

The Reminder

November 2010

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Christmas Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 8, 2010 is the date of the SMC Christmas Dinner Dance. The party venue is the San Marino Club at 1685 E. Big Beaver in Troy. The club is on the north side of Big Beaver, just west of John R.

We have arranged seating for up to 400 members and guests. The party begins with a Social Hour at 6:00PM. Snacks and punch will be available. Party animals can also take advantage of two cash bars, which will be open all evening.

Dinner will be served at 7:00PM. San Marino is known for its excellent cuisine and fine dining service. Your dinner will include soup, salad, one of three dinner entrees, and dessert.

Music for your listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by The Pros Dance Band, the same fine 16 piece orchestra we had last year. A vocalist will accompany

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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: Roger Garvelink

- 5 Seaholm Music Department, Laurie Frick, Director *Musical Numbers*
- 12 Alan Mulally, President & CEO, Ford Motor Company *The Ford Story*
- 19 MEETING cancelled by The Community House
- 26 NO MEETING (Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: Chuck Kirkpatrick

- 3 Michael Khoury, President *Detroit Cristo Rey High School*
- 10 Marian High Melodies *Holiday Music*

NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: Mike Nigro

- 5 Michael Nigro, SMC Member and DO, Neurologist and John MacInnes, SMC Member.....*Alzheimer's Disease-a Professional and Personal Perspective*
- 12 Donald "Ted" MacKinnon, SMC Member*The Camera-A Look Back at Low Tech, Elegant and Simple*
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DECEMBER DISCUSSIONS

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: John Reddy

- 3 Dr. Sonya Friedman, Psychologist, Television Host, Author and Columnist *Mentoring Next Generations-How to Get Them to Listen*
- 10 Robert Meisner, Attorney *Everything Legal You Need to Know About Condo Living*

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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—John M. Steele, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster and Tom Booth, Photography

Here Comes The Jug

The "Magic Jug" will return once again to the SMC. Our annual and traditional drive to support the Oakland County Childrens Village will take place on two Fridays - October 29 and November 5.

The jug is considered magic since it holds just as many \$10 and \$20 bills and checks as it does dollar bills. It will be escorted down our aiseways by our stalwart Sergeant at Arms Committee team - Sherwin Vine and John Horiszny, who will accept your generous contributions. Note that checks should be made out to the OCCV.

Please remember, as long time OCCV advocates John Spomer and Phil Werner always told us - "these are our kids." Open your hearts and your wallets or checkbooks.



Games



Golf

The annual Golf Banquet was held on Wednesday, October 27 in the ballroom of The Community House. Sixty golfers from both the Monday at Lincoln Hills and Thursday at Springdale groups were in attendance. As expected the food and service by The Community House staff was outstanding. Great time was had by all. Awards were made for the winners of the Golf Tournament. Winners were:

- Flight #1: First: Ed Dilworth, Second: Dave Key, Third: Kirby Callam
- Flight #2: First: Cliff Dean, Second: Rich Wehling, Third: Dennis Currier
- Flight #3: First: Gus Grozdon, Second: Pete Smith, Third: Tony Smyk
- Low Gross: First: @35.5 Perry Driggs, Second: Tie @37.5 Kirby Callam and Bob Hinytzke

Each attendee participated in door prize drawings for over \$2500 worth of golf prizes. Top prizes included shirts, rain gear, shoes, trouble clubs, and chippers.

The festivities were crowned with a grand prize drawing for a trip for two to the Garland Resort good through 2011.

Winter Golf at the Oakland Yard Dome will begin on Thursday, January 6. The price continues to be \$8, which includes coffee and donuts. The time remains the same - 9:30AM to 11:30AM. Following dome practice, join together again for lunch at Hero's Grill on M-59, where our total bill will be discounted 20%. Remember that you must have "Pass" to receive these benefits. For a pass, see committee members at the first meeting in December.

—The Golf Committees

It's Auto Show Time!

