

The Reminder

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MARCH 1993

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: JAMES J. GORMAN

5 Speaker: J. Martin Rowell, Director of Technology Planning, Allied-Signal Automotive
Subject: "International Overview of Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems"

12 Speaker: George P. Hanley, P.E.; Retired G. M. Engineering Executive and Educator
Subject: "Perceptions and Reality in Automotive History"

19 Speaker: Kay Price Huberty, Certified Nutrition Consultant
Subject: "Let's Take the 'Nut' Out of Nutrition"

26 Speaker: Robert L. Stephenson, M. D., Ophthalmologist
Subject: "Misconceptions of Cataract Surgery"

APRIL CHAIRMAN: CARL F. SCHORN

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NO MEETING

DISCUSSION GROUP

MARCH CHAIRMAN: DURAND BROWN

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| Mar. 5 | Durand Brown: | "New Military Equipment" |
| Mar. 12 | Jim Hincamp: | "Charles Darwin" |
| Mar. 19 | Bernard Ziessow: | "Trials and Tribulations of an Auditor" |
| Mar. 26 | John Spomer and Ed Hoagland | "Golf" |

Apartment Eyed for Expansion

A proposal for the purchase of the apartment house located on Townsend, behind The Community House, is under consideration. At the same time, it was revealed that Director Gale

Colwell will be devoting much of her time hereafter to building up a House Endowment Fund.

Ed Deer reported these developments to the Feb. 9 meeting.

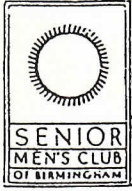
KEEPING UP WITH * THE SENIOR MEN

WE'RE IN THE BLACK -- Treasurer Gordon Henderson provides us with a comprehensive look at the Club's financial status in his annual report which appears on Page 5. Noteworthy is the fact that SMC wound up with net income of \$3,029 for 1992.

LIMITS LIFTED -- The SMC Executive Board has decided to change its mind on limiting the number of applicants that would be accepted during one year. Last year it voted to establish a 25-applicant limit. That no longer applies. Still in effect, however, is the restriction that a member who is the sponsor for three or more applicants on the waiting list cannot sponsor another applicant until his sponsorship on the list drops to two or less.

HEARTY GROUP -- It was the lowest attendance in some time on Feb. 12, but the 147 who showed up on a miserable morning of snow and cold suggests the depth of feeling for the club.

HISTORICAL NOTE -- With The Community House celebrating its 70th birthday this year, Frank and Betty Angelo have offered to put together a history of the House. If you have any anecdotes or other material that might be useful, please contact Angelo.



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An Acclaimed Comedy Drama To Be Next Special Event

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," an acclaimed comedy drama, will be featured as the Senior Men's Special Event for March.

The curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, at the St. Dunstan's Guild Playhouse on Lone Pine Road. The event is being co-sponsored with BASCC.

McMurphy (Jack Nicholson's role) is a hell raising free spirit whose adventures and rebelliousness in a mental ward put him in conflict with Nurse Ratched and institutional repression. His charm wins him the

loyalty of his fellow inmates in this funny yet moving story.

Tickets at \$10 each will be on sale at the Senior Men's meetings Feb. 26. The price includes refreshments during intermission and an afterglow. A shuttle bus will be available from the Christ Church parking area.

Members, applicants, their wives and friends are invited to attend this special event.

**Remember:
No Meeting
Friday, April 2**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 9 | Executive Board Meeting | 9:30 a.m. |
| March 9 | Camera Group Meeting | 2:00 p.m. |
| March 10 | Investment Group Meeting | 2:45 p.m. |
| March 18 | Golfers gather at The Dome on 12 Mile Road at John R 9 to 11 a.m. Charge: \$8 | |
| March 24 | SPECIAL EVENT ... "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," a comedy drama, at St. Dunstan's Guild Playhouse on Lone Pine at 8 p.m. Co-sponsored with BASCC. Tickets: \$10 | |
| April 1 | Another session for golfers at The Dome, with pro on hand | |
| April 7 | Computer Group Tour of Advanced Technical Center at Oakland Community College. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. | |
| BOWLING | Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes 9 a.m. | |
| BRIDGE | Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch | |

**ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED**

THE REMINDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1993

Senior Men Get an Earful on Plans for Schools

A crowd of between 275 and 300 Birmingham residents participated in a meeting to react to six options on how school district facilities should be used. The meeting was held at the Covington Middle School on Feb. 4.

