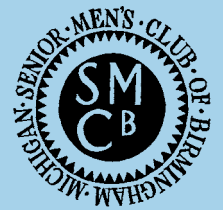


The Reminder



May 2012

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Life Member Dick Lindgren

The newest SMC Life Member, entering this most prestigious category, is Richard Lindgren. A club member since 1999, Dick was born and raised in Northern Minnesota. During World War Two, Dick began serving as an able bodied seaman on the Great Lakes at the tender age of 16. After V-E day, he served with the U.S. Army in the European Theater with the First Infantry Division, also known as The Big Red One.

Upon discharge from the Army, Dick attended the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1949 with a degree in Business Administration. He then continued his education at the Harvard Business School, graduating in 1953 with an MBA. Dick then launched into a multi-faceted business career, first with 18 years at Ford Motor Co., where he became General Manager of Ford of Brazil, followed by management positions with Allis Chalmers, the Mead Corporation, as CEO of Koehring Corporation, then CEO of Cross and Trecker. He currently serves as the chief executive for Sinto America - a large foundry engineering company.

Dick and his wife Lois live in Bloomfield Hills. They have two children and three grandchildren.



—Dave Schwartz

MAY PROGRAMS

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Associate **John R. Kroell**

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Associate **Richard A. Ludwig**

Associate **Edward J. Pappas**

To Leave of Absence:

Bruce D. Van Deusen

Deaths:

William E. Mosher, Jr. (Life) joined January 1990

John A. Thurber, joined June 2008

J.R. Bohn, joined January 2006

—Pete Kass
Membership Chairman

—John M. Steele
Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster & Tom Booth
Photography

Games

Bowling



Our bowling season ended without the usual roll-off between first and second half leaders. Reason - the same stalwart team won both halves, so congratulations to Chuck Frederick, Denny Winowiecki, Stormy Wetters, Dick Harper and Ben Mangiapane who are smiling with the championship trophy - (Chuck replaced Stormy who retired after the first half).

Individual honors went to Phil Buccini with the high average of 166, while Nick Marinelli had both high game and series at 253 and 616. Our celebratory banquet will be held at TCH on Wednesday, May 30 at 6:00PM.

—Less Lessenthien, Tom Venier and Dick Harper

Thursday Golf

The 2012 Thursday golf season began with the weather dry, but crispy and windy. As many as 24 hardy seniors with great fortitude braved the conditions. The extra added scarves, gloves, mittens, and woolies did not distract from some mid-season scores. Forecasts for Thursdays in May predict ever rising temperatures with sunny skies.

Remember that the ladies golf league begins in early May and they have Springdale reserved from 8:00-9:00AM. The Committee will assist all early arrivals who wish to tee off before the deadline of 7:45AM. Our Senior Golf League's official reserved time is from 9:00-11:30AM. Any individual can tee off prior to 8:00AM.

Mark your calendars for the renewal of the Big Bonus Bucks Contest for 2012. The contest will run May 31 through August 16; see the committee for rules.

—The Golf Committees

Ballroom Configuration

The recent Mix and Mingle Day on March 30, which featured round table configuration, was so well received that the Executive Board has approved two ongoing Friday actions:

- Round tables will be the standard floor plan for all Friday meetings
- Mix and Mingle Days will be held on the last Friday of each month

On Mix and Mingle Days, members are encouraged to find a different seat location and maybe meet a new friend. You will find that your club has many members with diverse backgrounds and interests.

—Dick Harper

A Great Evening Awaits You

Camille Jayne, President & CEO of The Community House (shown here with Bill Johnson) is 100% behind the upcoming May 14 SMC Legacy Endowment fundraiser featuring Marina Arsenijevic, internationally acclaimed pianist. Marina has performed worldwide to sold out audiences and this promises to be an exciting evening.

Tickets are \$30 each with the concert beginning at 7:30PM, doors open at 6:30PM. Seating is unreserved.

Tickets are available at SMC Friday meetings, at the front desk of The Community House or by phoning Bill Johnson 248-646-5538.