Our annual trip to the North American International Auto Show will be on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

The bus will leave for the show at 9:30AM. We will be at the show from 10:00AM to 2:30PM - same timing as last year.

The Auto Show is the first outing of 2011 and it is a "must do" event for car enthusiasts.

—Roger Struck, Tony DiMarco and Mike Clement

Bowling

After six weeks of bowling, a runaway for team leadership has emerged. The Rockies comprised of Brooker, Johnson, Klein and Byington have 38 points and a six point lead over the Cardinals - Upward, Doty, Buchanan and Schrift. Of course, we have a long season ahead of us and lots can and likely will change.

As for individual performances, Art Byington and Bucky Buchanan share the high average at 163, Nick Marinelli the high game at 219, with yours truly the high series at 541. Nick was a strong 71 pins over average with his game, while Chuck Ragains was 55 pins over.

Keep 'em rollin'.

—Less Lessentheir

Monday Golf

Another active and fun-filled season ended at Lincoln Hills on September 20. Included were 575 rounds of golf (plus three rainouts), averages that ranged from 38.3 to 57.8 and daily attendance that averaged 36 golfers.

Medalist for the Regulars was John Perryman at 38.3 followed by Pete Kass at 43.5, George Stern at 44.1 and Roger Hammer and Alan Nealley at 44.3. Among the Walk-Ons, Jim Doyle led at 38.5, Dave Key was at 40.1 (just scintillating after his health scare), Bob Hinytzke was at 40.8 and Ted Chapekis finished at 42.3. Special recognition is given to John Kary who carried a 43.6 average, shooting "below his age" and walking all his rounds both at Lincoln Hills and Springdale. In all cases, this data is for golfers that played at least seven rounds.

Perfect attendance (sixteen rounds) was attained by Byron Converse, Larry Halloran, Ben Porter, Joe Schulenberg, Bill Schwartz, Bob Smith and Tom Waffan.

We christened a new clubhouse, inaugurated a new golf course staff and will return next year to a rebuilt course entrance and parking lot. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to serving you in 2011.

—Monday Golf Committee

Endowment Fund Lottery

The fall Endowment Fund Lottery featured a football Saturday in Ann Arbor as the prize, which included two tickets to the Michigan-Iowa game, a big pre-game tailgate function featuring U of M President Mary Sue Coleman, plus transportation.

The winner was Bob Parker, who along with his wife Ann, accompanied Dick Harper and Jim Slosberg to the game. The weather was great, but the game results weren't for Michigan fans. Of course, the big winner was the SMC Endowment Fund with \$745 contributed through lottery ticket purchases. Congratulations to all who participated!

The next lottery benefitting the Fund will take place in December and once again will offer the fabulous prize of a night in a luxury suite at the Detroit Ren Cen Marriott Hotel. The package will include dinner for two at Andiamo in the Ren Cen, plus breakfast and valet parking - a \$500 value, valid any weekend through June 2011. Tickets will be available at December meetings, with the winner drawn on December 10. You need not be present to win.

Ed Cox won this prize earlier this year and indicates that he and his wife really enjoyed everything - the luxury suite, a great dinner and the downtown Detroit ambiance.

—George Miller and Dick Harper

Committee Openings

A number of important working committees of our Club are looking for additional member support. This is a great way to participate in Club activities and to experience the camaraderie of these groups, while making a real contribution.

One of our Club's most important but largely unsung committees is the *Table Setting Committee*. This almost invisible group arrives before most of us on Friday mornings. They literally set the tables we will occupy later, ensuring that everything is in place for our lunch. Please see Bill Reilly or Bob Babcock for details.

In addition, the *Sergeant at Arms Committee* is looking for member support. Please see John Horiszny for details.

Last, but by no means least, the *Visual and Photography Committee* needs help. No experience necessary - you will learn by doing on the job. Please see Frank Schmid for details.

