

# T H E R E M I N D E R

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## PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER -- ROBERT W. WATSON, 2ND V.P., PROGRAMS

- Friday, Oct. 2: Speaker: Dr. Craig Marks, Executive Director, General Motors Environmental Activities Staff.  
Topic: "Clean Air and Common Sense"
- Friday, Oct. 9: Speaker: Charles M. Heidel, President and Chief Operating Officer, Detroit Edison Company.  
Topic: "Resume of Detroit Edison Developments Which Help Solve Energy-Related Problems" also "Energy Plus Tomatoes (The Greening of a Power Plant)!"
- Friday, Oct. 16: Speaker: LeRoy W. Beers, Vice President Engineering, Burroughs Corporation.  
Topic: "Corporate Migration - Reasons and Remedies"
- Friday, Oct. 23: Speaker: Robert B. Webster, Circuit Court Judge, Oakland County.  
Topic: "Do Liberal Court and Parole Decisions Contribute to our High Crime Rate?"
- Friday, Oct. 30: Speaker: Edward Yatsko, Manager Product Development, Research and Development, Shell Oil Company.  
Topic: "Energy Source Alternatives - A Realistic Evaluation"
- Friday, Nov. 6: Speaker: Tim Rooney, Recruiting - Detroit Lions.  
Topic: "Recruiting for the Lions"

## DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS -- BILL WILSON CHAIRMAN

- Friday, Oct. 2: "Detroit Science Center"  
Henry Merker, Leader
- Friday, Oct. 9: "What I Miss Most of All in Retirement"  
Bill Stockwell, Leader
- Friday, Oct. 16: "Hang Gliders"  
Glen Smith, Leader
- Friday, Oct. 23: "U.S. Political Systems: The World's Best Can Be Improved"  
Mardy Polaner, Leader
- Friday, Oct. 30: "Movies of M & M's Visit to China"  
Murray Stewart, Leader
- Friday, Nov. 6: "Know Your Heart"  
Art Newman, Leader

DATES TO REMEMBER: Tuesday, October 6 - Golf Banquet - 6:00 PM  
Tuesday, October 13 - Executive Board - 10:30 AM  
Tuesday, October 13 - Camera Group - 2:30 PM  
Saturday, Oct. 24 - Harvest Ball - See Page 4

THE REMINDER

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A PAIR OF CORRECTIONS BY THE EDITOR

In last month's REMINDER, and in my absence, our imaginative assistant editor announced that I was away because I had won round-trip, first-class tickets to Phoenix. They were coach seats, Ernie. But the flight was delightful, going and coming. Alyce had entered our names at two local travel bureaus and both were unusually happy to serve seniors: American Express Travel Bureau, 185 S. Woodward, and DeFoe Travel, 1550 N. Woodward, are staffed with very fine people. And Republic Airlines employees knocked themselves out with service. I had no problems with my walking handicap. My relatives in Phoenix gave us a royal time, including a trip to the Grand Canyon. This brings us to the SECOND CORRECTION: Last year, the REMINDER stated that you could write to Washington, D. C., for a Golden Age passport that admits senior citizens to any national park. We never wrote for one. However, at Grand Canyon National Park the attendant looked in at me and the three others in the car, asked if I was a senior citizen, and on getting the answer, waved us on in, free of charge. It seems you don't have to write in advance to get a Golden Age passport. They are available at all national park entrances. THE REMINDER is happy to make this correction.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER NEWS -- PAUL MORTIMER, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

On September 4, Dean Brown, here from Florida, attended our Friday meeting and on September 11, Paul Turner and Grant Barber (two more Floridians) were with us. Those two meetings were at the First Presbyterian Church. At our first meeting since July at The Community House, September 18, Jim McCubbrey joined us. Jim was Recording Secretary in 1977-78, and became an Associate Member when he moved to California. He brought the news that he was married in June. Congratulations, young fella.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Associate members celebrating birthdays during October are Frank Hudson, Richard Mange and Paul Turner. As usual, it is a pleasure to send them our best wishes.

"ON THE OTHER HAND" DEPARTMENT

From the maxims of Ernie Nathan: "There's a difference between good sound reasons and reasons that sound good."

On the other hand, our Conservative Viewpointer, Seward Lawson advises: "Have a reason and not an excuse for buying stock."

25TH ANNIVERSARY COMING SOON

In January, 1982, our club will have completed its 25th year. Your Executive Board is already engaged in planning festivities suitable for the occasion, which will be celebrated throughout the spring to give our returning snowbirds a chance to join in the fun.

In connection with our anniversary THE REMINDER will publish salutes to certain of our older members who have performed services diligently for many years. Information is now being gathered.

