

Entertainment Report

Well as I'm writing this article Spring is right around the corner and it can't come to soon. The Club has some Activities planned that are coming up so mark your Calendar and plan on attending them. I do have Club Activity calendars available, and the Activities are posted on the website.

April 19th, Joint Meeting/Dinner at 7:30pm Greek Cultural Center

June 5th, Golf at Ramler Golf Course 8am Start Time

July 10th, Picnic, Noon at Blossom Heath Park

Sept. 15th Casino trip to Firekeepers

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

Winners		Leaders
Gary Huyghe 45 Roland Deprez 27	<i>Bien</i>	Paul Joye 111 Gary Huyghe 108
Rick Dauw 41	<i>Euchre</i>	Tim Malfroid 124
Mike Huyghe 282 Don O'Malley 139	<i>Pinochle</i>	Mike Huyghe 754 Mike Gray 535
Joe Aluia 2 Mike Aluia 2	<i>31</i>	Joe Aluia 3 Mike Aluia 3 Dan Kardasz 3

Rich Dauw
Recreation Chairman

Obituary Report

The following BAA members passed away December 2021-March 2022

Name	Date of Death	Joined BAA
Thomas VanDamme	Dec. 26, 2021	May 1976
Bruce Baron	Jan. 28, 2022	Jan. 2009

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

Michael Gray
Obituary Chairman

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Presidents Report

Once again, we welcome Spring with more sunshine and warmer weather. The world is in a very sorry state. The Russians have declared war on the Ukraine, killing so many innocent people and destroying their country. We can only pray this will end soon and in a peaceful manner. As for our country, we are experiencing the highest inflation rate in 40 years and gas prices increasing every day. Our direction as a country seems to be in the wrong direction. So, we pray for better days here and around the world.

We are moving the BAA in a more positive direction for you. Butch DeSmet and Larry Mahieu are planning events for the year, please see their articles. Also, keep up with the BAA emails, website and Facebook for the monthly schedules.

Our membership continues to be one of our most important goals, see Ken DeWolf's article to help encourage new members. When sponsoring a new member and they are approved and sworn in, then you will receive your yearly dues back.

Please save the date and plan on joining us for the April 19, 2022 joint dinner meeting. We will have a short meeting, a wonderful sit down dinner, music, dancing, raffle and socializing.

Please continue to review our website and www.theBAA.us to keep informed about our current and future events and information. Also, use our Suggestion Box at the General meetings for any subject you would like to have reviewed by the Board.

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

Bob Hison
President

Membership

Let's keep the momentum going in 2022.
Membership Matters.

Kenneth DeWolf
Membership Chairman

Sick & Visting

Michael Huyghe had a knee operation and is feeling not to bad but now his back is hurting. If you know of a member who is ailing, please give me a call. Also, Antoon Huyghe has been in the hospital.

Stay healthy and be careful, wear your mask if you are not feeling safe.

Etienne Elskens
Sick and Visiting Chairman
586-228-3923

Band Report

The BAA Band continues to celebrate our 90th anniversary year. We are now practicing at St. Lucy Church in St. Clair Shores for our next 2 upcoming events:

1. Our 90TH Anniversary concert & dinner dance.

The date and time is set for Sunday, June 12th, 2022 at 4 PM.

The location will be at:
ZUCCARO BANQUETS & CATERING
46601 Gratiot, Chesterfield Twp, MI 48051

Tickets are \$35.00 per person and will be available at the April & May meetings.

Or contact me directly, as below by email.

We still have room for anyone who may be interested in advertising in the concert program for this event. Please let me know.

2. In addition, we will perform at the start of the BAA / BACC Joint picnic on Sunday, July 10th at Blossom Heath Park.

Hope to see you at both of these events!

Best Regards,
Larry Mahieu
Band Chairman
belgianband@gmail.com

Scholarship Report

As we get near the end of another school year; I want to remind our members of the B.A.A. that if they have a child graduating this June or in 2020 or 2021, they may apply for the B.A.A. scholarship. This is available for children of members, if his/her father has been a member for 2 years prior to application. I will be at the May meeting and will have applications. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may call me; and I will mail you one. All instructions are on the application.

Al VanDenBergh Jr.
Scholarship Chairman