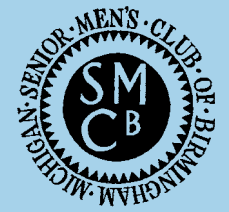


# The Reminder



September 2014

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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## SMC Goes to "The Big House"

Are you ready for a really "special" Special Event? Your committee has arranged for the purchase of 50 tickets to the Michigan- Minnesota football game in Ann Arbor on Saturday, September 27. This is certain to be an outstanding fall football classic – the annual battle for the Little Brown Jug between the Wolverines and the Minnesota Golden Gophers.



We will travel by bus, departing from the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at a time to be determined when kick-off time is established. The trip is bargain priced at \$85 and includes the game ticket and bus transportation plus sharing our usual Club camaraderie, while experiencing the color and excitement of Big Ten football in the Big House.

Participants will enjoy other benefits – complimentary tickets to a Slippery Rock College football game in Ann Arbor and Michigan football posters. We will also have an on-the-bus no cost raffle with two prizes – an M Den gift certificate and a Michigan football jersey.

As indicated, we have a limited supply of 50 tickets for this game. Tickets will be available for members and wives, family and friends as long as they last. Sales will be on a "first come, first served" basis, so you are encouraged to arrive early at TCH on September 5, with check in hand and be ready to GO BLUE!

—Dick Harper

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## OCTOBER DISCUSSIONS

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## To Life Member:

Fred Kneisler  
Bruce E. Smiley

## Resigned:

Keith G. Jones

## Deaths:

Jack Casement, (Life) joined January 1996  
S. Larry Dargan, joined January 2006

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

## 2015 Dues

It's that time of the year! The great bargain sale begins. Where else can you buy great fellowship and great speakers for a full year for only \$40? Beginning with the September 5 meeting the Dues Committee will have a table at which to accept payment of your 2015 SMC dues. **after January 1, 2015 the late fee will bump your dues to \$50.**  
—John Groves

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## Ride Arrangements



If you need a ride to a Friday meeting, or are willing to provide a ride for a member in need, please contact Dave Dinger at DMDMD37@gmail.com or 248-851-6620. Right now, we have a list of about 10 men who have offered to provide rides for members who need one.

## Dress Code

President John Steele has announced that our regular Friday dress code – coats required, ties preferred – will be in effect starting with our September meetings. Note that our “fashion police” will be watching to ensure that we maintain our reputation as the best dressed men in Birmingham.





# Games



## Monday Golf

Attention Monday golfers! The "official" season is not ending on August 18 but will continue until Lincoln Hills closes for 2014. The tee times reserved for the Senior Men's Club run from 7:30 to 9:00AM. Players will pay our starters their \$15 greens fees and play will commence on a first come-first serve basis. This is an opportunity to expand our participation. Each player is encouraged to invite other Senior Men's Club members who have not played with us before. Then, when the Lincoln Hills fall rates begin sometime in September, we can open the invitation list to any and all of our friends, relatives, neighbors and golf buddies. Doing so, we can showcase the advantage of joining the Senior Men's Club while showcasing the convenience and enjoyment of this wonderful golf course.

—The Committee

## Tom Venier Bowling Chairman

Many Club members likely think of bowling when they think of **Tom Venier**. He has had the challenging responsibility of chairing our bowling since 2010 – challenging since bowling had been declining as a sport both in our club and in general.



But you should know Tom's background to understand that he is more than a bowler. He has multiple degrees – a BS and MS from Wayne State and an MS from the University of Michigan. He launched two careers – first with 6 ½ years in the Army, serving in Puerto Rico and San Francisco, followed by extensive hospital experience both in laboratories and in administration. He currently volunteers at the Organization for Bat Conservation, where in addition to bats, he cares for sugar gliders, skunks and even a sloth. He serves as Chairman of their Board of Trustees.

Tom lives in Birmingham and is married to Rose Marie (who knows all the mystery lyrics). They have three children and two grandchildren.

And oh yes – Tom is a bowler and is really looking for "new blood". As Tom likes to say, "You can't beat the fun, the exercise and the great camaraderie of bowling." Even if you haven't bowled for years (maybe never), you should give it a try, possibly as a substitute at first.