—SMC Concert Committee



Favorite Burma Shave Ditty:

*Spring has sprung, the grass is ris,
where last year's crazy drivers is!*

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

In answer to many requests, a baseball trip is planned for Wednesday, May 16, when the Toledo Mud Hens will host the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre team. Our deluxe 56-passenger bus will leave the Birmingham Presbyterian Church promptly at 8:15AM and arrive at Toledo's beautiful Fifth Third Field ballpark in time for the 10:30AM game.



We have obtained a block of excellent seats along the first base line, under the overhang for protection in the event of rain and close to the refreshment stands and restrooms.

Following the game, our bus will depart for the popular Tony Packo's Restaurant, with everyone on-their-own to order a tasty lunch. Our bus will then head north for a drive-thru of historic Monroe, a brief tour of the River Raisin Battlefield, from the war of 1812--then back to Birmingham by around 5:45PM.

Tickets for this popular fun event went on sale at The Community House on Friday morning, April 20 on a first-come, first-serve basis. "Package" ticket price is \$32. See you on the bus on Wednesday, May 16.

—Committee: Mike Clement, Jack Howell & Riggs Miller

Senior Health Matters— Beware of Generic Drugs



Drugs account for 10% of the health care budget. For this reason, there is a financial incentive for HMOs, health insurance carriers and Medicare D to switch

you from a brand name to a generic substitute which is cheaper. The price you pay for a brand name will be higher co-pay.

The FDA approves generics that are within 90% confidence intervals of bioequivalence. If the generic is at the lower end, it may be ineffective. If it is at the high end, it may be toxic.

China is now the largest supplier of pharmaceuticals. Up to 25% of ingredients purchased from China are from unknown sources. About 5% of products from emerging markets sampled were substandard – either due to suspect or under-dosed ingredients, or to inappropriate formulations that made the correct ingredients insoluble.

If you are taking critical dose drugs such as blood thinners, organ transplant rejection drugs or anti-seizure medication, the consequences of under dosing or overdosing are greater. You may be wise to stick to a brand name. If you have a condition where the outcome sought is easily measurable such as drugs for pain, blood pressure, infections etc., you may be fine with a generic substitute.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Improvement Committee

The Improvement Committee, chaired by John Reddy, is continuing to evaluate club changes/actions to encourage more active participation of current members, while attracting new prospects for membership.

A special Discussion Group meeting was held on March 23, to continue a dialogue with members on actions taken by the committee to date and to discuss additional actions:

- Additional research on reasons for member terminations
- Expanded club publicity on our events, activities and speakers
- Enhanced recruitment of speakers - so vital to member interest and attendance

To support these efforts, the SMC Publicity Committee will be expanded in terms of staffing and responsibilities. President Chuck Kirkpatrick has appointed John Reddy to serve as chairman, who will develop staffing and committee responsibilities. This will include expanded media contacts to communicate club programs and activities. In addition, the email version of *The Reminder* will include detailed descriptions of Friday programs to encourage interest and attendance, plus photographic displays of our multi-faceted activities and personalities.

This issue carries the first of these items - a picture display of the members attending the trip to the Gilmore Car Museum.

—Dick Harper

Groups



Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet Wednesday, May 16, at 3:00PM at the Birmingham Area Senior Citizen Center (BASCC) located at 2121 Midvale Street, Birmingham. Renee Cortright, Executive Director for BASCC will give a brief tour and presentation of the many BASCC programs and services, followed by Jim Caldwell who will explain the various technology offerings at BASCC including computer training and the gifted computer program. A computer help session will be available after the presentations.

—Ron Denton



Investment Group

On Wednesday, May 9 at 2:45PM Allen Green, founder A. Green Financial Group will present "Debt, Deficits and the World Monetary Crisis." He will discuss the huge US debt, the effect of the deficit on the US dollar, risks to the financial system and how to survive the monetary crisis.

Bob Bazzell hung onto 1st place in the Stock game with a 67.8% gain. Dick Harper is a close second with a 64.2% gain. Paul Dufault moved to 3rd with a 56.4% gain. The game ends May 31.

