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A Good Club Striving To Become A Great Club Through Its Active Members

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President's Message



Greetings!

First of all, I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends, and as we enter December, two very special events are being planned for including the Ladies' and Men's Christmas Parties.

The Ladies' party will be held at the popular DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at Leominster, MA on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

The Men's party will be held at the Greendale YMCA on Wednesday, December 12th at 10 AM followed by lunch. Come early, have coffee and mingle before the program and meal. Contact George Barry for tickets.

Further, as we all know, winter is right around the corner so **please remember that our Weekly meetings are held whenever the Worcester Public Schools are in session and have no delays.** So if the weather is stormy, please check radio and TV listings for cancellations. Let's hope we get through the next few months without any weather problems.

Finally, the Christmas season is upon us. With that in mind, the officers, directors and trip leaders wish each and every member and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year!

PS: We invite all of our female friends, spouses, and subscribers to start out the New Year with a fantastic program on January 2nd. (see details on page 2)

—JAMES S. GALLAGHER, *President*

Membership Renewals FINAL REMINDER

(This does not pertain to Life Members or to Women Newsletter Subscribers.)

Thank you to those who have already paid their membership dues for 2018-2019. If you have not gotten around to it yet, **please renew by using the form on the back page (before Dec. 19th)** in order to continue enjoying all of the club benefits.

Your December Program Lineup!

Dec 5 **Christmas Concert**

The Retired Men's Club of Greendale Chorus Christmas Show Musical presentation with chorus leader **Lee Bartlett**.



Dec 12 **MEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – YMCA**

This annual event features a great buffet and holiday songs by the RMCG chorus, guest speakers and door prizes.

Starts at 10 AM
(rain, snow or shine).



Dec 19 **NO MEETING - School Vacation**

Dec 26 **NO MEETING - School Vacation**



Jan 2 **"Smoke Gets In Your Eyes"**

See page 2 for the details.

**Ladies are invited to this
Special Program!**

Jan 2

★★★ **Tony Funches** ★★★
Motown & More

For more than a decade, **Tony Funches** graced stages around the world as the longest standing lead singer of the legendary Hall of Fame music group, The Platters, Tony performs some of the Platters classic hits such as *Only You*, *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes*, *The Great Pretender*, as well as some top-40 and traditional tunes for other decades with his unique style. You'll hear the great songs, a bit of humor and some great stories from his years on the road.



This Meeting Is Open To ALL!

Attendance at our weekly programs is usually limited to our current membership, but for a few special programs each year (like this one), **we invite our female friends, spouses, and subscribers to attend.**

WHEN: January 2, 2018

WHERE: YMCA - 75 Shore Drive, Worcester

TIME: Come at **8AM** for Coffee & Donuts Meeting begins at **9AM** with our Color Guard and Chorus followed by the program.

While you're here, take advantage of the opportunity to pick-up some trip flyers and talk to any of our trip leaders about our upcoming trips. Right now we have over 30 trips with destinations both near and far, ranging from day trips to two week-long adventures.

Chorus Group Activities Schedule

Our choral group will sing on meeting days, following practice. If you'd like to attend one or more of the following outside programs, call ahead to check space availability.

Dec 2	Sunday	Millbury Chain of Lights (Waters Mansion) 3:30 p.m. 132 Elm Street, Millbury
12	Wed	Club Christmas Luncheon @ the Y 10:00 p.m. (No Sing-Out)
20, 27	Wed	No Commitments During Christmas Break
Jan 2	Wed	Northbridge Senior Center 12:30 p.m. 20 Highland Avenue, Whitinsville Sign-up for Lunch @ 11:45 a.m. Sing 12:30

If you know of places where we might share our talents, please ask them and/or suggest those places where we might bring joy and harmony. Call Glee Club Director, Lee Bartlett at 508-853-9182.

New Members

NAME	CITY	RETIRED FROM
Dave Bottcher	Holden	St. Mutual Life Ins.
Raymond Brunelle	Oxford	
John V. Comeau, III	Worcester	UPS / Local 170
Charles W. Crone	Sterling	FAA
Thomas Gingras	Worcester	Worcester Fire Dept.
Shawn McAvey	N. Grafton	Facilities Manger
Paul Selbold	Worcester	Norton Co.
Ron Waite	Holden	Gordon College
Steve Yerdon	Holden	Devereux Behavioral

Deceased Members

ERNEST DELIBERTIS	VICTOR J. ROMANS
ALFRED GOSSELIN	PAUL R. SEPUKA
THEODORE LEBLANC, SR.	GERALD F. SPILLANE
WILLIAM A. MAY	

Food For The Poor

PLEASE bring a can or two of food once a month or so to our Wednesday meetings at the YMCA
There are so many needy families out there.