The options were prepared by the Facilities Study Steering Committee and were based on input from participants in a community dialogue meeting held during November, 1992.

Investors to Hear About Planning With Spouses

"Financial Planning for Both Spouses" will be the topic for discussion at the Investment Group's next meeting March 10 at The Community House.

Ms. Marilyn Gunther from the Center for Financial Planning Inc., will be making a second appearance before the group. Last year she presented an excellent program for members and their wives.

This year she plans to focus on some case studies.

Meanwhile, the investors have virtually conceded the Stock Game victory for 1993 to Gene Roberts who cashed out the week of Feb. 8 with a net gain of an amazing \$70,000. Huge gains with his lead stock, Tandy Crafts, led him to this lofty status.

February also saw an interesting session with the Grady father and son team. Note should also be taken of the fine job Bob Fregolle did in leading the January round table discussion.

Participants included students, parents, residents, and staff members of the Birmingham Public Schools. Several participants were senior citizens of which some were members of BSMC.

One option would retain the status quo of 10 elementary, four middle, and two high schools. The five other options propose the closing of one or more schools, usually with some combination of all three school levels. One proposal would provide a campus arrangement for four elementary, two middle, and one high school.

Depending upon the option, savings from school closings would range from \$1.4 million to \$3.7 million and renovation costs would range from \$89 million to \$108 million. Participants were divided into small groups under the leadership of a facilitator from the steering committee. Each participant wrote his/her reaction to each option, then a group reaction was developed representing a consensus of the individuals.

The individual and group results were compiled by the consulting firm DeJong and Associates, Inc. and presented to the Facilities Study Steering Committee at the committee's meeting on Feb. 11. The results and the recommendations of the steering committee will be presented to the Board of Education at its regular meeting to be held on March 2 at the school administration building located at 550 W. Merrill in Birmingham.

The board has no timetable for making decisions on the results and recommendations, and decision-making may extend over a period of several years.

KEN NAGLEY
BSMC REPRESENTATIVE

House Ready For Annual Fund Drive

As it has happened for the past 70 years, another fund drive for The Community House is about to be launched.

Senior Men members and applicants will be receiving pledge cards early in March. The goal is \$220,000 and Chick Holmes and Dave Sayler urge one and all to return them with a check as soon as possible to get the drive off to a great start.

Already five members have donated \$460 (the '92 average) and one applicant has come through with \$50.

Remember, we hope to surpass the 1992 number of gifts and total amount of money given.

This old house is extremely important to our club.

Parties Planned For Celebration

A broad-based community committee, led by Sally Gerak, is putting together a series of events to celebrate The Community House's 70th birthday. Kickoff will be on April 28, the anniversary date, and a "traditional" Saturday night dance is set for November.

Keeping Track: New Member List Continues to Grow

So you may know them much better, The Reminder presents brief biographies of the most recently inducted members. It also helps to point up the variety of talents and interests that help to make Senior Men's Club so distinctive.

WILLIAM I. CHAPMAN

BACKGROUND -- Born in Iowa in 1921, graduated from Iowa State with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and from Chrysler Institute in 1943. Associated with Chrysler until 1964 when he joined Ford Motor for 10 years, and in 1974 shifted to Williams International where he is now working on cruise missile preliminary engineering design.

FAMILY -- He and wife Helen have two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren.

HOBBIES -- Photography and bridge.

