

# The Reminder



January 2014

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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## Thanks, Stu

2013 was a year of many challenges and changes for the Senior Men's Club. Perhaps our greatest challenge was to stem the membership decline our Club had been experiencing. Under the able leadership of outgoing president Stuart (Stu) Shuster, we have stemmed this decline and stabilized our member count. Stu led these efforts via expanded publicity about Club programs and activities, the development and distribution of Club logo embossed men's attire, plus his appearance on public television discussing the SMC.

Stu became a full member in 2009 and quickly began contributing to the Club in many committee activities, plus moving up our officer ranks culminating in his presidency. The membership certainly thanks him for his years of service. Of course, we also look forward to his continuing role in broadening our impact in the community while contributing his insights and experience to ongoing Club decision making. Congratulations and thanks, Stu.



—Dick Harper

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## New Members:



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## Resigned:

**Robert T. Hinytzke**

**Robert Tell**

## Deaths:

**Walter C. Reinke**, joined February 2002

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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman  
—Robert Beach, Database Chairman  
—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth  
& Gene Markel, Photography

## Dues Are Due

Members soon will run out of time to pay dues for 2014, which are due by December 31. Dues paid or postmarked after December 31 are subject to a \$10 late fee. For your convenience, you can use the coupon on page seven.

## President's Award

Each year, our Club recognizes significant and noteworthy contributions by a selected and honored member.

Outgoing President Stu Shuster announced and

presented the 2013 President's Award to member **Dave Schwartz**.

Dave has been a member since 1999, and has compiled a lengthy record of impressive contributions to many Club activities, including serving in several officer positions. Well done and congratulations, Dave!

—Dick Harper





# Games



## Winter Dome Golf



Winter practice at the Oakland Yard Dome begins on Thursday, January 2. No pass is required this year. Just tell the clerk that you are part of the Senior Men's Club and pay the \$9 fee. This price includes all the balls you can hit plus coffee and donuts. For directions go to

[www.oaklandyard.com](http://www.oaklandyard.com).

The Committee has again contracted with noted Edgewood Country Club teaching golf pro Dave Vanloozen to tidy up our senior golf swings. Dave will pay two visits this winter. The first training session will be on Thursday, January 8 at which time he will pinpoint some exact areas of improvement that each should work on during the next several weeks. The second visit will be on Thursday, March 13, where he will see how well each has improved (don't panic as there are no tests), and give tips to prepare us for the start of the season. However, the committee will award a prize to the senior it judges has most improved his swing. Mark your calendars for the following special events at the Dome:

- Thursday, February 6: Annual Chipping contest
- Thursday, March 6: Annual Putting contest

Remember to join together after practice at Hero's Restaurant for lunch and fellowship.

—Charles Travers

## Special Events in 2014

This is the tentative schedule:



- January 23 .....Auto Show
- February 27 ...."Ain't Misbehavin'"  
at Stagecrafters in Royal Oak
- April .....GM Heritage Center and  
Newspaper Printing Plant
- May 14 .....Mud Hens in Toledo
- June .....Chevy Volt Plant
- July .....River Cruise
- August 1 .....Annual Picnic
- October 8 ..... "Crazy for You," Stratford
- October 22 ....Fall Color Tour, Oakland County
- November .....Parade Company, Dakota Inn
- December 10 ...Christmas Party, San Marino Club

—Mike Clement, Special Events Committee

## Bowling

With one week to go in the first half of the season, two teams are vying for first place. Team 4 (Dinger, Smiley, Venier and Buccini) has 71 points, while Team 1 (Ragains, Lessenthein, Jordan and Owen) is right behind with 70 points.



They will next meet in a position round to decide the first half championship.

Our league treasurer, Denny Winowiecki, has been on a tear recently, setting new highs for the year for a game (235) and series (608). Way to go Denny! We just added Ken Beres as a new bowler and are always looking for more. Come on out to Thunderbird Lanes on Maple for league bowling on Monday or practice on Wednesday. You will experience great bowling camaraderie!