—Dick Harper

## Golf Events

The Annual Stonycroft Scramble will be held on Tuesday, September 16, at Stonycroft Golf Club.



The cost for this popular event is \$48 for non-members and \$33 for members. Power golf carts may be rented for \$10 at the Pro Shop. See any committee member to purchase a reservation.

Remember we are guests at Stonycroft and are obliged to abide by their rules i.e. no short shorts, no denim, and shirts with collars.

The first annual joint golf outing with the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club will be held on Monday, September 22, at the Plum Creek Golf Course in Sterling Heights. The cost will be \$20 for green fees and cart, payable at the course. There will be 16 golfers from each Club. The format will be a Scramble with each foursome composed of two golfers from each Club. See Chuck Travers to sign up for this great event.

—The Committee

## Bowling



Let's get rolling. Yes, summer is almost over (didn't it go by fast?), so it's time to think about bowling. So get that dusty ball out of the closet (if you have one – a bowling ball, that is), and get ready to start on Monday, September

8. Once again, we will bowl at Thunderbird Lanes on Maple Road, east of Crooks. We start practice at 9:00AM and scoring starting at 9:15AM.

New bowlers are most welcome. Even if you haven't bowled in a long time (maybe never), why not give it a try? You will find that we bowl for fun and camaraderie – not for high scores. You will fit in and you will have fun. We have bowlers who score 100 and love it. Please call Tom Venier (248-642-2386) or just show up at T'Bird on a Monday morning.

—Bowling Committee

## New Life Members

Two more well-known and active members - both with a GM background, have been admitted to SMC Life Membership, our most prestigious and respected category.

**Fred Kneisler** was born, raised and educated in Michigan. After graduating from Cass Tech, he attended Michigan Tech where he received a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, he launched an extensive GM career, starting with the Chevrolet Aviation Group in Tonawanda, N.Y., then with Chevrolet Central Engineering with automatic transmission development responsibilities. He later transferred to Advanced Product Development, where he served as a Project Manager.

After retirement in 1990, Fred joined the SMC, where he has been an active member of the Attendance Committee.

His other activities include:

-Volunteering as a tax and Medicare counselor at senior centers.

-Traveling to most U.S. National parks, including a six day raft trip in the Grand Canyon National Park.

-Exploring his family genealogy including visits to Europe where his father and grandparents originated.

Fred has been married for 60 plus years, and has four children and two grandchildren.

**Bruce Smiley** was born in Bad Axe, Michigan, but grew up in Birmingham, graduating from Baldwin High School. He attended General Motors Institute and co-oped at GMC Truck and Coach until the Army called. He returned to GMC, before leaving for an advertising career, much of it with Campbell Ewald in the GM Building. He retired as V.P. of Truck Product Engineering.

Bruce joined the SMC in 1999 and "found a home" with the Lunch Ticket Committee, where he has served ever since, including as Chairman for four years. He enjoys a variety of Club activities - from greeting members on Fridays, to active participation at bowling and bridge.

Bruce and his wife Maxine attend SMC special events, especially the annual Christmas Dinner Party. They have been lifetime members of the First Methodist Church in Birmingham, since being married there in 1956. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Congratulations and welcome Fred and Bruce!



## Senior Health Matters

### Fall Prevention Strategies

Combinations of the following strategies have the potential to decrease fall risk and the number of falls:



1. Physical activity using more than one exercise component of balance and muscle strength training. The most effective is Tai Chi which is reported to reduce the number of falls by 37% - 50%
2. Reduction of psychotropic medications has been shown to reduce the rate of falls by 66% in community dwelling adults.
3. Pacemaker insertion and cataract surgery in appropriate patients has been shown to reduce the rate of falls by 58% and 34% respectively.
4. Modifying home hazards by removing fall provoking items such as loose rugs and clutter, and installing safety equipment such as grab-bars and stair-railings, etc. has been shown to reduce the rate of fall by 41% and the number of falls by 21%. This benefit was most obvious when carried out by occupational therapists.
5. Anti-slip shoe devices have been shown to reduce the rate of fall in ambulatory individuals who walk outside in icy conditions by 58%.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

## Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group has gotten off to a good start. Seventeen members and several wives have gathered together to help each other in researching our roots. The group meets once a month and our next meeting will be Monday, September 8 at 2:00PM. Our Chairperson for the month will be George Miller. He will introduce Brenda Heil who has extensive genealogical experience. Mrs. Heil was a previous speaker for the Discussion Group and her presentation was well received.

