

The Reminder

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PROGRAM FOR MAY -- DICK HENNE, CHAIRMAN

- May 3 - Speaker: Stephen A. Kershner, Director Baldwin Public
Friday Library, Bloomfield Township Public Library
Subject: "Libraries -- Tomorrow's Information Place -
Today"
- May 10 - Speaker: Reverend James V. Davison,
Friday First Baptist Church, Birmingham
Subject: "Musings of a Mayor and a Minister"
- May 17 - Speaker: Jean Krolik, Introduction by John Rumsey
Friday Subject: "The Galapagos This February"

No meeting May 24 -- but SMC is having a special Michigan
Week Dinner, Thursday, May 23. See Page 3.

- May 31 - Speaker: Hillel Levin, Executive Editor and Vice Presi-
Friday dent, Metropolitan Detroit Magazine
Subject: "Should the Media Be a Good Citizen?"

JUNE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN -- PAUL FITZPATRICK

- June 7 - Program by David and Alma Fry,
Friday Ted and Jean Reuther
Subject: "Maine Attraction" (a slide and sound presentation)

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS

Art Newman, May Chairman

- May 3 "Gems from the Public
Letter Box"
Al Beauvais, Leader
- May 10 "Creationism versus
Darwinism"
Wardley McMaster, Leader
- May 17 "Political Overview and
Projections"
John King, Leader
- May 24 No Meeting
- May 31 "What is New in Strokes"
Dr. Henry Smith, Leader

June Chairman is Paul Carter

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, May 8, 2:45 p.m.
Investment Study Group, Page 5

Tuesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.
Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 p.m.
Camera Group, see Page 5

Thursday, May 23. Michigan Week
Dinner, see Page 3

Looking ahead:
Tiger vs. Yankees, June 20
Luncheon cruise on the river,
July 15

NEXT REMINDER DEADLINE:
Friday, May 31

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BE CAREFUL ABOUT RESERVING SEATS, SAYS THE BOARD

At the April Executive Board meeting, complaints were reported from men on the waiting list who are eligible to attend one meeting a month. Some are finding it hard to locate a seat at our Friday meetings. So our active members are cautioned to be more careful about holding seats for others. For instance, if the clock gets past 10:15, and your friend hasn't arrived, it may be best to release the seat and let Marcel know it's available.

To you fellows on the waiting list: If you can't find a seat, find Marcel DeSmet. He's always on the job before the meeting hour. He will find a seat for you -- somewhere, some time, somehow.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER NOTES -- BILL BROWN, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

No new and startling news from our Associates this month. Eventually, we hope someone will send the Suncoast Chapter report as to what went on at the annual luncheon on the Florida west coast. Who was there is still a mystery. Last year the REMINDER never did receive a list of the people attending. We hope to do better this year.

Now we have two Associate Members with birthdays in May. Last year, Muir Frey broke the ice by becoming the first Associate to have a May birthday - May 1. Now, not to be outdone, Tex. Thorson has become an Associate and his birthday, too, is in May. On the 20th, we think. Let us know if that date is wrong, Tex.

THE REMINDER WANTS YOU TO CLEAN UP YOUR COPY

You members who send us announcements of Club activities have been getting a mite careless lately. We're not complaining about your spelling. We can fix that. But leave room for us. Double space all typing, and type your copy about 70 characters wide, which is the width of our column. If you hand-write your reports, leave room between lines, so it's more readable. And have it ready by the deadline. That date is usually under "Dates to Remember" on Page One of the REMINDER.

SMC SAYS "YES TO MICHIGAN" WITH DELUXE DINNER AND OLD TIME HARMONY
AT COMMUNITY HOUSE, THURSDAY, MAY 23

Special Events Chairman Bob McKelvey has announced that a dinner for members and wives, as well as applicants, will be a part of Michigan Week activities at The Community House Thursday evening, May 23. There's a cocktail hour starting at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. The price of \$12.50 per person includes the delicious Community House dinner and the good old time harmony of The Pensionaires -- an outstanding example of songs by these members of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shops Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA).

For your future planning, here are two dates: On June 20 we will go to Tiger Stadium to watch the Tigers beat the New York Yankees. On July 15 we'll take a luncheon cruise on the Detroit River aboard the new "Star of Detroit."

