

The Reminder



April 2012

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Roy Halmhuber— Newest Inductee in Life Membership Ranks

The Senior Men's Club has an impressive number of leaders whose resumes combine service in multiple fields, typically military service, educational achievement, business success, and involvement in the community. There is no better example of this versatility than Roy Halmhuber who was recently inducted in the Club's Life Membership.

A member since March 2002, Roy has served on the Lunch Ticket Committee, the Golf Committee, the Special Events Committee, and led the Hostess Party. Roy deserves thanks for being the driving force in moving the Club's Christmas Party from The Community House to the much larger San Marino Club. In recognition of all of Roy's contributions, the Club awarded him the Outstanding Service Award in 2007.

Roy was born in Detroit and graduated from Mackenzie High School in 1944. Wanting to do his part in World War II, Roy joined the U.S. Navy and found himself on a Merchant Marine ship transporting oil from Venezuela to port refineries

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MAY DISCUSSIONS

MAY CHAIRMAN: Gordon Snively

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—Pete Kass

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—Bill Shaffmaster & Tom Booth

Photography



Games



Monday Golf

Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills begins on April 23 and ends on August 13 (there will be no golf on May 28). Greens fees are the same as last year, \$14 for "Regulars" and \$15 for "Walk-ons".

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board for interested golfers to sign up prior to April 9. Regulars will pay in advance and in doing so they have the advantage of selecting playing partners, choosing a tee time and getting a discount. Walk-ons will receive starting times on a first come, first served basis, filling in openings. Since many expected players are still basking in warmer climes, their partners are encouraged to sign up for them.

Regulars should send a check for \$224 to the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham and mail it to Bill Spreitzer at 22663 North Nottingham Drive, Beverly Hills, MI 48025-3524 by April 9. Any questions may be directed to Bill at 248-647-5140.

Finally, Birmingham Recreation requires that at least 25% of our golfers have Leisure Activity Passes. Players having the pass are asked to indicate this at sign-up with an asterisk. Leisure Passes may now be purchased at the golf courses, the ice arena and the Department of Public Services. New non-resident discounts are available. Details may be found at www.golfbirmingham.org.

—Bill Spreitzer

Senior Health Matters

The following are the recommendations of Dr. Michael Lutz of the Michigan Institute of Urology regarding PSA testing for prostate cancer. A one hour video of his March 16 presentation to the SMC is available at www.michiganurology.com by clicking on MIU Video Education under the title: "Dr. Lutz discusses prostate cancer screening and treatment."

Baseline PSA at age 35-40:

If <1.0 repeat in 5 years

If <1.0 in 5 years then every 5 years for life

If 1.0-2.0 check every other year

If >2.0 evaluate annually

Dr. Lutz is an advocate of the adage: Choose to know your PSA and know to choose what action to take with the counsel of your physician.

—Augie Perrotta

Thursday Golf

The 2012 edition of SMC Thursday Golf will begin at Springdale on April 5, weather permitting. However, we have been assured by the KA the Chinese Goddess of Drought that the temperature will be 69 degrees, partly sunny, and the wind waffling at 7 MPH.

The price remains the same as last year @ \$12 per person payable to the Committee before teeing off. Power and hand carts are available at the Springdale counter. The Committee will pass along any discounts Springdale gives for spring or fall play. **Our official reserved time is 9:01AM thru 12:07PM.**

Those wishing to have a fixed tee time should get their partners together and inform the Committee by Thursday, March 29 at noon (see contact information below). There will be a drawing for the exact tee times and results will be announced at the weekly meeting on Friday, March 30.

Those teams needing a golfer to fill up their foursome and those single golfers wishing to join a team should advise the Committee. The Committee will do its utmost to accommodate your wishes.

Walk-ons should sign up prior to March 29 by signing the form on the bulletin board or contacting Chuck Travers at charleybo@wowway.com or 248-642-0255.

The Ladies League has the Springdale Course reserved from 8:00-9:00AM. Springdale is open to all golfers from sunrise to 8:00PM. The Committee will be available to assist Early Birds teeing off. Remember our League does not have reserved times before 9:01AM.

—Chuck Travers

Bowling

With only two weeks of bowling left, two teams are leading the pack, and will next face off in a position round with 1st place at stake. They are the Diamondbacks (Frederick, Mangiapane, Harper & Winowiecki) with 61 points and the Brewers (Upward, Maichen, Schrift & Byington) with 58 points. Our last week will be a rolloff between the 1st and 2nd half leaders, plus our annual fun doubles competition. Good luck to all.

