asked, "Why the third?"
He replied, "One's absurd,
And bigamy, sir, is a crime!"

--Cosmo Monkhouse
(1840-1901)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are frequently asked why the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham is so popular, and why so many men are desirous of membership as evidenced by the long waiting list of applications. There are a number of reasons that can be given, but perhaps the principle reason lies in the opportunity which it provides for good fellowship and the development of new friends. As one of our members has said, "The Club has given me the opportunity to associate with men in an approximate age group where wealth and income mean nothing. There is a fellowship here that is rare in a group of this size." In our Club there is a community of interest or feeling that engenders friendship.

We cannot, however, become complacent and assume that this condition will always exist without any effort on our part. Our membership is constantly changing with the addition of approximately forty new members each year. The acceptance of these new men presents a challenge to all of us to see that they are made to feel at home in the Club. Meet them and learn their interests and special skills, and invite them to participate in the various activities of the organization. Help them to find a niche in which they can develop a sense of belonging. Solicit their ideas for new activities or programs and ways in which the Club can be made more meaningful. We welcome ideas for programs for meetings, topics for discussion groups, and places of interest for special events. Above all, we ask your support for the activities which are sponsored by the Club.

Someone has said that the word "friendship" is the warmest word in the English language. For it to generate warmth requires that it have a two-way action. To "Win a Friend" - just be a friend, and the joy is yours for sure. A smile, a friendly handshake, costs nothing but creates much good will and does much to make a person feel wanted and welcome. Friendship is the cement which holds the Club together.

As a Club of retired men, we no longer have to concern ourselves with the competitiveness of our professional lives and can devote our efforts to making a retirement a meaningful and fulfilling experience.

Ross A. Wagner

MEMBERS LOST FROM THE ACTIVE ROSTER

During the month of June our Club was saddened by the death of two of its active members:

Frank S. Cartwright - Joined in December, 1968 and died June 13, 1975. He was one of our most active members and regular in his attendance at meetings. He was stricken with a heart attack at the meeting on the morning of June 13 as he was preparing to introduce his son, Peter, who was to address the Club on that occasion.

James Bamborough - Joined the Club in November, 1962 and died June 5, 1975. He was regular in his attendance until illness made it impossible to attend.

In addition to the two above active members the Club was also saddened by the death of a former member:

Charles J. Nightingale - Joined the Club in October, 1964 and died June 17, 1975. He was active in the Club and regular in his attendance until forced to withdraw because of ill health.

NEW MEMBERS DURING JUNE

During the month of June, the following new members were added to our roster of active members:

J.B. (Jack) Hassberger - Inducted 6-6-75
483 W. Brown
Birmingham, Mi. 48009
Phone: 644-2941

Lloyd T. Bishop - Inducted 6-20-75
650 b. Trailwood Path
Birmingham, Mi. 48010
Phone: 626-3882

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Our congratulations to John C. Kinsel upon attaining the status of LIFE MEMBER in the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. John joined the Club in March, 1959 and has been a regular attendant at our meetings ever since. At our meeting on Friday, June 20, he was made a LIFE MEMBER upon the recommendation of the Executive Board. This is our most honored classification of membership.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE ADDED AS A RESULT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

As a result of a Constitutional Amendment adopted by the Club on June 27, 1975, sixteen new members can be added to the Active Roster of the Club. The amendment to ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP, changes the wording of this ARTICLE to read, "The size of the Club shall be limited to Three Hundred Twenty-Five (325) active DUES PAYING members".

New Members To Be Added As A Result of Constitutional Amendment (Con't)

Before the adoption of this amendment, the size of the Club was limited to Three Hundred Twenty-Five (325) active members which included the Life Members who are not dues paying members. Since some of these members do not live in the area and because the attendance of some of these members is limited because of health conditions, it was felt that it was more realistic to count only Dues Paying members in our quota of Three Hundred Twenty-Five (325). The slight increase in meeting attendance can be handled within our facilities.

PROGRAMS FOR JULY 1975 - Bill Wilson and Clarence Johnson, Co-Chairmen

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker & Subject</u>
July 1	Lyall Smith, Director of Marketing of the Detroit Lions, film "Lions Highlights".
July 11	Clarence Johnson, Senior Mens Club, "Musical Quiz & Sing Along".
July 18	Bill Stockwell, Senior Mens Club, talk "Freighter Travel".
July 25	Bill Wilson, Senior Mens Club, film "1975 Masters Golf Tournament".