APRIL BRIDGE REPORT -- ROY SNYPP, CHAIRMAN

There were 244 players in four sessions. Of these, 40 were duplicate players under the able direction of Ed Clarke. For the 204 rubber bridge players:

<u>Ten Highest Scores</u>			<u>Ten Highest Averages</u>		
1.	Elmer Haack	5280	1.	Elmer Bailey	3815
2.	Vern Bryant	4700	2.	Jerry Bartlam	3305
3.	Bill Surridge	4520	3.	Felix Harrison	3015
4.	Jack Decker	4250	4.	L. R. Snell	2885
5.	Bob Lotz	4080	5.	Francis Morton	2790
6.	Lyman Jillson	3790	6.	Marcel DeSmet	2770
7.	Dick Beaubien	3720	7.	Baylor Sutton	2680
8.	Joe Henninger	3680	8.	Arthur Ackerman	2665
9.	Frank Hanson	3580	9.	Paul Keener	2535
10.	Harvey Bumgardner	3550	10.	Art Burgott	2415

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BASCC SPRING FLING

For its second annual spring dance, the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC) has engaged the "Standard Five" to supply the live music for dancing or listening, Thursday, May 9. Things will start rolling at 1 p.m. and continue to 3 in the Pierce School Gym on the second floor of the building at Pierce and Bird, just north of 14 Mile Road. The price is \$3 per person and you're welcome to bring your spouse or friend, or come alone. Tickets may be bought at the door or, in advance, at the BASCC office, Room 2 of the school.

** A penny will hide the biggest star in the universe if you hold it close enough to your eye. **

GAWLPHING WITH THE SENIORS -- BY A. RAY SWARTZ

You Seniors are just Great! and have a good thing going with the Fellow above! Two horrible Wednesdays in a row and just as beautiful, two Thursdays. Seventy (70) golfers tried their skills on opening day, April 18, and sixty four on April 25. There were 14 who didn't play on opening day, but where were 20 of you who played opening day but not on the 25th? We have starting times for 108 golfers with 84 signed up the first two weeks. We can use 24 to fill the starting times plus at least 20 more, for in the past we have had at least 20% absenteeism. So come on out to Springdale on Thursday morning and join the fun.

We have had plenty of GOOD scores the first two weeks! Don Clark and John Spomer had 38's, 39's by Clyde Craine, Les Swanson and Ed Hoagland, no 40's but 41's by Tom Stolberg and Hockey Melikian. Birdies too! On #3 by Don Clark, on #5 by Bill McLaren, on #2 by Les Swanson, on #8 by Henry Merker and on #6 by Archie Nighbor. Opening day S.O.B. Watson was closest to the pin on #6 with a shot of 15 feet 6 inches. On April 25th, Ed Hoagland was 9 feet 10 inches. The grapevine informs me several golfers who shall remain anonymous would not donate their thin DIME to the "FAT CAT" to get their name mentioned in this report or in the Friday report! Only kidding fellows, but we do need to fatten THAT CAT for prizes at the BANQUET OCTOBER 2, 1985.

Forty-two golfers have broken 50 in the two weeks, so you see we are so-called week-end golfers.

There will be NO GOLF May 30 and July 4, as these are designated Holidays.

Please come early - a half hour before your starting time is preferred, especially those whose starting times are after 10:30 a.m. That's when absenteeism starts to create difficulties. Hopefully all the Sun-birds will be back by May 9 and we won't have to scramble so much to fill foursomes.

Many thanks for your patience and cooperation! Come on out and enjoy the fellowship and fresh air. You are all the GREATEST!

-- THE COMMITTEE: Spomer, Swartz, Melikian, DeSmet

LATE BULLETIN: Those SMC golf caps went like hotcakes. A few may be left. If you want one, see a committee member. (\$3.50)



FUND-A-CHAIR PROGRAM -- ROY HAWKINSON AND CHICK HOLMES, CO-CHMN.

As you who attended the April 19 meeting observed or "felt," our 300 new beautiful, well-padded chairs have arrived. Roy and I feel that The Community House staff made a wise choice. We feel the membership is in complete agreement.

Now we have to complete payment of them at a price of \$40.00 per chair.

As of April 30, 269½ chairs have been purchased by SMC Members, Applicants, miscellaneous donors and Michigan Bell Matching Gift Program. However, only 200 SMC Members have contributed to this cause. (Forty-eight applicants have participated.)

Please get your check in very soon for a chair, part of a chair, or several chairs.

Our sincere thanks to all of you who have been so generous!

-- Chick Holmes

CAMERA GROUP REPORT -- BOB HADLEY, CHAIRMAN

Culture is our aim -- photography is our game -- a unique slide show is in the offing for the May 14 meeting of the Camera Group. It's "Speaking of China" by Stan Skaistis, a prospective member. Stan spent a great deal of time in China. Come out and see this one.

The picture assignment for the month of May is "Single Flower" and the general assignment, "Say Yes to Michigan."

INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP -- MURRAY HAYWARD, CHAIRMAN

Gregory J. Schwartz, Chief Executive Officer of Gregory J. Schwartz & Co., Inc., a Birmingham-based investment house, will speak at the meeting of the Investment Study Group of SMC at The Community House, Wednesday, May 8. The title of his talk will be "Groceries or Perfume."

Mr. Schwartz will cover:

- What Mutual Funds are
- Why and When they should be purchased
- How to choose
- Tax considerations

He will also explain "no load vs. load" funds.