Please join us for what promises to be a most informative session. We will also discuss other future events including a visit to the Burton Historical Collection of the Detroit Public Library. Wives and guests are encouraged to join us.

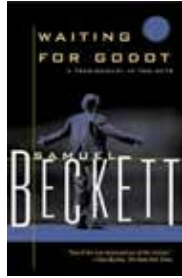


# Groups

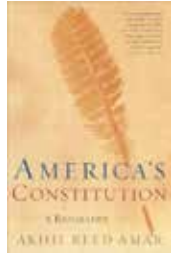


## Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, September 3 at 10:30AM, we will discuss "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett. It is an absurdist play in which two characters, Vladimir and Estragon, wait endlessly and in vain for the arrival of someone named Godot. Godot's absence, as well as numerous other aspects of the play, have led to many different interpretations since the play's 1953 premiere. It was voted "the most significant English language play of the 20th century" and "a tragicomedy in two acts."



On Monday, September 15 at 3:00PM, we will discuss "America's Constitution" by Akhil Reed Amar. One of this era's most accomplished constitutional law scholars gives the first comprehensive account of one of the world's great political texts. Incisive, entertaining, and occasionally controversial, this "biography" of America's framing document explains not only what the Constitution says but also why the Constitution says it. We all know this much: the Constitution is neither immutable nor perfect.



—Ted Chapekis



## Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, September 9 at 2:00PM. To stimulate interest in the 2014 Grand Rapids ArtPrize competition 2014 show, September 24 through October 12, Tom Booth and John Reddy will provide the SMC Camera Group selected photos from the ArtPrize competitions of 2011, 2012 & 2013.

More than 1500 artists will display their works and for 19 days, three square miles of downtown Grand Rapids, will become an open playing field where any can find a voice in the conversation about what is art and why it matters. Art from around the world pops up in every inch of the downtown, and "it's all free and open to the public."

—John Slocum



## Classic Movie Group

"Golden Earrings" is the 1947 romance, comedy and spy film starring Marlene Dietrich and Ray Milland. It will be shown on Monday, September 8 from 1-3:00PM. This is definitely a time to bring your date. Ray Milland plays a stuffy British Major General who was on a secret mission in pre- WW II Germany to retrieve the formula for poison gas from its German scientist inventor. Marlene Dietrich is the gypsy who helps him to avoid capture on his way back to England by disguising him as her gypsy lover. The clash of cultures makes their implausible romance even more intriguing with plenty of action and dramatic release.



—Augie Perrotta



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, September 10 at 2:45PM, Tom Shrader, Managing Director, Shamrock Asset Management, Boca Raton, Florida will present "Navigating a Volatile Market." He will focus on utilizing quantitative investment modeling to make probabilistic projections of expected market returns and to invest efficiently with sector ETF's.

The next Capital Stock game will begin October 17. Start getting your picks ready. Bob Rossi, Joe Samyn and Ralph Cowie won a combined \$560 in our last game.

—George Miller



## Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, September 24 at 3:00PM. The guest speaker will be Rodger Gach of Rod's Computers. The topic will be "Tune-Up Tips, Part II." Please bring any computer related questions to the meeting as he prefers Q & A over lecturing. He recently presented "Tune-Up Tips, Part I" and "Tips for Keeping Your Computer Running Trouble Free After a Tune-Up." These tips can be found on the SMC website under the Group Activities/ Computer Group tab.

—Ron Denton

# Special Events

## "Crazy for You"

Please join us on Wednesday, October 8 for our annual journey to the Stratford Music Festival to see the new George Gershwin musical, "Crazy for You" which was originally produced on Broadway.



We have arranged for one bus to take us on this all day adventure.

