

The Reminder



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

NOVEMBER 1998

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: CARL F. INGRAHAM

6 Speaker: Heath Meriwether, Publisher, Detroit Free Press
Subject: "How Newspapers Will Complete in the Information Age"
Applicants invited A - D

13 Speaker: Honorable Eugene Arthur Moore, Judge of the 6th Circuit Family Court
Subject: "Michigan's New Family Court"
Applicants invited E - J

20 Speaker: James Nicholson, Chief Executive Officer of PVS Chemicals
Subject: "Betting of Detroit - An Update"
Applicants invited K - Z

27 NO MEETING

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4 Speaker: Cynthia Edwards, Michigan State Police Community Services
Subject: "What Seniors Need to Know About 1998-99 Driving"
Applicants invited A - D

Discussion Groups

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: STEWART KEENEY

Nov. 6 Speaker: Senior Men's Club Don Cox
Topic: "Light and Color"
Nov. 13 Speaker: Carol Woodard, Librarian, Baldwin Public Library
Topic: "Browsing with Library Computers"
Nov. 20 Speaker: To be announced later
Nov. 27 NO MEETING

DECEMBER 1998

Dec. 4 Speaker: Dr. Donald Overy, Cardiologist
Topic: "Washington D.C. Medicine"

Expect Sellout for Christmas Dinner On December 16

A maximum of 256 members, applicants and spouses is expected for the annual Christmas Dinner scheduled for Dec. 16 at The Community House.

"The magic of Christmas will be captured with holiday music and twinkling lights. Entertainment features our own Ernie Bergen and a slide show 'Magic Christmas,' by Robert Wills, award-winning photographer," Co-Chairman Bob Lyle says.

A reception begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m..

Tickets, which are \$24 each, go on sale Nov. 13. Seating reservations can be made for groups up to eight people. Don Clark and John Wenstrand are handling seating arrangements.

Other committee members are: Gene Jacoby, Art Held, Jim Loman, Paul Metzler, Irv Poston, Stewart Keeney, Granville Sharpe; and Co-Chairman John Ellis.

Speak Up on How to Improve Club Activities

Included with this issue of *The Reminder* is a questionnaire asking for member comments on how to improve Club activities. Project chairman Dick Harper urges all members to take the time to fill out the questionnaire and express your views

If not, you lose the right to bitch or complain for at least a year, so let's hear from all of you.



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Senior Men's Speaker Shows Off Model Train



Scale models took the spotlight at the Senior Men's Sept. 25 luncheon when Gary Kohs, president of Scale Models, spoke to the SMC. Here, Kohs shows off a model train to the day's Program Chairman Dick Golze.

Applicant Activity

The next Applicant Activity meeting is Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m. Officers will review organization and plans for the 1999 year. Others interested are welcome to attend.

Auto Show Trip

The annual bus trip to the Detroit International Auto Show is being planned for Jan. 14. Details on this special event will be in the next issue of *The Reminder*.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Associate Member Birthdays: Nov. 1, Alfred Sayers; Nov. 12, Robert Schwab

Deaths: Philip Rothwell, who joined in Feb., 1985.

Thomas Stolberg, Associate Member, who joined in Apr., 1980.

Transferred to Associate: George R. Glass, 9466 N. 106th Pl., Scottsdale, AZ, 85258.

Change of Address:

Clare Charron, 15181 Ford Rd., #310, Dearborn, MI 48126.

Harry Deem, 15191 Ford Rd., #401, Dearborn, MI 48126.

Roland Kittendorf, 1135 Ivyglen Cir., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 844-9374.

Henry Krigner, 36724 Utica Rd., #339, Clinton Twp., MI 48035.

New Members:

Barnes, Frank, (Adeline), 1567 Quarton Rd., Birmingham, 48009, 644-8307.

Sponsor: Richard Thomas.

Marshall, Jack, (Norma), 29439 Laurel, Farmington Hills, 48331, 848-0386.

Sponsor: Ed Moore.

Moore, Ralph S., (Janet), 1006 Stratford, Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 647-1068.

Sponsor: George Jobin.

Wilkinson, Robert E., (Helen), 19315 Riverside, Beverly Hills, 48025, 642-0244.

Sponsor: Ted Olson.

New Applicants:

Bertelson, Frank R., (Barbara Jo), 20111 Cobblestone Ct., Birmingham, 48025.

646-8823. Sponsor: Reid McCulloch.

Calderwood, Wendel, (Lynne), 411 Steeple Chase, Bloomfield Hills, 48304,

644-5747. Sponsor: Russ Frye.

Hoener, Donald L., 7457 Deep Run Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48301, 593-8724.