Of special interested to SMC Members and Applicants will be Mr. Schwartz's discussion of "specialized mutual funds" and the concept of "value investing." Every is welcome. The meeting starts at 2:45 p.m.

(Prepared by Henry Krieger)

BOWLING -- THE 1984/85 SEASON IS HISTORY -- JIM REEVES, CHAIRMAN

Average attendance for the month was 45, our lowest for the season. Fair weather and golf are exacting their toll.

Team #9 put on a fast finish down the home stretch to win the title for the second half. The team won 12½ points out of a possible 16. A three-way championship roll-off between Teams 3 and 4, winners of the first half, and Team 9 was held on April 22. Team #9 completed its sweep by bowling fewer pins under average than the opponents. Teams 3 and 4 finished second and third.

This was a season of high bowling scores and the last month was no exception.

INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAMES

<u>APRIL</u>		<u>SEASON</u>	
Tom Bedford	228	Charlie Richards	247
Ed Barrett	226	Les Swanson	245
Bert Henderson	219	Marcel DeSmet	237
		Fran DeGrande	236

INDIVIDUAL HIGH SERIES

<u>APRIL</u>		<u>SEASON</u>	
Ed Barrett	586	Chet Lopata	658
Marcel DeSmet	554	Marcel DeSmet	626
Tom Bedford	544	Ray Swartz	609
		Charlie Richards	600



Clem Cykowski's reaction to his score; he has lots of company.

The final event in this enjoyable and successful bowling season will be the annual Bowling Banquet to be held at The Community House on May 1. The banquets are always a lot of fun with prizes and cash for everyone. Most of all we enjoy the good fellowship!

SENIOR "FESTIVAL OF ARTS" AT BASCC MAY 21

To mark Senior Citizens' Day, BASCC is presenting its annual Festival of Arts in Rooms 3 and 4 of Pierce School Tuesday, May 21. This is a display of many different examples of arts and crafts by senior citizens. It has been a Michigan Week feature for several years. Hours are from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Some of the articles and exhibits will be for sale, but all are displayed as examples of work by seniors.

** Should a thief threaten to blow out your brains if you don't turn over your money, give him your brains. You can live in this world without brains, but not without money. **

1985 COMMUNITY HOUSE COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN -- BOB HADLEY AND CHICK
HOLMES, CO-CHAIRMEN

On April 22 and 23 fund drive letters were mailed to Senior Men's Club Members. We hope that you will respond promptly in the postage-paid envelopes (or, better yet, bring them to The Community House to save postage).

The complete story of the relationship of The Community House to our Club and the community is, we believe, spelled out in these letters. Also, the need for our 100% financial support.

To those of you who have already submitted your checks or pledges we say "thank you."

It is possible that some of you have received two separate letters. Please excuse us. The first letter was part of a blanket mailing to Zip Code 48010. It was part of a promotional tool to completely cover that area.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21 and 22, we will have our annual telephone campaign to the community at large. We will be calling you in a couple of weeks to get 15 callers per night at the Merrill, Lynch offices on Woodward, north of Long Lake Road. Please help us out!

IN MEMORY

WILLIAM S. WILSON, LYLE AND MARY OVIATT

These three persons were close friends. Bill and Lyle worked for many years in the Original Equipment Sales Division of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. Bill sponsored Lyle's entry into our Club. Bill joined the Club in October 1969, died April 15. The March 1984 REMINDER presented "A Salute to Bill Wilson," citing his eleven-year chairmanship of the Discussion Group and his patience and good humor. The Oviatts, tragically, died in a late-night auto accident on March 26. They were returning to their Naples, Florida, winter home after a vacation in Japan.

GREGORY H. FREDERICK, Life Member, died April 10. He joined our Club in November, 1968. Gregory was born in Detroit on January 29, 1896 and was a veteran of WW I. He was an attorney for 47 years and served as U.S. District Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan.

CHARLES E. BLACK who died April 14, joined the SMC in June 1976. He was a graduate of Ohio University. Charley worked 37 years for the Burroughs Corp., retiring as a Branch Manager. Charley will be best remembered for his skill in assigning bridge players where his ready smile and friendly manner were much appreciated.

HELEN HUBBARD, wife of Member Marsden Hubbard, died April 12. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Mrs. Hubbard was active in church work and a volunteer at Crittenton Hospital. Our deepest sympathy goes to Marsden.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATIONMEETING SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

A THRU F	G THRU L	M THRU R	S THRU Z
May 3	May 10	May 17	May 31
June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Sept. 6	Sept. 20	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22

Note: There is no meeting on May 24. There are no meetings in August. In September there is no meeting on the 13th, so G thru L will double up with M thru R on the 20th. There are only two meetings in December, for which applicants are not scheduled.

NEW MEMBERS

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RUTLEDGE, THOMAS 4145 Sandy Lane	4/85 B	626-7184 48010
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Howard French
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Jim Reeves
Jerry Bartlam

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Edgar Ferguson