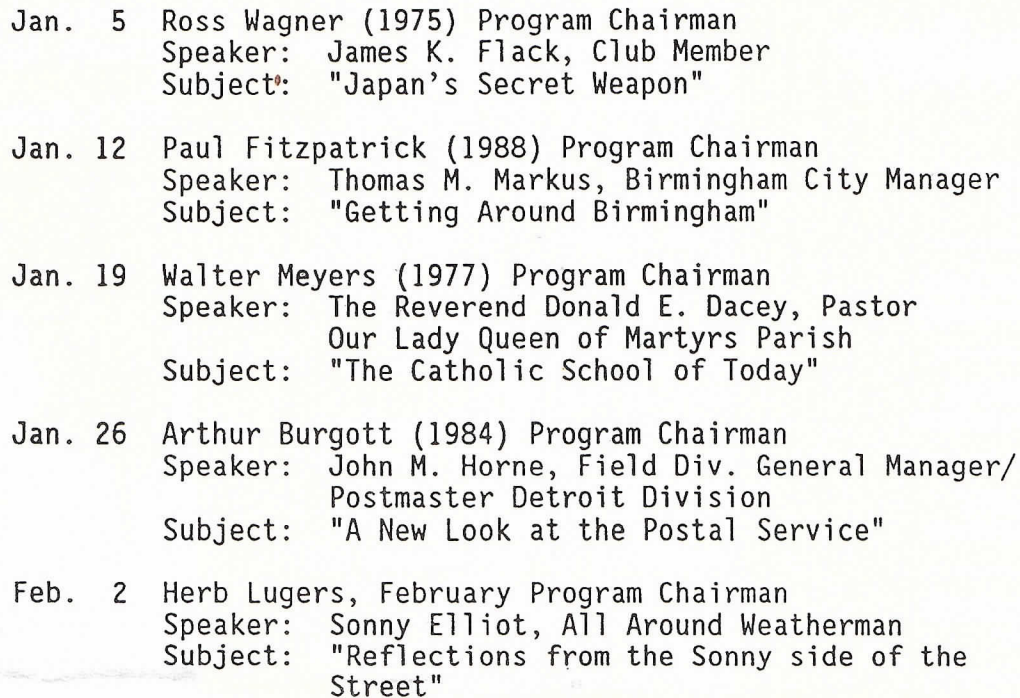


The Reminder

PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY, 1990 - PAST PRESIDENT'S MONTH ART BURGOTT, CHAIRMAN

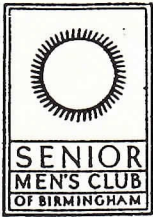
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- Jan. 5 Ross Wagner (1975) Program Chairman
Speaker: James K. Flack, Club Member
Subject: "Japan's Secret Weapon"
- Jan. 12 Paul Fitzpatrick (1988) Program Chairman
Speaker: Thomas M. Markus, Birmingham City Manager
Subject: "Getting Around Birmingham"
- Jan. 19 Walter Meyers (1977) Program Chairman
Speaker: The Reverend Donald E. Dacey, Pastor
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish
Subject: "The Catholic School of Today"
- Jan. 26 Arthur Burgott (1984) Program Chairman
Speaker: John M. Horne, Field Div. General Manager/
Postmaster Detroit Division
Subject: "A New Look at the Postal Service"
- Feb. 2 Herb Lugers, February Program Chairman
Speaker: Sonny Elliot, All Around Weatherman
Subject: "Reflections from the Sonny side of the
Street"

DISCUSSION GROUP SCHEDULE JIM FLACK GENERAL CHAIRMAN

DATES TO REMEMBER		JANUARY 5	JANUARY 12	JANUARY 19	JANUARY 26	FEBRUARY 2
Investment Study Group - Jan. 10 2:45 p.m. at The Community House.	"Stolen Election" - Jack Clemons, Leader	"Opening Doors" - Frank Angelo, Leader	"My Hobbies" - Bob Hagemeyer, Leader	"Super Carrier Abraham Lincoln" - Ed Conley, Leader	"Serendipity" - Bud Angevine, Leader	Make a date see/hear/enjoy
Tuesday Bridge at The Community House						"OH KAY" Jan. 31, 2 p.m. Birmingham Theatre
Camera Club - Jan. 9 2 p.m. at The Community House.						Executive Board meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Community House.

