

The Reminder



Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

PROGRAM SPEAKERS MAY 2000

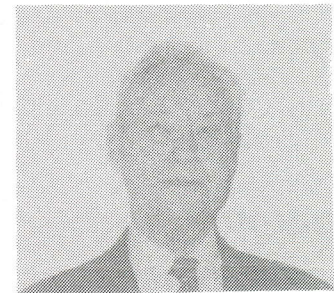
MAY CHAIRMAN: DONALD W. JENSEN

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| 5 | Speaker: David Payne, Supervisor
Bloomfield Township
Subject: "The State of Bloomfield Township"
<i>Applicants A—D</i> |
| 12 | Speaker: Bill Halbert, Senior Vice President of Investments
Paine Webber, Inc.
Subject: "New Economy: YES! New Technology Stocks: ?"
<i>Applicants E—K</i> |
| 19 | Speaker: Bob Dadow
Assistant Deputy County Executive Oakland County
Subject: "Law Enforcement Systems-The County's Unique Approach
to Effective Community Policing"
<i>Applicants L—P</i> |
| 26 | Speaker: Dan Dirks
General Manager SMART
Subject: "SMART-Moving in the Right Direction"
<i>Applicants Q—Z</i> |
| June 2 | Speaker: John Ciszewski, Executive Vice President
Detroit Pistons/Palace Sports & Entertainment
Subject: "Detroit Pistons-Palace Activities"
<i>Applicants A—D</i> |

a good presentation

A Man for All Seasons

"I continue to be amazed at the diversity of interests and knowledge I find in the members of the Senior Men's Club," says SMC member Joe Kern. "The club is a marvelous organization of honorable men, and a great social group. It is the most cooperative group of people I've ever met." It is typical of Joe's



Joe Kern

modesty when he says "I often feel small when I see all this talent around me." Joe's interest in the SMC and his dedication to it have resulted in his receipt of the Club's Outstanding Service Award. He has served as Corresponding Secretary, co-chaired the Lunch Committee for over 10 years and has served on the Health & Visitation and Reminder Distribution Committees even longer.

Joe could write a book about tough times. He came from a farm in the thumb near Deckerville with no electricity or indoor plumbing, and he had a two mile walk to school. The family traded in the farm for a 4-unit apartment building in Detroit in 1929, just before the crash. Renters were hard to come by, and they lost it all. The Depression taught him the need for an education, so he finished high school, earned a BS degree at night and later completed the MBA program.

He met his wife Dorothy at church and they were married in

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DISCUSSION GROUP SPEAKERS

MAY CHAIRMAN: WILLIAM CRABTREE

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| May 5 | Speaker: Ed Conley, SMC Member
Topic: "James Madison, Principal Author of the U.S. Constitution" |
| May 12 | Speaker: Bill Crabtree, SMC Member
Topic: "John Adams, leader of the Boston Patriots and 2nd U.S President" |
| May 19 | Speaker: Norris Lee, SMC Member
Topic: "Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence" |
| May 26 | Speaker: Max Horton
Past President of Birmingham Historical Society
Topic: "Benjamin Franklin" |
| June 2 | Speaker: TBA
Topic: TBA |

Your Help is Invited

Perhaps the most prestigious individual award a member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham can receive from the club is the Outstanding Service Award. As the name of this award indicates, it is intended to recognize outstanding and meritorious service to the club over an extended period of time.

Any member of the club may nominate another member for the award. Nominations should be submitted to the Policy Committee and include suggested reasons for consideration. The Policy Committee evaluates nominations, and determines appropriateness for submission to the Executive Board for approval.

Nomination forms can be obtained from and should be returned to any member of the Policy Committee which consists of Chairman King Ruhly, Don Clark, John Caldwell, Gordon Henderson, Bill Reilly and Phil Werner.

Attention:

Wayne State Fans!

Paul Pentecost, an associate editor of The Reminder, is co-editor of a recently published book, "Reminiscences of Wayne." The book details the growth of Wayne State University from the early 50's to today.

Paul, a former WSU public relations director and Dr. Henry Bohm, retired WSU provost, interviewed many retired faculty, staff and administrators to compile this most interesting book.

For further information and to order copies, please call Paul Pentecost (248)626-6220 or Henry Bohm (734)591-1926.