—Dick Harper

Senior Health Matters- Pneumococcal Vaccination



Pneumonia is an infection of the lungs. It is most serious in people over the age of 65 especially those with underlying medical problems such as congestive heart failure, diabetes and chronic lung disease. It is most common in winter

and occurs more often in smokers and in men than women. The most common cause of pneumonia in the US is the bacterium, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* or pneumococcus. More people die from pneumococcal infection than from any other vaccine preventable disease, and vaccination potentially could prevent half of these deaths. Invasive pneumococcal disease is the presence of *S. pneumoniae* in the blood (bacteremia) or cerebrospinal fluid (meningitis). The elderly, especially those in nursing homes, are particularly susceptible to invasive pneumococcal disease. Pneumococcal vaccination protects against invasive pneumococcal disease. Individuals who had been previously vaccinated against pneumococcus had a 40% lower rate of mortality or ICU admissions compared to those who had not been vaccinated.

Pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine 23 (PPSV23) protects against the 23 most common types of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. A single dose is recommended for everyone 65 and older if they have not been previously vaccinated. For those vaccinated before age 65, a one-time re-vaccination is recommended after five years. It may be administered at the same time as the influenza vaccination. Both seasonal and H1N1 (swine flu) influenza are now combined in one shot. Both vaccinations are administered between October and January in the US.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Reminder Editorial Staff Opening

The Reminder is in need of one or more members to join our editorial staff. Responsibilities would be writing occasional articles for our monthly newsletter covering club activities and personalities. Interest more important than experience. Please contact Dick Harper.

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the band and lead our sing-along.

Dinner entrees will be one of three fine dishes. Please know your selection when you purchase your tickets.

- Medallions of Veal Marsala

- Chicken Parmigiana

- Baked Orange Roughy with lemon garnish

The price for this special evening is \$40. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, November 5, 2010 at 9:00AM.

All seating is by table reservation. We will begin passing out reservation forms on October 29, at the Special Events table. If reserving a table of eight, please use the form to identify your table mates and their dinner selection and designate one member to collect checks from each table mate and purchase your tickets as a group. This process will greatly help our overworked event volunteers. Alternately, you can check with the seating committee to identify an available table of your choice.

Look forward to a great evening of Christmas good cheer, dining and dancing.

—Special Events, Christmas Party Committee

Handbook Update

The 2011 SMC Handbook will be printed in December for January distribution. This update can incorporate any necessary changes in member information submitted through November 30, 2010, but earlier submissions would be much appreciated. Please note that November 12 will be the last regular meeting date at which information can be turned in. E-mail or phone contact will be required after that date, again with a final November 30 deadline.

Members should verify that all handbook information (permanent address, telephone and e-mail) is current with any necessary changes submitted to Database Committee Chairman John Steele. Any pending changes effective by January 2011 should be included.

All Committee Chairmen are asked to submit 2011 Committee Rosters to Handbook Committee Chairman Bob Clements as soon as possible, again with the November 30 deadline. Perhaps, more importantly, members are encouraged to join working committees, which can always use additional help. Just ask a chairman!

—John Steele and Bob Clements

Vanishing Summer

With fall in our midst, summer fading in our memories and winter fast approaching, we tend to recall fond memories of summer. It is no different for our Life Members, the Golden Oldies, who not only recall their super summers, but also continue to enjoy their daily lives. These fantastic men are 85 years old and have been members of the Senior Men's Club for 10 years. They are members of the most prestigious segment of the Men's Club and are enjoying their twilight years.



Dick Suminski will be the first member in November to become a Life Member. This joyous moment will take place at the November 5 meeting.

Dick was born in Detroit, attended St. Catherine's High School and graduated from the University of Detroit with a BA degree, completing his last two years at night.

He joined the Navy in 1942, served three and a half years in the Sea Bees and participated in the invasion of the Phillipines. He had business experience before joining the Navy and after his service time, he was employed at Sargent Lock Manufacturing. In 1960 with two employees, Dick started his own business, Hardware Agents. After expanding to nine employees, he sold his business in 2001 and retired.