—Less Lessenthien and Dick Harper

Executive Board Meeting

The January action of the Executive Board, dropping attendance requirements for all members, requires minor amendments to our Constitution. The amendments are to Article III-Membership. Portions of Section 3-Leave of Absence Members and Section 4-Associate Members will be amended to delete reference to attendance requirements. Section 4 will be further amended to require Associate Members to be present at the meeting scheduled for their induction into full membership. The specific language of the amendments will be posted at two consecutive Friday meetings. A confirmation vote will likely be taken at the date of the second posting.

Mix and Mingle

Our next Mix and Mingle day is scheduled for Friday, March 30. Members will be encouraged to find a new seat location and to share interests and experiences with different table partners.

To facilitate this member interplay, the ballroom floor plan will feature all round tables, which will have **cloth**, not **paper** tops. Instead of writing names at seat locations, attendees will receive a 3x5 card along with a lunch ticket. They will be asked to write their name on the card and to position it at the selected seating position. Please keep your pen and pencil in your pocket.

More importantly, be ready to expand your social horizons and meet a new member friend!

—Dick Harper

Gilmore Car Museum



More than 200 vehicles in mint condition are ready for your inspection, names from out of the past like Duesenberg, Packard, Rolls Royce,

Pierce-Arrow, muscle cars from the 60's and 70's, etc. Join us on a trip to the Gilmore Car Museum in Hickory Corners, near Kalamazoo on Tuesday, April 17. Our bus leaves the First Presbyterian Church at 8:00AM and returns at approximately 5:30PM. Tickets will go on sale for \$40 on Friday, March 30 with a dinner and lunch included.

—Your committee, Art Pope, Bob Stevenson, Stu Shuster, Roger Struck

Marina is Coming

The internationally acclaimed pianist Marina Arsenijevic will once again play for the Senior Men's Club. Marina has been aptly described as having the looks of an angel combined with the talents of an exquisite artist.

She will display her piano artistry at a benefit concert at The Community House on Monday,

May 14 at 7:30PM. Note that all the proceeds will go to the benefit of The Community House and the Senior Men's Club Legacy Endowment Fund. Tickets are priced at \$30 and will be available starting April 13.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend this outstanding and memorable special event. Bill Johnson is our ticket master (248-646-5538).



Newest Inductee

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along the east coast. Roy later spent eight months aboard a U.S. destroyer where he assisted in accepting the formal surrender of the Japanese forces on the small island of Yup in the western Pacific.

After the war, Roy enrolled in the University of Detroit where he earned a B.S. degree in Chemistry. The early years of his career were with General Motors Detroit transmission plant. But wanting to use his "gift of gab," Roy joined Gehring & Forsyth, selling auto interior materials to the major auto companies. In 1972, Roy, with a partner, opened his own company (Royco), selling plastics, vinyl and mesh to the automotive market. When Roy's son joined the firm in 1989, the company's name was changed to Royson. Roy continued with the firm until retiring in 1997.

Roy and his wife Dorothy were married for 62 years until Dorothy's passing in 2010. They have four children (three girls and a boy), and Roy now has seven grandchildren. He has been an active member of the First Methodist Church for more than 50 years.

—Chuck Ragains

Groups



Computer Group

Bart Gioia of the Baldwin Public Library will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, April 18 in the Rotary Room of the Baldwin Library at 3:00PM. He will give an overview of the various social media including how to obtain a Facebook account and demonstrate some of the features of Facebook.

—Ron Denton



Camera Group

Middle Europe has sometimes been called "Imperial Europe." Our program for Tuesday, April 10 at 2:00PM will be presented by SMC Member Dr. John Stunz, who visited that area in 2009. The tour he took provided an in-depth look at many tourist attractions in major cities. All were given with local guides, who provided access to places casual tourists would never see. He has chosen to present his 614 photos as a sideshow of some cities in the area - Budapest, Cesky Krumlov (an ancient Bohemian city that wars have never touched and which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and Prague. A short view of Terezin, a Nazi concentration camp outside of Prague touted by the Nazi's in the late 1930's as a humane ghetto where Jews were held, but also being exterminated, will be shown. Even if some of you have traveled to those cities, there are some places in these cities you may see in a new light.

