

## MEL

### Mission Statement

*MEL is a non-sectarian, social organization of contemporary senior men who are no longer fully committed to their careers and want to participate in MEL as an opportunity for camaraderie and individual growth through diversified group activities.*

### Some MEL Moments

On May 6th we celebrated our first anniversary with lunch at 41 North. We thought it might be fun to look back at the many events that occurred during our first year (not in chronological order!)

A Movie Matinee - "The Hank Greenberg Story" (and, of course, lunch before the movie.)

Another Movie Matinee - "The Michael Jordan Story" (and - what else? - lunch before the film)

An afternoon game at Comiskey Park with the White Sox vs. ?? (The best part was the beer, hot dogs, popcorn and sunshine!)

A Visit to the Field Museum to see the Russian Artifacts Exhibit and the Shackelford Exhibit (and an eventful 5-hour ride home in the winter's worst blizzard!)

"Ice Cream for Breakfast" - A discussion by the author of the book with a special treat - Ice Cream for Breakfast!

(Mel Moments Continued)



(Above) An Evening at Ravinia with our significant others.

Dinner and Theater with our significant others. (Stage Presentation of an old Radio Show - "The Shadow". Lots of fun!)

Dinner and Theater with our significant others. ("The Jackie Wilson Story" with dinner a "Before" and "After" event!)



(Above) Fishing in Cadiz, Kentucky. (That's a 5lb. bass - an exciting catch!)

Among our many activities are volunteer opportunities. We have volunteered at:

Gathering Food for Greater Chicago. Food Depository  
Cataloging Books at Jenner School for "Reading is our Future" project  
Organizing music for ALS Music Sale

## MEL Reminders

Meetings are on the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Weinger JCC.. Future dates are: Oct.5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7.

Mid-month, MEL members meet for lunch at a restaurant in the north shore area.

Other semi-regular events include a weekly (Thursday) golf foursome and a bike ride at the Botanic Gardens.

Future issues of The MEL Monthly could include stories of every event if YOU (!) act as a "reporter" and send stories in for publication.

*MEL is YOUR organization. Only YOU can help continue to make it a success. It's up to you to take charge of an event, plan it, and communicate to all MEL members.*

*Following are some ideas for future events.*

*A Trip to the Zoo with grandchildren*

*A Trip to the Museum of Science and Industry*

*Arlington Park Race Track*

*Miniature Golf*

*Cruise on Lake Michigan or the Architectural*

*Cruise down the Chicago River*

*Red Moon Theater - or - any Theater Event coming to Chicago*

*Once A Month Bridge Group for Mel members*

Another important aspect of MEL are our discussions after the business portion of the meetings.

Topics have included Retirement Issues and Parenting Our Parents.

Many other issues are of importance to MEL members. These discussions offer everyone an opportunity to speak and share their thoughts.

What can we call ourselves? Mel members? Mel-ites? Any ideas?

## More MEL Moments



(Above) An Evening at Ravinia



(Above) Brunch before the fishing trip to Cadiz, Ky.



(Above) More of our "catch" on the fishing trip.

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There's room for more pictures and stories. Please help make the next issue bigger and better by contributing stories or pictures of a MEL event you participated in.

Thanks!

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