—Dick Harper

## Senior Health Matters Testosterone Supplementation

Testosterone treatment may increase risks for heart attack, stroke and death by 30% in older men with low hormone levels and other health problems. The results, from a large VA study published in the November 6 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, raise concern about the widely used testosterone gels, patches or injections that are heavily marketed for low sex drive, fatigue and purported anti-aging benefits—so called "low-T syndrome." There was no significant difference in risk by testosterone formulation.

The mechanism behind the increased risks has not been defined, but testosterone can increase the number of red blood cells in circulation which may cause "sludging" due to increased viscosity and is known to make blood platelets stick together which could lead to blood clots. Testosterone can worsen sleep apnea, another risk factor for a heart attack.

Testosterone is not advised for men with a history of prostate cancer because of theoretical concern about making the disease spread, although this risk has not yet been definitively demonstrated by adequate studies.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO



## Life Member



Past President **Bill Reilly** would have been 85 years old and become a Life Member of the Senior Men's Club in early December. Many of us knew how much Bill was looking forward to this event - how often he mentioned it. Of course, he most unfortunately passed away earlier this year.

Our club honored his memory by awarding him honorary Life Membership status in a warm and special ceremony with his wife, Pauline, on December 6. First Vice-President, John Steele noted Bill's multi-faceted contributions to our Club, including serving as most probably our youngest president in 2000. Bill also headed the Games Committee for many years and was most likely the first non-physician to head the Visitation-Health Committee.

Pauline Reilly thanked the Club for this honor, noting how much Bill loved the SMC. She received a standing ovation.

—Dick Harper

## Outstanding Service Award

President Stu Shuster recently presented the Club's most prestigious individual honor, the Outstanding Service Award, to member **Bob Clements**. This award is intended to recognize long-standing and multi-faceted contributions to the Senior Men's Club.



Bob has been a member since 1997, with a record of service and involvement with many Club activities. Most significantly, he has served as Chairman of the Handbook Committee since 2004. His initiative, dedication and imagination ensured that this labor intensive responsibility was most effectively accomplished every year. Congratulations, Bob!

## Annual TCH Fund Drive

The Senior Men's Club contribution to The Community House Annual Fund drive for the year 2013 exceeded all known previous year totals. Congratulations to all of you who supported TCH so generously. In 2013 we set a lofty goal of \$60,000, more than any prior achievement. Thanks to your efforts we have well exceeded this goal in the first eleven months.

The Community House and the Senior Men's Club continue to have a great relationship.

—Jack McLaughlin



*SMC President presented \$1,465 from the Village Players event to Camille Jayne, President and CEO of The Community House*

## In Memoriam

The Senior Men's Club lost 36 vital and respected members last year, including three Past Presidents. Viewing this list makes us realize how precious life is, as well as recognizing the many contributions these men made to our Club.

William G. Bratton  
Edward J. Bush  
Edward P. Butler  
James L. Cameron  
Howard H. Chapman  
Robert R. Cosner  
J. Timothy Cruise  
Harry W. Cyphers  
Jaap B. Delevie  
Paul E. Dufault  
Robert F. Erben  
John E. Gates  
John H. Greening  
Richard H. Hartle  
James L. Johnson  
William M. Kelly  
Charles B. Kirkpatrick - PP\*  
Jack E. Ledingham  
Donald A. McDonald  
Gordon A. McAlpine  
William A. Meade  
Harold R. Melin  
Nathan M. Mills  
Henry B. Moore  
John C. Nichols  
Dennis S. Nielsen  
William T. Reilly - PP\*  
Walter C. Reinke  
Richard P. Sharpe  
Luel Simmons  
William T. Stephenson  
Richard A. Suminski  
A. Ray Swartz  
Kenneth L. Urwiller - PP\*  
William G. Wagoner  
George L. Weaver

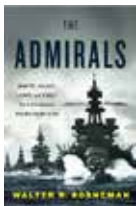
*\*Past President*

# Groups

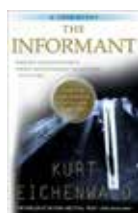


## Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, January 8, at 10:30AM we will discuss "The Admirals" by Walter Borneman.



