

Daffodils
That come before the swallow dares,
and take
The winds of March with beauty.

- Shakespeare

Tossing his mane of snow in wild-
est eddies and tangles,
Lion-like March cometh in, hoarse,
with tempestuous breath.

- William Dean Howells
"Earliest Spring" Stanza I.

How beautiful the greening hills
And pastures lying in between
Wild flowers are blooming everywhere
And trees put on new leaves of green.
Up over all this varied hue
There is a canopy of blue.

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Spring is a birth time for the world...
a resurrection of new hope,
Where beauty rhymes with changing growth
And seems to add a wider scope.
Then over all and reaching high,
There is a canopy of sky.

Agnes Davenport Bond

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

William Thackeray once said, "Next to excellence is the appreciation of it". This expresses my need to commend the many Committee Chairmen and Committee Members for doing a terrific job of keeping the various facets of this organization functioning in high gear. The willingness of so many men to accept responsibility and to help out wherever needed, is one of the outstanding characteristics of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club.

Since the first of the year, we have inducted ten new men into membership. Each of you has talents, interests and abilities that can be utilized by the club. Find the niche into which you can feel most comfortable, and you can render a valuable service to the club, and as a result, you will reap the greatest rewards for your membership.

The Birmingham Senior Men's Club was founded for the purpose of promoting fellowship, cultural interests and for the rendering of service to retired men. The organization has become a respected group in our community because many men have worked to sincerely attain this purpose.

Ross A. Wagner

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ACCOLADES FOR WILLIAM C. MORRISON

A sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to William C. Morrison for the faithful and dedicated service he has rendered to the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. For over thirteen years, he has handled the distribution of tickets for sandwiches for our regular meetings and has placed the order with the kitchen. William joined our club in February, 1961, and since that time has handled this important service for our organization.

For health reasons, he has asked to be relieved of this responsibility at this time. Harold W. Hewitt, a new member who joined our club in November, 1974, is taking over the job which William has so faithfully performed.

CORLISS L. WATSON'S GIFT OF GRAPEFRUIT

The Club expresses its thanks and appreciation to Corliss Watson for his annual gift of grapefruit, which was received on Friday, Feb. 21st. Each year, while Corliss is vacationing in Florida, he treats the club to this delicious fruit from the sunny South. His thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

NEW MEMBERS DURING FEBRUARY

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

1. Paul D. Carter - Inducted 2/7/75
835 Oakland Ave.
Birmingham, Michigan 48008
Phone - 644-1662
2. Muir L. Frey - Inducted 2/7/75
5951 Orchard Bend Rd.
Birmingham, Michigan 48010
Phone - 646-5068
3. H. Chrysler Hilliker - Inducted 2/14/75
723 Fox River Dr.
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013
Phone - 332-8008

MEMBERS LOST TO THE CLUB

Since the first of the year, four men have been lost as active members of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club - three by death and one by moving from the area, as follows:

- Clifford Baugh, who joined 9/66, by death 1/8/75.
- Seth B. Slawson, who joined 2/67, by death 2/19/75.
- Harry S. Stark, who joined 6/58, by death 2/24/75.
- Frederick W. Chapman, who joined 7/72 and moved to 22 Monterey Dr.,
Charlottesville, Va. 22901.

The club regrets the loss of these men as each was an important member of the organization.

Seth B. Slawson, with his wife, Alice, was in charge of table decorations for all of our special luncheons and dinners, such as Ladies' Days, Christmas Dinner Party, etc. This was a service which they rendered for many years, and their artistic touch added much to the beauty and festiveness of the occasions. We are very pleased that Mrs. Slawson has expressed a desire to take care of the table decorations for the remainder of Seth's term. We appreciate this and want to thank her for it. We know that it would please Seth. Mrs. Slawson also wishes to thank the many members of the Senior Men's Club for the countless hours of pleasure Seth received through his association with the men through the years.

Harry S. Stark was a Life Member of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. He joined the Senior Men's Club just about a year and a half after it was founded.

SENIOR MEN ENJOY PLAY AT THE FISHER THEATER

The Special Event for the month of February was a trip to the Fisher Theater to see the Musical Comedy "Irene". This proved to be a very enjoyable occasion, and our thanks to Charles Heiney, who served as chairman. He was successful in getting good seats for the group, and the bus accommodations were excellent.

HANDBOOK CORRECTIONS

The following corrections should be made in the 1975 Handbook containing the Directory of the Club and the Constitution and By-Laws:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Correction</u>
1971 Past President	3	Arthur B. Marcy
1974 Past President	3	W. Murray Kennedy
Policy Committee	13	Vernon C. Bryant - Add Name
Policy Committee	13	W. Murray Kennedy
Visitation Committee Chairman	15	Grant W. Barber
Callers	17	Russell E. Zollar - Add Name
Address of Theodore Harrington	35	801 W. Long Lake Rd.
Telephone No. of Oliver Hawkins	35	599-1394
Telephone No. of Fred Floeter	32	646-1519
Zip Code for Harry Lunn	43	48009
Telephone No. for Harry Stevens	58	644-4225
Telephone No. for Lloyd Sturgeon	59	646-0658
First Vice-President	75-76	Delete "He shall be Chairman of the Program Committee"
John C. Maddox	44	647-6685

Also in the February 7, 1975 Reminder, the correct telephone number for New Member Joseph F. Bachman is 851-8235.