Hello to Spring

*Da spring has sprung,
Da grass has rizz,
I wonder where da flowers is?
Da boids is on the wing,
Ain't dat absoid?
I thot da wings wuz on da boid!*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Special Birthday Greetings:

Vincent Quinn (leave of absence) will be 85 on May 1.
William Licht will be 88 on May 3.
Charles Ross will be 86 on May 6.
Bob Hadley will be 88 on May 10.
John Easterbrook will be 90 on May 14.
Al Gurley will be 86 on May 19.
Bill Waltsgott will also be 86 on May 19.
Sid Miller will be 86 on May 23.
Dennis Sante will also be 86 on May 23.
Robert Zolad will be 85 on May 24.
Paul Carter will be 91 on May 28.
Ray Swartz will be 86 on May 28.

Deaths:

Michael Best, 70, who joined in February 1996.
Dr. Paul L. Cusick, 93, Life Member, who joined in April 1988.
D. Paul Fisher, 93, Life Member, who joined in October 1968.
Robert E. Waldon, 70, who joined in January 1992.
Norman F. White, 90, Life Member, who joined in February 1978.

New Applicants:

Auchterlonie, George J., (Jean), 1286 Greenglen Ct., Bloomfield Hills, 48304, 299-4028.
Sponsor: Ralph Lee.
Dowd, Michael E., (Sara), 1266 Norfolk, Birmingham, 48009, 646-7605.
Sponsor: Dick Harper
Matte, Frank J., (Ellen), 30571 Georgetown Dr., Beverly Hills, 48025, 644-0016.
Sponsor: George Hilfinger.
Quasney, William R., (Marilynn), 4325 Quarton Rd., Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 626-7116.
Sponsor: Gene Jacoby.
Rutten, William J., (Debbie), 911 Ridgedale Ave., Birmingham, 48009, 644-7174.
Sponsor: Jim Lowman.

New Members:

Benish, John L., (Betty), 5564 N. Adams Way, Bloomfield Hills, 48302, 593-6650.
Sponsor: Dick Hameister.
Converse, Byron R., (Jacquelyn), 22536 Metamora Dr., Beverly Hills, 48025, 646-9671.
Sponsor: Al McManus.
Gray, William F., (Dulce), 1098 Fairfax, Birmingham, 48009, 644-7209.
Sponsor: Bob Reid.
Martz, Philip A., (Barbara), 1548 Hazel, Birmingham, 48009, 646-1138.
Sponsor: Don Clark.

New Life Members:

Robert L. McKenny, on leave, who joined in January 1978.
Joseph W. Rattner, who joined in April 1990.
Virgil Smith, who joined in February 1986.
Donald F. Voelker, who joined in November 1987.

Terminated:

Bronson Allen, Life Member, who joined in June 1973.
John J. Taylor, Life Member, who joined in October 1977.
James J. Hayes, who joined in March 1994.
Jack W. Finley, Jr., an Associate Member, who joined in February 1989.
Alfred F. Sayers, an Associate Member, who joined in October 1993.
George A. Herrick, on leave, who joined in October 1984.
Wilbur P. Wood, on leave, who joined in July 1992.

Resigned:

Howard C. Larick, Life Member, who joined in March 1977.

Change of Address:

Tom Perkins, 15091 Ford Rd., #607, Dearborn, MI, 48126, 313-846-2641.

-Bob Babcock and Jim D'Allemand

Tigers Game

The just opened Comerica Park is the setting for the Senior Men's Club special event on June 12, 2000. On that Monday night at Detroit's new ballpark, 47 of our members will be sitting in upper box seats for the Tigers game at 7:05 PM against the



Toronto Blue Jays. A charter motorcoach will ease travel to and from Comerica Park. It will leave the First United

Methodist Church of Birmingham at 5:30 PM, returning to the parking lot there at Maple and Pleasant as quickly as possible after the game. Ticket and transportation, including a tip for the coach driver and a parking donation, are \$30.00 a person. The sale starts at our Friday meeting April 28.

Bridge Report

Contract averaged eight players. High averages were Art Burgott with 3140, Carl Schorn with 2840, Don McNair with 2400 and Al Wagner with 2333. There were no slams. Duplicate averaged 35 players. High percentages were Phil Werner with 66.67%, King Ruhly with 65%, and Charles Gates with 62.9%. There were six small slams.

-Don McNair
-Zack Endress

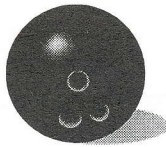
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1941. After serving in WWII (Navy, South Pacific), Joe returned to Michigan, worked for GM, Ford, the FBI and Cooper Supply Company. He later became a sales representative in the construction industry. The Kerns have two daughters and five grandchildren. For recreation, they travel and play bridge. If their bridge skills are as sharp as their minds, Joe and Dorothy must do very well at the game.