February Chairman is Paul Fitzpatrick

NEXT REMINDER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 19



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HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME TO THE 90'S! (I THINK)

The question came up recently in Bob Greene's Free Press column. With the year 1990 upon us, will it be the end of the 80's or the beginning of the 90's.

The experts disagree. Dr. P. Kenneth Seidelmann, Director of the Nautical Almanac office in Washington, D.C. says that "the first year was not a year with a Zero. It was year One. One B.C. went directly to One A.D. There was no year Zero in between." Thus, 1990 will not be a part of the 90's.

However, Michael Reed, Managing Editor of Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., goes the other way. "The beginning of the decade will be January 1, 1990. You look for a decade to have 10 years. So, the last day of 1990 is the completion of the first year of the decade. I'm using logic rather than an analysis of an ancient calendar.

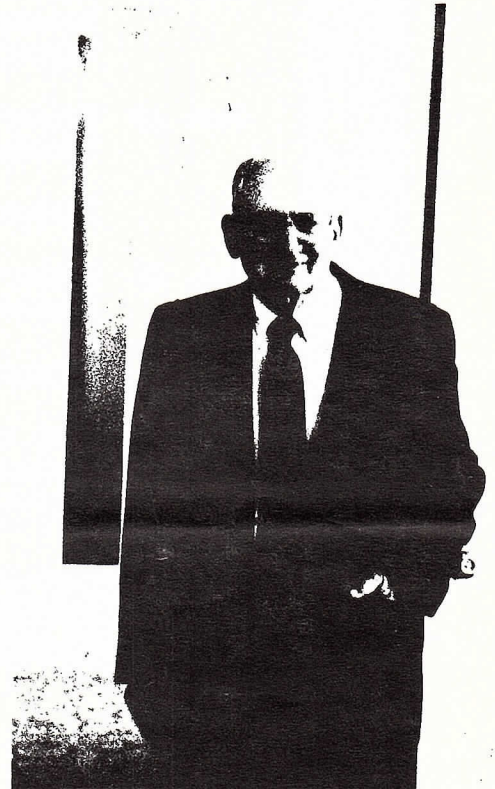
Now, it's Dr. Gernot Winkler's turn. He's Director of the time service department at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. "I will admit it's difficult to comprehend, but the decades and centuries - they all begin on the first day of the year One. If you have to be correct, the decade of the 90's begins on the first day of January, 1991.

And so it goes....

All that won't deter me and Mama from our regular New Year's Eve routine. We'll be sitting comfortably in our snugly warm studio in from of the 25" box watching that big yellow ball descend slowly to that magical moment in Times Square when

January 1, 1990 arrives and a hundred thousand jam-packed observers scream their delight, sip bubbly and break their newly pledged resolutions. In the background, Guy Lombardo's music.

Let's dance.



Blaine Gordon, having served last year as First Vice President, moves to the top administrative position as President of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. His staff consists of Charles W. Williams, First Vice President, Henry Dawkins, Second Vice President, Robert W. Lotz, Recording Secretary and Richard P. Beaubien as Treasurer.

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To err is human, but to really louse things up takes a computer.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Many thanks to all who have paid their 1989 pledges to the Annual Operating Fund and the Capital Campaign Fund. If your 1989 pledges have not been made, please do so as soon as possible. Questions about the status of your pledges may be directed to me or Chris Nightingale at The Community House, phone 644-5832.

--Gene Hess

SPECIAL EVENTS - JANUARY

On Wednesday afternoon, January 31, at 2:00 pm, the Senior Men's Club will be able to attend the classic Gershwin musical, "Oh Kay" at the Birmingham Theatre. This is a prohibition era, roaring twenties play with Gershwin music that will keep you humming long after the play is over. The special group price is \$9.50 per person. Give your spouse or friend a happy afternoon. Applicants are welcome.