Six Wonderful Gifts

- THE GIFT OF LISTENING** ~ But you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your responses, no second-guessing. Just listen.
- THE GIFT OF AFFECTION** ~ Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, and pats on the back. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for your family and close friends.
- THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER** ~ Clip and share cartoons and funny stories. Your gift will say, "love to laugh with you."
- THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE** ~ It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full page. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime and may even change a life.
- THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT** ~ A simple sincere "You look good in red," "You did a super job," or "That was wonderful," can make someone's day.
- THE GIFT OF A FAVOR** ~ Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

SEUSS, MAN IN A PINCH, NO GRINCH!



Dr. Seuss, actually Theodor Seuss Geisel, wrote books but **Gene Seuss** keeps the books for the Retired Men's Club of Greendale. No, he doesn't collect children's books but he does keep track of the money flow as club treasurer.

He stepped in after Peter Letsky let it be known he was planning a move to Florida. Gene had been assisting John Kelly, treasurer of the projects committee who is also listed as club treasurer. Gene tracks incoming money, doles out dough for expenses accrued by club workers and gives the monthly update on club income and expenses.

His background as a Certified Public Accountant certainly qualifies him for the treasurer's post but the soft-spoken, low-key man behind the corner desk he shares with Ken Buma also has worked with some of the best in the accounting field.

After working under his father in a dental lab where he specialized in making gold inlays and some intricate bridgework, Gene earned his accounting degree through a night program at Clark University called COPACE.

His first accounting job was with George A. Smith and Co., then considered the top firm in the city. After a stint as a partner in a national firm, he retired as chief financial officer for R.W. Granger, a construction company, at age 65. He had also put in some time in the Army Reserves, stationed at Fort Knox in Tennessee during the Cuban Missile Crisis. While he was in Tennessee and Kentucky, Gene enjoyed spelunking, exploring caves, including the famous Mammoth Caves.

An avid sportsman, Gene loved skiing, played golf, tennis and some football. He was a member at Pleasant Valley Country Club before joining the men's club and playing in one of the leagues at Pine Ridge in Oxford. Unfortunately, two hip surgeries and a knee transplant have ended his participation.

Today he lives in his home in Auburn. He has two children, two stepchildren, one of whom is living with him, and 17 great grandchildren. He has lost two wives to cancer. He was with Paula for 20 years and Judy for 30 years.

Gene also was active at the Auburn Senior Center. But since joining the club about 15 years ago he has become very involved with club activities. "My father was a member," Gene said. "I've met a lot of great people and there's a lot of people I know from the past."

He's also looking forward to seeing a lot of people he's known but hasn't caught up with yet at the club. So drop by the table in the corner some time and say hello.

—SUBMITTED BY JIM CONNOLLY



George Barry gets a closer look at the 2018 World Series Trophy that the Red Sox brought home again this year.



After a recent RMCG cruise through the Caribbean Islands, Jim Hester (AKA the man who wears many hats) shows off the latest edition to his collection.

Newsletter Subscription REMINDER (for Women Over 60)

The Monthly Newsletter is Free to our members (*men over 60 who have paid their annual dues or are life members*). **Non-Members** (*women over 60 who are single or widowed*) can purchase a newsletter subscription for \$10.

For those women who were receiving our Newsletter last year and have already renewed your subscription for 2018-19, we **Thank You**.

For those women who have not renewed yet, please take a moment to do so by completing the Remittance Form on the back page.

The newsletter is a great way to stay informed about travel opportunities!

Day & Overnight Trips For The Years 2018–2020

* Symbols below, represent NEW TRIPS this month. Contact Trip Leader of destination(s) that are of interest to you.

Attention ALL Travelers - TRIP PARKING CHANGES

Parking arrangements vary from trip to trip.

We ask that you follow your Trip Leader's INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT WHICH LOT TO PARK IN.