Sponsor: Bob Bannon.

MacMillan, Deane B., (Lindy), 1001 Farifax, Birmingham, 48009, 646-3075.

Sponsor: Bill York.

Mahoney, John E., (Margaret), 826 Edgemont Run, Bloomfield Hills, 48304,

338-3296. Sponsor: Fred Kneisler.

Starling, William D., (Carolyn), 3524 Tothill, Troy, 48084, 642-5146.

Sponsor: Ed Hoagland.

Zarek, John J., (Patricia), 22046 W. Valley Woods Dr., Birmingham, 48025,

646-7837. Sponsor: Bob Walton.

--Walt Meyers & Bob Babcock

BASCC Serves Large Senior Group

By Alvie Smith

Nestled serenely among a collage of stately native Michigan trees at Midvale off Glenhurst is a dynamic organization which provides a myriad of services for many senior citizens of the Greater Birmingham area.

The organization is the Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC), which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Theresa Monsour, the Council's full-time coordinator, is enthusiastic about the services BASCC provides. She also is very proud of the diversity and magnitude of services offered as well as the number of volunteers.

Community Partnership

"Our mission," she said, "is to create, in partnership with the community, a dynamic and supportive network which meets the needs of older adults and in so doing, promotes lifelong learning and independence for seniors."

Her staff contains seven full-time people, several of whom have degrees or experience in gerontology. Another 20 volunteers help administer the programs.

Monsour has a B.A. in social work from Marygrove College and a master's in business management from Central Michigan. She worked in area social agencies for 32 years prior to assuming her present position with BASCC in 1993.

600 Volunteers

Monsour said about 600 of the 1,500 members volunteer for BASCC programs, including many SMC members. More than 62,000 individual contacts and services are rendered each year.

Specific activities include educational classes, recreational and social programs, wellness activities, group travel, hot meals on site and delivered to homes, home repairs and a variety of health services and referrals to area agencies.

Monsour sees an expanding need for senior services which will "challenge our resources, creativity and commitment."

"One of my personal priorities is to increase our inter-generational activities. The goal: to infuse valuable senior knowledge into the community's



Monsour

Drivers for Meal Delivery

A critical current need at BASCC is for people to deliver hot meals to senior's homes, a task involving 20,000 noontime meals a year.

Anyone willing to devote 60-90 minutes a day on a full- or part-time basis should call BASCC at 642-1040.

school systems so children can learn from these experiences in various aspects of life."

Monsour expressed thanks for the "generous support and participation" of SMC members over the years. Currently, about 175 SMC members belong.

"I hope other members will join the team through personal participation and/or financial contributions," she said. Anyone interested should call BASCC at 642-1040.

Where Has Media Credibility Gone?

(Los Angeles Times columnist Cal Thomas recently lamented the demise of credibility and objectivity by the media. Here are excerpts.)

In addition to "declining quality and one-sidedness of much "modern journalism," Thomas pointed to a recent "outbreak of what he called "gross factual errors." He cited the CNN-TIME article claiming U.S. soldiers nerve-gassed Vietnam deserters.

Group Meetings

Millennium Bug

The "millennium bug," or Y2K problem, as it is frequently called, will be the subject of the 2:30 p.m. Nov. 18 meeting of the Computer Group, says Don Cox.

Speakers will be Peter Jacobson and Wood Lotz, partners in Absoft, which is an Auburn Hills software company.

Investment Study

With the roller coaster stock market, an organized and logical approach to investing is critical, says Dick Harper.

This will be the subject of the Nov. 11 meeting of the Investment Study Group starting at 2:45 p.m.

The speaker will be Phillip Dano, director of Equity Research for Munder Capital Management, Inc. Title of his presentation will be "Security Analysis 101."

Phil Martz Leads Bowlers with 174

After four weeks, Phil Martz leads Club bowlers with an average of 174, reports Ray Latovich.

Leading team: Bob Erben, Joe Maertens, John McDonnell, Jack Trudell.

High team game (704) and series (1,972): the team of Jean Batts, Joe Chalmers, Don Clark and Fran DeGrande.

Thomas says journalism standards have plummeted since the early '60s, when well-rounded experience was a basic requirement.

"Today, anybody with a pretty face (and some without pretty faces, but who can generate ratings), can go on the air and read what someone else has written. Newspapers compete for their share of a dwindling audience and (See JOURNALISTS, pg 4)

McCabe, Best Are Best Bridge Players

John McCabe was the high scorer in contract bridge and Mike Best in duplicate play during the September-October period.