--Don Clark

CAMERA GROUP VIEWS THE BALTIC NATIONS

The Baltic Nations - Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia - are in the forefront of the news coming out of Eastern Europe. While they were swallowed up at the end of World War II and are a part of the USSR, they have retained their strong nationalistic feelings. The United States has not recognized this seizure, and so it is correct for us to refer to them as nations.

The Camera Group will see scenes from the first two of these nations in "My Father's Land", presented by Stan Skaistis on Tuesday, January 9, 2 pm, at The Community House, repeat, Community House. All members, applicants and girl friends are invited.

TIRED OF SPARROWS? WANT A CHANGE?

Try a tube feeder for small birds - fill with sunflower hearts. This will attract house finches, chickadees, nuthatches, red breasted nut hatches, pine siskens and the ever popular titmice.

BE CAREFUL, YOU MAY GET FLEECE!!

There've been a few tips given about keeping warm in bed through the winter. Available are the usual electric blankets, down comforters and heating pads that run in cost from seventy dollars to five hundred forty dollars for the heavy-weight king sized kind. However, for the "purist" like you and me, look what they came up with now, a HOT WATER BOTTLE!! shaped like a sheep, lamb, bear and lion with a fuzzy coating. These fleece fabric types retail for fourteen to eighteen dollars. A small price to pay to bring warm comfort to your tender tootsies. I think I'll wait until they fleece my rubber duckie!

--The Constant Shopper

ANNUAL HOSTESS LUNCHEON BLAINE GORDON, LEADER

As we gave voice in the spirit of Christmas, the hostesses marched in and the program was underway. They were seated and in front of every setting was a tiny reindeer. The handiwork of craft and workmanship of Henry Dawkins, whose assembly of random branches and twigs turned an art form extraordinaire.

The honorees were served by a select group of members smartly dressed in the holiday colors under the watchful eye of Donald Dawson. After Santa (Art Roller) presented gift certificates, a light pro-

gram was offered by the Banjo's of Michigan. The luncheon service was flawless and the occasion would be a memory.



CHRISTMAS BASH

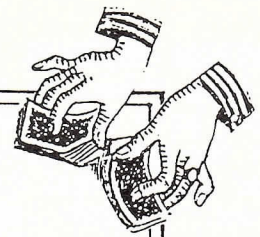
When it comes to hawking a promotion for the Annual Christmas Banquet, the membership has never seen one like Art Burgott's walk-around the auditorium with Jim Leece, second tenor of the Grunyon Group. as they walked arm-in-arm, they bantered a few commercials for tickets. The crowd roared approval and ticket sales rose to SRO proportions.

The banquet itself was a predictable success in the able hands of Art and Mary Burgott, Dick and Mary Henne, John and Pat Wenstrand, Bob and Betty Hagemeyer. The wives acting as pin-ups (corsages). Bill McLaren and Henry Krigner created table decorations with the effortless magic of David Copperfield. A small Christmas tree with battery operated lights cast a romantic holiday effect when the overheads were dimmed. A real blue ribbon affair! Take a bow Ladies and Gentlemen.



GAMES

MARCEL DE SMET
GENERAL CHAIRMAN



BRIDGE

It all starts with the clashing of tables and chairs and general clean-up to make room for the near silent concentration of that game known as Bridge. Up to twenty or so tables are set up transforming the face of the auditorium. The lights slightly dimmed as the players zero in on their cards in search of a decision to bid. They are a rare breed in love for the moment of their spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs.

Less than fifteen minutes elapsed since the last bit of cake and sip of coffee transformed the atmosphere to one of gamesmanship.

Henry Dawkins is in charge here along with his aide-de-camp, Edwin Clarke. And here is their report:

This report consists of four Friday meetings: November 10 & 17, December 1 & 8. There were 264 bridge players (120 contract and 144 Duplicate).

