

The
September
2000

Reminder

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM SPEAKERS

SEPTEMBER CHAIRMAN: WILLIAM T. MINARD

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| 1 | Speaker: William Bones
Ordained Deacon, St. James Episcopal Church, Birmingham
Subject: "The Team Approach"
<i>Applicants E—K invited to attend</i> |
| 8 | Speaker: Jeffrey King
President, King and MacGregor Environmental Company
Subject: "Environmental Considerations in Golf Course Development"
<i>Applicants L—P invited to attend</i> |
| 15 | Speaker: John Lewis
Senior Engineering Electro-Optics at General Dynamics
Subject: "How Combat Vehicles See and Shoot"
<i>Applicants Q—Z invited to attend</i> |
| 22 | Speaker: Elson Spangler
Retired GM Research Engineer, GM Laboratory
Subject: "How Smooth is Your Pavement?"
<i>Applicants A—D invited to attend</i> |
| 29 | Speaker: John Skinner
Retired Ford Manager of Information Services
Subject: "Attitude Toward Foreign Living"
<i>Applicants E—K invited to attend</i> |
| Oct 6 | Speaker: David Vanderveen
Director of Central Services Oakland County
Subject: "Oakland County Airports"
<i>Applicants L—P invited to attend</i> |

DISCUSSION GROUP SPEAKERS

SEPTEMBER CHAIRMAN: NORRIS F. LEE

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| 1 | Speaker: Donald E. Cox, SMC Member
Topic: "What's Your Favorite Story?" |
| 8 | Speaker: Robert G. Bannon, SMC Member
Topic: "What About Your Business Experiences?" |
| 15 | Speaker: Robert S. Kenning, SMC Member
Topic: "What About Then and Now?" |
| 22 | Speaker: Norris F. Lee, SMC Member
Topic: "What About Our Most Valued Rights?" |
| 29 | Speaker: William J. English, SMC Member
Topic: "What About Your Best Vacation Experience?" |
| Oct 6 | Speaker: Donald R. Burgett
Topic: "Paratroopers World War II" |

You're in Good Hands

What can we say about three of our members who went above and beyond their call of duty. Dr. Jack McLaughlin, Dick Henne, and Dr. John Caldwell came to the assistance of member Paul Fitzpatrick who does the moments of interest at our weekly meetings.

Paul became ill in front of The Community House at one of our June meetings. Upon being notified, Dr. McLaughlin rushed to Paul's side on the steps of The Community House. He was soon joined by Dr. Caldwell. Quickly analyzing the situation, they provided comfort, confidence and above all else, a good analysis of the problem. They convinced Paul it was in his best interest to go to Beaumont Hospital.

Emergency help was summoned and Paul, joined by Dr. Caldwell and Dick Henne, went to Beaumont. Dr. McLaughlin, following up on Paul's case, notified me that same night that Paul was resting comfortably at Beaumont.

It is great to know that such capable men are so willing to give their time and abilities to the Senior Men's Club. That is what the Men's Club is all about. Congratulations Dr. Jack, Dr. John and Dick.

-Bill Reilly

Mark Twain Said It...

- *It could probably be shown by facts and figures that there is no distinctly native criminal class except Congress.*
- *Put all your eggs in one basket...and watch that basket.*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Gordon Lamphere will be 94 on September 3.
John Frailey will be 89 on September 4.
Roy Siegel will be 87 on September 6.
Frank Angelo will be 86 on September 6.
Scott Purvis will be 87 on September 7.
Chet Rucinski will be 88 on September 20.

Associate Member Birthdays:

Alister Brownllie will be 76 on September 10.
Ben Harvet will be 76 on September 18.

Birthdays of Members on Leave of Absence:

Bill Rieker will be 76 on September 12.
Ted Marlin will be 83 on September 27.

Members on Leave of Absence: George D. Miller.

Deaths:

William L. Snelling, on leave, who joined in March 1985.
Fred H. Keidan, who joined in April 2000.
James P. Lowman, who joined in January 1988.
William A. Kelleher, who joined in June 1991.

Address Change:

Richard Straight, 651 Sinex Ave., Apt. 217-C, Pacific Grove, CA, 93950-9976, (831) 657-4267.
Jim Fonda (new street name only) 1760 N. Old Woodward becomes 40760 Woodward.
Chase Cooper, 15181 Ford Rd., #433, Dearborn, MI, 48126. (313) 582-3196.