Dick has been married for 63 years and he and his wife Shirley have three children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In his younger days he was a softball pitcher and won a national title with the Briggs Ware Team. He currently plays bridge, reports the bridge scores at the Friday meetings and is vice chairman of the Thursday Golf Committee.

He loves the congeniality of the Men's Club and the Golden Oldies await his presence.

—Bill Reilly

Phantom Meeting

The Community House desk staff reports that we have set a new SMC record. More than a dozen men arrived Friday, October 15 only to learn that no Club meeting was scheduled. Apparently, not all of us read *The Reminder* or listen to presidential announcements.

Unfortunately, no attendance credit can be awarded these men, who shall remain nameless.

Groups



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, November 3 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing "Rules for Radicals" by Saul Alinsky. Alinsky was an American community organizer and writer. He is generally considered to be the founder of modern community organizing in America, the political practice of organizing communities to act in common self-interest. The tactics in this book have been studied and put into motion by thousands of people all over the world, including President Barack Obama.

On Monday, November 15 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing "Elegance of the Hedgehog" by M. Barbery. This book explores the meaning of life through the eyes of a frumpy, middle-aged, Tolstoy-loving concierge and a twelve year old girl, appalled at the shallowness of the adult world. Both live in the same Paris apartment block. The girl is planning to commit suicide on her 13th birthday.

—Ted Chapekis



Investment Group

The Investment Group will next meet on Wednesday, November 10 at 2:45PM.

We will hear Jason Cain, Vice-President, Senior Wealth Strategist of Calamos Investments discuss "The Changing Tax Landscape--What, Where and When." This should be a most timely review and discussion of how to navigate impending tax law changes to maximize preservation of wealth.

Initial results of the Capital Stock Game, developed by Bob Bazzell, will be available.

—Pete Mehra and George Miller



Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, November 17 at 3:00PM.

John Wigman will answer your questions and hopefully help you solve those problems that seem to plague our home computers.

—Bob Chandler



Classic Movie Group

The 1939 film "Drums Along the Mohawk" will be shown on Monday, November 8 at 1:00PM. Starring Henry Fonda and Claudette Colbert, it is director John Ford's first Technicolor film, which, for technical reasons, lends itself to superb digital remastering for DVD. The setting is western New York State's Mohawk Valley



during the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. A young, newlywed, frontier farmer protects his family from the British, the Tory loyalists and the Indians supporting them. It captures the hardships of the pioneers, especially the women, and is still the best movie about the American Revolution ever made. This is a perfect date movie. It is romantic and sentimental enough for a chick flick but rich in action and history for any adventure story lover. You will especially enjoy the most memorable scene where Fonda is pursued by Indians for a long chase over the woodlands. Do not miss the last Classic Movie of 2010.

—Augie Perrotta



Camera Group

The SMC Camera Group will meet Tuesday, November 9 at 2:00PM. Ed Proctor will present pictures of a trip to the Amazon River basin in Brazil. He and his wife Carrie first visited the historic city of Manaus, then flew to a remote tributary of the Amazon River on a back-country adventure, camping on sandbars in tented barges, surrounded by tropical rainforests, with fly-fishing for wild Peacock Bass. Ed has given a number of excellent presentations to the Camera Group.

In addition, note that the Discussion Group meeting on November 12 will feature SMC Member Ted MacKinnon on the subject of changing camera technology over time.

—Jaap B. Delevie

Dues from Life Members

The fastest growing segment of the Senior Men's Club is the Life Member group, with more than 140 members having achieved this respected Club status. We are living longer and better.

One of the traditional benefits of reaching this category is that payment of dues is no longer required. However, an increasing number of Life Members continue to pay dues on a voluntary basis, telling us that they want to ensure the financial viability of the Club. More specifically, we hear that they wish to offset development and distribution costs of *The Reminder*.

Our finance staff is collecting dues for 2011 and would be more than happy to accept voluntary dues from Life Members. So far, 26 Life Members have contributed \$995. Congratulations to these caring members.

