

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As announced at our last regular get-together, the meeting originally scheduled for Friday, April 24th, has been moved to Tuesday, April 21st. The "Symposium" being put on by the City of Birmingham and others will require the entire Community House on the 24th, so there will be no bridge for our club members that day.

Many thanks to John Daneke for his excellent programs for the month of March, and I am sure his programs for April will be of the same high caliber.

Our attendance continues to be excellent, and we hope will be even better when our "Winter Vacationers" return soon.

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Spring unlocks the flowers to paint the laughing soil.....Heber, Reginald
1723-1826

Life's sweetest joys are hidden
In unsubstantial things;
An April rain, a fragrance,
A vision of blue wings.

May Riley Smith
1842-1927

In April Rome was founded; Shakespeare died;
The shot whose sound rang out from Concord town
And brought an avalanche of echoes down,
Shaking all thrones of tyranny and pride,
Was fired in April; Sumter far and wide
Lifted a voice the years will never drown;
'Twas April when they laid the martyr's crown
On Lincoln's brow.

Samuel Valentine Cole
1851-1925

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APRIL 1970 PROGRAM

- April 3 ---- "Automobile Negotiations - 1970"
George B. Morris, Jr., Director of Labor Relations,
General Motors.
- April 10 ---- "Hands of Mercy"
Film presentation and talk by Brigadier Clarence E. Critzer,
The Salvation Army, Pontiac, Michigan
- April 17 ---- "Destination Safety"
A motion picture describing a panorama of the overall
highway safety problem - presented by General Motors
- April 21 ---- "The Big Jumpers"
A motion picture of a continent-hopping saga that will
make any fisherman drool.
"Great Moments from the Buick Open"
A movie short of exciting highlights of several Buick Opens.

DISCUSSION GROUP - JOE PAGE, CHAIRMAN

- April 3 ---- Should employers be required to collect union dues to support strikes against themselves?
April 10 ---- Is it a mistake for industry to place such importance on the college degree in hiring?
April 17 ---- Should the automobile industry be classed as a public utility as the Federal Trade Commission suggests?
April 21 ---- Should the appearance of a young man when applying for a job be considered in hiring?
May 1 ----- Do you approve co-education in colleges?
May 8 ----- Should our state legislature be permitted to junket all over the world at taxpayers expense?

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Keep your directory correct with the new members added:

NEW MEMBERS

Arthur I. Bergey ---- 1291 Suffield Rd., Birmingham

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GUESTS

Clem Rebb
Walter McPherson
Edgar B. Brown

SPONSOR

Howard Schatz
John McPherson
Geoff Whittaker

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Thrift is a wonderful virtue, particularly in an ancestor....."Foxy"

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Seward Lawson contributes this item - "What makes men great is their ability to decide what is important, and then focus their attention on it."

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The lawyer was reading the will of a wealthy executive, recently deceased: "And to my nephew whom I promised to remember, "Hi there, Charlie!"

The executive may have felt that the nephew lacked financial wisdom, and "A fool and his money are soon parted", or in other words, "An addle-pated beetle head and his specie divaricate with startling prematurity."

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On March 24, Judge Edward S. Piggins gave us his thoughts on our current problems. His opinions would show a high correlation with the thinking of our members. The Judge has graciously given us permission to edit these remarks.

"An American by the name of Roberts said, "I have had it up to here with persons who are trying to tear my country apart. -- I didn't make my world, but I am trying to make something out of it. -- What is happening to America? Let us look at the record. If you think you're going to tear down my country's flag and destroy the institutions my friends and members of my family have fought and died for, you're going to have to climb over me first - and Buddy - you'd better get up awful early in the morning." This is a condensation of the powerful statement with which Judge Piggins opened his remarks. He developed this theme.

Our streets, even our home neighborhoods, are open to attack. Scores of small businesses have been forced to close their doors. The increasing contempt for law and order is appalling. The brilliant legal minds of generations past have been swept aside and replaced by astonishingly abstract, far-out, socio-legal distortions of the Constitution - that have permitted even confessed criminals - to escape prosecution and conviction.

As a trial judge, I must and I would be the first to safeguard the just legal rights of the accused, BUT what about the legal rights of the law-abiding, the decent, responsible society?

Associate Justice Hugo Black said "I deeply fear for our Constitutional system of Government, when life appointed judges can strike down a law passed by our Congress or a State Legislature with no more justification than that judges believe that-law is unreasonable."