CONTRACT BRIDGE

7 HIGHEST SCORES

Marcel DeSmet	4210
Tex Buttrill	3530
Bert Henderson	3470
Bill Hanlon	3390
Don McNair	3210
Roy Hawkinson	3170
Larry Van Tuyl	3150

10 HIGHEST AVERAGES

Marcel DeSmet	2887
Bert Henderson	2400
Carl Schorn	2310
Bill Hanlon	2280

Roy Hawkinson	2197
Larry Van Tuyl	2187
Larry Keim	2100
Don Murray	2087
Howard Hoffman	2042
Marsden Hubbard	1930
Small slams: 6N Phil Werner & Roy Hawkinson; 6N Don Murray & Henry Dawkins	

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

FIRST PLACE SCORES:

Harry Orton	72.0%
Ben Ewing	70.5%
Ed Clarke	66.0%
Dick Heldt	65.0%

SECOND PLACE WINNERS:

Zac Endress
Wilbur Wood
Jim Peters
Henry Bardsley

THIRD PLACE WINNERS:

Harold Merkel
Bob Bentz
Larry Marchetti
Irwin Peterson

FOURTH PLACE WINNERS

Bob Hebert
Jim Crabb
Neil Van Hatteren
(Jim Johnson)
Tied (Ben Root)
(Harry Cyphers)

Small slams: 6N Herb Christner & Dick Heldt; 6N Ben Root & Bob Smith; 6N Harry Cyphers & Bill Allshouse; 6S Martin Wider & John Steele; 6H Martin Wider & Henry Bardsley; 6H Harry Orton & Chase Cooper

BOWLING

January 8th will be the end of the first half of our bowling season, and the bowling members of this

league would like to give thanks to Ann and Mary Fran from the General Office Department for their time and effort to produce and print our weekly bowling sheets.

January 8th we will have our position roll-off to determine the final standings for the first half of the season.

The present leaders are Team #9 with 35 points, Team #2 with 33, Team #1 with 29½ and Team #8 with 28. It looks like First place is up for grabs.

Less Swanson has the highest single bowling game this season, striking the pins for a 257 count, followed by Jim Corey's 244 game and Virgil Smith's 238 game.

Les Swanson is also leading with a 3 game High Series of 596, followed by Ed Hoagland's 594 and Ray Swartz's 592.

Team #2 has the highest single game, scrambling the pins for a 738 game. Team #7 has the high series games totaling 2041.

We have 3 bowlers who have consistently been knocking the pins into the pit for high averages. they are Jack Trudell - 173, Art Byington - 173 and Bert Henderson - 172. We'll have to promote these 3 bowlers to the major leagues next season.

Happy New Year. We are looking forward to the second half of the season to be as equal or better, if possible. "Think Bowling"

--Fran DeGrand, Chairman

GOLF

We are a long way off to the Golfing season and we must be aware that our bones are getting more brittle and the muscles softer making them more prone to injury. That means to take it slowly, and the best idea yet is to start at the Golf Dome. So says our Games Czar, Marcel DeSmet. Arrangements are made for every two weeks of practice. The dates are announced at every meeting so jot them down and get out there. Remind yourself to start slowly and get more swing gradually. You can be in med-season in April at the Springdale Farms and Country Club. We have a pro looking on occasionally to help. This is a difficult and complex game to play. You may be practicing a bad swing and not know it. The pro will gladly help you get back on track. It's important you attend regularly for your own good. Of course, golf has other redeeming rewards. It's good exercise especially if you are able to walk the course and it's a good way to get from doing the windows at home. You're also outdoors in the sunshine and in the most beautiful landscaping you will see all year. Most importantly, you get a chance to smell the flowers along the way.

HERE'S THE 1990 SCHEDULE FOR GOLF UNDER THE DOME

The first session at the Golf dome will be Thursday, Jan. 4, 1990, at 9 a.m., lasting until 11 a.m. It's \$7 for each day you attend. The pro will be there to teach and help every member.

