

# The Reminder



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

## NOVEMBER 1997

**PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: CARL F. INGRAHAM**

<b>7</b>	Speaker:	Otto Rosenbusch, Past Founder & Chairman
	Subject:	"Concours d'Elegance"
<i>Applicants invited A - J</i>		
<b>14</b>	Speaker:	Max Bailey Horton, Jr., Board Member of Historical Society
	Subject:	"History of Birmingham"
<i>Applicants invited K - R</i>		
<b>21</b>	Speaker:	George C. Cooney, Jr. Esq., Lecturer - Elder Law
	Subject:	"Caring for the Baby Boomers and Their Parents"
<i>Applicants invited S - Z</i>		
<b>28</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>	

## Discussion Groups

**NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: HAROLD S. STANTON**

Nov. 7	Paul O'Meara	Assistant Chief Engineer, City of Birmingham, "Parking Challenges in Birmingham"
Nov 14	Kay Higby	BASCC Outreach Consultant, Birmingham, "Vision in Older Adults"
Nov. 21	Gary Purdom	EMS Para-Medics, Birmingham Fire Department, "Problems with Privatization of Services"
Nov. 28	<b>NO MEETING</b>	

## Collection for Children's Village Nov. 7

Our annual collection for the Oakland County Children's Village will be held at our November 7 meeting. Our goal is to collect \$5000.

Last year we collected \$4330. A total of 150 contributed \$1100 in cash while 105 contributed \$3230. By check. Those that are unable to

attend the meeting are urged to mail checks to John Spomer at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, MI 48009. All checks should be made payable to the Oakland County Children's Village. Every dollar goes to the children of the village. All contributions are tax deductible

## Sell Out Expected for Annual Christmas Dinner

A maximum capacity attendance of 256 members, applicants and spouses is expected for the annual Christmas Dinner scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 10 at The Community House.

The magic of Christmas will be captured with a background of holiday music and twinkling lights, a special full-course dinner and entertainment. The entertainment features some holiday humor from our own and very "punny" Ernie Bergen and music by - and caroling with - the "Madison Chorale" under the direction of Maureen Kennedy.

The festivities will begin at 6p.m. in the Ruth Shain room with a cash bar and non-alcoholic punch. Dinner is scheduled for 7p.m. followed by the entertainment.

Tickets are priced at \$23 per person and includes tax and gratuity. Seating reservations for groups up to six people (tables seat twelve) may be made at the time of the ticket purchase. When tickets are sold out, a waiting list will be started. Tickets go on sale Nov. 7th.

Members of the committee include Bob Lyle, Granville Sharpe, Ernie Bergen, Irv Poston, Dick Sneed, Don Clark, Jim Lowman and Art Held. John Ellis and Roger Struck are Co-Chairman.



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## Bus Trip Planned for January Auto Show at Cobo Hall

Remember those years that you wished you had gone to the January International Auto Show at Cobo Hall but you didn't want to drive - or worry about the parking - or worry about the inclement weather - or worry about the walk from your parking spot, etc. etc.

The Special Events Committee has chartered a 55-passenger bus to take us from Birmingham to the Auto Show on Thursday, January 15, 1998. All members, applicants and spouses are welcome.

The bus will leave from the back of the First Presbyterian church parking lot at 1669 West Maple,

Birmingham at 10a.m. and return at approximately 4p.m. Since many members will get discounted tickets through their dealer or other sources - and since many members have their own ideas for lunch - a hotdog at the show - or a big treat at Greek Town via the People Mover - or whatever - the \$8.00 per person tickets are for bus transportation only. (Gate admission at the show is \$4.00 for seniors.)

We are expecting a sell out. Tickets will start selling December 5th. Any questions, please call Roger Struck 646-3657.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Special Birthday Greetings:

Jim Flack will be 91 on Nov. 17.  
Joe Landre was 90 on Oct. 23.  
Carl Shorn was 90 on Oct. 17.  
Ross Wagner was 92 on Oct. 27.

### Associate Member Birthdays:

Alfred Sayers, Nov. 1.  
Robert Schwab, Nov. 25.

### Address Corrections:

Robert McKnight, 22050 Orchard Way, Beverly Hills 48025.

### Became Associate Member:

James Shank, 1017 Sassafrass Circle, Bloomington, IN 47408.

### New Members:

Allen, Maurice B. (Nancy) 4325 Derry Rd. Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 626-5326. Sponsor: Ben Root.  
Ferszt, Marion S. (Eugenie), 1724 Timson Lane, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 851-1110. Sponsor: Harry Cyphers.  
Linder, Howard L. (Marian), 1200 Chesterfield, Birmingham, 48009, 646-0274. Sponsor: Ben Root.

Walt Meyers

## Applicants Invited to Attend December Meetings

The Senior Men's Club Board has approved the attendance of Applicants at the December meetings. Approval was given at the October meeting of the Board.

However, Applicants must reserve in advance at the registration desk or call Gordon Miller, applicant chairman, at (248) 641-8268. Remember, prior reservation is required for Applicants to attend December meetings.

# Smith & Callum Top Bridge Players

Joe Smith and Kirby Callum had the top bridge score for the period ending October 10. The high scorers in each group as reported by Zac Endress and Al Wagner were:

## Contract Scores

Joe Smith	3910
Chris Davenport	3730
Lloyd Sturgeon	3720
Joe Kern	3250
Don Spalding	3020

## Duplicate Bridge

Kirby Callum	70%
Reid McCullough	64.9%
Marty Gabriel	63%
Jack McLaughlin	61.8%

# November 13 Lunch to Feature Canterbury Village

Olde World Canterbury Village holds much in store for members and applicants on Thursday, Nov. 13. A noon luncheon of steak or scrod including all the trimmings will be served at Haymakers adjoining the village. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Following lunch you may visit some 18 specialty shops with a high-light visit to "Always Christmas". Reservations and check/cash will be accepted up to Friday, Nov. 7. Applicants who are unable to attend meetings may call Gordon Miller (248) 641-8268 for reservations prior to Nov. 7.

