

The Reminder

A Publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

PROGRAMS FOR NOVEMBER, 1989 -- DICK JEFFRIES, CHAIRMAN

Nov. 3 Speaker: DR. PHILIP LETT
Subject: "U.S. M-1 Tank Program and Allied Country Collaboration"

Nov. 10 Speaker: *THE BIRMINGHAM JUNIOR LEAGUE*
THOMAS R. STUMPO, Director, Sun Racer Pub.
Relations

Subject: "The G.M. Sun Racer Program"
SLIDE SHOW ENTITLED "BIRMINGHAM - NOW AND THEN"

Nov. 17 Speaker: JEFF KULESUS, Director, Pub. Relations
Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co.
Subject: "Genealogy: an Exciting Adventure"

Dec. 8 *X* Speaker: RICHARD HENNE, Club Member
Subject: "Memories of Christmas"

DECEMBER PROGRAM CHAIRMAN IS PAUL CARTER

CHUCK WILLIAMS - GENERAL CHAIRMAN, PROGRAMS

*DEC, 1 SPEAKER EUGENE ARDEN, PRESIDENT & DEAN OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
SUBJECT UNIVERSITY OF MICH. - DEARBORN
A SATELLITE CAMPUS IN ORBIT*

DISCUSSION GROUP SCHEDULE

Nov. 3 "Nuremburg Revisited"
Vincent Gilleo, Leader

Nov. 10 "Veterans Day"
Jim Flack, Leader

Nov. 17 "What's Ivan Up To?"
Dick Henne, Leader and
Chairman for November

LEE BUSCH is December Chairman.

PAUL FITZPATRICK is General Chairman,
Discussion Group.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, Nov. 8
Investment Study Group 2:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 14
Executive Board, 9:30 a.m.
Camera Group, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19
Special Event, "Hello Dolly"
1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

NEXT REMINDER DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY, NOV. 10

DEC 1. ROY EDWARDS TOPIC WILL BE "THE THERAPEUTIC EFFECT OF LAUGHTER"

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

ART BURGOTT is giving his usual energy and attention to setting up a great Christmas party for Dec. 20. Tickets probably will go fast. And while we are at it, why not a good word for BOB LOTZ, our Recording Secretary? When minutes of the previous meeting are read, they are outstanding for their economy of words. They are streamlined to a remarkable degree.

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We read somewhere recently that September and early October are unique for having the greatest number of birthdays. Our own Club seems to corroborate this phenomenon. It is interesting that the Christmas-New Year's holidays are just nine months earlier. May we suggest that when your birthday is to be mentioned by the President at the next meeting, that you make a special effort to attend? Sometimes we sing "Happy Birthday" to a mere handful of people.

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As you know, the Investment Study Group sponsors an annual contest in which members take a mythical \$100,000 and invest it in a portfolio of stocks listed on the Big Board. The winner is the man whose picks show the best gain. We are told that DICK HENNE made his picks by posting a printed page listing the NY Stock Exchange, and then threw darts to get his choices. It will be interesting to see how he makes out.

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We recently came across a yellowed copy of The Eccentric dated August 1943. On the front page was a big story about a new principal just appointed for Baldwin High School, this being ROSS WAGNER. The article was written by John Harwood, who announced he was leaving town to sail the briny deep for the U.S. Navy. Also, there was a piece about PAUL KURTH who had asked hardware-man Elmer Huston to come out of retirement to run the store while Kurth served in the military. (We never actually talked personally to Ross Wagner until 41 years later at a Club meeting.)

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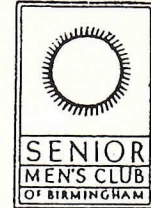
The Club's Directory shows five Smiths. One of them, RALPH SMITH, recently returned from 17 days in Australia and New Zealand, plus three days of R & R in Hawaii. This was reported by the presiding officer at a recent meeting. We wonder how many members will spend some time this winter in Florida and other warm climes....At the October meeting of the Executive Board it was mentioned in passing that a Jim Beam Collector's Item bottle left to the Bowling Group had disappeared. The donor was the late WILLIAM J. KERNAN who specified that the bottle go annually to the bowler who won the most "mystery games". Now the mystery is: "Where's the bottle?"