SPONSOR -- Charles Williams

RICHARD O. RUPPEL

BACKGROUND - Born and raised in Detroit and moved to Bloomfield Hills in the mid 50s. Worked as a supervisor for Ex-Cello-0 Corp. for several years before establishing his own cutting tool firm known as Bor-0 Tools, Inc. in 1952. Sold

out after 34 years and retired in September 1986.

FAMILY - A widower with two daughters and two grandchildren. Established the Charlotte Ruppel Educational Fund for cancer patients at Harper Hospital as a memorial to his wife.

HOBBIES - Golf, bowling, jigsaw puzzles, and mounting and framing.

SPONSOR - Lou Randall

NORRIS F. LEE

BACKGROUND - A native of Harrisonburg, VA, he was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1949 with a BA in accounting. Was involved in the sale and installation of one of the first three Burroughs MICR check processing systems at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. Came to Birmingham in 1965 and joined the Burroughs corporate staff from which he retired in 1986. Served as worldwide marketing manager for printers. Military service was in the Navy as Aviation Storekeeper 2C.

FAMILY - Married Nancy Furry of Harrisonburg. They have two children, three grandchildren. Active in

First United Methodist Church of Birmingham.

HOBBIES - Golf, yard work, and swimming.

SPONSOR - Stephen R. Farkas

RICHARD POWERS

BACKGROUND -- Born in Terre Haute, IN and achieved Eagle Scout rating while attending Wiley High School. Later graduated from Indiana State where he played football and basketball. Retired from Acme Steel Co., sales and marketing, in 1986 after 44 years of service. Settled in Detroit area in 1962. Was a member of the JC's in Terre Haute.

FAMILY -- Met his wife Helen in college and celebrated their 50th anniversary in February. Their two children, Kathy and Jim, live in Troy and Grand Rapids, respectively. Active in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church

HOBBIES -- Bridge, travel, reading and gardening.

SPONSORS -- Bob Erdman and Durand Brown

JOSEPH CHALMERS

BACKGROUND -- Born in Argentina in 1915 and arrived in the USA in 1917. Graduated from Northwestern High in Detroit. Served in World War II and ended up as a Second Lieutenant in the 754th Field Artillery.

Joe and his wife Elsie have been self-employed in the dry cleaning business in this area for approximately 50 years. They retired in 1986.

HOBBIES -- Chalmers is pretty good at bowling and golf, also enjoys pinochle and backgammon.

SPONSOR: Robert Watson

TOO LATE

Lives of great men oft remind us
That they have made their lives sublime
And we, ourselves, might have, too,
Had we rightly used our time.

Paul Fitzpatrick, with some help
from H. W. Longfellow

**SENIOR MEN'S CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM
TREASURER'S REPORT -- YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992**

OPERATING FUND

Income

Membership dues earned		\$12,722
Lunches - sales	\$21,737	
- costs	<u>21,101</u>	636
Interest		507
Special events - net		<u>1,212</u>
Total income		<u>\$15,077</u>

Expenses

Community House		\$5,400
Donations		600
"Reminder"		2,400
Community House services		1,808
Operating expenses		530
Hostesses' Xmas lunch and gifts		1,156
Luncheon guests		<u>154</u>
Total expenses		<u>\$12,048</u>
Net income		<u>\$3,029</u>

Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	20,167	
Prepaid expense	<u>120</u>	
Total assets		<u>\$20,287</u>

Liabilities

Accounts payable	6,396	
Deferred 1993 membership dues	8,055	
Unredeemed meal tickets	<u>186</u>	
Total liabilities		\$14,637

Equity

Balance, January 1, 1992	\$2,621	
Net income	<u>3,029</u>	<u>5,650</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u>\$20,287</u>

MEMORIAL FUND

Income

Gifts	\$221	
Interest	<u>868</u>	
Total income		1,089

Expenses

Net income		<u>\$ 808</u>
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Balance Sheet

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$18,270	
Accrued interest	<u>62</u>	
Total assets		<u>\$18,332</u>

Equity

Balance, January 1, 1992	17,524	
Net income	<u>808</u>	<u>\$18,332</u>
Total equity		<u>\$18,332</u>

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Gordon C. Henderson
Treasurer

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Auditor

Senior Women Ready to Launch Another Club

Thanks to all of you who did such a great job spreading the word about the formation of a Senior Women's Club. We

Look at Bosnia Is on Tap for Camera Group

The March Camera Group Meeting will feature the areas of Athens, the Island of Crete and the walled city of Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia.