—George Miller

Self Defense for Seniors

The Community House will offer a program of possible interest to members called "Self Defense for Seniors" scheduled for Monday, June 4, at 6:30PM. This will be a no-nonsense, real world program designed to keep us safe and will feature trained and experienced presenters. Members can learn more about the content of the program and how to register in the quarterly issue of the TCH catalogue, online (www.tchservices.org) or at 248-644-5832.

Legacy Endowment

The raffle of the Romance Package at the Detroit Marriott Ren Cen netted \$645. The lucky winner was Irv Poston, past president of the SMC.

—George Miller



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, May 2 at 10:00AM, we will start earlier with a lecture by SMC member Robert Carlson on "Scott Fitzgerald - His Life and Art." Then following the lecture, at about 10:30AM, we will be discussing "Why Terrorism Works" by Alan Dershowitz. Is it possible from a civil-libertarian standpoint to support, in measured doses, the use of torture in obtaining a confession from a terrorist suspect? Yet since the attacks of September 11, 2001, and especially in the wake of the capture of al-Qaeda operative Khalid Shaik Mohammed, the mastermind of the attacks, it's hard to find someone who doesn't want to ventilate on the subject.

On Monday, May 21 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing "Climate Cover Up: The Crusade to Deny Global Warming" by James Hoggan. This very timely book is essential reading for those bewildered by the recent backlash against climate science. It takes things back to basics, and rather than being an exploration of the climate science itself, it seeks to equip the reader with the tools to be able to distinguish between the sources of climate-related information.

—Ted Chapekis



Classic Movie Group

The 1950 comedy, "Blues Busters," will be shown on Monday, May 14 at 1:00PM in the Hackett Room. This is the best of 48 Bowery Boys films starring Huntz Hall ("Sach") and Leo Gorcey ("Slip"). John Marsh has invited the Reverend Gary Hall, PhD-Rector of Christ Church Cranbrook and son of Huntz Hall, to provide insight into the Bowery Boys movies. He will tell us about his family and growing up in Hollywood with motion picture personalities. Don't miss this spectacular event.

—Augie Perrotta



Mystery Lyrics

Last month's lyric challenge proved to be difficult, with only six readers - all regular contributors - recognizing that these lines:

*It was just a neighborhood
dance, that's all that it was*

are the opening words from "Oh, What It Seemed To Be."

So congratulations to Chuck O'Connell, Jack Howell, John O'Brien, Chuck Himelhoch, Clay Gordon and Sherwin Vine.

This month, instead of asking if you can remember some lyric lines, we will challenge you to identify a song with very unusual rhyming. A 1934 Broadway musical featured a tune in which the composer managed to rhyme coliseum with Louvre Museum and "Mahatma Ghandi" with "Napoleon Brandy." Can you name the composer, the song and maybe the show. Getting one of three would be great. Good luck!

—Dick Harper

Tiger Trivia

Baseball fans among our readers answered recent baseball trivia questions, so we thought we would challenge you with Tiger trivia. Here's the first one - if this works well, we have more.

Can you name the Tiger who is generally considered to have been the first baseball Bonus Baby. Hint - he was signed off the University of Michigan campus. (No, not Don Lund).

—Dick Harper



CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, May 18

Games

Bowling: Wednesday, 10:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes (practice)

Bridge: Tuesday, 9:00AM and Friday after lunch

Monday Golf: 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills

Thursday Golf: 9:00AM at Springdale

Special Events

Toledo Mud Hens Baseball, Wednesday, May 16, 8:15AM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, May 2, 10:00AM

Group B: Monday, May 21, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, May 14, 1:00PM

Camera Group: No meeting in May

Investment Group: Wednesday, May 9, 2:45PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, May 16, 3:00PM at BASCC

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC on the Web:

<http://www.tchserves.org/getInvolved/interestGroups/SeniorMensClub.html>

Google Group: <http://groups.google.com/group/SMCBirmingham>

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