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We have humorists in the Club. At the Executive Board meeting, one of them said that in case of fire, the Sergeant-at-Arms and presiding member at any meeting be the last persons to leave. "We can reward them by putting their names on a plaque", this member opined.

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It is reported that BILL MacLACHLAN is now at peace with parking meters near the Community House, and is looking for a new crusade to pursue.



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Elmer Haack Nears 100th Birthday

OUR FORMER CITY ASSESSOR A
CLUB MEMBER SINCE 1972

The most senior of members in the Senior Men's Club may be Elmer W. Haack who will be 100 years old on Nov. 30.

Elmer joined the Club in 1972. On Jan. 1, 1937, he left the elected post of Supervisor, Southfield Township, to become Assessor for the City of Birmingham, a job he held until Feb. 1 of 1956.

"I have been very fortunate physically", Elmer told The Reminder Editor recently. "I have been ill very rarely." His mind is sharp, and in fact, he played a good game of bridge well into his 90s. He still is able to walk without too much assistance, and can do yard work at his home, where a full-time nurse is in attendance.

Elmer was born on a 160-acre farm on 12 Mile Road, one-quarter mile east of Greenfield. He attended the old Hill School in Birmingham, and remembers that in bad winter weather he occasionally rode a horse to school. The school district even provided a small shed for tying up horses. But in 1910, his father bought a Model T Ford, which was housed in the first two-car garage in the area.

After high school, Elmer enrolled at the University of Michigan from which he graduated in 1912 as a Mechanical Engineer. While visiting with his neighbor, SMC member John J. Taylor, he recalled a trip in the Ford with an uncle. They traveled through Rocky Mountain country, but on a steep climb, the car stalled for lack of fuel in the carburetor. So Haack the engineer



diagnosed the problem caused by failure of the gasoline to feed by gravity from the gasoline tank situated under the front seat. Elmer found a potato, drilled a hole in it, placed it over the filler to act as a gasket, and then blew air into the tank. This forced gas to the engine and off they went.

One of the fun events Elmer recalls is the time he played "Uncle Sam" in a Beverly Hills 4th of July parade. Elmer rented the type of costume we see in newspaper cartoons, and rode on a flat bed truck in the parade, along with a three-piece band.

When interviewed, Elmer said he might attend a Club meeting nearest his birthday if he felt good enough for the trip. We hope he can do so and get the applause he merits.

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When you find money growing on trees,
you know that there's been some grafting going on.

GAMES

MARCEL DE SMET
GENERAL CHAIRMAN



15 HIGHEST AVERAGES

Marsden Hubbard.....	2657
Joe Kern.....	2657
Phil Werner.....	2582
Jerry Bartlam.....	2535
Bert Henderson.....	2497
Baylor Sutton.....	2400
Roy Hawkinson.....	2395
Carl Schorn.....	2335
Don Murray.....	2272
Frank Hanson.....	2205
Earl Triplett.....	2152
Howard Hoffman.....	1997
Bill Hanlon.....	1815
Charles Richards.....	1645
Bob Lotz.....	1640

Small Slams: 6N - Don Murray & Howard Hoffman; 6N - Larry VanTuyt & Bob Lotz; 6H - Marsden Hubbard & Roy Hawkinson; 6H - Don Wagner & Phil Werner; 6D - Joe Smith & Julius Falke

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

FIRST PLACE SCORES:

Dick Heldt.....	73.0%
Bob Smith.....	67.7%
G. C. Buchanan.....	64.0%
Henry Schlachter.....	62.0%

Small Slams:

6N - Bert Swanson & Dick Heldt; 6N - Jim Peters & Ben Root; 6N - Harry Cyphers & Tony Alic; 6S - Bob Smith & Bill Allshouse; 6S - Len Perry & Bob Bentz; 6S - John Williams & Joe Landre; 6S - G. C. Buchanan & Dick Powers; 6D - Henry Bardsley & John Steele; 6D - Art Underwood & Ben Ewing

GOLF

95 GOLFERS END THE SEASON WITH FOOD AND FRIVOLITY

The golfing season ended with the grand finale -- namely the annual banquet held Oct. 10 with 95 in attendance.