New Applicants:

Ronald B. Petrella, (Marcia), 438 Larchlea, Birmingham, 48009, 647-0943.
Sponsor: Roger Struck.
G. Lenard Johnston, (Constance), 2522 Crofton Ct., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 645-1778.
Sponsor: Bill Corba.
Robert P. Graham, (Jean), 1895 West Bend Drive, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 335-7757.
Sponsor: Eldon Crawfis.

New Members:

John W. Carter, (Annette), 1189 Glenpointe Ct., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 852-3916.
Sponsor: Jean Batts.
Amos O. Winsand, (Marilyn), 909 Tottenham, Birmingham, 48009, 647-1546.
Sponsor: Murphy Shell.

Resigned:

C. Kenneth VanAllen, who joined in June 1985.
William York, on leave, who joined in July 1996.

New Life Members:

Clifford I. Lundgren, Past President & Associate Member, who joined in November 1983.
Stanley J. Fiol, Associate Member, who joined in January 1984.
Kenneth H. Bertschy, who joined in March 1986.

-Bob Babcock and Jim D'Allemand

Thoughts on Aging

- *Age doesn't always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes alone.*
- *Just when you're getting used to yesterday, along comes today.*
- *You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.*
- *You know you're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you used to get from a rollercoaster.*

-Bob Pullar

Discussion Group

Donald R. Burgett, featured speaker for the October 6 Discussion Group was a member of the elite 101st "Screaming Eagle" Airborne division that led the way in the D-day invasion on June 6, 1944. Mr. Burgett has written three books "Curraher", a critically acclaimed memoir of the Normandy invasion. "A fascinating tale of personal combat" exclaimed Dwight D. Eisenhower. "Seven Roads to Hell", his epic account of the Battle of Bastogne and "The Road to Arnhem" describing his experiences in the 101st Airborne division during World War II. Mr. Burgett was recently featured on the History Channel.

-Russ Frye

Applicant Activity

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 18, 2000, the date planned for the annual Applicant Luncheon. Watch for details in the October Reminder. Applicants are reminded of the requirement to attend three regular Friday Club meetings each year and to sign the Attendance Register for those attended.

- Gordon Miller

Do It Now!

As of July 21, 248 Senior Men's Club members and applicants had sent in over \$20,000 to The Community House annual fund drive with an average gift of over \$82. This means that 453 of you are still procrastinating! As you know, The Community House depends on contributions, benefits and rentals to meet their budget. They provide us with five of their prime rental spaces almost every Friday plus rooms for our groups and committees without charge. We need these spaces and we need The Community House. Help us to keep The Community House viable and to reach our goal of \$50,000 on this drive. Please do your part and send your contribution today.

-Bob Pullar

Stratford Festival

"The Three Musketeers" will give 55 members and friends of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham plenty of excitement on October 12 at the Stratford Festival in Stratford, Ontario. Adapted from Alexandre Dumas' classic romance novel, the 2:00 PM Thursday performance features "flashing swords, dashing heroes and a beautiful villainess that add up to intrigue and adventure for all..." Our seats are in the "A" (best) sections of the Festival Theatre. Transportation, a substantial box lunch, snacks on the return trip, and a gratuity for the National Trails motorcoach driver are included in the total price of \$50 per person. We'll leave at 9:00 AM from the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church at 1669 West Maple arriving back around 8:00 PM. Sales for this SMC special event, which sold out last year, start September 8.

-Gene Jacoby
-Larry Price

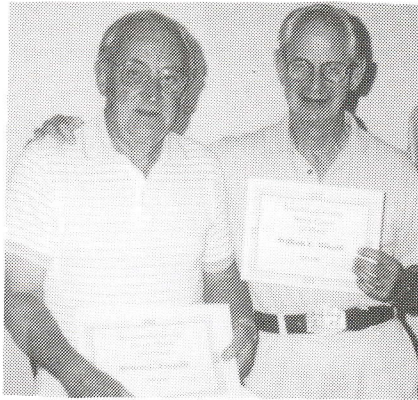
Detroit River Cruise

"Cruising down the river" on the Diamond Queen boat was another fun day like last year. Dinner at the waterfront Sinbad's Restaurant with its tasty meals was a super way to cap a great day. There have been many favorable comments that a good time was had by those who attended this popular event. Thanks for your interest and support.

-Bob Gardner

SMC Stock Game

The Investment Study Group is announcing the start of its annual Capital Gains Stock Game on October 13. Each contestant starts with an imaginary \$100,000 and selects up to five stocks. See George Miller, Ben Root or any Investment Group Committee member for an entry form. It's lots of fun!