Contract

John McCabe	3570
Don McNair	3480
Joe Smith	3420

Duplicate

Mike Best	70%
Jim Johnson	69%
Jim Crabb	67%

— Zac Endress, Al Wagner

Club Dues Are Due

Club dues should be paid by year's end; make checks out to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham.

Active members pay \$30, Applicants, Associate and On-Leave members \$10. Member dues go to Walt Meyers, applicant dues go to Joe Kern.

(JOURNALISTS, from pg. 3)

sometimes exhibit these bad character traits of their electronic cousins," he said.

"In the 1960s, reporters wrote and produced their own stuff; journalism was a craft. Now, it's a profession or, worse, a business.

"There's another big reason for these recent outrages. Most of the big media subscribe to certain prejudices. Included are biases about big corporations (they are evil), white people (they are racists until proven otherwise), males (they are sexist), Republicans (they are shills for corporations and insensitive to the poor), and America (a bad country which does bad things to innocent people).

"Listen closely to how interviewers question someone whose opinions they like. Then how they question someone they don't like.

"The big media are quick to absolve themselves of any wrongdoing. There are many ways to lie or 'shade the truth' in the news profession. The most extreme cases can get you fired. The less extreme cases can win you an award."

Veteran Newspaper Editors Exchange Views



It was "press time" Oct. 9 between SMC's Frank Angelo, retired Detroit Free Press managing editor, left, and speaker Neil Munro, editor of the Oakland Press. Munro had some candidly negative comments about Geoffrey Fieger, trial lawyers and politics in general.

Sample Some "Punny" Quotes

Bob Talbert, in a recent Detroit Free Press column, provided a few select "puns" which the editor believes are "punny" enough to provide a chuckle or two to brighten a dreary fall day.

Here are the briefer gems:

George Bernard Shaw: "If all

economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion."

"The midget said it is better to have loved a short girl than never to have loved a tall."

Natalie Wood: "The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby."

Other Dates to Remember

Nov. 10	Executive Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Nov. 10	Camera Club	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 20	Deadline for December <i>Reminder</i>	

Bridge: Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch

Bowling: Thunderbird Lanes Mondays at 9:15 a.m.

ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
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OPINION RESEARCH - SENIOR MEN'S CLUB

INTRODUCTION

This questionnaire which has been approved by the Executive Board, requests your opinions on club activities with the objective of increasing interest and participation. While the questionnaire principally focuses on the weekly Friday meeting, you are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions on any club activities. "Open end" comments can be particularly helpful to our planning. Questionnaires can be returned at Friday meetings (reception area), dropped off at the Bates Street entrance or mailed to the Club at 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009.

King Ruhly, President

FRIDAY MEETINGS

Please indicate your interest in the major portions of the meetings and your opinion as to meeting time allocation.

	<u>How interested are you?</u>		
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Not very</u>
Overall meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business portion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker presentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Time allocation between business & speaker	<u>About right</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>More business</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>More speaker</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Time for questions & answers	<u>More</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>About right</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Less</u> <input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate your interest in, and opinions as to time allocated:

	<u>How interested are you?</u>			<u>Time allocation</u>		
	<u>Very</u>	<u>Some- what</u>	<u>Not very</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Not enough</u>
Intro (song, invocation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading Minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acknowledge returnee/guests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recognize Applicants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Member induction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Member induction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Birthdays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Committee reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moments of interest	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please indicate any ideas or suggestions as to how we could improve the Friday meetings (format changes, speakers, subjects, etc.)

(Please turn over)

LUNCHEON

What is your overall opinion of the luncheon served? Good Fair Poor

Would you be interested in a fancier lunch at a higher price? Yes No Maybe

Do you have any comments or suggestions about lunch?

Please indicate how many Friday meetings you attend on an annual basis.

More than 35 26-35 16-25 less than 16

Is there any single change which would encourage you to attend more Friday meetings?

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Please indicate your overall opinion on the discussion group meetings.

Generally interesting Some good, some not so good Not too interesting

How could discussion groups be improved (format changes, topics, speakers, etc.)?

What is your opinion of the following statement -"Discussion groups are too much presentation and not enough discussion"?

Generally agree Sometimes Generally disagree

Please indicate how many discussion group meetings you attend on an annual basis.

More than 20 15-19 10-14 Less than 10

OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES

Do you have any thoughts or suggestions on other Club activities you would like to tell us about?

OVERVIEW

Which of the following best describes your overall opinion about the Senior Men's Club:

- It's almost perfect - I really don't see the need to change anything major.
- I really like the Club, but like any activity it could be improved.
- The Club has gotten a little stale, and definitely needs some changes.

Are you a member or applicant Name (optional) _____

Thank You