

The Reminder

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PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY -- CLEM CYKOWSKI, CHAIRMAN

- Friday, Feb. 1 - Speaker: Kyle D. Kiefling, Air Traffic Control
Manager, Oakland/Pontiac Airport
Subject: "The Eyes and Ears of Aircraft Control"
- Friday, Feb. 8 - Speaker: Pete Waldmeir, Columnist, The Detroit News
Subject: "People I've Known"
- Friday, Feb. 15 - Speaker: Bob Hadley, Photographer - Senior Men's
Club
Subject: "Sights of Vancouver"
- Friday, Feb. 22 - Speaker: L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County
Prosecutor
Subject: "Capital Punishment"

MARCH PROGRAM CHAIRMAN -- CARL SCHORN

- Friday, March 1 - Speaker: Harvey Poloni, Plant Manager,
International Salt Company
Subject: "Salt City Beneath Detroit"

General Chairman for the Discussion Group in 1985 is D. W. Groves

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS

Al Beauvais, February Chairman

- Feb. 1 "Our Precarious Life
Zone"
Al Beauvais, Leader

- Feb. 8 "Financing the Civil War"
Jack Clemons, Leader

- Feb. 15 "Star Wars ??"
Durand Brown, Leader

- Feb. 22 "An Over-View of the
Development of the
Christian Church"
Wardley McMaster, Leader

- Mar. 1 "Some High Points of the
Italian Renaissance"
Clem Cykowski, Leader

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m.
Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2:00 p.m.
Camera Group

Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2:45 p.m.
Investment Study Group

Thursday, Feb. 28
Free Press Tour, See Page 3

March 7 - Florida Party
See Page 3

NEXT REMINDER DEADLINE:

Friday, February 22

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CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION ENABLE SOME TO GET LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Changes in amendments to the Constitution of the Senior Men's Club, approved January 18, will be of help to a member who is ill or faces a long period of absence, and is unable to attend meetings. By applying to the Executive Board, he can be granted a leave of absence. The amendment changes were posted on the bulletin board for two meetings and voted on by the membership at the regular meeting of January 18. Here are the changes:

Article 3D - Leave of Absence

Active members, who are unable to attend meetings due to extenuating circumstances, may apply to the Executive Board for a leave of absence. If granted, in lieu of regular dues, an annual fee of \$6.00 starting at the next calendar year will be required.

Article 3E - Return to Active Membership from Leave of Absence

When wishing to be reinstated as an active member, the person on leave of absence must request approval by the Executive Board, and if granted, he will fill the first vacancy available and pay a \$9.00 fee to assume regular dues.

Article 3 - Membership

- - - The size of the club shall be limited to 375 active, dues-paying members excluding active members on leave of absence.--

FUND A CHAIR PROGRAM -- ROY HAWKINSON AND CHICK HOLMES

We are now almost three weeks into our "Fund a Chair Program" to help finance the purchase of 300 new inter-locking, well-padded folding chairs.

Initial response has been GREAT! - 135½ chairs and \$5,420.00 as of January 29, 1985. 100% participation would be wonderful.

Roy and I are very hopeful that all members and many applicants will join those of us who have already given. Thank You!

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE -- BOB MCKELVEY, CHAIRMAN

Milton Henderson, as leader of the February Special Events program, has scheduled a tour of the Detroit Free Press editorial offices, on Thursday, February 28. During the tour, which lasts about one hour, we will visit the City Room, The Way We Live, Photography, Features, and the Composing Room. We will meet in the lobby at 321 Lafayette at 11:00 a.m. Cars may be parked and locked outdoors (in the Metro Garage) on the north side of Lafayette. Carpooling is suggested. After the tour we will lunch at the Pilot House, 211 W. Congress, about three blocks away. The cost is \$6.00 which does not include parking. The tour is limited to 45. Camera Group, note the tour includes the Photography Department.

For those who plan ahead, the March Special Event is a guided tour of the Detroit Institute of Arts and lunch, March 20.