Thank you, Retired Men's Club of Greendale

DAY TRIPS

DESTINATION	DATES	F/SALE	BUSSES	PRICE	LEADER(S)	TELEPHONE
Foxwoods	Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 8, May 6, Jun 3, 2019	NOW	1	\$24	Elliott Lockwood	508-829-6991
Chez Joseph Show & Luncheon - <i>Plus Bright Lights Festival</i>	12/11/18	Wait List	1	\$85	George Barry	508-799-0739
Men's Christmas Party	12/12/18	NOW	-	\$5	George Barry	508-799-0739
New Year's Eve Day Celebration - <i>Lake Pearl</i>	12/31/18	NOW	1	\$92	Roland Beauregard	508-832-5624
Celtic Angels of Ireland	3/12/19	NOW	1	\$90	Tom Cullinane	508-753-3266
Submarine Force Museum - (Coast Guard Academy)	5/16/19	NOW	1	\$84	Gene Seuss	508-832-6493
* Newport Rail Tour	5/16/19	NOW	1	\$93	Jack Staples	508-835-3954
Lobster Luncheon at George's & Mohegan Sun	6/4/19	NOW	1	\$93	Wilson McLaren	508-869-2451
* Narragansett Lighthouse Cruise	7/17/19	NOW	1	\$93	Jack Staples	508-835-3954
Lobster Bash - <i>"That's Amore"</i>	7/25/19	NOW	1	\$98	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913
* Pickity Place & Averill House Winery	8/21/19	NOW	1	\$92	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913
* Vine to Wine Delight	9/24/19	NOW	1	\$92	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913
* New Hampshire Turkey Train	10/3/19	NOW	1	\$87	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913

OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Atlantic City & Broadway Show - <i>Bandstand or OnYour Feet</i>	1/14-16/19	NOW	1	\$446	Roland Beauregard	508-832-5624
Cruising Venice & the Adriatic - <i>Italy, Slovenia & Croatia</i>	2/17-28/19	NOW	1	\$4,595/5,295	Tom Cullinane	508-753-3266
Savannah & Charleston	4/21-26/19	NOW	1	\$2,224	Roland Beauregard	508-832-5624
Hollywood to Hawaii	4/23-5/4/19	Wait List	1	\$4,480/5,150	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913
International Military Tattoo, Annapolis, Williamsburg	4/25-29/19	NOW	1	\$1,129	Richard T. Shea	508-853-2024
Wildwood Crest & Cape May	5/21-24/19	NOW	1	\$619	George Barry	508-799-0739
Enjoy Branson and <i>"Get Your Kicks on Route 66"</i>	5/31-6/6/19	NOW	1	\$1,990	George Barry	508-799-0739
Resorts - Atlantic City	6/9-11/19	NOW	1	\$265	Elliott Lockwood	508-829-6991
Quechee Balloon Festival	6/14-16/19	NOW	1	\$445	George Barry	508-799-0739
American Heritage - <i>Gettysburg & Harpers Ferry</i>	9/8-11/19	NOW	1	\$884	George Barry	508-799-0739
* My Old Kentucky Home	9/10-18/19	NOW	1	\$2,394	Wilson McLaren	508-869-2451
Red Rocks of Sedona	9/15-20/19	Wait List	1	\$2,309	Richard T. Shea	508-853-3546
French Riviera	9/21-30/19	NOW	1	\$4,775	Roland Beauregard	508-832-5624
Fjord Cruise & Lapland: <i>Norway Finland & the Arctic</i>	10/2-19/19	NOW	1	\$7,095/7,695	Tom Cullinane	508-753-3266
Canada & New England Cruise <i>from Boston</i>	10/6-13/19	NOW	1	\$1,119	George Barry	508-799-0739
Panama Canal - <i>Small Ship Adventure</i>	11/3-15/19	NOW	1	\$4,395	John R. Kelly	508-853-3546
South American Cruise - <i>Norwegian Bliss</i>	2/27-3/15/20	NOW	1	\$5,579/6,479	Richard T. Shea	508-853-2024
Great Rivers of Europe	4/24-5/9/20	NOW	1	\$5,695/7,095	Dick Pinkes	508-769-2913
Safari Serengeti	5/16-30/20	NOW	1	\$6,695	John R. Kelly	508-853-3546
Adventures in Discovering Traditional Japan	9/20-10/4/20	NOW	1	\$6,500	Richard T. Shea	508-853-2024

All prices quoted are per person (Double Occupancy) - Refunds will be made per printed club policy. The first sale date was originated to make it possible for all members to have an equal chance to get in on any and all trips. Detailed trip flyers are available at Wednesday meetings (or by telephone) from the designated trip leaders.

Trip Descriptions

NEWPORT RAIL TOUR

May 16, 2019 (Thursday) \$93

Highlights: We travel from the Saint Gobain's parking lot to Newport, RI where we tour Ocean Drive with its beautiful seaside residences. At 11:00 a.m. we board our dining car for our luncheon and trip along Narragansett Bay. We later visit the Brick Market Place where there is a variety of Boutique Shops and Restaurants along the harbor.

