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PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: ROGER STRUCK

Picnic Set For August 5 At Pontiac

The Senior Men's Club picnic is scheduled for Friday, August 5. Tickets will be on sale at all July meetings at \$5.00. All members and applicants are invited. Sponsors please inform your applicants and help them obtain tickets in the event they do not attend the July meetings.

Festivities get underway at the cooking pit at about 10 a.m. It is requested that on arrival everyone report to table by the cooking pit and get a name tag.

How to Get There
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The chairman, Bob Hagemeyer, advises he has an experienced cooking crew. The early morning coffee and doughnuts should be ready by 10:30 a.m., and there will be unlimited availability of hot dogs at picnic time.

Bridge will commence as soon as you find your foursome. Remember - bridge players must bring their own chairs and card tables. The bridge committee will provide cards and scoring aids.

Immediately following our picnic lunch there will be a discussion group at the water's edge. While the Yacht Club does have some chairs and benches, for maximum comfort you might consider bringing your own favorite picnic chair.

Computer Group To Get Answers

A round table discussion and an effort to solve your problems will be on the agenda for the Computer Group's meeting on Wednesday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m. at The Community House.

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| 1 | Speaker: | Barry A. Franklin, Ph.D.
Director Cardiac Rehabilitation, Beaumont |
| | Subject: | "Exercise: The New Risk Factor for Heart Disease" |
| 8 | Speaker: | Chris Edwards, TV2 Weatherman, Anchor and Meteorologist |
| | Subject: | "The Highs and Woes of a TV Meteorologist in the 90's" |
| 15 | Speaker: | Donald P. Hilty, Corporate Economist
Chrysler Corporation |
| | Subject: | "An Economic Update" |
| 22 | Speaker: | Irvin E. Poston, Manager-Polymer Composites
GM Tech Center |
| | Subject: | "Recycling the Automobile" |
| 29 | Speaker: | Robert Foreman, President
St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, Pontiac |
| | Subject: | "Medicare/Medicaid Update" |

SEPTEMBER CHAIRMAN: BOB FREGOLLE

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| 3 | Speaker: | Jon Coon, Timber Buyer |
| | Subject: | "Privatization of Community Services" |
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Discussion Group

GENERAL CHAIRMAN - H. JEAN BATTS
JULY CHAIRMAN: GENE SPARROW

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| July 1 | Thomas W. Roberts | "Return to Our Yesterdays" |
| July 8 | John Greenhalgh | "Bureaucrats and Bombs" |
| July 15 | Norris C. Wetters | "Newfoundland Today" |
| July 22 | Emmons Smith | "Handgun Control" |
| July 29 | William Fognini | "Oakland County Roads" |
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Hoagland Produces 1-2 Punch -- A 37 at Springdale and . . .

Two hundred and 55 rounds were played by Senior Men golfers on Fridays at Springdale between May 29 and June 15, despite weather that rampaged from cold and windy to very hot and humid.

Don Clark produced a couple of 37s, a score that was also matched by Ed Hoagland, Jim Leese and Gorman Bean.

Scores of 45 and under included:

39 Joe Maertens

40 Don Clark, Ed Hoagland, Norris Lee

41 H. Peters, Joe Maertens, Wilbur Wood, Ed Hoagland, Corman Bean

42 J. Peters, Virgil Smith, Dave Zimmer, Joe Chalmers, Phil Bloyer, Bob Fregolle, Ed Hoagland

43 Joe Chalmers (2), Bob O'Bringer, Jim Cameron, Phil Bloyer, Joe Steele, Jim Leese, Bill Quinlan

44 Les Swanson, Nate Mills (2), J. Lowman (2), Carl Neppach, John Spomer, Bob Fregolle, John Wenstrand, Jim Peters

45 Bill Quinlan, Bill Isherwood, Joe Chalmers, Bob Bentz, John Spomer (2), Bill McLaren, Carl Neppach, Brad Ballard, Bernie Ziessow, Phil Bloyer, Herm Peters

Closest to the pin leaders were Nagley at 6 feet 1 inch, Lowman at 19 feet 3 inches and Hoagland at one foot 8 inches.