Pictured above are last year's winners-Bill Minard (1st place) and Bob Fregolle (2nd place) receiving certificates acknowledging their accomplishments. Bill also won the use of a Chrysler PT Cruiser for a week. While Bill indicated driving the Cruiser was fun and that he got a kick out of the "eyeballing" and attention it garnered, he made one small mistake-he forgot to retrieve his garage door opener before returning the Cruiser. Of course, Bill did get it back later (the door opener, not the Cruiser!)

-Dick Harper

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

Thomas Edison

Group Meetings

Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet at The Community House on Tuesday, September 12 at 2 PM. Dr. James G. Bittker will show slides of his recent trip to Cuba.

-Bill Gridley

Computer Group

John Wigman of Birmingham Computer, will join us again this year, on Wednesday, September 20 at 2:30 PM. He will discuss voice recognition, viruses and have a Q & A to help you with any computer problems. Come and learn more about your computer and what new developments are on the horizon.

-John Slocum

Bridge Report

Contract averaged eight players. High averages were Jack Frailey, 2693; Don McNair, 2423; Carl Schorn, 2148; Jane Piggott, 2130; Al Wagner, 2010. There were no slams.

Duplicate averaged 35 players. High scorers were Bob Davis with 76%; Warren Spatz with 67%; and tied for third were Bernie Eisenstein and Bill Straith with 62%; Bill Straith with 60%. There were 23 small slams. There was one grand slam.

-Jack Endress

-Don McNair

Investment Group

Jim Williams of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone will speak to the Investment Study Group on September 13 at 2:45 PM at The Community House. The title of his presentation will be "Estate Planning and the Michigan New Probate Code." Jim has been a popular annual speaker on Estate and Tax planning issues. The stock game will begin on October 13, get your entries ready!

-George Miller

THE REMINDER

A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which meets on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2000 are: William T. Reilly, president; Carver Wood, first vice president; Ray Latovick, treasurer; Ernie Bergan, second vice president; Ben Ewing, secretary; Dick Harper, corresponding secretary; Ed Neill and Frank Barnes, officers at large; Bill Crabtree, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: George Lumsden, editor; Dick Davis, Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost and Alvie Smith, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photography; Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Joe Kern, mailing.

The Kids Need Us!

Before you resort to the old Reagan barb, "There you go again," let's be reminded that we've been helping kids at the Oakland County Children's Village since 1986, and yes, "Here we go again!" That's right.

In 1986, John Spomer managed to pry \$300 out of the club for the Village, and each year it's been better and better. Last year, you warm-hearted guys coughed up \$5,853 and our year 2000 goal is a nice crisp \$6,000.

Greg Alessi is the Special Projects Director of the OCCV. He tells us that the "needs list" is just as long as ever. Field trips, sports equipment, videos, clothing, toys, outings, books, even diapers are on the list. What's important for us to know is that every red cent we give will go directly to the kids. Greg will be with us at our meeting September 22 for a brief update on what's happening at the Village.

On September 29, John's Amazing Jug will make the rounds and perform its miracles. Members and applicants who might be out of town on the 29th can be part of this project by sending a check made out to Oakland County Children's Village to Phil Werner at 6810 Orinoco, Bloomfield, MI, 48301.

The nice thing about opportunities like this is that when you make these kids feel good, you'll feel good too!

That's Life

A customer in the cafe called the waiter over to his table. "Is this tea or coffee? It tastes like cough medicine." The waiter replied, "Well, if it tastes like medicine it must be tea because our coffee tastes like turpentine."

The order: "I'll have two fried eggs and toast...and a few kind words." The waiter brought the eggs and toast. "What about the kind words," asked the diner. "Don't eat the eggs," snapped the waiter.

A Special Treat

In this Reminder issue you'll notice a full insert, a photo montage, covering the annual picnic held last month. The story behind this is that we mentioned to Bob Hadley that it might be nice to have a shot or two of the picnic, and he said he'd do a little something. Well, what he did was so artistic that in addition to the insert, the full size photo montage will be displayed at the next few Friday meetings. Great work, Bob!

New Kid on the Block

The Reminder is the product of many dedicated hands. It's one thing to write and publish it and another to get it into the hands of readers. For many years, Joe Kern has headed up the mailing activity and has done a thoroughly great job. With this issue, he is turning the responsibility over to Bill English. Bill has been a member since 1994 and has been a member of the circulation crew for a long time. So we thank Joe and welcome Bill at the same time. Now you know that your Reminder will come to you on time and in good shape!

Remember Ogden Nash?