Trip Leader: Jack Staples 508-835-3954

NARRAGANSETT LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

July 17, 2019 (Wednesday) \$93

Highlights: Travel from St. Gobain's parking lot to the Quonset Point Officer's Club for a delicious full course luncheon. After lunch we board the Millennium Ferry for a narrated Narragansett Bay Lighthouse tour. It includes ten lighthouses - The Jamestown and Newport Bridges and other Historic sights. Promises to be a fun filled shining day.

Trip Leader: Jack Staples 508-835-3954

PICKITY PLACE & AVERILL HOUSE WINERY

August 21, 2019 (Wednesday) \$92

Highlights: We travel today to Mason, NH home of Pickity Place, a hilltop hideaway featuring fine dining, themed gardens and a unique shopping experience. The main building is the same one shown in the Golden Books illustrations for Little Red Riding Hood. We'll arrive about 10 AM giving us time to experience their gardens, museum and gift shops. After our gourmet lunch we'll have additional time to further explore Pickity Place. Now it's off to nearby Brookline, NH for a tour and wine tasting at Averill House Winery. They won several awards for their outstanding wines and I'm sure some of us will return home with a bottle or two. We return home about 5 PM after a great day in the Granite State.

Trip Leader: Richard Pinkes 508-769-2913

NEW HAMPSHIRE TURKEY TRAIN

October 3, 2019 (Thursday) \$87

Highlights: Join us as we travel North to scenic NH. Sit back and enjoy the changing colors which signaling nature's change of seasons. We'll make a stop at Mill Farms Marketplace which features 9 fabulous shops, including gift shops, crafts, souvenirs, clothing, a bookstore and home decor. It features indoor gardens, a 40-foot waterfall, and views of Lake Winnepesaukee. Now it's off to the train. On your arrival at the station, it's All Aboard your scenic dining car for your train ride, traveling along the lake shore through the scenic woody setting. You'll also be served a delicious full course luncheon (included) featuring Hart's Turkey Farm Roast Turkey with whipped potatoes, butternut squash, a beverage and a ice cream sundae for dessert, YUM. After our train returns, you'll board your motor coach for additional sightseeing and a stop at the Kellerhause gift shop. We'll also make a rest stop on way home at the NH State Liquor Store. Sign up early as this sells out fast.

Trip Leader: Richard Pinkes 508-769-2913

MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME

September 10 to 18, 2019 \$2,394

Highlights: Take an incredible journey to the great state of Kentucky and discover Thoroughbred horses, fields of bluegrass, Bourbon and many other wonders! On our way we will stop at the Corning Glass Factory and visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. In Louisville, begin your discovery with the Kentucky Museum, The 'Louisville Slugger' bat museum, wine tasting, the Muhammad Ali Center, a dinner Cruise and a full day at Churchill Downs - home to the Kentucky Derby! Enjoy lunch, 'horse-talk' don hats and take in the thrill of the races at the most famous track in the world. Take a cross-country trip through majestic and enticing scenery and visit Abe Lincoln's boyhood home and antebellum plantations. In Lexington (Horse Capital of the World) enjoy historic tours including the home of Mary Todd Lincoln, visit a Thoroughbred Horse Farm and delight in a BBQ lunch, horse-drawn rides, equestrian demonstrations and a visit and tasting at a Bourbon Distillery that all exude southern charm in 'My Old Kentucky Home'. On our way home, visits include historic Charleston, West Virginia and a drive along the Shenandoah Skyline Drive.

*** Mark your calendar ***

We invite you to attend an informative presentation
on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 3:00 PM
at Greendale People's Church in Worcester

Trip Leader: Wilson McLaren 508-869-2451

VINE TO WINE DELIGHT

September 24, 2019 (Tuesday) \$92

Highlights: Join us as we travel West along the Mohawk Trail to Bernardston, MA where we'll visit the Kringle Candle Store (owned by brother of Deerfield Candle owner). We'll travel into the mountains of Vermont to lunch at the Honora Vineyards located atop a hill with spectacular views. There we'll have a delicious luncheon at their restaurant (Fresh Baked Haddock or Vermont Roast Turkey served with salad, beverage and dessert). After lunch you'll tour and enjoy a wine tasting at Honora Vineyards where you'll taste four different wines and you'll be able to purchase these varieties as well. Next we'll travel to Putney, VT where we'll visit the Putney Mountain Winery which features fruit wines which are superb and many of us will be bringing a bottle, or two, home. We'll return home about 6:30 after a delightful day in Vermont.

