

The Reminder



October 2016

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Fred Hansz: Automotive Engineer and Movie Buff

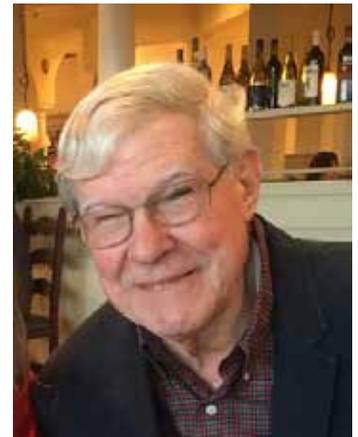
Is there a classic movie you've wanted to see but haven't been able to see? Do the Senior Men's Club's movies appeal to you?

If the answer to both questions is "yes", the man to see is Fred Hansz, Chairman of the Classic Movie Group. "We try to offer a variety of movies, from musicals to mysteries, something for everybody," said Fred. "We typically attract an attendance of 15-35 people but have had as many as 60 show up to see the film of the month."

In addition to his movie collection, Fred's hobbies include model railroading, collecting antique fans, and maintaining and driving his vintage red Corvette.

Fred also contributes his time and talents to other Senior Men's Club activities including the Camera Group, Computer Group, Discussion Group, Investment Group and the Moments of Interest. Upon occasion, Fred also gives the Friday morning meeting invocation, as requested by the Chaplin.

These groups benefit from Fred's diverse range of experience in the auto industry. He



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W. James Haidle

Laurence A. Price

Robert L. Munn

George E. Benko

Resigned:

Robert M. Carlson

Deaths:

Roger R. Vogel, (Life) joined June 1999

John J. O'Brien, (Life) joined February 1996

Joseph J. Gerber, (Life) joined September 2002

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Robert Beach, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

2017 Club Handbook

Preparations for publication of an expanded 2017 SMC Handbook are underway. John Zarek of the Handbook Committee needs complete listings of each Club committee and group – chairmen and members. Frank Snower of the Data Base Committee needs any member information changes for handbook listings (address, phone, e-mail).

The input deadline for information is November 1 to support December printing plans for this significantly expanded and improved issue.

—John Zarek and Frank Snower

Associates Meeting

All associates are invited to the Associates Orientation at 9:00AM on Friday, October 7 at TCH. All eligible associates will receive a reminder letter. Any questions should be directed to Associate Chairman John Klein at 248-363-3020 or klein60@yahoo.com.

—John Klein



Free Lunch

Once again, we will offer a “free lunch” month. The Executive Board has approved a free lunch at Friday meetings in October for guests who are new member prospects. Simply register your guest on arrival at any Friday meeting in October. Once they see how interesting and dynamic our Club and members are, they most likely will be motivated to join.

—Dick Harper

Groups



Investment Group

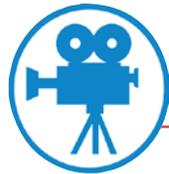
The Investment Group will meet on Wednesday, October 5 at 2:45PM (one week early due to TCH Art Show & Sale).

Our speaker will be Gary Ran, the founder of Telemus Capital – a nationally recognized investment advisory firm which manages over two \$2 billion in client assets.

Mr. Ran will speak on how to build a diversified portfolio in an increasingly correlated world. We will learn why risk allocation is more important today than traditional asset allocation – contemporary investment decision making. Our speaker is repeatedly selected as one of “America’s Top 100 Advisors” by Barron’s Magazine.

Our annual and challenging Capital Stock game will launch at the close of market on Friday, October 7. Entry forms available online and at Friday meetings.

—George Miller and Jon Haber



Classic Movie Group

Classic Movie Group Presentation

On Monday, October 17, Irv Poston will present one of his favorite scary movies, “Frankenstein” (1931), at 1:00PM. This Universal Pictures Classic is the definitive monster movie, starring Boris Karloff as the Frankenstein monster and Colin Clive as the ultimate mad scientist. Our new DVD release, featuring a number of restored reinstated scenes, will add to your viewing enjoyment of this special film. Please plan to attend with family and friends to enjoy this pre-Halloween suspense classic.

