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PROGRAM FOR APRIL - JAMES K. FLACK, CHAIRMAN

- April 4 Speaker: ^{Jim} John Hinkamp, Chemist
Friday Subject: "Prehistoric Copper Mining in Northern Michigan"
- April 11 Speaker: James K. Flack, SMC Member
Friday Subject: "Significance of the Civil War"
- April 18 Speaker: Francis E. Cogsdill, Detroit Science Center
Friday Subject: "Spinoff of Space"
- April 25 Speaker: W. Wiley Sword, Author
Friday Subject: "President Washington's Indian War, 1790-95"

MAY PROGRAM CHAIRMAN - - - JOHN A LLOYD

- May 2 Speaker: Richard Beaubien, Transportation Engineer,
Friday City of Troy
Subject: "Transportation - Problems and Solutions"

DISCUSSION GROUP SUBJECTS

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April
Chairman, William MacLachlan W
Tuesday, Apr. 8, 10:30 a.m.
- April 4 "The Discussion Group
intends to discuss items
that need discussing"
Don Groves, Leader
Tuesday, Apr. 8, 2 p.m.
Camera group. See page 6
- April 11 To be announced
Wed., Apr 9, 2:45 p.m.
- April 13 "Done" - Good or Bad"
Rolland M. Wilkening,
Thurs., April 17
Golf season opens. Page 4
- April 25 "Money Talks"
Art Newman, Leader
Tues., April 15 and Thurs, 17th
GM Truck tour. See page 3
- John Harwood is May Chairman
Mon., May 5 Applicants Golf
See page 5
- May 2 To be announced
Wed., May 7 - Bowling banquet
Tues., May 20 - Michigan Week
Luncheon. See page 3

NEXT REMINDER DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 25

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VERN BRYANT -- IT'S TIME TO TAKE A BOW

Presidency of the Senior Men's Club came to Vernon C. Bryant in 1969 -- hardly two years from the day he joined the Club. He joined in 1967 -- quickly became immersed in activities and found plenty to do. Bridge was being played casually. Nobody kept score. Cards were shabby and often missing. Vern started to draw up guidelines.

In 1968 Vern became Vice President and Chariman of Games. He saw m that bowlers dropped in at random, playing individually as at any public lane. He began organizing the bowlers into teams. Thus, competition began and bowling became more fun. Card players were keeping accurate scores and these were reported in the REMINDER. Outside, the shuffleboard court looked shabby, so Vern painted it.

It seemed natural, after all this activity, that Vern was elected President for 1969. But he continued his interest in many Club departments. The REMINDER had struggled along with volunteers doing typing and duplicating. Vern got some help from Birmingham schools to improve the mimeographing. That was before The Community House had an office service department.

In 1972 he was Special Events chairman. It was a successful year except for a long delay when nuclear protestors blockaded Ambassador Bridge. It took several hours before our busload was allowed to move on. They arrived at Jack Miner's just as the last geese were flying away.

In 1973 Vern was an associate of Clarence Johnson on the M.C. committee. In the same year he became Membership Chairman -- a post he still holds today. In 1975 he headed the Handbook Committee, and today he is still a member, as Vice Chairman.

He is now in his 20th year as a Club member. He has probably been more active for more years than any other present member. So we salute him -- not for being a Past President -- but for all those years of dedicated work.

Take a bow, Vern.

(One of a series honoring members who have participated in major achievements of the Club)

SPECIAL EVENTS - - - APRIL & MAY REPORTED BY DICK HENNEVISIT TO THE GM TRUCK PLANT, PONTIAC. . . . APRIL 15 & 17

This is an unusual opportunity to enjoy a conducted tour of the GM Truck and Bus Plant. The tour, limited to 30 persons, will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 9 a.m. If demand is sufficient, a second tour will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 9 a.m. The visit will last about an hour and a half with a great deal of walking. The arrangements have been made through the good offices of Bob Watson.