Ray Swartz presided in the presentation of awards. The Community House put on a fine roast beef dinner. Applicants for the 1990 Applicants' League should give their names to Marcel DeSmet, General Chairman, unless they have already done so. Meanwhile, Marcel will be checking into the golf dome practice during the cold weather to come.



BOWLING IS IN FULL SWING, BUT GROUP CAN USE SOME SUBS

Subs..subs...where art thou? We can use a few people to help us fill out teams; in addition, we will welcome a couple of regular bowlers.

The spread between first and last place in the team standings is only eight points. The first place

BRIDGE

HENRY DAWKINS, CHAIRMAN
EDWIN CLARKE, DUPLICATE CHAIRMAN

This report covers 4 Friday meetings: Sept. 22 and 29, Oct. 6 and 13. There were 263 bridge players (116 Contract & 147 Duplicate)

CONTRACT BRIDGE

15 HIGHEST SCORES

Marsden Hubbard.....	4080
Bert Henderson.....	3920
Baylor Sutton.....	3900
Phil Werner.....	3580
Don Murray.....	3450
Art Underwood.....	3300
Joe Smith.....	3260
Bert Henderson.....	3180
Frank Hanson.....	3140
Joe Kern.....	3130
Roy Hawkinson.....	3120
Don McNair.....	3080
Earl Triplett.....	3080
Joe Kern.....	3050
Paul Keener.....	3020

team is #8 with 14 points. Its members are J. Chalmers, P. Fisher, J. Corey and M. Kennedy. Honors for high single game of 713 and high series with 2041 go to team #7 consisting of D. Upward, L. Sturgeon, R. Lalovick and F. Garland.

The individual high game is J. Corey; individual high series is J. Trudell at 587. High scorers for Oct. 9 were Swanson 200; Swartz 201 and 526; Henderson 210 and 551; Harper 214 and 523; Trudell 226 and 587; Quinlan 234 and 567; Upward 532; Bedford 526; Chalmers 511 and Clark 511. Let's come out and enjoy; have fun and loosen up those stiff joints! Think bowling!

-- FRAN DE GRANDE

"HELLO DOLLY" TRIPLE FEATURE IS NOVEMBER'S BIG ATTRACTION

November's special event is more than a show; it is a triple feature attraction of unusual merit.

The main event will be the famous musical show, "Hello Dolly", to be staged at the Redford Theatre, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. But, since the Redford Theatre has a fine pipe organ, there will be an organ recital at 1:30 p.m. Then after the show, the party will go to historic Botsford Inn for dinner in their Founder's Room.

Only 50 tickets are available. They are \$20 each, covering everything, including dinner, tax and tip. To get your tickets, see Lloyd Sturgeon in the Ruth Shain Room Nov. 3 or Nov. 10. This promises to be a very special occasion; don't miss it!

--LLOYD STURGEON

CAMERA GROUP TO SEE SLIDES ON CANADA BY THE HERMANNNS

The team of Clara and Bob Hermann are spending hours reviewing slides made on their numerous trips to Canada to find the best that will provide a kaleidoscopic view of that interesting country. Their presentation, "Traveling Across Canada", will be made at the Nov. 14 meeting.

Officers for the coming year were elected at the October meeting. They are: Chairman - Bob Hermann Vice Chairman - Bob Hadley Sec.-Treas. - Ralph Smith They will welcome all suggestions for programs in 1990.

Because of time constraints, the picture competition has been delayed until a whole meeting can be devoted to it. This will let members and applicants enter more slides with a broader scope.

Mark your calendar for the last meeting of this year; Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2 p.m. at the Community House. Applicants and gals are invited.

-- STAN SKAISTIS

ASIANS AND LATIN AMERICANS ARE FLOODING INTO THE NATION

A recent presentation at the Discussion Group by Tom Kilgour stressed the point that Asians and Latin Americans are flooding unchecked into the U.S. Immigration laws and enforcement measures no longer control a substantial part of illegal and legal immigration, he said.