NO PROGRAMS IN AUGUST, NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST.

DISCUSSION GROUP FOR JULY - Bill Wilson, Chairman

July 1	"Questions and Answers" - Jim McCubbrey, leader
July 11	"The Importance of Humor in our Lives" - Coyle Fisher, leader
July 18	"Freighter Travel" - Bill Stockwell, leader
July 25	"Canada" - Seward Lawson, leader

CAMERA CLUB - Philip C. Satterthwaite, Chairman

All Camera Club Members should reserve Tuesday, September 9 which is the date of our annual Ladies Day. The meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. at Harry Stevens' Adam's Castle.

Harold Sims is in charge of the arrangements and refreshments. The program will be a slide show entitled "GUAM IS A FOUR LETTER WORD."

CARD PLAYING DURING MONTH OF AUGUST

No meetings will be held by the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham during the month of August. The Community House will, however, be open during the month of August and space will be reserved for the Club to play cards on Tuesdays and Fridays. Members wishing to play cards will be asked to carry their lunches during this month as no lunch will be served.

The picnic will be the only official meeting during August. It is Wednesday, August 6th.

INFLATION - 1959

An article printed in the Birmingham Eccentric on May 28th, 1959 - 16 years ago - disclosed our T. George King was moderator for our Discussion Group and the subject for that day was INFLATION.

At that time, it was concluded that although there are known ways and means of correcting the condition, our Statesmen were not even inclined to recommend action for it's curtailment.

Gleaned from the Scrap Book of The Historian, June 27, 1975

ANNUAL PICNIC - August 6, 1975

Through the courtesty of Moe Henshaw, our annual picnic will again be held at Pontiac Yacht Club. Festivities start at 10:00 A.M. Lunch at 12 Noon.

CARDS

Arrange your own bridge game -- bring table and chairs -- cards and score pads will be furnished. Chairs and tables are available for those who do not wish to play cards.

MENU

Hot dog or grilled cheese sandwich.
Buttered sweet corn.
Potato Chips.
Coffee or Milk.
Pie OR donut.
Ice Cream.

Price \$1.00

PLACE

The Pontiac Yacht Club is on Cass Lake. Take Long Lake Road to Orchard Lake Road -- turn right to Keego Harbor. There is an A&P store on the West side of road -- turn left just beyond store -- turn right just beyond entrance. You can see the Club from the road.

NEW MEMBERS

Sponsors should see that every new member attends this function. It is an excellent opportunity to get acquainted.

NEW IDEAS

If you have any ideas on how to improve our picnic, pass them along to Les Wilder, Chairman.

Don't put film in luggage if it's likely to go through x-ray inspection by airlines at customs offices or in the post office. Exposed or unexposed film -- whether loaded in the camera or not - runs a risk of being damaged as a result of the x-ray inspection, which is being increasingly used in checks for weapons, bombs, drugs or contraband. Best approach is to carry camera and film with you.

-- Kiplinger Letter

CARD REPORT - Carl Schorn

May, 1975 -- There were 376 bridge players in May for an average of 94 per session. The top 10 scores in May were:

1.	Howard Hoffman	6390
2.	Don Hunter	6250
3.	Henry Wholihan	5090
4.	Frank Reynolds	4670
5.	Jack Decker	4640
6.	Walt Meyers	4630
7.	Leon Lytle	4370
8.	John Engel	4310
9.	Claude Morrow	4270
10.	Vern Bryant	4260

The top 5 averages for 4 games in May were:

1.	Leon Lytle	3305
2.	Walt Meyers	3185
3.	Russ Smith	3163
4.	Vern Bryant	3075
5.	Frank Reynolds	3048

June, 1975 -- There were 336 bridge players in June for an average of 84 players per session. The top 10 scores in June were:

1.	Elmer Haack	5560
2.	Charles Mentzer	5480
3.	Mel Colville	4760
4.	Joe Henninger	4740
5.	Arthur Wilkinson	4610
6.	John Maddox	4580
7.	Ivan Graham	4500
8.	Les Wilder	4480
9.	Dan Watts	4450
10.	Willis Losie	4390

The top 5 averages for 4 games in June were:

1.	Waino Ansama	3358
2.	Arthur Wilkinson	3293
3.	Les Wilder	2953
4.	Dan Watts	2860
5.	John Maddox	2833