

The Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



OCTOBER 1999

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: DON MCNAIR

1 Speaker: John Davids, Architect
 TMP Associates
 Subject: "Environmental Architecture"
Applicants invited A - E

8 Speaker: Dan Badgley, Naturalist
 Johnson Nature Center
 Subject: "Nature in the Hills"
Applicants invited F - L

15 NO MEETING

22 Speaker: Garry Gilbert, Editor
 Oakland Press
 Subject: "Sensationalism in the Press"
Applicants invited M - R

29 Speaker: Karen Kotulis-Carter, Director
 Bloomfield Township Public Library
 Subject: "Library Lore"
Applicants invited S - Z

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5 Speaker: Dr. Norman Pritchard
 Kirk in the Hills
 Subject: "Up, Down Under, Up Again"
Applicants invited A - E

Discussion Groups

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: ALVA WOOD

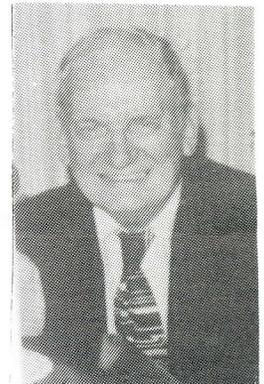
- Oct. 1** Speaker: Chuck Moss, Birmingham City Commissioner
 Topic: "Overview of Birmingham Building Projects"
- Oct. 8** Speaker: Chuck Randolph, Randolph Travel and Tours
 Topic: "Road Runners Never Retire"
- Oct. 15** NO MEETING
- Oct. 22** Speaker: Ron Halcrow, Birmingham Police Department
 Topic: "Youth and High School Issues"
- Oct. 29** Speaker: Gordon Miller, Senior Men's Club
 Topic: "Senior Men's Applicant Activities"
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- Nov. 5** Speaker: Harold M. Brown, SMCB
 Topic: "A Priceless Legacy-Writing Your Personal History"

Gordon Has Record Of Service To Club, Career and Country

By Paul Pentecost

While growing up in New Rochelle and Chappaqua, New York, (yes, Hillary's Chappaqua), Blaine Gordon's long term career goals were to pretty much follow those of his father's Wall Street career.

He graduated from Princeton in 1937 with a degree in economics. His studies included a Princeton summer program in Europe in 1936 that included the Berlin Olympics.



Then Blaine began work with the U.S. Trust Company. His office was just around the corner from his father's, and they often drove in to work from Chappaqua together.

But World War II changed his career plans. Enlisted late 1942, he was sent to OCS and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. His Army career took him to San Francisco Bay where he was involved with the Port of Embarkation.

In 1943, he was reassigned to Louisville, Ky, where he met, romanced and married Mary Catherine (better known as Bunny).

After his discharge from service in 1946, he began teaching at the University of Louisville while working on an MBA at nearby Indiana University. He also received his Ph.D. there in 1953.

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Microsoft Should Make Cars; GM Should Make Computers

Recently, Bill Gates reportedly compared the automobile and computer industries and stated:

"If General Motors had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 miles per gallon."

GM issued a press release in response which said in part:

"If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would be driving cars with the following characteristics:

1. For absolutely no reason, your car would crash twice daily.
2. Occasionally, your car would die for no reason, and you would accept this, restart and drive on.
3. Microsoft would make a car powered by the sun, was more reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive but would run on only five percent of the roads.
4. The airbag system would say "Are you sure?" before going off.
5. Occasionally, for no reason, your car would lock you out and refuse until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
6. Every time GM introduced a new model, owners would have to learn how to drive all over again because the controls would not operate like the old car.

Hollingshead, Barnes Top Bridge Players

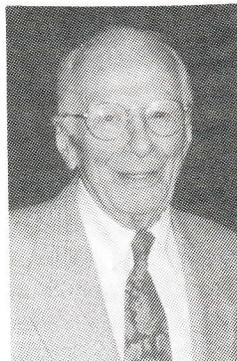
Carol Hollingshead and Frank Barnes were top scorers in the latest Club bridge action.

In contract bridge, Hollingshead was the average high scorer with 4600; followed by Lloyd Sturgeon 3200, Henry Dawkins 2750, Betty Page 2690, Jack Richardson 2680.

Preliminary records showed Frank Barnes leading all four weeks, but Frank says "I wasn't that good" and an official audit is underway, says Don McNair.

New Life Member

Long-time member of the Senior Men's Club Frank Angelo became a Life Member on Sept. 24. He was editor of the REMINDER and conducted a popular Club bus tour of Detroit for many years.



Angelo

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, MI 48009.

Officers for 1999 are: John R. Caldwell, president; William T. Reilly, first vice president; Carver Wood, second vice president; Ray Latovick, treasurer; Ernie Bergan, secretary; Ben Ewing, corresponding secretary; Officer-at-large: Sherwin Vine.