CULTURE, CULTURE, CULTURE . . . CAMERA CLUB -- BOB HADLEY, CHAIRMAN

The Camera Group meets Tuesday, February 12, at 2:00 p.m. at The Community House. The subject is "Camera Forum." According to Webster, "Forum" is a cultural program involving an audience or panel discussion. Our panel will consist of Paul Fitzpatrick, Cliff McClew and Bob Hadley. Bring your camera and equipment; if you are having trouble, we will try to help. If your camera is broken, we will tell you where to go . . .

SMC FLORIDA ACTIVITIES -- BRUCE SMITH, CHAIRMAN

Bruce has worked hard to make it possible for SMC members to meet and enjoy each other's company in Florida. The results of his "REMINDER" questionnaire indicate 22 men are interested in continuing SMC activities during the winter months. Most of those indicate a preference for the West Coast. Most prefer one luncheon meeting per winter. As for the program, most would like time to become better acquainted rather than listen to speeches or music.

Bruce has this in mind as he has set March 7 as the luncheon day at The Pier in downtown Bradenton. (The Pier, a dining landmark on Memorial Pier overlooking the beautiful Manatee River.) Cash bar is at 11:30 a.m. and luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Friends are welcome. The lunch cost, an option, varies from \$8.00 to \$10.00. Bruce would like your reservation by mid-February, by March 3 at the latest. No-shows will be assessed later for any charges encountered. Contact Bruce Smith at 16 Red Maple Terrace, Sarasota, Florida 33577, or phone (813) 957-3195.

All Associate and Active members are welcome, as well as applicants.

REMEMBER March 7, THE PIER, Bradenton and to contact Bruce Smith. Friendly Bradentonians or Bruce will direct you to The Pier. Docking privileges are available for the sea travelers.

GOLF DOME ACTIVITIES ARE UNDER WAY -- MARCEL DeSMET, CHAIRMAN
 (The Golf Dome is at 29601 John R, just north of 12 Mile Road)

On January 10, 35 golfers came out for practice and on January 24, 38 men appeared at the Dome. This is a very good start -- let's keep it up.

On February 7 there will be two pro's on hand for lessons.
 On February 21 there will be practice only.
 On March 7 the two pro's will again be available for lessons.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, including those on the membership waiting list. If you wish to attend, please contact Marcel DeSmet. The cost per day is \$5.00 per person.



BOWLING - THE SECOND HALF IN UNDER WAY -- JIM REEVES, CHAIRMAN

Attendance in January was up and down, with the Big Freeze accounting for the down. One attendance casualty was Jack Decker, who had a perfect bowling attendance record dating back to September, 1981! Sorry to see that fine record come to an end. Average attendance for the month was 48.

A brisk battle is shaping up for the second-half title, with 3 teams having led or shared the lead. After 3 weeks Team #7 is in 1st place, Team #6 is in 2nd, ½ point back and Teams #8 and #12 are tied for 3rd, 1½ points off the pace.

Our good bowling scores of the first half have carried over to the new year. Individual high during January were (Games) Chet Lopata 233-214-211, George Kurche 217 and Bert Henderson 211; and (Series) Chet Lopata 658 (high for the season), Henry Sulewski 559 and Ray Swartz 555. Team #6 bowled a 2016 series, which ties the high series for the season.

We had five new bowlers during the month. They were; Tom Bedford, Ron Blanchard, Fran DeGrande, Carl Neppach and Len Shorter. We are pleased to welcome these bowlers to the league. Also, the welcome mat is still out for any other bowlers, including those on the Waiting List, who would like to come out and join in the fun.

BOWLING BALL AND SHOES AVAILABLE

Mrs. Earl Lakin has requested that Earl's bowling ball and shoes (Size 8½, almost new) be given to any SMC Member who could use them. Contact Jim Reeves, 646-2288.

INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP -- MURRAY HAYWARD, CHAIRMAN

John Kerns, of the International Division of Comerica Bank will speak on "International Fund Investments and Their Effect on Wall Street" at the meeting of the Investment Study Group of SMC at The Community House, Wednesday, February 13, at 2:45 p.m. All members and applicants are invited. These sessions run from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

At the March 13 meeting the speaker will be Amelia Turcotte, of Kidder, Peabody and Company. Her subject will be "Bonds and Other Fixed Income Investments."