Historic Film Group Presentation

On Monday, October 24, we will present our second annual Monday Movie Matinee at 1:00PM. The feature attraction is the classic all American film “The Farmers Daughter” (1947), starring Loretta Young, in her irresistible Oscar winning performance as a naïve but straight thinking farm girl who goes to work for a senator, Joseph Cotton, and winds up winning a seat in Congress. This delightful comedy has an outstanding cast including Ethel Barrymore, Charles Bickford, James Arness and Lex Barker and is the perfect show for this election year.

—Fred Hansz



Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 2:00PM (one week early due to TCH Art Show & Sale). The topic will be “Features of the New Cell Phone Cameras.” Michael Mann, who spoke with us a couple of years ago, will discuss the iPhone 7, Samsung Galaxy 7, and others that are showing major advances in cell phone photography. He will also show the ease of transferring pictures from a phone camera to computers, tablets, and TVs.

Michael is currently a Technical Associate for Sprint, and in addition to being familiar with all mobile devices and networks, he is an accomplished photographer as well. He will bring his Nikon DSLR along with several phone cameras for comparison.

Members and guests are invited to this interesting and informative meeting. Bring your cameras, phones, opinions, questions, and some photos of your own.

—Harry Bloom and Irv Poston



Reading Groups

Alan Dershowitz’s “Why Terrorism Works”—which the *Yale University Press* first brought out in 2003—is the book to be discussed in the Wednesday group’s meeting on October 5, at 10:30AM. Dershowitz challenges his readers to imagine what kind of counter-response can really be effective in deterring or defeating terrorism. Although Dershowitz is a renowned advocate of civil liberties, he considers torture and intrusive measures such as identity cards—as possible (maybe “temporary”) terrorism-fighting measures. Jon Haber will lead the discussion.

The Monday group will be tackling Jane Mayer’s “Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right”. In this book Mayer tells how two enormously rich owners of an oil company based in Kansas—Charles and David Koch—built a network of libertarian organizations that have changed the face of American politics. Mayer believes that the Koch brothers and a small group of their allies have hijacked American democracy—not just competing with their adversaries but drowning them out. We will discuss this book on October 17 at 3:00PM.

—Frank Auld

Games

Golf Notes

We finally got rain to soften the greens, but now the leaves are starting to turn and the days are getting shorter, but we will continue to brave the elements until that nasty winter envelops us in snow!

We had an interesting August as we completed the "Best 2 of 3 Consecutive Rounds" at Springdale GC with Joe Schulenberg winning the Championship Flight; Ed Sharples winning the 1st Flight and Bob Klein winning the 2nd Flight. And we had a winner in the "Big Bucks Closest to the Pin" contest as Dennis Winowiecki came within 9 feet 10 inches of the pin on Hole #6 and he sank the birdie putt; thus, winning the BIG BUCKS for \$85 concluding 17 weeks of frustration.

Over 24 of us volunteered as marshals and hosts for the U.S. Amateur Championships at Oakland Hills Country Club from August 13-20...did you see any of us on the South Course #14 Hole?

By the time you read this, we will have concluded our Annual 3-Club Championship on September 22 at Springdale GC...results will be posted next month...and our outing at the Detroit Golf Club on September 28 arranged by Tom McNally. We hope that this event will be a catalyst for other SMC Members to arrange an outing at their respective clubs.

Don't forget: The Annual Golf Banquet is Wednesday, October 19 at 5:30PM...same price as last year: \$45...tickets on sale now! The Golf Committee promises lots of swell gifts for everybody that attends. Remember, you get a chance for one of these gifts if you played at least 3 rounds...one ticket each for 3 rounds at Lincoln Hills and Springdale.

For more information on any of these events, see one of the Golf Committee members:

Monday Golf Chair: Tom Waffin

Thursday Golf Chair: Tom Schrift

Season Golf Chair: Tim McGee

Games Chair: Chuck Travers in Abstentia



Bowling We Need You!

On September 12, the Senior Men's Club Bowling League began its season at Troy Lanes, corner of Square Lake and John R in Troy. Over the summer Chairman Richard Volpe organized 9 three man teams coupled with a "blind" team to encourage greater participation and fair competition. Sadly, a number of our regulars have recently succumbed to various ailments preventing them from bowling. Consequently, we need additional members to "step up to the line" and hurl a 12-15 pound ball down the alley, endeavoring to hit the pins and not fall into the gutter. The fellowship and camaraderie far surpass any bowling enjoyment or despair. Therefore, even if you haven't bowled for some time, please check us out by coming on any Monday (competition) or Wednesday (practice) at 10:00AM and see for yourself what fun you can have.