"The world population is exploding and they are clamoring at our gates", Kilgour said. "If we think we have a duty to ourselves and our children to protect this land and to preserve our inheritance for the coming generations, we had better realize the seriousness of this problem."

INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP TO HEAR PEAT MARWICK MAN ON TAXES

The next meeting to the Investment Study Group will be held at the Community House on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 1989, at 2:45 p.m.

The Program Chairman will be Fred Osann. The speaker will be Robert Aginian of Peat Marwick; his subject will be the ever popular (unpopular?) topic of "Taxes".

Perhaps we will hear an update on the health care taxes.

-- BILL MacLACHLAN

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The person who can laugh with life has developed deep roots with confidence and faith - faith in oneself, in people and in the world, as contrasted to negative ideas with distrust and discouragement.

-- DEMOCRITUS

Senior Men's Club Facts and Figures

1989 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

<u>A THRU F</u>	<u>G THRU L</u>	<u>M THRU R</u>	<u>S THRU Z</u>
	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17

Applicants are not eligible to attend any meetings in December.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Special Birthday Greetings (90 and over):

Walter Ray, Life Member, will be 93 years old on Nov. 9.
Elmer Haack, Life Member, will be 100 years old on Nov. 30.

Associate Member Birthdays: Nov. 2 - Dean Brown
Nov. 18 - Newell McCuen
Nov. 20 - John Randall
Nov. 25 - Bob Schwab

Took Leave of Absence: John King

Became Life Member: Frank W. Hudson, former Associate Member
who joined in May, 1965

Death: Charles A. Mentzer who joined in Jan., 1973

Facts compiled by Walt Meyers

CHARLES A. MENTZER

Charles A. Mentzer, 80, of Birmingham, died Tuesday, Sept. 26 at William Beaumont Hospital.

Mr. Mentzer was a resident of Birmingham since 1959 and an active member of the Senior Men's Club for the past 16 years.

He was employed by the Oakland Planning Division of United Community Services, where he developed and helped find funding for social programs including the Birmingham Senior Recreation Program meetings at the Eton Ice Arena which led to the well established Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council of today.

Mr. Mentzer was active in the Birmingham Rotary Club as well as the Senior Men's Club and is survived by his wife, a daughter, one son and four grandchildren.

LELAND N. WORTHLEY

A member of the Club since 1973, Leland N. Worthley, 78, died Oct. 19. Before his illness, he was active in the Club specializing in audio-visual equipment at meetings.

Mr. Worthley is survived by his wife, one daughter, two sons, a brother, 15 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Those interested in memorial gifts were referred to the Alzheimer's Association of Southfield, Michigan.

1989 Christmas Party to Be Best Ever

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20 IS DATE;
MALE CHORUS TO DO THE MUSIC**

Don't miss our annual Christmas dinner party gala gathering right here in the Community House on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20. You will be treated to a traditional, candlelight, white tablecloth Christmas dinner with roast turkey carved and served right out of the oven.

After dinner, entertainment will feature the melodies and harmony of holiday music by the GRUNYONS. This male chorus group, including our own Jim Leese, will bring back many fond memories.

The cash bar will open at 6 p.m. House brands or your favorite premium beverages will be available this year.

The Christmas party is always a sellout, so if you want to be included with your Club friends for a festive evening, get your ticket soon. Seating reservations may be made and will be taken in a first-come order.

You are invited to bring your wife or a guest. Tickets are \$18 per person which includes tax and tip. Make checks payable to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham.

-- ART BURGOTT 626-2978

MARDY POLANER IS SPEAKER AT MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Mardy Polaner, a member since April, 1977, was a recent speaker at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. His topic was "There Ain't No Such Thing as an Accident". He illustrated his talk with an account of three ship-wrecks, two of which were personally experienced by Polaner during his days at sea.