- Departure will be at 8:00AM (from a location yet to be determined) with return at approximately 8:00PM.
- New! A 12:00PM buffet lunch will be at the Kings Table in the Festival Theatre. Enjoy a selection of hot entrees, delectable side dishes, fresh and seasonal salads and mouth-watering desserts, coffee and tea.
- The musical will begin at 2:00PM and has one intermission.
- A Tim Horton's box lunch will be provided for your dining pleasure on the trip home.

Tickets go on sale Friday, September 12 at 9:00AM. There are just 56 available and they go quickly, so make your plans NOW. Ticket prices are still to be determined, but will be approximately \$125 to \$135 per person. The price includes bus transportation, lunch, the play, box lunch on the way home, and all gratuities.

Remember: You MUST have a valid passport or Enhanced Drivers' License ID with you. It will be checked prior to boarding the bus.

—Bob Gualdoni, Riggs Miller, Joe Samyn,  
and Jerry Stribbell

## Fall Color Excursion

Save the very important date, Wednesday, October 22, for our Fall Color Excursion.



We will tour Addison Township, rural northern Oakland County's most beautiful township, known as our "horse country." Addison Township is at the highest elevation in Oakland County. On a clear day we can see the downtown Detroit skyline. Fall colors should be at their very glorious peak.

On board with us will be two local resident guides: Township Supervisor Bruce Pearson and fox hunting/history buff Ed Brakefield. They promise to regale us about the points of interest along the way and with some fox hunting tales.

Our tour will include a visit to that gem, St. Benedict's Monastery as well as the locally renowned Silver Bullet Horse Farm, and the Metamora Hunt Club. We also will stop at the historic Paint Creek Cider Mill to enjoy a glass of cider or other refreshments. A full gourmet buffet, including homemade soup and a salad bar, will be provided by Lenny Miller's Country Restaurant in Lapeer County and is included in our ticket price.

We depart by deluxe motor coach from the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church on Maple Road promptly at 8:30AM and return at approximately 4:00PM.

Tickets for this exciting event will go on sale on Friday, September 26 at just \$35 each, including luncheon. We are limited to one bus load of attendees, so sign up early and join the fun!

—Wenzel Koch, Jerry Stribbell and John J. O'Brien

## Members Volunteering

The Club has conducted two surveys asking if members were interested in doing volunteer work for non-profit organizations. We also asked members where they do volunteer and if they would be willing to help other members become involved with these organizations, if interested.



So far, we have had about 100 member responses. If you have not participated in the survey, please contact Jim Bayson at jamesbaysoncpa@aol.com or 248-681-4672. Let Jim know where you now volunteer or what kind of volunteer work you might like to do. We would like to list the organizations where members volunteer on the Club website.

# Meeting Procedures

The Improvement Committee recommended a number of changes in Club procedures at Friday meetings. The Board approved the following changes.



## Meetings

Certain revisions to the flow of Friday meetings will take place, with the objective of ensuring adequate time for speaker presentations. Such presentations will normally run from 11:10–11:55AM. The final 5 minutes will be reserved for a more formalized and focused speaker award presentation, including picture taking. Our objective in this regard is to show more courtesy to our valued speakers. Members are asked to remain seated until the meeting bell is struck, adjourning the meeting. Pictures of the speaker award presentation will be posted to our video screens.

As an important element in meeting timing, the Games Committee has agreed that golf, bowling and bridge scores will be posted on our video screens, and not bedetailed during the business portion of Friday meetings. Exceptional accomplishments will be announced by the committee, along with upcoming events and activities.

## Associates:

New Associates are really the “life blood” of our organization. We clearly want them to feel welcome at Friday meetings and to be encouraged to participate as much possible. Often, a new Associate will have a sponsoring member who can help “break the ice” at Club meetings. However, as we have expanded our outreach, we have attracted Associates without a specific sponsor. Membership Chairman Pete Kass has accepted responsibility for developing a list of Club members who are willing to help these Associates integrate into the camaraderie of the Club. All Executive Board members have volunteered to take on this role. Other members would also be excellent in this capacity and you are encouraged to contact Pete Kass and get on the list.