The presenter, Ralph Smith, is a skilled photographer, scholar and retired executive from General Motors.

He has served the Camera Group faithfully for 15 years as an officer.

This presentation is particularly timely as much of it is in the area of the Bosnian War. You should not miss this one.

All members, applicants, wives and guests are cordially invited.

Tuesday, March 9, at 2 p.m. Right here at The Community House.

28 Couples Enjoy Valentine Party

Ask Harry Cyphers about the Valentine Day luncheon and bridge and he'll tell you, "It was successful and enjoyable."

Twenty-eight couples were on hand, and Joe and Margaret Glinski took first place; Dick and Helen Powers, second; Don and Ruth Doty, third, and Art and Helen Burgott, fourth.

It all happened Feb. 17 at The Community House.

have had a terrific response and continue to receive membership applications. At this time the task force is in the process of organization so the activities can begin. The nominating committee will meet next week to begin the process of

Board selection, the interest groups will be formed within the next several weeks and a membership will be confirmed. Everyone is very pleased and thanks the Senior Men's Club for all the support.

CHRIS NIGHTINGALE

What My Faith Means To Me

When I don't know where to turn
When I can't find the way
I stop and pray. God leads my steps.

When I know I'm right
When no one will listen to me
I stop and pray. God gives me humility.

When I'm lonely and blue
When I feel all alone
I stop and pray. God holds my hand.

When I'm sharp and critical
When I judge others
I stop and pray. God gives me compassion.

When I see suffering and pain
When I watch friends die
I stop and pray. God gives me comfort.

When I feel unequal to the task ahead
When I'm too tired to go on
I stop and pray. God gives me strength.

When my heart is weary
When I feel defeated
I stop and pray. God gives me courage.

When life seems too hectic
When I don't have time to think
I stop and pray. God gives me His peace.

When my heart sings with happiness
When life seems full of flowers and sunshine
Do I stop and give thanks for the joy He has given me?

Ethel Mary Maunder Rawley 1991
Written when she was dying of cancer
Read by Dr. Roger Tilden of St. James Episcopal Church
at her memorial service 8-8-92

Hoagland Team Wins Big to Build Its Lead

The bowling league is nearing the midway point of the second half of the season, and Team No. 2 is building up a terrific lead.

On Monday, Feb. 15, we had our first position round, and Ed Hoagland's Team No. 2, with Bob Erban, Frank Hilton and John McDonnell were in first place with 22½ points. Ray Swartz's Team No. 6, with Ed Neill, Murray Kennedy and Fran DeGrande were in second place with 18 points.

On position day total disaster fell upon Ray Swartz's team. They lost all 4 points to Ed Hoagland's team, and Hoagland was not even there to participate in the massacre (maybe, with Ed there, we could have taken a point or two).

Team No. 4, captained by Bert Henderson, hurtled over Team No. 6 into second place with a total of 20 points.

Since the previous Reminder issue there has been only one change in the standings, and that was the high team category. Team No. 3, with members Norris Wetters, Harry Mitchell, Paul Fisher and Bob Babcock, took over third place having rolled a 709 game.

Banquet April 27

Don't forget to mark your calendars with our bowling banquet day, Tuesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. at The Community House. More information will be forthcoming.

FRAN DeGRANDE
CHAIRMAN

It's Tee Time for Golfers Awaiting April 15 Start

Preparations are continuing apace for the start of the golf season, tentatively set at Springdale on Thursday, April 15.