Trip Leader: Richard Pinkes 508-769-2913

Enjoy the Little Things,
for one day you may
look back and realise
they were the Big Things.

—Robert Brault

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GET A FRIEND TO JOIN !

After you've read your newsletter, pass it on to a friend. Men Over 60 can become a member of the Retired Men's Club of Greendale and take advantage of these great opportunities to have some fun with new and old friends alike!

Weekly Meetings at the YMCA

- Admission included with annual dues
- Coffee & Doughnuts & Cards
- Making New Friends
- Speaker Programs & Entertainment

Golf - Three Courses

- Match Play & Individual Play
- Special Discounted Rates

Bowling - Two Regular Season Leagues

- One Summer League
- Special Discounted Rates

Special Parties

- Corn Roast (free)
- Three Formal Banquets
- Admission Partially Subsidized by the Club

Group Travel

- Around the World & Close to Home
- Travel with People you Know
- Make New Travel Friends
- Special Discounted Rates

Monthly Newsletter

- Filled with a wealth of information about activities, programs, trips and members

To become a member, come to one of our Wednesday meetings at the Greendale YMCA, sign-up, pay the annual dues and initiation fee (just \$10) and start enjoying all the benefits! You can also join by mailing the completed form below following the instructions in the "New Member" section.

TUESDAY Morning Bowling League - as of First Six Weeks

COLONIAL ALLEYS, WORCESTER 508-754-7645
Cliff Sawyer Coordinator 508-414-0726

Place Team Points Captain & Team Member

1	#5	58-22	Cliff Sawyer, Art Howland, Mike Grasseschi
2	#10	55-41	Jerry Stanley, Warren Englund, Jim Hester
3	#2	51-45	Mike Karlon, Warren Leach, Dick Belisle
4	#3	51-45	Bob Reed, Warren England, Ken Mahan, Bob Converse
HIT	Bill Plante 333, Ken Miller 321, Dave Meyers 320, Cliff Sawyer 313		
HIS	Ken Miller 123, Cliff Sawyer 121, Dave Meyers 120, Jim Connolly 120		
HA	Cliff Sawyer 98, Dave Meyers 98, Bill Plante 97, Ken Miller 96		

THURSDAY Afternoon Bowling League - as of First Eight Weeks

COLONIAL ALLEYS, WORCESTER 508-754-7645
Peter Morse morsepd5@aol.com Coordinator 508-832-4351

Place Team Points Captain & Team Member

1	#8	39-25	Carl Masshardt, Frank Visci, Bob Converse, Bob Juneau
2	#6	39-25	Jim Connolly, Bob Donahue, Warren Leach, Dan DePasquale
3	#2	36-28	Evan Plante, Warren Englund, Dick Belisle, Jerry Stanley
4	#4	35-29	Cliff Sawyer, Peter Morse, Joe Dooley, Wil Comtois
HIT	Bill Plante 335, Mike Karlon 321, Cliff Sawyer 311, Evan Plante 310		
HIS	Bill Plante 128, Don Fair 122, Bob Donahue 120, Peter Morse 117		
HA	Bill Plante 99.8, Mike Karlon 98.2, Cliff Sawyer 95.6, Jerry Stanley 93.1		

Remittance Form for New Members, Renewals Or Newsletter Subscribers

FOR NEW MEMBERS (MEN 60 & OVER)

- Dues & Initiation Fee \$10.00*
- Please pay Secretary at Reg. Meeting
 - If not possible, mail form & check to:
RMCG
YMCA - 75 Shore Drive
Worcester MA 01605

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS (MEN ONLY)

- Dues Renewal (Annual) \$5.00*
- Pay Treasurer at Regular Meeting
 - If not possible - mail form, check **AND pre-addressed postage-paid envelope AND prior Year's Membership Card** to the above 75 Shore Drive address.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS (WOMEN 60 & OVER)

- Newsletter Subscription Fee \$10.00
- Make check payable to RMCG and mail with this Remittance Form to:
RMCG Newsletter Subscriptions
93 Longmeadow Avenue
Worcester, MA 01606
 - **DO NOT** enclose a pre-addressed postage paid envelope with your payment.
 - Cancelled check will be your receipt.
 - Identification cards are not issued to **WOMAN** Newsletter Subscribers.

PLEASE SUBMIT FOLLOWING INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY - STATE - ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

RETIRED FROM _____

OCCUPATION _____ VETERAN

New members joining after May 1st will be considered paid-up for the next fiscal year which starts on Sept. 1st.

*The monthly Newsletter is included in Men's dues.