ASSOCIATE MEMBER NEWS

Grant Barber sent, along with his dues, a comment on THE REMINDER: ". . . which Carrie and I both enjoy reading. She is a former Hostess." She was indeed a hostess for our Club for several years until the Barbers moved to Seven Springs, Florida, five years ago. But they are obviously keeping up on the action up here. And enjoying the weather, too.

Another Associate who sent kind words about THE REMINDER is Dean Brown, who says he likes to follow the activities of the Club. He goes on to say "I wish I was able to attend. Your programs always sound interesting." So . . . Program Chairmen, take a bow.

We have no recent complaints from William S. T. Renton, up there in Cloquet, Minnesota. But his town made a national TV news program. They showed an out-of-this-world gas station designed by a disciple of Frank Lloyd Wright, just built in Cloquet. It has a big second-floor lounge for customers. Bill, would this be the location of your senior men's group?

Associate Member birthdays in February are: February 4, Bill Schelawske; February 18, Bronson Allan.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS OUT --
GOES ONLY TO ACTIVE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Copies of our 1985 Directory, with its handsome red and silver cover, were distributed at our January 18 meeting, and are still available from Walt Meyers at all regular meetings. Walt keeps a careful record of who got them. Active members should apply to him for a copy, and associate members may write to Corresponding Secretary Bill Brown, if a copy did not arrive in the mail.

Don't lose your copy. The roster of members is confidential information.

Walt and his staff were given a hand of applause at the meeting for the work of compiling and checking all the names and information in the book. The cover design is by Member Clem Cykowski, who is also responsible for our new club logo. And the printing is by courtesy of the City of Birmingham, Department of Public Service.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SENIOR MEN'S CLUB FOR 1984
Prepared by Russell E. Smith, 1984 TREASURER

Cash Balance	December 31, 1983	\$ 8,062.65
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	Net Increase	<u>\$ 2,504.40</u>
 <u>NET RECEIPTS</u>		
Lunches		\$ 2,064.40
Dues and Initiation Fees		4,183.00
Applicant Fees		408.00
Special Events		468.17
Interest		761.46
Memorial Fund		55.00
		<u>\$ 7,940.03</u>
 <u>NET EXPENSES</u>		
Typing and Copying		\$ 2,132.74
Community House Pledge		2,100.00
BASCC Donation		100.00
Misc. - Stamps, Stationery, Insurance, Supplies, etc.		714.29
Christmas Luncheon for Hostesses and Staff		769.00
Memorial Fund		119.60
		<u>\$ 5,935.63</u>
	GAIN	\$ 2,004.40
 <u>PREPAID DUES</u>		
December 31, 1983	\$ 2,185.00	
December 31, 1984	2,685.00	
	Net Increase	<u>500.00</u>
	Increase in Cash Balance	<u>\$ 2,504.40</u>

SENIOR INCOME TAX ADVICE IS FREE -- (Information from BILL McLAREN)

Five locations in or close to the Birmingham area are now open to help seniors with their income tax returns without charge. The counselors are members of AARP, trained by IRS. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the days shown.

Mondays	at	McDonnell Tower, Southfield
Tuesdays		BASCC, Pierce School
Wednesdays		Troy Community Center, Troy (10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
Thursdays		Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham
Fridays		First United Methodist Church, Maple Road, B'ham

1985 GOLF LEAGUE -- A BULLETIN FROM THE GOLF COMMITTEE

The Golf League has 26 starting times at Springdale Golf Course for 1985 season, beginning at 9:01 a.m. and ending at 11:56 a.m. These starting times will accommodate 104 golfers.

In 1984, 103 golfers signed up. An average of 72 or 70% played in the summer months. The Golf Committee anticipates an additional 30 to 35 golfers from the new members inducted in late 1984 and those inducted in 1985 before the 1985 season begins.

At the same rate of play, the additional golfers will fill up the available starting times.

The Committee urges golfers not listed in regular starting times to sign up to play in foursomes at the regular starting times still available.

Golfers who choose not to play in regular starting-time foursomes, are given a number at the sign-in table and are filled into foursomes as openings occur each week. Lengthy waits will sometimes occur.

Players in foursomes must sign in at least 15 minutes before their starting time. If a player is late signing in, his spot will be filled from the individual waiting list. The late player will be given a number and take his turn on the individual list.