THE REMINDER includes: Alvie Smith, editor; Dick Davis, Dick Harper and Paul Pentecost, associate editors; Lee Trumbull, layout; Joe Kern, mailing.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings: Carol Schorn, 92 on October 17.
Joe Landre, 97 on October 23. Ross Wagner, 94 on October 27.

Associate Member Birthdays: George Glass, October 8.

Deaths: William Eyth, on leave, who joined in March, 1989.
Joe M. Smith, who joined in July, 1994. John Prior, who joined in May, 1987.

New Members:

Pietsch, Robert P., (Suzanne), 4270 Sunningdale, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 642-6589.

Sponsor: Luel Simmons

Pacacha, Carl T., (Joan), 2345 Dalesford, Troy, 48098, 879-8017.

Sponsor: Richard Johnson

Lindgren, Richard T., (Lois), 1412 Sandringham Way, Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 540-2782.

Sponsor: Paul Fitzpatrick

Lindow, Richard D., (Rosemary), 21925 E. Valleywoods Dr., Beverly Hills, 48025, 540-2126.

Sponsor: Ed Howell

Anderson, Richard G., (Janet), 320 Tilbury Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 642-7202.

Sponsor: Joe Maertens

Rawley, Joseph T., 1978 Sheffield Rd., Birmingham, 48009, 647-1372.

Sponsor: Phil Werner

New Life Members: Frank Angelo, who joined in September, 1987.

Address Changes: Andrew O'Keefe, 4684 Claudia, Waterford, 48328.

Lloyd Sturgeon, 6257 Telegraph #211, Bloomfield Hills, 48301.

William Pfieler, 160 Charrington Ct., Beverly Hills, 48025.

Roy Edwards, 3127 N. Franklin, Lombard, CO, 80538.

Frank Angelo, 6257 Telegraph #237, Bloomfield Hills, 48301.

New Applicants:

Fleischmann, Donald W., 1120 Meadowglen Ct., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 852-0652.

Sponsor: Bob Hagemeyer.

Geiger, Paul K., (Gail), 1176 Lone Pine Woods Dr., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 865-8944.

Sponsor: Dick Smith.

Mattutat, Robert W., (Irene), 2610 Norwood, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 338-6155.

Sponsor: Carl Schorn.

Smith, Robert H., (Marion), 3375 Witherbee, Troy, 48084, 649-0166.

Sponsor: Tom Noakes.

—Walt Meyers & Bob Babcock

Group Meetings

Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 20.

Don Cox says: "It will be a question-and-answer session. If you have questions about your computer, come and see if we have the answers. If you don't have any questions, please come as that means you know a lot of the answers.

"Let's also have a 'Swap and Shop' period. Bring any old hardware or software and see if anyone there would like to have it.

"Another subject we plan to discuss is a card which shows your important medical information. This is a card you carry in your billfold so that you have the information handy."

Investment Study

The Investment Study Group will meet Oct. 13 at 2:45 p.m..

Van Bussman, corporate economist at DaimlerChrysler, will discuss "Whither the Stock Market." He will also share his insights on the auto industry outlook.

"This is a timely opportunity to hear an experienced industry spokesman," says George Miller.

Miller also said that the deadline for entries to the Stock Market Game has been extended to Oct. 15.

Camera Group

SMC's Will Braisted has been on the prowl with his camera with pretty good results, says Camera Group Chairman Stan Skaistis.

Braisted will share his pictures from Martinique, Vermont in fall and the US/Canada tugboat race when he presents "Photography Potpourri" on October 12 at 2 p.m.

Tip for Longevity

Quote from TIME magazine:

South African Nichlass Amsterdam credits celibacy as the main reason he has lived 112 years. He said: "I have never had a woman to give me a headache."

Oakland County Children's Village Gives Outstanding Service to Youth

By Phil Werner

Probably the first thing that came to mind as you woke up this morning was "What's happening: at the Oakland County Children's Village."

I'm glad you asked. The answer is a lot!

There are two exciting new projects at the "Village." The first is a creative approach designed to direct the kids' attention to more positive things.

It's a program to divert those who may be headed down the wrong path and to show them what can be accomplished when people work constructively together to solve problems.

Greg Alessi, Special Projects Coordinator at the "Village," reports that 60 kids were able to spend a week at Campfire Boys and Girls Camp near Howell this summer.

Stress Teamwork

One major exercise was a field problem in which teams had to negotiate an obstacle course. Each member had to successfully complete the course for any team to win. The kids learned that they could all be successful if they

worked together as a team.

They also had discussions with a former gang member who had been shot and permanently disabled. This was a dramatic demonstration of the high risks involved in drugs and crime.

Another positive project underway is a shop course in auto mechanics. The kids will receive 45 hours of hands-on experience in repairing auto engines. This is followed by internships at local auto dealerships and repair shops for those who exhibit interest and aptitude for auto repair.