Cost of play is due to be set in early March.

The drawing for starting times will be March 12 by our immediate Past President Henry Dawkins. Facetiously all times will be from 9:01

til 10:00 a.m.? (Sorry, I just had to get that in.)

We have 21 foursomes at this time which makes the last tee-off time 11:18 a.m. We do have tee-off times until 12:31 p.m. which is room for 10 more foursomes. Over the years we have had 17 foursomes with a high of 22. We will go with 21 plus the committee's foursomes. Keep in mind that all who come to the course will get to play.

The time of play for nine holes has been over two hours. Let's see if we can lower that time by closely following the rules of the etiquette of golf.

Looking forward to a great year and a special invitation to the new members to join the fun and fellowship at Springdale.

Applicant League Fee Set at \$115

Sign-up sheets for the Applicants Golf League which tees off at White Lake Oaks Monday, April 26, are posted on the bulletin board.

Applicant sign-up will be open until April 1. Thereafter regular SMC members will be signed up on a first come first served basis as openings are available.

Applicants only should send their check for \$115 made out to Senior Men's Club and sent to Jim Peters, 19800 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, 48025. Regular members will pay their fee when notified that space is available.



Bridge report for the period ending Feb. 17:

Contract averaged 19 players with Baylor Sutton leading the scorers with a 3280.

Others in the top 10:

Ray Pletcher	3052
Chris Davenport	2987
Henry Dawkins	2913
Art Burgott	2705
Carl Schorn	2543
Bert Henderson	2525
Don Wagner	2465
Herb Lugers	2463
Joe Kern	2460

Six small slams were recorded, two each in clubs, diamonds and hearts, and one in spades and no trump.

Duplicate averaged 48 players. The four top scorers were:

Henry Schlacter	67.0%
Jim Peters	66.7%
George Hilfinger	66.3%
Sid Smith	65.0%

Twenty-four small slams were made.

DON WAGNER
DON McNAIR

Computerites To Tour Tech Center Layout

Two important events in April have been scheduled by the Computer Group, with no meeting set for March.

On Wednesday, April 7, the Computerites will take a trip to Oakland Community College, Advanced Technical Center, which is located on the OCC's Squirrel and Featherstone Road campus.

The 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. session will include a presentation of the Advanced Tech Center's mission, a demonstration of new computer design, and a tour of the facility.

Attendance is limited to 25. Sign-up sheet will be in the library March 5, along with maps to direct you to the Center.

The Group goes back on its normal schedule with an April 21 meeting that will feature "Wood" Lotz, son of our Senior Men's Club president.

Wood is head of his own firm which designs and sells software to worldwide industry. He attends the various trade meetings and conventions so is well situated to update the Group and discuss the future computer scene.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

1993 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

A - F	G - L	M - R	S - Z
Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26
Apr. 9	Apr. 16	Apr. 23	Apr. 30
May 7	May 14	May 28	June 4
June 11	June 18	June 25	July 30
July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Sept. 3	Sep. 10	Sep. 17	Sep. 24
Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	Oct. 29
Nov. 5	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 19

No meetings April 2, May 21, Oct. 22, Nov. 26, or the month of August.

Applicants cannot attend any December meetings.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Joe Shaffer, Life Member, will be 92 on Mar. 14

DEATHS:

Raymond J. Green, who joined in June 1977
 Walter F. Dreyer, Life Member, who joined Feb. 1967
 Donald A. Murray, Life Member, who joined Jan. 1969
 Raymond Morgan, Life Member, who joined in Sept. 1971

RESIGNED:

Dean Johnson, who joined in Feb. 1988. Was on leave of absence

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Henry Krigner, who joined in July 1977
 Ray Ewell, who joined in Nov. 1981

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POWERS, RICHARD 18200 Kirkshire (Helen)	1/93 BVH	644-2922 48025	Durand Brown
BRUMM, WAYNE P. 2624 Buckingham (Karen)	1/93 B	649-5153	Dick Knudsen