-Dick Davis

Bowling Report

Individual statistics are: Art Byington with a high average of 178; Bill Reilly with 171 and Joe Maertens with 170. High single game was Art Byington with 238, P. Martz with 237 and D. Doty with 237. High series was Art Byington with 650, F. DeGrande with 636 and D. Doty with 621. Team statistics are: High team series is Team #13 (D. Clark, B. Hadley, S. Vine, V. Caputo) with 2012 pins. High team game is Team #4 (E. Neill, J. Chalmers, D. Kozak, D. Harper) with 740 pins. Outstanding bowling in the last thirty weeks resulted in seven 600 plus series and over 50% of the bowlers bowling one or more 200 plus series. Phil Martz bowled 14 200 plus games and two 600 plus series. Doubles winners: Don Clark and Lloyd Sturgeon. A great time was had by all. Anyone interested in bowling next September, feel free to contact me.



-Dennis Kozak

Group Meetings

Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet at The Community House on Tuesday May 9 at 2:00 PM. Richard Cass will show slides of the highlights of his tour of Yugoslavia in 1998. He titles his presentation "Yugoslavia in Peacetime." Richard Cass is a member of the Photographic Society of American and the Photographic Guild.

-Bill Gridley

Investment Group

Marilyn Gunther, Investment Consultant with Investment Management and Research will again address the group on Wednesday, May 10 at 2:45 PM at The Community House. She will discuss "Is Asset Allocation Dead in Financial Planning?" When the stock game ends in May, a Chrysler PT Cruiser will be provided for the weekend or more to the winner. Bill Minard is the current leader.

-George Miller

Computer Group

The May 17, 2000 meeting of the Computer Group will be held at the offices of the Oakland County Sheriff, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. in Pontiac. Your promptness will be appreciated. Sheriff Michael Bouchard and his staff will present a program which will give us knowledge and insight into how law enforcement is using computers in the prevention of crimes as well as the solving of crimes.

-John Slocum

Applicant Activity

Plan to attend the next Applicant Activity meeting on Tuesday, May 23 at 2:00 PM at The Community House. George Lumsden, Editor of THE REMINDER will be our guest speaker. He will review the function and background of this monthly publication as well as other Club matters of interest. Mark your calendar and learn why Applicants are on the move.

-Gordon Miller

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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.

Take a Second Look...

At this month's Discussion Group lineup, SMC member Bill Crabtree has come up with an unusual series of meetings that you'll want to attend. The focus is on the founding fathers of this nation, men who were instrumental in bringing about the American Revolution and the creation of our present form of government. Each speaker will represent one of the characters: Ed Conley on James Madison, Bill Crabtree on John Adams, Morris Lee on Thomas Jefferson and Max Horton on Benjamin Franklin. In a day when cynicism prevails regarding many current political leaders, your spirits will be revived as you hear what these giants said, thought and did. Good show, Bill!

Life Members Honored

Congratulations to Joe Sackerson and Virgil Smith on achieving Life Member status.

These are longstanding members who have made real contributions to the Senior Men's Club.

As always, Art Burgott did the interviews in a grand manner. A third life member, Donald Voelker, was also inducted in April. Don is in a nursing care facility, but Art Burgott and Bob Babcock called on him and did the honors. Art's recounting of the event is beyond description.

Congrats to all three new life members!

Top: Art Burgott with Virgil Smith

Bottom: Art Burgott with Joe Sackerson



Help Us Help Others

The Visitation and Health Committee of the Senior Men's Club takes on the responsibility of notifying us of deaths and illnesses of members. However, they can't report what they don't know, so your help is needed. If you hear of a member's death or illness, please call Chairman Dr. Jack McLaughlin, or Vice Chairman Bob Reid or Sherm Vine. Thank you.

Handicapped Parking



With a number of our members eligible for handicapped parking, the following may be of interest. The City of Birmingham's policy on handicapped parking is that, with a valid permit showing, one may park in a marked handicapped spot, in any metered space without paying, or by a yellow curb if not obstructing traffic. This information comes from the Police Department via The Community House, and is a "Birmingham Only" policy.

Other Club Dates To Remember

Exec. Board: 9:30 a.m. May 9.

Bowling: 9:30 a.m. Mondays at Thunderbird Lanes, Troy.

Reminder Deadline: May 19.

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

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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