- Bankers are just like anyone else-only richer.*
- I think that I shall never see a billboard as lovely as a tree. Indeed, unless the billboards fall, I'll never see a tree at all.*

Special Event Refund Policy

The Executive Board of the SMC approved a formal refund policy for special club events at the Board meeting of July 11, 2000. This policy provides that refunds will be made to members who have paid in advance for special events under any of the following circumstances:

- Availability of a member on a waiting list who will purchase ticket(s).
- Death or serious illness of a ticket holder or spouse.

The Chairman of the Special Events Committee is authorized to determine eligibility for refund under these circumstances.

Four Stages of Life

1. *You believe in Santa Claus.*
2. *You don't believe in Santa Claus.*
3. *You are Santa Claus.*
4. *You look like Santa Claus.*

Other Club Dates To Remember

Exec. Board: 9:30 a.m. Sep. 12.

Golf: 9:00 a.m. Thursdays at Springdale Golf Course.

Reminder Deadline: September 15.

Bridge: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. and Fridays after lunch.

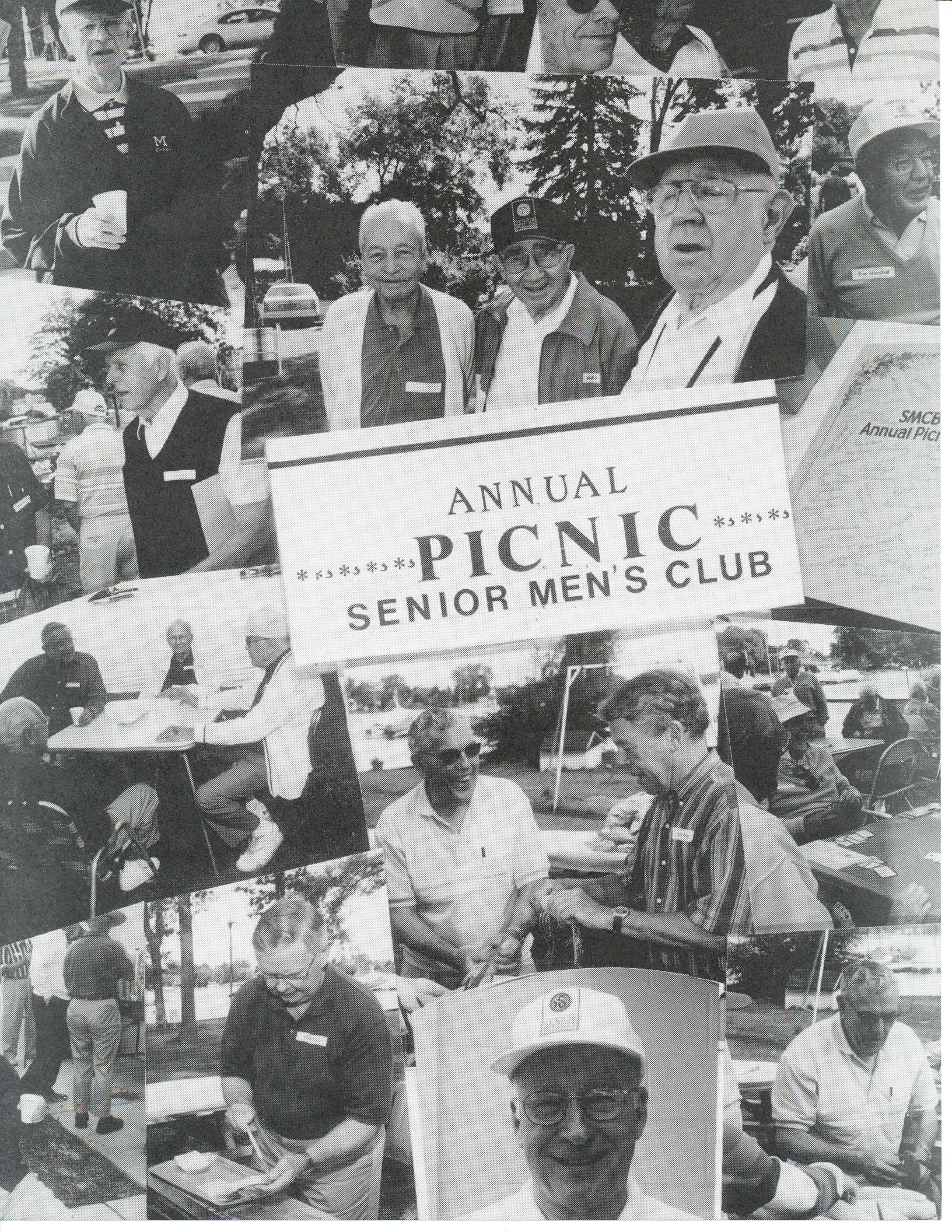
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