—Jaap B. Delevie



Investment Group

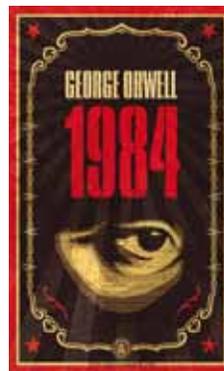
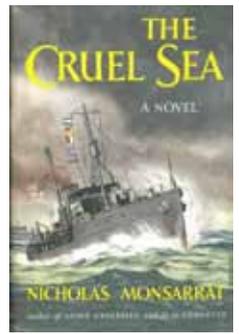
On Wednesday, April 11 at 2:45PM, Michael Dzialo, Founder and President of Managed Asset Portfolios will present "Why it is Different This Time? How to Navigate Today's Uncertain Markets." This private local investment firm has recently been recognized as a "Top Gun of the Decade" and given a 5-star rating by Morningstar. Bob Bazzell retained 1st place in the Stock Game with a 82% gain. Dick Harper surged to 2nd place with a 58.9% gain. Lowell Barnett and John Klein followed.

—George Miller



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, April 4 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing "The Cruel Sea" by Monsarrat. One of the classic naval adventure stories of World War II, Monsarrat's novel tells the tale of two British ships trying to escape destruction by wolf pack U-boats hunting in the North Atlantic. The book was a smash when released in 1951, going through numerous printings.



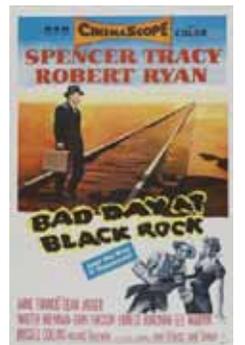
On Monday, April 16 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing "1984" by George Orwell. Written in 1948, "1984" was George Orwell's chilling prophecy about the future. And while 1984 has come and gone, Orwell's narrative is timelier than ever. 1984 presents a startling and haunting vision of the world, so powerful that it is completely convincing from start to finish.

—Ted Chapekis



Classic Movie Group

The movie mogul from Waterford, Chuck Basch, has selected the 1955 film "Bad Day at Black Rock" for your viewing pleasure on Monday, April 9 from 1:00-2:30PM in the Hackett Room. This powerfully tense and fast paced thriller stars Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan, Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine. The setting is a fictional, hostile, half-forgotten southwest town in the immediate post WW II period. This is a who-done-it about the town's secret, the killing of a Japanese-American farmer, and a social commentary about the internment mentality of the country at that time. This is a very well done suspenseful drama well worth watching. Please join us.



—Augie Perrotta

Mystery Lyrics

Last month's mystery challenges proved to be somewhat difficult. Only nine readers recognized that this opening line:

Hello darkness, my old friend

is from the Simon and Garfunkel song "The Sounds of Silence." This song was featured in Dustin Hoffman's first movie "The Graduate," along with "Mrs. Robinson" (remember the lyrics "Where have you gone, Joe DiMaggio"?) So congratulations to Dave Schwartz, Tom McNally, Pete Kass, Bob Gardner, Chuck O'Connell, Chuck Ragains, Dick Smith, Norma (Dick) Secrest and Donna (Mark) Kelly. The baseball trivia challenge was even less recognized. Only Dave Schwartz, Pete Kass, Pete Good, Tom McNally and Chuck Ragains remembered that the phrase "trading hamburger for steak" was used to describe the 1959 trade between the Tigers and the Indians. Harvey Kueen, who had just won the A.L. batting title with a .353 average, went to Cleveland for Rocky Colavito.

Fans in both cities were unhappy, especially in Cleveland where the home run hitting and very popular Colavito was a folk hero to many.

OK - are you ready for a romantic ballad challenge? Here are the first lines of an old song, which was a big hit for Frank Sinatra:

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

Can you name that tune? (Try saying the lyrics out loud a few times - sometimes the meter and melody come to you).

—Dick Harper



CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, April 20

Games

Bowling: Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

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

Monday Golf: 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills, starting April 23

Thursday Golf: 9:00AM at Springdale, starting April 5

Special Events

Gilmore Car Museum, Tuesday, April 17, 8:00AM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, April 4, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, April 16, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, April 9, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, April 10, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, April 11, 2:45PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, April 18, 3:00PM

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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