The Truck plant is located on South Boulevard, in Pontiac, west of Woodward. Go past the first gate and signal light; enter at the second gate, a right hand turn. The gate is unmarked but has a security guard house (entrance to Plant 3). The security guard will be expecting us and will direct us where to park and meet. Parking is limited and driving pools will be arranged by phone. Members, applicants, and wives are invited. If you wish to go, sign up with Dick Henne at the desk in the Ruth Shain room before our meetings, or call 646-3782

MAY SPECIAL EVENT - - - - WALT MEYERS REPORTING

The Senior Men's Club Michigan Week luncheon at The Community House will be held on Tuesday, May 20. A fine meal, excellent entertainment, and a good time are guaranteed. Members, applicants, and their wives are invited. Additional details will be announced.

BRIDGE REPORT - - - JOE HENNINGER, CHAIRMAN

This report covers the bridge sessions of February 28 and March 7, 14, and 21. March 28 scores will be covered in the next issue. Future bridge reports will continue the same format; namely, three weeks of the current month and one week of the previous month. There were 242 bridge players in the four sessions. Ed Clarke and Henry Bardsley conducted 17 tables of Duplicate Bridge. For the 174 Contract Bridge players, the scores were:

<u>Ten Highest Scores</u>			<u>Ten Highest Averages</u>		
1.	Jim Shank	5250	1.	Ray Peletcher	2995
2.	Geo. Winborn	4670	2.	Bob Gray	2775
3.	Herb Iugers	4320	3.	Don Murray	2675
4.	Hockey Melikian	4290	4.	Art Underwood	2605
5.	Riny Zeldler	4030	5.	Bert Henderson	2525
6.	Les Wilder	3980	6.	Vern Bryant	2495
7.	Larry Keim	3950	7.	Carl Schorn	2455
8.	Bob Gray	3760	8.	Roy Hawkinson	2370
9.	Murray Kennedy	3750	9.	Marcel DeSmet	2315
10.	Marcel DeSmet	3670	10.	Riny Zeldler	2275

There were 9 small slams bid and made.

GAWLPHING WITH THE SENIORS -- Reported by A. RAY SWARTZ

Golfing starts Thursday, April 17, at 9:01 a.m., the weatherman cooperating. The City plans on opening Springdale and Lincoln Hills Saturday, April 12, again conditions permitting.

The Committee now has the starting times posted. If you don't like your drawn starting time and can find someone to exchange with, just let the Committee know.

There will be plenty of room for walk-ons. Using last years play as a guide, we had as many as 24 walk-ons some weeks. The age of the Club really shows some weeks.

RAIN-OUTS: The CITY will decide if the course is playable. When it is playable we must have our minimum, so please show up for play unless you have positive confirmation that the course is CLOSED.

The charges for 1986 are the same as 1985. \$3.00 for registration, \$3.00 for greens fee each 9 holes and \$.10 for closest to the pin on #6 hole (if you want to get recognized for your achievement). Your side bets are on your own.

(Facetiously) Nobody has come up with how we can get 25 foursomes off the tee from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. so we will continue to do it the hard way. One thing is certain, the Committee will do everthing possible to get everyone out who wants to play. All we ask is a little patience.

The format will be the same as last year: the foursomes will have their starting times and the walk-ons will be given a number as they arrive, and as openings come up they will fill them in order of their arrival time.

One new Rule issued by the City is the use of DOUBLE PAR for the score on any hole. This means a score of 6 on a par 3 hole or an 8 on a par 4 hole, so when you have taken 6 strokes on a par 3 hole, pick up your ball and move the the next tee, marking a six for your score. When you have taken 8 strokes on a par 4 hole, pick up your ball and move the the next tee, marking an 8 for your score. If you must do this on every hole your score will be 66. This will speed up play and you who are Country Club members know your Club has a simular rule. Other suggestions: short hitters tee off first; BE READY to hit at all times when the distance is safe. Move quickly from the green, marking your score when you arrive at the next tee. Good golf etiquette will let you play nine holes of golf in two and one-half hours instead of three and one-half hours.