God is now unwelcome in our public educational institutions.

The publication of pornography is at an all time high.

Drug addiction has reached an alarming rate.

People get on welfare, but they do not get any help to get off. The result is that welfare trains whole families to live on the handouts of relief.

I'll tell you what has happened to America. We have become confused. We have exaggerated the worth of temporal things, and are too ready to abandon the moral values of yesterday.

If I leave you today with but one compelling thought -- one lasting admonition - let it be this: Don't sell America short!

Let us fashion for those who will live after us, a legacy of DUTY, HONOR, AND LOVE OF COUNTRY - a code of infallible guidelines - a blue print for living, to which future man may look, and by which future men may look, and by which future man may preserve, eternally - still - the greatest gift God ever gave to mortal man - THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING AN AMERICAN.

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The above is a condensation of 19 pages of typed material. The President now has the material from which it has been derived.

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Please mark down two dates on your calender, namely April 16th and May 19th. April 16th is the date of our Ford Gay 20's concert and dinner. Larry Hess will have the tickets ready on Friday, April 3rd, and also on Friday, April 10th. These tickets are \$3.75 each, and let us have an excellent turnout for this event. It should be a very pleasant evening, including dinner, the concert and bridge until 9:00 after dinner for those who wish to play.

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HERITAGE DAY

May the 19th promises to be another day we shouldn't miss, and we are working closely with the Historical Society to get our program in shape. We promise to have an excellent lunch and a good speaker in addition to the other parts of the program. We will have all the details for you in the near future.

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GAMES - GUS MUTH, CHAIRMAN

Bridge and Pinochle:

		<u>BRIDGE</u>		<u>PINOCHLE</u>	
March 6	--- High - Eldred Fish	3850		Bill Splitts	642
	Second-Gus Muth	3830		Frank Rigotti	554
March 13	--- High - Jim Peerenboom	4650		Bill Splitts	731
	Second-Dustin Thomas	4460		John Savola	682
March 20	--- High - Gus Muth	5230		John Savola	723
	Second-Jim Greig	4380		Karl Sauskojus	664
March 24	--- High - Ernie Morrow	5130		Frank Rigotti	815
	Second-Cliff Baugh	4980		Albert Olin	815

D. M. Watts

Golf:

Our league play starts Thursday, April 23rd, 9:00 to 10:30 A.M., with the following stipulations:

We guarantee 36 players (9 foursomes) at one dollar (\$1.00) for 9 holes.

To cover this, in case of lack of starters, each golfer is to pay an initiation fee of one dollar (\$1.00). This fee is to be paid in advance or at the time of his first play in addition to the regular one dollar "green fee".

REMEMBER the date, Thursday, April 23rd. Let's start with a full quota.

Oliver Hawkins

Bowling:

Our bowling league has been very highly contested all season, both team and individual efforts being close all the time.

The team championship is still up for grabs between W. Dreyer's Mavericks and V. Bryant's Sportsmen. Wes Groves' Ramblers are not out of the contest, but will have to come on with a big "charge" the next two weeks.

The individual race for high average is between Wes Groves' - 163+7 pins; Murray Kennedy - 162+43 pins; Bill Schulawske - 162+15 pins; and W. Dreyer - 159+61 pins.

Seth Slawson, with only a 114 average, came through with a most impressive performance March 26. Games of 147, 158 and 189, for a total of 494. That is 152 pins over his average. "Nice going, Seth!"

The League Standings as of March 31st, are as follows:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>
1	Mavericks	34	Dreyer
4	Sportsmen	32	Bryant
8	Ramblers	27-1/2	Groves
5	Swingers	24-1/2	Hartsuff
6	Hippies	23-1/2	Watts
3	Sand Baggers	22	Johnson
10	Astronauts	21-1/2	McGuire
9	Satelittes	19	Whittaker
2	Hot Shots	17	Splittz
7	Moon Men	17	Stevenson

Congratulations are in order for three members of the league who have 100% attendance record:

Dan Watts
Walt Dreyer
Ken Stevenson

Most of the bowlers are looking forward to the golf program. Hope we can come up with some kind of competition, as in our bowling.

BOWLING BANQUET - APRIL 23, 1970

Everybody Invited

Time - 5:30 P.M.

Holiday Inn (Telegraph near Expressway)

James E. Peerenboom