A preliminary schedule is posted on the Bulletin Board. Add your name, either to the foursome list or the individual list.

With your cooperation, we, the Committee are hopeful that we can eliminate some of the trying times we have had in previous years and make golfing more pleasant for all.

Contact A. Ray Swartz or Marcel DeSmet if you have a question.

ACACIA PARK CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

Member Drayton McClelland has available six grave sites in Acacia Park Cemetery, owned by an old Birmingham resident who has moved to Florida. All six are available, or any part of them. Call Drayton, 644-9378, or see him at a Club meeting.

* * How do you know if honesty is the best policy unless you've * *
tried some of the others?

* * A man should work eight hours, play eight hours, and sleep * *
eight hours, but not the same eight hours.

COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND DRIVE -- BOB HADLEY & CHICK HOLMES, CO-CHMN.

The 1985 Fund Drive letters will be mailed in early February. This year's goal is \$175,000, a 17% increase over 1984. SMC Members and Applicants were very generous in 1984 with gifts that averaged nearly \$50.00 per donation. Because our mailing is via third-class mail that is not forwarded, please contact us for pledge cards and enclosure envelopes if you will be away in February and March.

Michigan Bell retirees gained The Community House a significant additional amount of money through the Michigan Bell Cultural Matching Gift Program. The recently announced new guidelines for the Michigan Bell Matching Program are:

"Under the new guidelines, employees contributions to eligible cultural organizations will be matched on an annual basis by the company within a range of \$25 to \$2,000 per individual. Currently the maximum amount is \$1,000.

In addition, we will be introducing a double match program. We will double match individual gifts up to \$100 per calendar year. Individual gifts beyond \$100 will be matched on a \$1 to \$1 basis."

Retirees from companies other than Michigan Bell may find their companies provide matching funds. Check with your personnel department.

SMC Members and Applicants, lets continue our outstanding support of The Community House, our second home.

JANUARY BRIDGE REPORT -- ROY SNYPP, CHAIRMAN

There were 257 bridge players taking part in the four Friday sessions. There were 13½ tables of duplicate bridge, ably conducted by Edwin Clarke. Of the 204 rubber bridge players:

<u>Ten Highest Scores</u>		<u>Ten Highest Averages</u>	
1.	John Maclellan 4280	1.	Larry VanTuyll 2860
2.	Don Murray 3910	2.	Elmer Bailey 2735
3.	Bert Henderson 3840	3.	Don Murray 2730
4.	Eldred Fish 3780	4.	Joe Henninger 2715
5.	Henry Dawkins 3630	5.	Otto Thomsen 2605
6.	Jerry Bartlam 3600	6.	John Maclellan 2567
7.	Joe Kern 3530	7.	Ross Wagner 2557
8.	Len Shorter 3490	8.	Marcel DeSmet 2550
9.	Dick Beaubien 3470	9.	Jerry Bartlam 2503
10.	Elmer Bailey 3390	10.	George Middleton 2495

There was a grand slam by Maclellan and Thomsen and 7 small slams. Six tables were active in each Tuesday session.

<u>1984 Ten Highest Scores</u>		<u>1984 Ten Highest Averages</u>	
1.	Kem Lewis 5750	1.	Carl Schorn
2.	Les Wilder 5520	2.	Jerry Bartlam
3.	Murray Kennedy 5410	3.	Les Wilder
4.	Bert Henderson 5240	4.	Jack Decker
5.	Larry Keim 5130	5.	Joe Henninger
6.	Carl Schorn 4990	6.	Murray Kennedy
7.	Les Wilder 4990	7.	Larry Keim
8.	Frank Hanson 4860	8.	Bill Kernan
9.	Carl Schorn 4790	9.	Bob Varnum
10.	Jerry Bartlam 4740	10.	Russ Smith

IN MEMORY

HIRAM BROADWELL, Life Member, died January 23. He worked with National Twist Drill and Tool from October 1911 to April 1959, retiring after 48 years. Hiram operated the Republic Gage Co., Detroit from 1960 until 1964. He joined our Club in March, 1966.