Officer Elections - 2011

The Nominating Committee of the Senior Men's Club, appointed by President Irv Poston, is selecting proposed nominees for Club Officer positions for 2011.

In accordance with our constitution, these nominations will be read to the membership and posted at our first meeting in November. The formal election will take place at the second November meeting. Those elected will serve one year commencing with the first club meeting in January 2011.

The Nominating Committee is composed of Chairman Bob Johnson, past presidents Frank Barnes and Bob Pullar plus members Bob Bannon and Don Upward.

Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall

You are cordially invited to join the Senior Men's Club on Tuesday, November 30 for a Holiday Walk group tour and luncheon at historic Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. This is a great opportunity to gather with friends and enjoy the true spirit of the holiday season in a magnificent setting.

Lunch will feature:

- Garden salad dressed with a pomegranate vinaigrette
- Beef paprikash with saffron rice pilaf and French cut beans
- Lemon meringue pie
- Roll and butter, coffee, hot tea and ice water

The 110 room Tudor-revival style mansion will highlight childhood treasures from Meadow Brook's heyday, including period toys, trains and family photographs. Hundreds of bears from Judy Hall's whimsical teddy bear collection await in Frances and Danny Dodge's playrooms, open to the public for the first time this year. Visitors will hear family stories of Richard Wilson riding his tricycle through the gallery after receiving it from his parents for Christmas, and Frances and Matilda Dodge Wilson's Christmas Eve tradition of wrapping gifts for the family and staff. On special display will be the family toboggan, used on the rolling hills of Meadow Brook Farms.

Tickets are \$31 per person and include a full tour of the mansion, lunch and valet parking. Purchase dates for the Meadow Brook trip will be October 29, November 5 and November 12.

—Special Events Committee

SMC 2011 Dues Coupon

2011 Dues are payable before January 1, 2011. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2011. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at the 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
- \$20 Member on Leave of Absence

Life Members are not required to pay dues, but may use the coupon to make a voluntary contribution for financial support of our Club.

Mystery Lyrics

Last month's musical challenges produced varied results. No fewer than 12 readers recognized that these lyric lines:

*I viewed the morning with much alarm
The British Museum had lost its charm*

are from "A Foggy Day (In London Town)." We would like to recognize less frequent contributors, so congratulations to George Moore, Pete Kass, Pat (Dick) Smith, Dick Secrest, Pat Deighan, George Clark and Jim Leese.

However, the jazz question proved to be somewhat more difficult. We asked if you could name the three sidemen who joined Benny Goodman to form his renowned Jazz Quartet in the 30's.

Four SMC members really know their musical history and named Lionel Hampton on the vibes, Teddy Wilson on piano and Gene Krupa on drums. Much congratulations to Russ Frye, Chuck Himelhoch, Sherwin Vine and Clay Gordon. Goodman was the first major leader to break the color line with this group.

Pete Kass suggested this month's mystery lyric challenge. These clever lines may read like Cole Porter lyrics, but they were written by Lorenz Hart, when he was teamed with Richard Rodgers:

*The sleepless nights - the daily fights
The quick toboggan - when
you reach the heights*

Can you name that tune?

Here's a second challenge for you. Clint Eastwood starred in the 1971 thriller movie "Play Misty For Me," with a story line about an obsessed fan who repeatedly asked disc jockey Eastwood to play "Misty." Can you name the musician who wrote that tune? Hint - the composer was a great piano player in his own right (and my favorite).

—Dick Harper



CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 16, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, November 19

Games

Bowling: Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

Wednesday, 9:30AM at Thunderbird Lanes (practice)

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

Golf: Thursday, 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Athletics (starts Jan. 6)

Special Events

Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall, Tuesday, November 30

Christmas Dinner Dance at San Marino Club, Wednesday, December 8

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, November 3, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, November 15, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, November 8, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, November 9, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, November 10, 2:45PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, November 17, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC on the Web:

<http://www.communityhouse.com/getInvolved/interestGroups/SeniorMensClub.html>

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

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