Members should correct their Handbooks as indicated above.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Clarence W. Kraft

March 19, 1975 - Ford Museum - Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Mich.
Luncheon @ 12:45 P.M. - Soup, Salad, Ham Sandwich, Dessert, Coffee, Tea or Milk - \$3.50. Leave from The Community House - time to be announced.

Special Events (Cont'd)

April 10, 1975 - Luncheon - South East Oakland Vocational Center,
5055 Delemere.

PROGRAM FOR MARCH

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Speaker and Subject</u>
March 7	Chet Stokes	Movie 1974 World Series
March 14	Chet Stokes	Presentation by U.S. Steel Co.
March 21	Walt Myers	Talk by Mr. Al Dobbs, Corporate Services Personnel Manager, Michigan Bell Telephone
March 25	Walt Myers	Movie - "Golf High in the Canadian Rockies", featuring Susie Maxwell Berning, Professional Golf Star.

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 1975

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker & Subject</u>
April 4	Martin J. Caserio, Vice-President General Motors and General Manager Pontiac Motor Car Division. "An Overview"
April 11	L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Prosecutor. "The Parole System"
April 18	Howard Canfield, Special Consultant to Detroit Edison, Operation and Services Consultant to the Vietnam Power Co. (Member Senior Men's Club). "Experiences in Vietnam"
April 25	Robert E. Dewar, Chairman of the Board, S. S. Kresge Co. "The S. S. Kresge Co."

Program Chairman for April - Charlie Kass

DISCUSSION GROUP - Bill Wilson, Chairman

March 7	"Topics of the Week" - George Reid, Leader
March 14	"Has New York Stock Exchange Outlived Its Usefulness?" - August Hoefer, Leader
March 21	"Gems From the Bible" - Alger Crandell, Leader
March 28	"Pet Peeves" - Colin Grant 4 atters, Leader
April 4	"Free for All" - Coyle Fisher, Leader
April 11	"The Railroads" - Owen Goodrich, Leader
April 18	"How Secure is Social Security?" - Seward Lawson, Leader
April 25	"The Great Wall of China" - Jim Pottinger, Leader

THIS TIME IN 1959

At this time in 1959, Sam Fish, Chairman of our Entertainment Committee, arranged for us to see a "blow by blow" account of the building of the Mackinaw Bridge.

We viewed a sound movie, by Carl Sander, a resident of Birmingham, who worked on the project. The film showed what a tremendous Engineering Feat this was. Details of construction disclosed that many firms were engaged in the building and assembling of this structure - yet - it went together. Furthermore, it was finished on schedule.

Big Mack, and the building of it, is something which we all can be proud of.

Typed Feb. 22, 1975 by the Historian

CAMERA CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT - Philip C. Satterthwaite, Chairman

"Why Do You Take Pictures?" is the topic for the March 11 meeting of the Camera Club which will be held at 2:00 P.M. at the home of Owen Goodrich, at 6971 Limerick Lane in Troy. Owen is the leader for the day.

FEBRUARY CARD REPORT - Carl Schorn

There were 300 Bridge Players during the month of February for an average of 75 per session.

The top 10 scores for the month were:

1. L. Luger	4670	6. Walt Dreyer	4240
2. Emerson Brown	4560	7. Jim Peerenboom	4200
3. Carl Schorn	4460	8. Bill Renton	3990
4. Al Haines	4330	9. Carl Schorn	3950
5. Bill Hanlon	4320	10. Ernest Berger	3900

The top 5 averages for 4 games played in February were:

1. Carl Schorn	3330
2. Clarence Davey	2880
3. Les Stegg	2780
4. Earl Triplett	2740
5. Hiram Broadwell	2678

The top Pinochle score for February was 500 by Floyd Crouse.

PLEASE NOTE:

Free Admission to Senior Citizens

The play, "Our Town", at First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, March 8, at 2:00 P.M.

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JAX CAR WASH for Senior Citizens' Club. Show red, white and blue card and driver's license. Price \$2.00 instead of \$2.50.

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Alger Crandell voices an opinion the members have for their Club: "It is Heaven on earth. I have always been treated with kindness." We are sure that Alger has reserved for him a heavenly parking meteor.

Poster in a British travel agency - "Visit America's famous White House. See the colorful changing of the pickets."

Work like a dog; eat like a horse; think like a fox; play like a rabbit - and see your veterinarian twice a year. - James Molleran, Cincinnati Inquirer