GOOD GOLFING TO ALL! The Committee: Ray, John, Hockey, and Marc.

APPLICANTS' GOLF LEAGUE AT WHITE LAKE OAKS

Located at Williams Lake Road and M-59 (West of Pontiac Airport)

The league will start playing at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 5, and the season will end September 15.

The play will be 9 hole each week, starting with the front 9 and the next week starting with the back 9, alternating throughout the summer.

There will be 18 weeks of golf at a cost of \$63.00/person which must be paid in full by April 15. Please pay Marcel DeSmet or call him at 644-3458 by the 15th of April. You are guaranteed 18 weeks of golf. Should there be a rain-out, if you are away on vacation, or if you are ill, you will receive a rain-check to be used at any time on Mondays through Fridays before 4:00 p.m. before the end of the season.

We still need 10 players to complete the 20 man league. I have signed a contract with Oakland County Parks and Recreation. IMPORTANT - Will the members who have sponsored applicants who play golf, please advise them of this new league? We are urgently in need of golfers! HELP!!!

Marcel DeSmet,
Chairman

BOWLING - - THE LAST THREE WEEKS - - LES SWANSON REPORTING

Our attendance has been down to about 45 bowlers per week. We need 48 - - all are invited to help finish the season; come to the Birmingham Bowl, Monday mornings, at 9:15.

The last day of bowling for the club championship is April 21, when final team positions and double tourneys will be held. Winners of the first and second half seasons will roll-off-for the club championship, for highest pin fall for three games. The doubles will pair high and low averages bowlers to roll for cash prizes.

TEAM STANDINGS: with three weeks left, only three points separate the tip six teams. Team #9 is the front runner by one point over team #10. Position week is April 14; if any teams are tied for first place, a special roll off will be held.

TEAM HIGH GAME AND SERIES: high game for the month was Team #6 with 717 pins; Team #12 shot a 1938 series. These scores were well under the season highs.

INDIVIDUAL HIGH GAME AND SERIES: Tom Mitchell shot the month's high, a 223 and the best series, a fine 594 which is the second highest series for this season.

Remember, the Bowling Banquet is Wednesday, May 7, at The Community House. Cash bar is at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00. The ticket price is \$12.50. Purchase your tickets from H. Deem, M. DeSmet or Les Swanson.

KNOW A MEMBER WHO IS SICK? HERE'S WHOM TO CALL

Our health committee will appreciate it if anyone learning of a member's illness will call either Henry Dawkins at 852-1882, Art Newman at 644-8547, or Bob Hermann at 646-3531. This will help the committee to report up-to-date informatio- at our weekly meetings.

COMMUNITY HOUSE FUND DRIVE - - - HAROLD NYBERG REPORTS

Contributions, from all sources, total \$108,157. Of this, 306 SMC members have contributed \$16,738 for an average \$55.00 donation.

Fifty two SMC members participated in the Phon-A-Thon which resulted in \$2,229 which would not have been contributed. Many thanks, fellows -- and good work. For those members who have not made a contribution, now is the time to show your appreciation for "Our home away from home". Present your check today or as soon as possible.

Tangible results of your contributions are in the works. Purchase notices of different auditorium sound systems are being studied.

MASONS HONOR SMC MEMBER LEROY SNELL

Announced at the March 28 meeting of SMC was the news that the Eminent Commander of Detroit Commandery No. 1 had presented the Michigan Grand Commanders Award for Untiring Service and Devotion to. . . . Sir Knight Leroy Snell. Leroy has bee deeply involved with the Drill Corps since he was knighted in 1923. Members are congratulating him for this well deserved honor.

CAMERA GROUP REPORT - - - BOB HADLEY, CHAIRMAN

On Tuesday, April 8, the Camera Group will present Ex-GI Bob Hadley and his slide show entitled "Have Camera Will Fly".

These are World War Two adventures with a touch of peacetime aerial photography. With a little prodding Hadley might explain the function of the famous Piccadilly Commandos. You are all welcome - - 2 p.m.