When we think of the Navy's role in the Pacific, we immediately think of Nimitz and Halsey, and they are covered in this work, but we are also enlightened to the roles of Ernest J. King and William D. Leahy, whose exposure to the eye of the public was not as prominent as the first two, but were indeed, on a higher level and worthy of even more accolades for their accomplishments. All four were born in the 19th century, and were graduates of Annapolis around the turn of the twentieth century. They were coming into the Navy at the time of America's emergence as a world power.



On Monday, January 20 at 3:00PM, we will discuss "The Informant" by K. Eichenwald. Mr. Eichenwald's constructed narrative describes how ADM, the self-styled "Supermarket to the World," conspired with international competitors to corner food additive markets. The book focuses on Mark Whitacre, the wildly contradictory former ADM executive whose secret cooperation with the FBI apparently was intended to hide his own crimes. One of the best tales of corporate crime in the past 20 years.

—Ted Chapekis



## Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, January 14, at 2:00PM. Our presenter will be Carroll DeWeese, who is both a volunteer photographer and a front-section news photographer for the Birmingham Eccentric. He also does volunteer photographic work for many museums, non-profit organizations and other groups as a community service. A photojournalist must be able to make exceptional images under any circumstances. His talk "Photojournalism Challenges: An Insiders Experience" will cover the demands on a photojournalist and give tips on how to produce exceptional storytelling images. Carroll looks forward to answering your questions on producing better images.

—John Slocum



## Computer Group

On Wednesday, January 15, at 3:00PM our speaker will be Norman Schmitt.

Norm will demonstrate FaceTime on the iPad. With a tap, FaceTime can make video calls over wi-fi or cellular networks from an iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, or Mac anywhere in the world. FaceTime is a standard application on the iPad but needs to be activated so attendees should either activate their FaceTime with Apple or have their ID and password available to activate at the meeting.

—Ron Denton



## Classic Movie Group

Alfred Hitchcock's espionage, action and adventure film, "The 39 Steps" is Gene Winters' movie pick for Monday, January 13, at 1:00PM. This British masterpiece is for the discerning moviegoer who values a great script, exquisite understated acting, wit, humor and intelligence. The film is full of twists and turns in the plot as well as in the wild chases along the Scottish Highlands. Your date will enjoy the chemistry between the lead characters.



—Augie Perrotta



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, January 8, at 2:45PM, Mike Alioto, Senior VP, UBS Financial and SMC member, will discuss "The State of the Markets for 2014." He has extensive financial management experience and has spoken to the SMC several times. Bring a guest to hear his good investment advice and ideas - a great way to start the New Year!

The latest results for the Stock Game indicate that we have a virtual tie for first place. John Reddy with a portfolio value of \$122,642 is marginally ahead of Bob Rossi, whose portfolio values at \$121,516. Art Byington (up 17.1%) is in third place. It looks like we will have a close and exciting battle for leadership. Stay tuned!

—George Miller

# Special Events

## Detroit Auto Show

### Note Date Change

On Thursday, January 23, 2014, we will make our annual bus excursion to the Detroit Auto Show at Cobo Hall. Auto manufacturers from around the globe will have many new production models and design concept vehicles on display. It's a great opportunity to check out the new models if you are in the market for a new car or truck!



Tickets went on sale at the December 13 meeting and will continue on January 3, 10 and 17. Wives and significant others are welcome to join us. This event offers the conveniences of no driving, no parking, no coat check needed, and no admission fee this year, thanks to the generosity of Tom Sellers from Dean Sellers Ford, who is donating complimentary admission passes for everyone who signs up.

Tickets for the bus ride are \$15. Our buses will leave the First Presbyterian Church parking lot (1669 W. Maple) at 9:30AM, depart from the Auto Show at 2:30PM, and return to the church at about 3:15PM.

This event is usually a sell-out, so don't wait - buy your tickets now. We'll see you on the bus!

—Jim King

## Dinner and Theater Night

A fabulous dinner/theater event is planned for Thursday, February 27 in Royal Oak. We will start with a 6:00PM dinner at Lily's Seafood Grill & Brewery located at 410 South Washington Avenue in downtown Royal Oak. The restaurant is three blocks south of 11 Mile Road. Dinner will include soup or salad and one of four entrees: Mesquite grilled salmon; cracker crusted Great Lakes whitefish; Vermont maple mustard chicken; or sesame crusted chicken salad. A selection from three desserts is included, as are non-alcohol drinks. Alcohol drinks may be purchased.