We also ask that members help new Associates get acclimated to the Club in less formal ways. If you see one (with a white card) standing or sitting alone, please introduce yourself, invite him to join you at a table and introduce him to others – in essence, make him feel welcome. We don't want any of them to drift away.

# Nominating Committee

President John Steele has appointed a SMC Nominating Committee with the most important responsibility of selecting Club Officer candidates for 2015. Committee members are Past President John Flintosh, Chairman; Past Presidents Irv Poston and Stu Shuster plus members Augie Perrotta and Tom Schrift.



Per our constitution, the nominations and election of officers will take place at our first two meetings in November. Members are encouraged to contact any committee member with officer candidate suggestions.

## Sing Loud and Proud

During the recent exchange of visits with our Grosse Pointe counterparts, we learned that they have a formal choral group which performs at their meetings and



at community events. Our Executive Board has authorized an investigation as to potential member interest in joining such a Singing Group in the SMC. A willingness to sing in public as well as some musical talent is all that is required.

Member Charlie Blank has volunteered to head this determination. If you would enjoy being part of such a choral group or have any questions, please contact him via email ([bclank56@gmail.com](mailto:bclank56@gmail.com)).

## FREE LUNCH FRIDAY

Once again, the SMC will offer a free lunch at Friday meetings in September for guests who are new member prospects. Details as follows:

- Available for guests of members and associates
- Offered at meetings on September 5, 12, 19 and 26
- Maximum of 10 free lunches per meeting

Please register in advance with Associates Committee Chairman, John Klein at 248-363-3020 or ([Klein60@yahoo.com](mailto:Klein60@yahoo.com)) by the Thursday preceding the planned guest attendance date.

## Mystery Lyrics

Only six readers recognized that these lyric lines:

*"You can tell at a glance, what a swell night this is for romance"*



are from the Cole Porter classic "It's Delovely." Congratulations to Tom Venier, Madge Woodward, (Omer Petti), Pat (Dick) Smith, Fred Leydorf, Tom McNally and the ever present Clay Gordon. Some even gave us the extended title "It's Delightful, It's Delicious, It's Delovely." Only Cole Porter could pen those lines!

Here's a change of pace musical challenge for you. There are probably a dozen or more songs which have "Somewhere" as the first word in the first lyric line. Let's see how many we can name. Could be challenging and fun!

Hints - think Judy Garland, Les Paul/Mary Ford and Bobby Darin. (Have we made it too easy?)

## Sports Trivia

As we noted, we went way back with last month's sports trivia, in asking you to remember the "Mad Magicians." Obviously, University of Michigan fans (and fanatics) had an advantage here, since the the 1947 Michigan football team, especially the backfield, were the Mad Magicians. They were Bob Chappius, Bump Elliott, Howard Yerges and Jack Weisenberg. Clay Gordon remembered all four, Pete Kass got three, Jack McLaughlan, Dick Smith and Tom McNally got two and Lynn Evans got one. Lynn also named a lot of other members of this team, which beat So. Cal. 49-0 in the Rose Bowl.

This one might be too easy. Who was the ball player ejected from a World Series game at Briggs Stadium and why was he ejected?

—Dick Harper

## THE REMINDER

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.

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## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, September 9 at 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, September 19

### Games

**Bowling:** Mondays at 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes beg. September 8

**Bridge:** Tuesdays at 9:00AM and Friday after lunch

**Monday Golf:** 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills

**Thursday Golf:** 7:00-9:00AM at Springdale

### Special Events

**U of M Football Game:** Saturday, September 27

**"Crazy for You," Stratford Festival:** Wednesday, October 8 at 8:00AM

**Fall Color Excursion:** Wednesday, October 22 at 8:30AM

### Group Meetings

**Book Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, September 3 at 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, September 15 at 3:00PM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, September 8 at 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, September 9 at 2:00PM

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, September 24 at 3:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, September 10 at 2:45PM

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

### SMC ON THE WEB:

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

[www.tchserve.org/outreach-and-clubs/clubs/senior-mens-club-of-birmingham](http://www.tchserve.org/outreach-and-clubs/clubs/senior-mens-club-of-birmingham)



# SMC Summer Fun



## Annual Picnic & Car Show