HEALTH SUGGESTIONS FOR SNOWBIRDS -- PAY 1982 DUES BEFORE LEAVING

Jack Decker, Treasurer, says 1982 membership cards are now ready. So, before you fellows migrate to the warm places, why not see Jack at the next meeting and pay your 1982 dues. Think of the health advantages in doing so! It relieves you of worrying about your dues while sunbathing. No dunning notices will arrive in the mail! Dues have not been increased . . . . yet.

BEST GOLF SEASON ENDS - BANQUET OCTOBER 6 - RAY SWARTZ, CHAIRMAN

The 1981 golf season ended on a beautiful sunny September day with 66 golfers on the tees . . . the same number which opened the season April 16. We only had two rainouts -- April 23 and September 17. We averaged 72.18 golfers each Thursday, with two weeks of 81 and one of 80 players.

Nelson Jones improved his handicap by 10 strokes. Murray Kennedy was closest to the pin on No. 6 hole with a shot one inch from the cup. (If he had better playing partners they could have shaken the green enough for it to fall in.)

Hockey Melikian had the lowest handicap of 10, which means he averages 39-plus per round. Clyde Craine and Marcel DeSmet had 13 (41), Tex Thorsen, John Spomer, Tom Stolberg, and Ed Norris had 14 (42 per round), Ed Howell 16 (43), Leon Lytle, Dick Rassel, Chick Holmes, and Bill Barr had 18 (44). Clem Cykowski and Lyle Oviatt had 19 (or 45) -- and then there were the rest of us.

The committee wants to thank L. Sturgeon, L. Angevine, M. DeSmet (2), M. Kennedy (2), L. Lytle, C. Schorn, B. McKelvey, J. Reeves, T. Thorsen, T. Stolberg, J. Spomer (2), A. Underwood, C. Holmes, T. Spehar, and A. Burgott for donating their closest-to-the-pin winnings, all of which went for prizes. R. Swartz was the tournament winner with a corrected score of 64. Paul Mortimer, Tony Spehar, and Walt Dreyer tied for second with 66's. The committee takes this opportunity to thank all the golfers for their excellent cooperation -- for indeed it takes just that to get 81 golfers teed up in two hours.

GOLF BANQUET at The Community House: Social hour 6:00 p.m. (cash bar)  
Dinner at 7:00 p.m. -- Tuesday, October 6.

The Golf Committee: Ray Swartz, Chairman, Hockey Melikian, Co-chairman,  
John Spomer, George Howell

SPECIAL EVENT

HARVEST BALL

SPECIAL EVENT

Senior Men's Club Dinner Dance at The Community House

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1981

Happy Hour: 6:30 P.M. Cash Bar      Dinner: 7:15 P.M.

Music By:

|              |               |              |                |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Count Basie  | Glen Gray     | Harry James  | Glenn Miller   |
| Jimmy Dorsey | Benny Goodman | Sammy Kaye   | Vaughan Monroe |
| Tommy Dorsey | Woody Herman  | Guy Lombardo | Russ Morgan    |
|              |               |              | Artie Shaw     |

Tickets: \$8.50 each person

FINE ART PRINTS TO BE SHOWN BY CAMERA GROUP AT OCTOBER 13 MEETING

Tom Halstead, owner of the Halstead Gallery, 560 N. Woodward, Birmingham, will make the presentation at the Camera Group's meeting Tuesday, October 13, at 2:30 p.m. in the Girl Scout room of The Community House.

He will discuss the modern trend in contemporary photo prints being shown in the field of fine art photos, and will illustrate his talk with prints. Tom is a Vice President of the New York City Association of International Photographic Art dealers, and a member of the Detroit Art Dealers Association.

SEPTEMBER BRIDGE REPORT -- CHARLES E. BLACK, CHAIRMAN

There were 304 Players for the 4 weeks in September for an average of 76 Players per week.

10 Highest Scores

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| 1. Larry VanTuyl  | 5030 |
| 2. Elmer Bailey   | 4820 |
| 3. Dick Beaubien  | 4600 |
| 4. Elmer Haack    | 4420 |
| 5. Bob Trees      | 4090 |
| 6. Nelson Jones   | 4040 |
| 7. Henry Krigner  | 3980 |
| 8. Frank Reynolds | 3930 |
| 9. Larry Keim     | 3890 |
| 10. Otto Thomsen  | 3770 |

10 Highest Averages

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| 1. Nelson Jones   | 3160 |
| 2. Larry VanTuyl  | 3085 |
| 3. LeRoy Snell    | 2810 |
| 4. Bob Trees      | 2720 |
| 5. Frank Morton   | 2650 |
| 6. Frank Hanson   | 2550 |
| 7. Al Voss        | 2510 |
| 8. Les Wilder     | 2480 |
| 9. Larry Keim     | 2440 |
| 10. Corlis Watson | 2420 |

Low Score during this period: 470 by Earl Triplett.

T There was one Grand Slam and 13 Small Slams.