The dome is at 29601 John R, just north of 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights. The schedule:

Jan. 18 (2nd meeting)
Practice only

Feb. 1 Pro in attendance
Feb. 15 Practice only
Mar. 1 Pro on hand
Mar. 15 Practice only
Mar. 29 Practice only
--Marcel DeSmet, Chairman

APPLICANTS GOLF LEAGUE

Give yourself a belated Christmas gift. Pay your applicant's golf fees now and avoid the spring rush.

The golf dome opens this month (see schedule above) so we will soon be teeing it up at White Lake Oaks.

Make checks payable to "Senior Men's Club of Birmingham" for \$85. Marcel DeSmet or Joe Steele will be happy to act as bankers for you.

Think golf. Hope birdie. Pray par.

--Joe Steele

A HOMER FOR SPOMER

The membership again responded to John Spomer's plea to help the Oakland County Children's Village. "Remember", he said, "this jug can handle as many fives, tens and twenties as it does ones." And did it ever! To a record breaking **ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS!!** Once again the Senior Men's Club showed their charitable hearts for this event. Last seen, John was heading for the parking lot, his feet never touching the ground and wearing his ear-to-ear smile.

--The Constant Observer

INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP

The Investment Study Group had one of its finest meetings on Dec. 13, 1989. Donald Richardson of Roney & Company was the speaker. For those who missed the meeting, he gave us at least 14 stocks that he thinks will perform well.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 1990, at 2:45 p.m. at

the Community House, repeat, Community House.

The chairman will be Bob Lotz and the speaker will be Kenneth S. Janke; his subject will be "NAIC and the Individual Investor".

--Bill MacLachlan, Chairman

N O T I C E ! !

IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT: A HOBBY, A CAUSE, A GRIEVANCE, AN EXPERIENCE, A SPECIAL INSIGHT: THE DISCUSSION GROUP PROVIDES A SUPERIOR FORUM. PLEASE CALL JIM FLACK, 644-7644 OR PAUL FITZPATRICK, 644-1022

Three things stand out in my mind concerning membership in the Senior Men's Club. They are:

1. My official retirement date and application date was July 1, 1973. I was inducted in October, 1973. Don't you new applicants wish you could expect the same "long" wait,
2. About one year later S.O.B. (Sweet Old Bob) Watson talked me into taking over his Special Projects job to spearhead SMC fund raising for the Community House. Had a lot of fun on that job because of the great cooperation of members and applicants and,
3. Scoring an 11 on the Par 3 6th hole at Springdale and receiving a memorable trophy (courtesy of George Winborne) I took 8 strokes to get out of the sandtrap.

It has been a great 16 years! So many fine people.

--Chick "Go Blue" Holmes

A reminder by Walt Meyers that the membership dues be examined and paid up before January 15 or else you have problems.

**SENIOR MEN'S CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM
1990 SCHEDULE**

JANUARY	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	5	12	19	26	30
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	2	9	16	23	
FEBRUARY	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	2	9	16	23	
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	6	13	20	27	
MARCH	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	2	9	16	23	30
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	6	13	20	27	
APRIL	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	6	13	20	27	
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	3	10	17	24	
MAY	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	4	11	18	*	29
	BRIDGE	TUESDAYS	1	8	15	22	
JUNE	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	1	8	15	22	29
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	5	12	19	26	
JULY	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	6	13	20	27	
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	3	10	17	24	
AUGUST	NO MEETINGS - ANNUAL PICNIC - WHEN FARMER TELLS BRUCE SMITH THAT CORN IS READY						
SEPTEMBER	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	7	14	21	28	
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	4	11	18	25	
OCTOBER	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	5	12	19**	26**	30
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	2	9	16	23	
NOVEMBER	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	2	9	16	*	30
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	6	13	20	27	
DECEMBER	REGULAR MEETINGS	FRIDAYS	7	14			
	BRIDGE ONLY	TUESDAYS	4	11	18		

* NO MEETING THIS WEEK

** COMMUNITY HOUSE MAY CANCEL OCTOBER 19 OR 26

HOSTESS DAY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1990
CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1990

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE JANUARY, FEBRUARY &
MARCH MEETINGS WILL BE AT THE METHODIST CHURCH
BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY HOUSE REMODELING.
TUESDAY BRIDGE WILL CONTINUE AT COMMUNITY HOUSE.