# Applicants To Meet Nov. 18

The Applicant Activity will meet on Tuesday, November 18 at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting of the Activity will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 20.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 7	Collection for Children's Village	10:30 a.m.
Nov. 12	Investment Study Group	2:45 p.m.
Nov. 13	Haymakers Luncheon (Canterbury Village)	12 noon
Nov. 18	Applicant Activity	2:30 p.m.

**Bridge:** Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.

**Bowling:** Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes, 9:15 a.m.

ALL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HOUSE  
UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

# Salrin is Top Bowler

Bowling opened October 10 at Thunderbird Lanes with 46 on hand. Jim Salrin not only took high game with 235 but won the \$11 jackpot. Bob Babcock was second with 205. Five hundred series the first week were bowled by Bob Klein, 543, Jim Salrin, 542 and Bob Babcock 522. Tom Bedford and John Wargelin split the \$8.50 mystery jackpot.

There were 49 bowlers the second week with Jim Salrin again leading with 225 followed by Ray Swartz, 222; Bill Reilly, 208 and Don Clark 201. Reilly won the \$12 jackpot. Salrin also had the high series at 547 followed by Swartz at 523. Leading average through the first two weeks was Salrin at 185.

# Senior Men Help with Fund Drive Mailing

Twenty-two Senior Men and Applicants helped with the recent Community House Fund Drive mailing, sending out 2500 letters and forms to Senior Men and Applicant's as well as to area business and industry.

Ten thousand dollars from Senior Men and Applicants and \$100,000 from business and industry will put both groups over their goals. Checks from Senior Men and Applicants should be made out to The Community House. Contributions are tax deductible. If you did not receive the October mailing, you most likely have already given for 1997. If in doubt, or have a question contact Dick Straight 644-6382.

# Investment Study Group

The Investment Study Group speaker at 2:45 p.m on November 12, will be Rick Bloom, financial columnist for the Detroit News, and a weekend radio personality on the WXYT "Money Talk" program.

Mr. Bloom will speak on "Investing in Retirement". Members, Applicants, Wives and guests are cordially invited - and bring your investment questions!

# Going, Gone

Five meetings remain during 1997 to get your "10 in." New members inducted in 1997 must have the equivalent of one meeting per month to remain active.

# Paying My Dues And Proud of It!

(At a July luncheon, Paul Fitzpatrick gave a short dissertation on how Americans view income taxes, based on an editorial in the New York Times written by Peter Salwen. The essence of his remarks are repeated here for those who missed that luncheon. - Editor.)

"Like most taxpayers, I have learned to think of my earnings as being worth maybe 45 percent of their face value - if I am careful.

"Federal, state and local taxes and Social Security take about a third of each dollar I bring in... For most of my life, government - on the local, state and federal levels - has done very well by me. I got more than adequate education at public schools and enjoyed countless hours at public libraries, playgrounds and pools. On vacation, my family drove on well-maintained roads to state and national parks.

## Government Has Done Well

"Big government has wiped out polio and smallpox, linked our cities and superhighways and helped millions of young people get a college education. It created a sturdy safety net for the aged and sick, rushed aid to victims of natural disasters, made sure that our food, water and medicines were safe and probed the farthest reaches of the universe...No government, anywhere, has done better for so many people.

"That's why I basically don't mind paying taxes. What I do mind is politicians who think they can buy my vote by promising to cut my taxes. The politicians I'll support are the ones who admit we'll have to raise taxes to pay for essential services and public amenities."

"You hear a lot of nostalgic talk about the America of 40 years ago, when upward mobility was a cinch for anyone willing to work for it.

"What we forget is that in those days, marginal income tax rates ran up to 92 percent. Even then, it didn't keep people from pursuing success or making lots of money.

## Taxes Lowest in World

"Hardly anyone in public life today has the guts to state the obvious; that our tax rates are among the lowest in the industrial world and that virtually every new tax cut turns out, on closer inspection, to be a shameless play for votes or a sneaky way to kill a program someone doesn't like.

"We've gone too far in cutting taxes, especially for those in the top income brackets. It's time to reverse course, even if that means clipping the wings of some high-flying billionaires. And even if I have to pay more. Until Eve arrived, this was a man's world" anon

## "Live and Learn and Pass it On"

By Harrison Brown, Jr.

"I've learned that the prayer I say most is: 'Lord, please keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.'"

"I've learned that an adult is someone who stopped growing except around the middle."

"I've learned that you should hope and work, but never hope more than you work."

"I've learned that you shouldn't eat in a restaurant where the cook is skinny."

## Computer Group To Focus On Hubble Telescope

For their 2:30 p.m. Nov. 19, meeting the Computer Group will hear about the hubble telescope. Our speaker will be Eric J. Rasmussen who is a member of the Astronomy Department at the University of Michigan - Dearborn Campus. He will have spectacular pictures which have recently been sent back to Earth from space and he will explain how the data sent to us is analyzed by computers.

We will be using the new projector which the Senior Men's Club has just purchased. It should be an excellent program for demonstrating how we will use the new equipment. Those welcome include all of the members of the Computer Group, all astronomers, and all others who are interested in photography and space.

## Club Dues Payable

Dues for 1998 are now being collected. Active members, \$30, Associate and On-leave members \$10 and Applicants \$10. Checks should be made payable to the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. Member checks to Walt Meyer and Applicant checks to Joe Kern.

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