

Entertainment Report

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Please stay tuned for upcoming events that we will be putting together for the upcoming year.

*Meet the Board party January 22nd Assumption Cultural Center doors open at 4:30pm

**Upcoming event- Orleans Sports - Saturday February 19th, 4pm to 7 pm \$5/ person. Includes pizza and salad buffet, refreshments, cards, pool tables, shuffleboard tables and darts. Let me know limited to 60 people.

As always feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns

Butch DeSmet
Entertainment Chairman

Retiree Report

The Retiree's are looking for new members. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11:50 to 3. 16140 Aurora in Eastpointe behind St. Peters Lutheran Church. We serve a luncheon of chips, cold cuts, pop and beer. We also have play Pinoche, Euchre, Bien and 31. There is a lot of socializing.

Gary Huyghe
Retiree Chairman
586-779-2810

Recreation Report

2021 Champions are:

Darts

Ken Allemon and Ed DeSmet tied

Bien

Paul Joye

Euchre

Robert VanDeVelde

Pinochle

Mike Huyghe

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Tim Merriman

Rich Dauw
Recreation Chairman

Obituary Report

The following member recently passed away

Name	Joined BAA
Jack Pieters	July 1999
Date of Death: November 1, 2021	
Camiel DeSchutter	April 2007
Date of Death: November 10, 2021	

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

Also remember in your prayers Pat Rudoni, member of BAA Auxiliary and BAA Retirees, and Betty Vercruysse, member of BAA Auxiliary.

May they rest in peace.

Michael Gray
Obituary Chairman

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Presidents Report

Happy New Year 2022

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and spent time with your family and friends. Now we can look forward to a safe and healthy New Year that will lead us back to normal in 2022.

2021 had its ups and downs. We did have some activities for our members like the casino trip, golf outing, dinners and meetings. But our joint picnic was cancelled due to weather. The second casino trip and fall golf outings were cancelled because of lack of participation. Members were still not ready to take chances on their health.

However, we did have our Installation of Officers party in August after being postponed twice. We had a good turnout and continued with the October joint dinner and the Total Sports outing in November.

I want to thank the Board members for their continued support and hard work to provide events and keep everyone safe.

Please save the date Saturday, January 22, 2022 for our Annual Meet the Board party. This will be held at the Assumption Cultural Center at 21800 Marter Road in St. Clair Shores. The BAA Band will play while we enjoy appetizers and cocktails. There will be some speeches followed by the Scholarship winners, the Man of the Year award and game winners. A great sit-down dinner will be served with music, dancing and our traditional raffle. Be sure to contact Bob Grant to reserve your table.

We will be scheduling as many events as we can in 2022 to bring us back to normal. So, check our website theBAA.us, BAA Facebook and emails to keep you informed.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me at r.hison@att.net or (586)772-9027.

Bob Hison
President

Membership

October meeting, we had one new member sworn in. November meeting, we had one new member sworn in and one guest. Overall, a good year for new members. Thank you to the members who have referred family and friends. Let's keep the momentum going in 2022. Membership Matters.

Kenneth DeWolf
Membership Chairman

Sick & Visting

Dear fellow members: fortunately, I have no-one on the sick list that I am aware of. Stay healthy and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Etienne Elskens
Sick and Visiting Chairman
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Band Report

The BAA Band Christmas concert, under the direction of Larry Huntington, was held on Wednesday, December 15th at St. Lucy Church. The Band looks forward to our next event - the BAA Meet the Board Party on Saturday, January 22nd.

Larry Mahieu
Band Chairman

Scholarship Report

Brother Members, for 2021 the BAA Executive Board has awarded the scholarship to four excellent candidates, all of whom have at least two generation of BAA membership behind them.

Julia Deprez, daughter of Mark and Cheryl Deprez, is a graduate of Lake Orion High School with a 4.2 GPA and a 1350 SAT score. During high school she played JV tennis 9th and 10th grades, Varsity tennis 11th and 12th grades, DECA 9th through 12th, National Honor Society 11th and 12th, and Student Council 9th through 12th. Julia attends Michigan State University. She also has a grandfather and two uncles in the BAA.

Alex Rizzo, son of Todd Rizzo and Andrea VanDenBergh, is a graduate of Belleville High School with a 4.14 GPA and a 1430 SAT score. During high school Alex played Varsity golf 9th through 12th, Varsity tennis 9th through 12th, Marching Band 9th through 12th, Science Olympiad 11th and 12th, Multicultural Club, Debate Club, NHS 10th through 12th, and had perfect attendance. He has four generations of BAA memberships behind him: great great grandfather, great grandfather, grandfather, father and a great uncle and uncle. He is also now attending Michigan State University.

Veronica VanRossen, Daughter of Edward D. VanRossen, is a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School with a GPA of 3.64. She participated in Varsity field hockey 9th through 12th, Varsity ice hockey 9th through 12th, Varsity Club 9th through 12th, NHS 11th and 12th, German NHS 11th and 12th, Student Council 9th through 12th, and German Club 9th through 12th. She also got an AP scholar award in 2019. She is attending the University of Maryland. Her grandfather is also a member.

Scholarship Report Cont.

Eric Werbrouck, son of Don and Cindy Werbrouck, graduated from Henry Ford II High School with a GPA of 3.72 and an 1170 SAT score. During high school Eric participated in Varsity soccer 10th through 12th and was captain in 12th, NHS 11th and 12th, Spanish Club, Spanish NHS, vice president of DECA and president of SADD. He is now attending Madonna University on a soccer scholarship. Both of his grandfathers were BAA members, and an uncle is a member now.

What always amazes me is how many things these young people can be involved in and still perform so well academically. These are four outstanding young people, and our organization wishes them all success as they pursue their academic goals.

Al VanDenBergh Jr.,
Scholarship Chairman