Birdie shooters included Hoagland (2), Clark, J. Peters, Lee, Chalmers, Steele and Maertens.

. . . Another at White Oaks

The 42 barrier was finally broken in Applicant Golf League play with Ed Hoagland producing a 37, a feat he has also accomplished while playing in the regular Thursday competition at Springdale.

Other scorers at 45 or under at White Oaks included:

41 J. Chalmers, J. O'Callaghan

42 Phil Bloyer (2), J. Peters

43 D. Straight (2), D. Anderson

44 D. Haeck (2), B. Jordan, P. Bloyer, D. Anderson (2)

45 J. O'Callaghan (2), M. Binkley (2), J. Spomer

Closest to the pin winners included: F. DeGrande at 27'3 inches and D. Johnson at 7 inches.

Birdies were chalked up by D. Haeck, J. Strang, E. Hoagland, J. Chalmers, R. Straight and R. Jordan.

Play was rained out on Monday, June 13, but someone provided a golf one-liner: "What is the only sure way to make a par?" asks one golfer. "Leave a five foot birdie putt one inch short," replies another.

Dates to Remember

July 12	Executive Board Meeting	9:30 a.m.
July 20	Investment Group Meeting	2 p.m.
Aug. 5	SPECIAL EVENT ... The annual picnic at the Pontiac Yacht Club. Details on Page One	
BRIDGE	Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch	
GOLF	Senior Men's League at Springdale on Thursdays	8 a.m.
	Applicants' League at White Oaks on Mondays	8:30 a.m.
ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED		

THE REMINDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 1994

Trio Provides Pleasant View of History

BY GEORGE LUMSDEN

Before the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham was, they were there. No, that's not doubletalk -- just a reality nicely related by three guests at our June 17 meeting.

At Art Burgott's invitation, Betty Blenman, Elaine Dobson and Carol Hollingshead engaged in some reminiscing about the very beginnings of SMCB. And what delightful stories they told of those days in 1956-57!

Betty Blenman recalled how a retiree from New Jersey came to The Community House Board asking for a room that a few senior men might kill time in once a week. These old guys had been coffeering at the counter at the Kresge store and wanted more room and more time to talk.

A basement room was available and the men moved in. Just a few at first, then the word got around. So the program proceeded from coffee to lunch, and the ladies -- all young women at the time -- not only consented to serve lunch, but to make it. The charge was outrageous - 50¢ for sandwich, cake and ice cream. Does the menu, at least, sound familiar?

Elaine Dobson told how when the club-to-be totaled only 17 men, they used to have picnics, and the ladies not



Betty Blenman, Elaine Dobson and Carol Hollingshead tell of Club's history

only made the meals but also opened their homes and backyards for the events. Everything was strictly informal -- nobody wore a suit or tie and the organization wouldn't have existed if it weren't for the young ladies who sort of treated the oldsters as though they were their fathers.

Carol Hollingshead recalled how the men were always known as "Mr.," never by first names. There were, she said, some very interesting characters. Smoking was in vogue those days, and some men smoked cigars; the basement meeting room became a veritable haze.

Early meetings were merely luncheon get-togethers, no speakers, no set programs. They did play cards, and

Carol told how she used to sit in for bridge or pinochle on occasion. Oh, yes, and for rugged physical activity, a shuffleboard court was built at the side of The Community House.

In all, it was a short but delightful interlude. Host Art Burgott MC's the presentation with his typical kindly humor.

As one member of the audience was heard to remark, "The past is always more fun than the future. At least you know what happened -- no guessing. Besides, at our age there were more yesterdays than there can be tomorrows."

Now, why'd you have to bring that up?

How to Locate The Picnic Site

The Pontiac Yacht Club is at the south end of Keego Harbor on Cass Lake. To get there drive north on Telegraph Road and proceed to Orchard Lake Road. Turn left (west) and proceed 1.8 miles. You will pass the Keego Harbor Theatre and at the next traffic light make a right turn. Immediately after your turn, you will see the Pontiac Yacht Club sign.