INVESTMENT STUDY GROUP - - BOB LOTZ REPORTING

The Investment Study Group meets at The Community House the second Wednesday of the month from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m.

The April speaker is Jim Chabot; subject, "Mutual Funds". Jim is the Leader of the A. A. I. I. special interest group studing Mutual Funds.

The May speaker is Jim Sansaterra - subject, "The Stock Market Outlook." Jim represents Comerica Bank.

ANNUAL FLORIDA LUNCHEON PARTY GETS GOOD WEATHER - AND JOLLY CROWD

Bruce Smith reports that 29 members, associates, applicants, widows, and guests attended the wing-ding in Bradenton March 13. Everbody seemed to enjoy the conviviality, good food, and an excellent presentation by Martha and Ed Rambie -- long-time friends of many SMC families. They related recent experiences with treasurer hunter Mel Fisher in the search for sunken treasures in waters southwest of the Florida keys. Special honors went to Murray and Doris Hayward for driving the 250 miles (round trip) from Naples -- and to Jim Baynes for perserverance. (He has been in the Club since 1966.)

P.S. (from Bruce) The weather was PERFECT.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION1986 ATTENDANCE SCHEDULE FOR APPLICANTS

<u>A thru F</u>	<u>G thru L</u>	<u>M thru R</u>	<u>S thru Z</u>
April 4	April 11	April 18	April 25
May 2	May 9	May 16	**May 30
June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
*July 1	July 11	July 18	July 25
Sept. 5	Sept. 19	Sept. 26	Oct. 3
Oct. 10	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31
Nov. 7	Nov. 14	Nov. 21	***Nov. 21

* Tuesday, No Meeting on Friday, July 4.

** No meeting on Friday, May 23, Michigan Week

*** No meeting on Friday, November 28, Thanksgiving Week.

Note: There are no meeting of the Club during August. There are no meetings for applicants in December.

IN MEMORY

HAROLD W. HEWITT died March 5. He joined our Club in 1974, and quickly began work on committees, which included Table Settings and The REMINDER. When he retired from supervision of the monthly assembly and distribution of The REMINDER, we published a testimonial to his quiet ways and dependable contribution of effort to the Club. In his business career he was with the Square D Company for years. Harold was a Mason and a member of First Presbyterian Church. A memorial service was held March 8 under the auspices of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F & AM.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER NEWS - - REPORT BY BILL BROWN, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Birthdays in April are:

Lee Clark, April 9 and Howard Larick, April 16.

You are both offered congratulations by the REMINDER.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

CHANGE OF ADDRESS McLaren, William B. 4/83
23194 Reynard Dr. SO 48034

RESIGNATIONS

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>JOINED</u>
Shafer, Cameron C.	Jan. 1985	Moore, Jasper L.	June 1985
Loria, Frank J.,	Nov. 1984	Chapman, Clarence W.,	July 1972
Little, James W.,	March 1984	Harrington, T. Theodore,	July 1972

BECAME LIFE MEMBERS: SHAFFER, JOSEPH H., who joined in June, 1971
WELLS, J. MILTON, who joined in April, 1967

NEW MEMBERS

SPONSOR

ALLEMEIER, ROY F. 6123 Indianwood Tr.	3/86 B	851-5816 48009	Larry VanTuyt
CALENDER, JACK E. 1467 Villa	3/86 B	644-7322 48008	Vic Peck
PENNELL, DONALD J. 5771 Pebbleshire	3/86 B	851-5083 48010	Cliff McClew
KULESA, STEVE 17004 Madoline	3/86 B	642-2569 48009	Marcel DeSmet
SCALA, EUGENE L. 290 Longmeadow Rd.	3/86 BH	646-2180 48013	August Hoefer
HOWITT, JOHN F. 31988 Carlelder Rd.	3/86 B	647-2779 48009	Jim Reeves
MITZELFELD, THOMAS H. 31690 Glencoe	3/86 B	644-5139 48009	Charles Kass
BERTSCHY, KENNETH H. 18382 Riverside Dr.	3/86 B		Art Underwood