MORE BOWLERS WANTED TO JOIN THE MONDAY CROWD - M. DeSMET, CHAIRMAN

Bowling started September 14, and although 38 bowlers showed up the first day, and 39 the second week, Marcel DeSmet isn't happy -- not yet. There's room for more. The situation so far:

Team 6 and 7 are tied for first place with 9 points.

High three games: Team No. 6 - 1733.

High single game: Team No. 7 had 640.

High single for first two weeks: C. Breitmeyer with 218.

High three games for first two weeks: M. DeSmet with 541

Mystery games won in September by M. Kennedy and C. Richards.

Chairman DeSmet says "Good luck to all. Come out, join in the fun." Monday at Birmingham Bowl, 9:15 a.m.

SUN COAST CHAPTER WILL GREET SNOWBIRDS IN MARCH

For the information of the snowbirds who'll be leaving our glorious Michigan climate -- make a note in your calendar that the Sun Coast Chapter of the Senior Men's Club will meet for its annual winter luncheon on Friday, March 12, 1982, at the Country Club of Sarasota. That's in the same vicinity as our previous meetings at Davey's Locker. Directions will be included in a later REMINDER. Bill Smith will again handle reservations for the luncheon. Arrangements for golf will also be made which will be covered in later bulletins.

(Reported by Bob Watson)

1982 COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND DRIVE -- CHICK HOLMES, CHAIRMAN FOR SMC

In anticipation of the annual southern exodus of SMC members, I'm taking this opportunity to advise you of the 1982 Fund Drive goals.

The total goal has been placed at \$115,000 -- an eight percent increase over 1981. The targets or goals for SMC members are:

|                   |   |                                    |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Regular members   | - | \$33.00 (Av. for 1981 was \$33.75) |
| Life members      | - | \$35.00 (Av. for 1981 was \$37.86) |
| Associate members | - | \$24.00 (Av. for 1981 was \$20.13) |

In 1981, nearly 98% of our regular members contributed, 54% of Life Members, and 45% of Associates. I hope that we can surpass those figures in 1982.

Pledge cards are mailed via third class mail and are not forwarded to your winter address. So -- get your pledge card from me before you leave. Send them in after January 1 (or earlier to earn a double deduction in 1981).

Let's have everyone contribute in 1982!

--Chick Holmes

CHESS TEACHER WANTED: The Community Education coordinator of Bingham Farms School is seeking the services of a senior adult to teach a class of children the game of chess. The class takes one hour per week for a ten-week period. Compensation will be paid for the service. Interested persons may call Pat Foster at 540-3686.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATIONNew Members

|                     |      |          |                                  |
|---------------------|------|----------|----------------------------------|
| BARWICK, Rodney B.  | 9/81 | 626-5469 | (CLIP OR WRITE INTO YOUR ROSTER) |
| 5917 Eastmoor Rd.   | B    | 48010    |                                  |
| BARTLAM, W. Gerald  | 9/81 | 644-8915 | Abbreviations are on Page 15     |
| 811 Jonathan Ln.    | BH   | 48013    | of your handbook.                |
| BURGE, Frederick L. | 9/81 | 646-1122 |                                  |
| 3960 Far Hill Dr.   | BH   | 48013    |                                  |

Resignations

FORTENBAUGH, Cowden. Joined in January 1976.

Transferred to Associate Member

SIMPSON, James F. Joined in September, 1977

New Address: 100 Bluff View Drive  
Apt. 304A  
Belleaire Bluffs, Fla. 33540

CORRECTIONS IN LAST MONTH'S NEW MEMBER LIST:

In the September REMINDER, new member Clayton F. Doan's name came out Dean. Please correct your roster. It's Doan with an "o".

And Robert Hadley's street was misspelled. It's Wetherby (no "a").

BOARD REPEATS MEETING REQUIREMENTS -- SETS 10:45 CHECK-IN DEADLINE

At the September Executive Board meeting it was decided to remind our members of the rule explained in this publication last year (and mentioned by the chair at other times): Attendance at a meeting means being at the entire meeting from the opening at 10:30 until the lunch break. And members must attend at least 10 meetings a year.

In order to make this rule more effective it has now been decided to close the name card racks and the lunch card rack at 10:45 a.m. This won't make any difference to most of our members. It will affect only the few who come simply to play cards or have lunch.

BASCC SERVICE FOR SENIORS - BY FRANK MORTON, SMC REPRESENTATIVE

The Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council operates an information and referral office in the Derby School, 1300 Derby Road, Birmingham. Some of the many services that are available are home visitors to the homebound elderly, transportation to doctors, hospitals, banks, grocery stores and other errands, assistance in obtaining a home companion or housekeeper and other home maintenance. Additional information can be obtained regarding all aspects of senior housing such as retirement homes and nursing homes. For the above mentioned services, please call 642-1040.