1990 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS



A thru F	G thru L	M thru R	S thru Z
Jan. 5	Jan. 12	Jan. 19	Jan. 26
Feb. 2	Feb. 9	Feb. 16	Feb. 23
Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23
Apr. 6	Apr. 13	Apr. 20	Apr. 27
May 4	May 11	May 18	June 1 *
June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28 *
Oct. 5	Oct. 12	Oct. 19	Oct. 19 *
Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 30

* The Club does not meet on May 25 or Oct. 26. There are no meetings in August. Applicants are not eligible to attend December meetings.

Special Birthday Greetings to Life Members David Stamy, who will be 93 on Jan. 17; Paul Ulrich, 93 on Jan. 25 and Don Murray, 90 on Jan. 27. Congratulations Gentlemen!

Associate Member Birthdays: Guy Galyon and Sturgis Gregory on Jan. 1 and John Slater, Jan. 19

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR DECEMBER, 1989

Became a Life Member: John P. Stefan, who joined in Jan. 1972.
Reinstated as an Active Member: Paul Cusick, who was on leave of absence.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR 1989
New Members

Black, John S.; Blessed, Charles W.; Bond, Kenneth E.; Bush, Edward J.; Caputo, Vincent J.; Cooke, William Alston; Cooley, Paul John; DeGrande, Francis; Endress, Zachary F.; Erwin, John H.; Eyth, William M.; Feintheil, Eugene E.; Finley, Jack W., Jr.; Frailey, John F.; Hagemeyer, Robert W.; Hameister, Richard A.; Herrmann, William J.; Lhyle, Richard H.; Loviner, Jack; MacDonald, John A.; McCullough, Jack D.; McEachern, Donald K.; Merkel, Harold F.; Newcombe, Jack;

Odom, James R.; Peters, Herman W.; Reiff, Irv B.; Rieker, William L.; Roberts, Thomas W.; Simpson, Clyde N.; Taomina, Philip; Talbot, Cash; Tetrault, Joseph A.; Thomas, Richard J., Jr.; Trudell, Jack; Twietmeyer, Harold

Became Life Members

Graham, Franklin; Duncan, Russell; Nobes, Norman; MacLellan, John; Minor, Lance; Bachman, Joe; Kaegi, Ed; Bechtel, Charles; Wilder, Les; Larzelere, Bob; Hudson, Frank; Stefan, John

Resignations

Bass, Lemmie; Carroll, Thomas J.; Huntoon, Charles H.; Kaczmarek, Arthur A.; Kreasky, John T.; Lewis, Kenneth C.; Lynch, Edward J.; McPartlin, Raymond F.; Murphy, Frank X.; Scheiwe, Ewald Hans; Thompson, Charles A.

Deaths

Alexander, J. Reed; Beauvais, Albert L.; *Braisted, LeRoy; *Bryant, Vernon C.; Burns, George R.; *French, Howard; *Grant-Watters, Colin; *Henshaw, Trescott A.; Hollingshead, Pell;

Kass, Charles B.; Kyker, A. Glenn; *Losie, Willis E.; Mentzer, Charles A.; *Nicholas, Reginald; *Nobes, Norman; Olsen, Merritt W.; Osborne, James W.; *Peck, Victor L.; Poole, James H.; Salley, Charles A.; Shout, Howard F.; Tetrault, Joseph A.; Thompson, Milton M.; *Thurman, Roy L.; Worthley, Leland N.; DeWitt, Frederick (Associate)



Karl Mathiak, 73, was Vice Chairman of the Visitation and Health Committee. He was a retired GM engineer on the Manufacturing and Development staff. He was married to his wife, Olga, for 49 years.