There will be parking attendants to wave you down and direct you to a good parking space. Because of limitations in parking area, it is suggested we car pool as much as possible.

One Stock Does It for Knudsen

Richard Knudsen came up with the answer to winning in a volatile stock market situation.

"It takes one stock to make the difference," he said, explaining how he managed to turn his \$100,000 stake into \$130,059.28 in a matter of weeks to take first place in the Investment Group's stock game.

His winner was a company called 3Com, a firm with the ability to develop and sell complete system solutions for

computers. He "bought" at 29% and saw it soar to 59% by the end of the contest.

Knudsen said he studied various experts' selections in making his pick.

Applicant Bill Corba with a total of \$127,054.15 and perennial contender Henry Merker with a net of \$25,930.15 followed Knudsen in the stock game.

Thirty participated. Only 11 came up with a "profit" this year.

Camera Men Challenged to Be More Aware

There won't be another formal meeting until September, but Senior Men Camera Group members will be "on assignment" all summer, based on a challenge issued by Chairman Carl Freeman.

Freeman said he will award a prize to the shutterbug who comes up with the "best alphabet" collection by the time of the next meeting.

For example, the face of a clock could be an "O", tree branches might produce a "Y", and any number of other situations can produce everything from A to Z.

Freeman said, "I'm trying to have our members be more aware of the photographic opportunities there are around them."

He didn't reveal what the prize would be, but it will go to the member or applicant coming up with the most interesting "alphabet" collection.



The bridge report covering a period from April 29 to June 10 produced the following results:

CONTRACT bridge averaged 19 players and leaders over the extended period were:

John Wenstrand	2740
Carl Schorn	2700
Jeanette Blanchard	2700
Mary Lou Cooper	2638
Lloyd Sturgeon	2495
Carol Hollingshead	2440
Art Burgott	2422
Marty Hubbard	2345
Don McNair	2343
Bob Lotz	2305

There were no slams.

DUPLICATE bridge averaged 40 players and the leaders for this extended period are:

Harry Cyphers	66.3%
Mike Best	65.6%
King Ruhly	63.9%

There were no grand slams, but many small slams, all made on June 10.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

JIM BAYNES, Life Member, will be 94 on July 17
 ART LANE, Life Member, will be 93 on July 21
 GEORGE SNIDER, will be 90 on Aug. 5
 JOHN HOFFMAN, Life Member, will be 93 on Aug. 15
 BILL HYLAND, Life Member, will be 94 on Aug. 31

TOOK LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

KEITH ALCORN AND NORM ALLSTON

ASSOCIATE MEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

July 16 - Bob Montgomery
 July 17 - Grant Barber
 July 24 - Stan Fiol

DEATHS:

GERALD BARTLAM, Life Member, who joined in Sept. 1981

1994 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

<u>A - F</u>	<u>G - L</u>	<u>M - R</u>	<u>S - Z</u>
			Jul. 1
Jul. 8	Jul. 15	Jul. 22	Jul. 29
Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23
Sept. 30	Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 28
Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 18

No meeting during the month of August, Oct. 21, or Nov. 25. Applicants are not eligible to attend December meetings.

INTRODUCING A SPEAKER

It is usual for a person who speaks to an audience to be formally introduced. This is a reasonable custom, but one much abused.

It is mostly a matter of courtesy or etiquette, particularly when the speaker is known to the audience. In any case, it is not an important part of the program.

It is a gross breach of courtesy to speaker and audience to waste time that should be available to the speaker.

It is fatuous to use the introduction to display the cleverness and rhetorical skill of the introducer.

An overdone recital of the speaker's accomplishments and honors is intolerably useless and boring. In general, the more important or renowned the speaker, the less need be said about him.

The speaker should be hailed simply, clearly, respectfully, gratefully, enthusiastically, and BRIEFLY.

PAUL FITZPATRICK