Next we will attend an 8:00PM presentation of "Ain't Misbehavin'," at the Historic Baldwin Theatre, located at 415 South Lafayette Avenue just around the corner from the restaurant. This red hot, sizzling musical review celebrates the musical wit and genius of legendary Harlem musician Fats Waller. One of the most popular composers and performers of his day, Waller wrote scores of soulful and swingin' songs at the height of the Jazz Age. This rhythmical romp will have you dancing in your seats. There will be an on-stage nightclub setting. Featured songs include "Honeysuckle Rose," "The Joint is Jumpin'," and "Jitterbug Waltz."

The total cost for dinner, taxes, gratuity, and theater ticket is \$40. This is a self drive event. Parking (\$3/car) is available in a parking structure located at Fifth Street and South Lafayette Avenue across from the Baldwin Theatre. Fifty tickets have been reserved for our group. Ticket sales will begin on Friday, January 10, 2014.

—Joe Samyn and Jerry Stribbell

## Christmas Party a Success

Each year, our Special Events Committee takes on a considerable challenge - that of planning and conducting a Club Christmas party which at least equals the previous year's event. And guess what - they did it again in 2013. The annual party held at the San Marino Club was warm and wonderful, with the many smiling faces testimony to how successful the party was.

Event Chairman Tony DiMarco deserves full credit for a perfect evening (even the warm weather), which was enjoyed by 250 members, spouses and guests. Tony launched the evening with introductory comments, was followed by welcomes from Mike Clement, Special Events Committee Chairman, and outgoing President, Stu Shuster, and a solemn invocation by Ken Brooker.

A sumptuous meal followed, with the Pro's Big Band once again providing appropriate background music. After dinner, a surprising number of nimble footed members and spouses took to the floor as the band played the classic "Moonlight Serenade" and many other favorites.

We recognized the seasonal theme of the party with our traditional Christmas sing-along, as we reflected on how great life can be and how important Club membership is when enjoyed with such friends. Congratulations to Mike Clement and his team. Let's do it again in 2014!



Sondra and Chuck Travers

—Dick Harper



# Life Member Dues

This is really an amazing club! Last month, we noted that many Life Members continue to pay dues, even though no longer required to do so. Such generosity contributes to the financial stability of the Senior Men's Club. We can report to you that no fewer than 46 members have responded to this notice, contributing nearly \$2000 in optional dues. Last year at this point, we had only heard from 29 Life Members.

Here's the list of these generous members - thanks so much. And it's not too late for more - our finance staff would be more than happy to accept additional optional dues payments, even into 2014.

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Charles Amann   | Richard Lindgren                     |
| Frank Auld      | John MacInnes                        |
| Frank Barnes    | Richard Melcher                      |
| Lowell Barnett  | Nathan Mills ( <i>now deceased</i> ) |
| John Benish     | George Nordenholt                    |
| Kenneth Brooker | Harrison Orton                       |
| Lewis Buckley   | Paul Pentecost                       |
| Paul Cicchini   | James Peters                         |
| James Clark     | Mark Richards                        |
| Byron Converse  | Albert Roberts                       |
| Edwin Cox       | Thomas Sandercock                    |
| Charles Gates   | John Schafer                         |
| Clayton Gordon  | David Schwartz                       |
| Richard Harper  | John Slocum                          |
| Gerald Heller   | Richard W. Smith                     |
| Richard Henne   | Andrew Spencer                       |
| Harold Jackson  | John Steele                          |
| William Johnson | Roger Struck                         |
| Robert Jordan   | Clarke Thornton                      |
| Richard Judy    | John Villa                           |
| John Kary       | Richard Wehling                      |
| Robert Kenning  | John Wells                           |
| John Lavraka    | Amos Winsand                         |

# Speakers Needed

Experience tells us that attendance at Friday meetings is almost directly



related to the quality and appeal of our principal speakers. In addition, interesting presenters and subjects motivate members to attend our Discussion Group programs.