THOMPSON DARLING died January 2 at Age 84. He worked in the Bindery Division of the Detroit Public Library for 42 years. Thompson was a SMC Member for 14 years and was an avid bridge and chess player.

WILLIAM C. LADD died January 2 at Age 75; he was born in Michigan in 1909. Bill retired after 39 years with Michigan Public Schools; 21 years at Barnum Jr. High. He was an English teacher and also taught remedial English and speed reading. Bill was a graduate of Adrian College and received his Master's Degree from Michigan State. He joined SMC in November, 1976.

EARL L. LAKIN died December 28 at Age 77. He was a native of Detroit and retired from Michigan Bell after 43 years of service. Earl joined the SMC in September, 1970.

RUSSELL E. SMITH died January 4 at Age 80; he graduated from the University of Michigan and was employed at Michigan Bell from 1927 to 1968 when he retired as Personnel Manager-Engineer. Russ joined the SMC in September, 1971 and was Treasurer of the Club in 1983 and 1984.

LESTER J. STEGG died December 30 in California at Age 89. He was born in Michigan in 1895. Lester retired as a Plant Manager for Temp-Rite Products, a division of Rockwell Corp. He joined the Club in December, 1965 and was a Life Member.

MURRAY E. STEWART died January 3 at Age 73. Murray held various positions at U. S. Steel for 43½ years, primarily as metallurgist and in sales. He joined the SMC in March, 1972.

NEENAH BRAISTED, wife of our Life Member, LeRoy Braisted, died January 25. Neenah was a Life Member of the Birmingham Village Players. Services were held at St. James Episcopal Church January 28. Memorials may be sent to the St. James Memorial Fund, Birmingham.

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ABOUT MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In the financial statement for 1984 (which was completed by Russ Smith shortly before his death) there is an item identified as Memorial Fund. This fund is used for special purposes, such as that new clock which can actually be read from the speaker's stand. The money in the fund comes from individuals who give it to the Senior Men's Club in memory of a member who has died. For instance, we have already received contributions in memory of Russ Smith. The Club sends an acknowledgement of each gift to the contributor, for his records.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

<u>A thru F</u>		<u>G thru L</u>		<u>M thru R</u>		<u>S thru Z</u>	
Feb.	1	Feb.	8	Feb.	15	Feb.	22
Mar.	1	Mar.	8	Mar.	15	Mar.	22
Mar.	29	Apr.	12	Apr.	19	Apr.	26
May	3	May	10	May	17	May	31
June	7	June	14	June	21	June	28
July	5	July	12	July	19	July	26
Sept.	6	Sept.	20	Sept.	20	Sept.	27
Oct.	4	Oct.	11	Oct.	18	Oct.	25
Nov.	1	Nov.	8	Nov.	15	Nov.	22

Note: There is no meeting on April 5 or May 24. There are no meetings in August. In September there is no meeting on the 13th, so G thru L will double up with M thru R on the 20th. There are only two meetings in December; for which applicants are not scheduled.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES IN JANUARYBECAME LIFE MEMBERS

Matthew Cammarerie who joined in January, 1975
Donald A. Murray who joined in November, 1969

RESIGNATIONS

Schumaker, George B.
Hilliker, H. Chrysler

NEW MEMBERSSPONSOR

— HENNING, CHARLES G. 565 S. Glenhurst	1/85 B	646-1243 48009	Elmer Bailey
— MUNSON, RICHARD W. 7405 Parkstone Ln.	1/85 B	644-5193 48010	Steve Hammer
— SHAFER, CAMERON C. 32575 Lahser	1/85 B	647-0368 48010	Joe Bachman
— CLARK, ROBERT F. 2609 Kentmoor Rd.	1/85 BH	646-0390 48013	Carl Schorn
— ERHARDT, JOHN F. 1137 Ivyglen Cir.	1/85 BH	852-4143 48013	Vern Bryant
— RADFORD, J. RUSSELL 31115 Huntley Sq. E.	1/85 B	647-6392 48009	Dave Stamy
— CLARK, DONALD E. 740 N. Adams	1/85 B	646-2021 48008	Art Burgott
— RALEIGH, THOMAS E. 17127 Beechwood	1/85 B	646-3593 48009	Marcel DeSmet