Olessi Speaks Oct. 22

On October 22, Olessi will give us an update on events at the "Village." On October 29, the "amazing jug" will make its rounds. Please drop in a large check or bill. Our goal this year is \$6,000. We can do it!

If you won't be with us on the 29th, mail your contributions made out to Oakland County Children's Village to Phil Werner, 6810 Orinoco, Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48301.

"John's kids" thank you.

Applicant Golfers End Season with Scramble

The Applicant Golf season ended August 23 with 54 members participating in scrambles. Following are first-place winners of flights, as reported by John Dudash.

First Flight winners are: Ed Flynn, Ed Neill, Eldon Crawfis, Ed Jones.

Second Flight winners are: Ralph Carolin, Jim Grimaldi, John Carter, Alva Wood.

Third Flight winners are: Bob Hinz, Gerry Heller, Ed Callaghan, Bob Sack.

There were 31 birds for the season. Dick Anderson had five.

The following golfers had two birdies each: Joe Maertens, Bob Jordan, Alva Wood, Jim Schaefer, Bob Hinz, Bill Bettisworth and Dennis Kozak.

Golf Banquet Oct. 20

The annual Senior Men's Club golf banquet will be held October 20, starting with "attitude adjustment" at 6:15 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Ray Swartz points out that the banquet is for all Club golfers—active members and applicants.

To purchase \$21 tickets, call Ray Swartz, Virgil Smith or Fran DeGrande.

No refunds will be available after October 15.

Note to Executive Board

All members of the Executive Board are requested to turn in their Club manuals at the October Executive Board meeting.

These will be updated and returned to the chairmen at the first meeting in January.

(GORDON, from page 1)

He served as assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury when he was invited to New York for an interview with Fred Donner, financial vice president of GM, and offered a job on the GM Financial staff as manager of its Tax Section. He and Bunny moved to Birmingham in 1953.

"At GM, I worked primarily with the chairman and treasurer and was often in Washington on company business estimated at more than 250 trips in my career at GM.

On Wayne State Faculty

"I also spent 15 years as an adjunct and part-time faculty member of Wayne State University. The money wasn't much, but I enjoyed the contact with students and faculty."

Blaine retired from GM in 1980 after 30 years of service.

He has been a member of the Senior Men's Club since 1984. He served as treasurer, second and first vice president, and in 1990 became president. He has since served as chairman and vice chairman of the Policy Committee and has also been involved with the Discussion Group programs.

He and Bunny have a son Byron who is in insurance in Cleveland and a daughter Andrea who is a sales representative and lives in Birmingham.

His interests in sports included golf and bowling, but squash was his number one sport at Princeton.

October Special Events

The Stratford Festival production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is the destination for October 5. A National Trails motorcoach will leave the First Presbyterian Church on Maple at 9 a.m. sharp.

On October 9, Michigan and Michigan State fans will be attending the game at East Lansing. Their motorcoach will depart the First Presbyterian Church at 9 a.m. Call Gene Jacoby at 248-646-9315 with any questions or problems.

Treasures from the Mouths of Our Wonderful Grandchildren

Quotes from a book entitled "Grandparents are Made for Hugging" by David & Elizabeth Heller.

"Grandparents think life is nice...They are not in a hurry to find out what's the opposite of life." — Sandy, age 7.

"Grandparents will love you even if you're no good in school." — Danny, age 8.

"Grandparents know how to live. They fix things up so they don't have to work all day." — Butch, age 7.

"We both like to give hugs...Grandparents are made for hugging." — Simone, age 9.

"We love them and they love us. That sounds like an even deal to me." — Jan, age 10.

"They kiss you on your head and ears." — Allisa, age 4.

"Grandparents like to play, talk and laugh. They are just like kids except they have gray hair." — Christian, age 9.

"They fuss with each other all the time because they were old love birds." — Angela, age 7.

"They are loving people and they know how to spell." — Earvin, age 6.

"Grandparents have a lot of experience and they aren't shy about reminding you about that." — Harmon, age 8.

God makes grandparents just in case your parents can't take care of you any more." — Kristi, age 9.

Visit to Automotive Hall Of Fame Nov. 11

A very pleasant excursion is planned for November 11, with lunch and a docent-conducted tour of the beautiful Automotive Hall of Fame—a display covering the lives of those geniuses worldwide who created the automobile, its major components and the means of producing them.

Transportation will be by bus to Dearborn, leaving the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham at 10:00 a.m. and returning about 3:00 p.m. Cost is only \$26.00.

Other Club Dates To Remember

Executive Board:

9:30 a.m. October 19.

Bowling: 9:30 a.m. Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes, Troy.
Need younger members.

Reminder Deadline: October 15.

Golf: 8:00 a.m. at Springdale on Thursdays for active members
"until they lock the gate."

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

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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