Mardy's thesis is that "accidents" happen because people are sometimes negligent or careless or incompetent; and thus the "accident" could have been avoided. He uses the term "mishap" for unwanted events which no one could have prevented, such as an "Act of God".

JOHN KING ON LEAVE

A leave of absence has been extended to John H. King, a member who has frequently spoken at Club meetings relative to local public issues. It was reported that he is recovering nicely from a recent illness.

EMINENT ECONOMIST ADDRESSES SENIOR MEN'S CLUB MEETING

An appreciative audience heard Dr. Paul W. McCracken, distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan, at the Oct. 13 meeting. One of the best known economists in the U.S., Dr. McCracken served as economic adviser to several Presidents. He has written many articles for the Wall Street Journal. The Senior Men's Club has its own economist in Dr. Blaine Gordon, who has been nominated for Club President, 1990.

McCracken said there were several ominous portents on the economic horizon, but added that certain big stabilizing factors would lessen the impact of a recession if one occurs.

He joked that the Founding Fathers located the nation's capital in a swamp so that nobody would want to live there, thus keeping down the size of government. Unfortunately,

he added, the invention of air conditioning changed that safeguard.

ONLY THREE MORE MEETINGS FOR APPLICANTS THIS YEAR

With the year 1989 fast drawing to a close, there are only three more meetings at which applicants for membership are eligible to attend. (Traditionally, they do not attend December meetings.)

Those with names G thru L are invited to the Nov. 3 meeting. Names M thru R, Nov. 10. Names S thru Z, Nov. 17. There is no meeting Nov. 24, the day after Thanksgiving.

HADLEY TAKES THE PICTURES

The photographs in this issue, as well as a recent picture at the Senior Men's Club picnic, were taken by Bob Hadley who also is seen at Club meetings as "the man with the portable microphone", and as Vice Chairman, Sergeant-at-Arms.

CHANGE TABLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SAKE OF SAFETY

In order to further the safety of Club members in case of an emergency, the table arrangements were changed a bit at the Oct. 13 meeting. A gap was left across the center of the room so that people on the north side could more easily walk to exits on the south side.

Further study is being made by Marcel DeSmet, Chief Sergeant-at-Arms, and Henry E. Dawkins, who has been nominated for 2nd Vice President for 1990.

Here are Officer Nominees for 1990

BLAINE M. GORDON PROPOSED AS PRESIDENT FOR NEW YEAR

Nominees for 1990 officers of the Senior Men's Club have been announced by the Nominating Committee.

The election will take place at the meeting of Nov. 10 at which time all members present will be asked to vote on the proposed slate of officers.

To succeed President Bert Henderson, the Committee has proposed the name of Blaine M. Gordon, who has been First Vice President during the past year. Other nominees:

1st V.P. - Charles W. Williams

2nd V.P. - Henry E. Dawkins

Rec. Sec'y - Robert W. Lotz

Corres. Sec'y - Clifford I. Lundgren

Treas. - Robert P. Beaubien

Asst. Treas. - Ira Jos. Steele

Officers-at-Large - Cyril D. Duffy and Eugene E. Hess

As most members realize, many of the nominees have "moved up" from a post of previous service. The current Treasurer, James J. Reeves, asked to retire so we send along a vote of thanks for his previous work; the same should be said for several others.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of five members, at least three of whom are past presidents.

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Maybe business should take a lesson from Noah. He knew how to keep his company afloat when the rest of the world was in liquidation.



Flack Given Outstanding Service Award

The Outstanding Service Award was given to member James W. Flack at the Oct. 6 meeting, with President Bert Henderson making the presentation.

Few people have been more active in the Club than Jim Flack during his 17 years as a member. "He has been one of our outstanding speakers at least once a year, and has always been ready to step in as a last-minute replacement if needed", Henderson declared. In addition, Jim has been helpful to many members

as a supporting friend, and has been a goodwill ambassador representing the Club to the community.

On joining the Club in 1972, Flack immediately became active. In 1976 he served as President. He has served on the Policy Committee, the History Committee, the Legislative Committee, the Chaplain Committee, and has been very active in the Discussion Group program. Often he worked as Chairman of the committees just named.