

Membership Report

March 2017 New Members

Micheal Pittoors
David VanAssche
Henry Wancket

Sick and Visiting Report

Ted Westfall was for a week in the hospital with pneumonia and has recovered. Once at home he fell and hurt his knees, arm and hands. He said he is getting better slowly. Ron Nyboer had spinal surgery to relieve a pinched nerve. Bob Maes had knee surgery and is doing quite well. Ron and Bob were at the March meeting. Gabe DeKemppe is in an Independent Living Facility. The place is called Town Village, 4500 Dobry, Sterling Hgts. Apt. 202. Phone 1-586-884-6147.

Sick & Visiting Chairman
Etienne Elskens,
586-228-3923

Scholarship Report

Scholarship applications will be available at the May general meeting. Children of members are eligible the year they graduate from high school and the two years following. All requirements are on the application. Deadline for applying is September 1, 2017. If you cannot be at the meeting, contact Al VanDenBergh at 810-794-5145 after May 1, 2017.

Al VanDenBergh
Scholarship Chairman

Recreation Report

March 2017

BIEN

Paul Joye	53 pts
Bob Maes	51 pts

BIEN TOTALS

Paul Joye	148 pts
Bob Maes	148 pts

DARTS

Ken Allemon	634 pts w/h
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DARTS TOTALS

Ben Allemon	15 pts
Ed DeSmet	15 pts

EUCHRE

Julius Voet	50 pts
Brad Allemon	48 pts

EUCHRE TOTALS

Brad Allemon	130 pts
Andre Reyntiens	126 pts

PINOCHLE

Etienne Elskens	246 pts
Gary Huyghe	231 pts

PINOCHLE TOTALS

Gary Huyghe	739 pts
Mike Gray	645 pts

"31"

Mike Aluia	2 pts
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"31" TOTALS

Tim Merryman	5pts
Mike Aluia	4pts

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Presidents Report

Spring has sprung and we can travel to business and pleasure much easier. Even though winter didn't bring us the normal snow and cold, we actually are pleased it's spring. During the past year we approved and swore in 19 new members. This will continue to be one of our goals for 2017. Along with if you sponsor a new member you will receive a refund of your annual dues. We will also promote bringing new guests to our General meetings and providing the member of the guest with an additional raffle strip. Some of my additional goals and objectives are as follows. We want to increase our email list to communicate more efficiently. We are including the Belgium Flag to all of our monthly General meetings. I have requested a description / profile from each Board member to create a data file. We are providing a suggestion box at the General meetings. The suggestions will be reviewed by the Board and advise the membership at the following General meeting. We will provide the Belgian / American pin and directory to each new member sworn in. We are continuing to monitor our finances and reporting them to the membership. Our 2017-2018 Directory is available with the approved changes.

We have many events scheduled for this year, please see Bob Putrycus report as well as the many Board reports to keep you informed. This is one way for us to communicate information to you of what is happening during the months and year ahead. I would also recommend you refer to our website to keep you informed of our current and future events between bulletins.

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If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please email at r.hison@att.net or call me a (586)772-9027.

Bob Hison,
President

Entertainment Report

By the time you read this article, we will have visited Firekeepers Casino and probably have some winners and some losers. The next casino trip is May 10 – 12. We will be going to Firekeepers, Blue Chip and Four Winds, staying at Blue Chip. The cost is \$179 per person. There are still a few openings, if you're interested. The Joint Meeting is April 18th at the Greek Cultural Center starting at 7:30pm. Try to come and join us for an evening of good food, music and comradery with your friends. It's a little early in the season, nevertheless the first golf outing is tentatively set for June 11th at Bello Woods. Mark your calendars for our joint picnic with the Century Club at Blossom Heath Park in St. Clair Shores on July 9th. Any questions or problems, call me on my cell phone at (586) 596-4422.

Bob Putrycus,
Entertainment Chairman

2017 Calendar of Events

- April 18: Joint Meeting
- April 30: B.A.A Band Concert at Zuccaro's
- May 10-12: Casino Trip to Firekeepers, Blue Chip & Four Winds, Staying at Blue Chip, \$179 pp

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2017 Calendar of Events Continued

- June 11: Golf Outing at Bello Woods
TENTATIVE
- July 9: Joint Picnic with B.A.C.A.
at Blossom Heath Noon – 6:00pm
- Sept. 17: Golf Outing at Bello Woods
TENTATIVE
- Sept. 27 - 29: Casino Trip to Hollywood,
Mountaineer & Wheeling, Staying
at Mountaineer, \$179 pp
- October 1: Memorial Mass at St. Margaret
Noon with lunch to follow
- October 17: Joint Meeting

Obituary Report

The following members recently passed away.

Name	Joined BAA
Lucien Mareel	October 2000
William Vreven	March 1991

May our deceased brothers rest in peace and let Perpetual light shine upon them.

Also remember in your prayers Rita Danckaert, mother of John, Louis and Tom Danckaert, The father-in-law of Dr. Mark Deprez, and Mariann Baecke, widow of Frank Baecke. All whom recently passed away. May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Michael Gray, *Obituary Chairman*

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Band Report

The Belgian American Association Band will hold their 85th annual Spring Concert and Dance.

This is a NEW DAY, NEW TIME, NEW PLACE! You can be home in time to watch the 10:00 News.

Sunday, April 30th at 4:30 PM, doors open at 4:00 PM. The location is:

Zuccaro Banquets & Catering
46601 Gratiot
Chesterfield, MI 48051

The Band will play marches, waltz, and other popular tunes from decades gone by. Tickets are 25.00 USD each and included after the concert is a buffet chicken dinner, with dessert, with full bar and refreshments. Then dancing afterward to many standards by the Eric Neubauer Ensemble.

A few advertising opportunities are still available.

Putting the concert together is a year round effort. I would like to thank all of those who help make this annual event a success, including our advertisers, dedicated musicians, band committee, the BAA officers, board, and members, friends, and family, for your support. It is great that we can continue to have this annual concert for 85 years. There are truly a whole great group of people who step up every year to make this event a success.

We look forward to presenting the membership with music for all club events throughout the year.

Larry Mahieu, *Band Chairman*

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