For 2014, 2nd Vice President Gene Jacoby will have the overall responsibility for planning speaker presentations and John Perryman will continue as Chairman of the Discussion Group. Gene and John will each have the support of eleven monthly chairmen, but will be most interested in getting member suggestions for Friday speakers and Discussion Group presenters.

We know that the wide range of Club member interest and activities provides access and ideas as to potential speakers and subjects. Gene and John are most interested in any suggestions you might have. Please don't hesitate to contact them.

—Dick Harper

## SMC 2014 Dues Coupon

2014 dues are payable before January 1, 2014. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2014. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at a meeting or by mail. Please use the coupon if paying by mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by mail, send to:  
Senior Men's Club - Dues  
The Community House  
380 South Bates Street  
Birmingham, MI 48009

Dues:

- \$40 Active Member
- \$40 Associate Member
- \$0 Life Member\*

*\*Life Members pay no dues, but many use the coupon to make a voluntary contribution for financial support of our Club.*

## Mystery Lyrics

Last month's mystery lyrics were not too challenging - 17 gave us the correct answer, recognizing that these lines:



*Look at me, I'm as helpless  
as a kitten up a tree*

are the opening words from "Misty." Congratulations to less frequent contributors like Bob Beach, Bill Johnson, Midge (Roger) Gettel, John and Mary Jane O'Brien, Joan (Nick) Marinelli, Dick Secrest, Len Johnston and Colleen Kokkinis (daughter of Mark Kelly.)

This month, we have another romantic challenge for you (hopefully, not too easy). The mystery lyrics are:

*Things are blending now,  
I see a rainbow ending now*

Can you name that tune?

## Sports Trivia

Last month we asked if you could remember the nicknames of three famous Hall of Famers. Here are the answers we were looking for:

Pete Rose - "Charley Hustle"  
Willie Mays - "The Say Hey Kid"  
Frank Thomas - "The Big Hurt"

We also asked about the nickname of old timer Mordecai Brown with the hint that he was a pitcher with a handicap.

Pete Kass was the only reader to get all four, remembering that Brown was "Three Finger" Brown, because that was all he had on his pitching hand. Tom McNally, Stan Rogell, John and Pat Hayes, Bob Beach, and Chuck Himelhoch provided partial answers.

This month we have something different for you. Baseball legend has it that a little kid once looked at his baseball hero leaving a courtroom and said "Say It Ain't So, Joe." Who was the player and what was going on?

—Dick Harper

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A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which meets on Fridays at 10:30AM at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2014 are: John M. Steele, president; George L. Stern, first vice president; Eugene P. Jacoby, second vice president; Richard A. Kamp, recording secretary; Charles J. Blank, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. Bayson, assistant treasurer; Robert L. Babcock and Charles D. Basch, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, editor; Chuck Ragains, John Reddy, and John Flintosh, associate editors; Tom Booth, Bill Shaffmaster, and Geno Markel, photography; Mary Kennedy, computer layout; Bob Jordan, mailing.

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## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, January 14, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, January 17

### Games

**Bowling:** Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

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

**Thursday Golf:** 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Dome, starting January 2

### Special Events

**Detroit Auto Show,** Thursday, January 23, 9:30PM

**"Ain't Misbehavin'",** Thursday, February 27, 6:00PM

### Group Meetings

**Book Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, January 8, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, January 20, 3:00PM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, January 13, 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, January 14, 2:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, January 8, 2:45PM

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, January 15, 3:00PM

*All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.*

**SMC on the Web:** <http://www.tchserves.org/subpage/senior-mens-club/>;

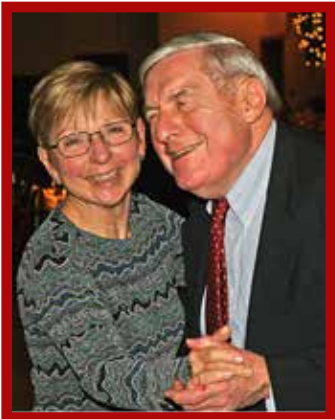
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