True to form, our esteemed Chairman recorded both the high game (187) and high three game total (500). Weekly bowling updates will be provided at our Friday meetings.

If you have any questions, please email our Chairman at RfaV13@gmail.com or give him a call at 248.417.5435.

—Maynard Timm



Computer Group

Our speaker on Wednesday, October 19 at 3:00PM is Waria Williams, head of Adult Services at the Baldwin Public Library. Waria will discuss "cutting the cord" - how you can use online streaming to eliminate the need for cable TV service. She will provide an overview of some of the most popular and user-friendly alternatives and demonstrate devices made by Apple, Roku, Amazon and Google.

—Tom Allen

New Life Member—Larry Price

Life membership is considered our Club's most prestigious category – the latest honored member is Larry Price. Larry enjoyed a multi-faceted career communicating images and ideas as well as marketing products and services for a broad array of organizations – General Motors, N.W. Ayer Advertising and the Glaxo Smith Kline Pharmaceutical Company.

His communication skills also served the U.S. Navy for 30 years – first as a cryptologist in 1951, later on active duty in the Far East and lastly as a commissioned public affairs officer, where he rose to the rank of Commander before retiring in 1991.

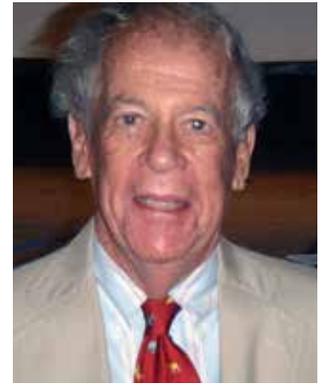
That year, as president of a travel agency in Washington D.C. he led a group of more than 250 naval veterans and family members to Hawaii to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. This launched a third career of creating and conducting tours around the world for groups and organizations. Larry has traveled to all 50 states, 10 provinces in Canada, 103 countries and all 7 continents.

Other career highlights include serving as Chairman of the Aviation Committee of Philadelphia, executive positions in several hotels and Associations, plus leadership roles in public relations groups and organizations.

Larry earned several academic honors – including a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan, where he had the unique experience of playing in the Michigan Marching Band and being on the cheerleading squad. With the band he traveled to the famous Snow Bowl game in Columbus, Ohio in 1950. He also has degrees from Wayne State and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

He has been a member of the SMC since 2002, with more than 10 years of service as an active leader of the Special Events Committee.

Larry's lovely wife, Beverly, has taught high school English for 59 years, currently at Detroit Country Day School. Congratulations and welcome Larry to Life Membership.



—Dick Kamp and Dick Harper

Dues Time

Treasurer John Groves and his hard working team are ready to accept your payment of 2017 dues at Friday meetings. Alternately, you can use the coupon below to pay by mail.

SMC 2017 Dues Coupon

2017 dues are payable before January 1, 2017. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2017. 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.*

Special Events

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM



Kick-off Event



The Village Players
of Birmingham
Production of **MAME**

November 9, 2016

Reception at 6:30
Curtain Rise at 8:00
General Seating
\$35.00 per ticket

The Senior Men's Club began a year-long celebration of its 50th Anniversary with the performance of *Gypsy*... ten years later we return to the Village Players for their production of *Mame* to kick-off the celebration of our 60th Anniversary.

We've blocked out the theater for a special performance on Wednesday, November 9th for 200 of us at \$35.00 per ticket that went on sale Friday, September 23rd. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served at the reception prior to the play.

So put on your "bib and tucker" as we forget the results of the election the previous day and return us to a more carefree time of the *Roaring Twenties* as we follow Mame Dennis living the high-life in New York City. This show will put a song in your heart and dance in your step as you cheer and celebrate the personality of one of the most vivacious characters on the musical stage.

A Tour of Detroit Public TV Studios & Fall Color Tour

On Thursday, October 27 at 9:00AM we depart the First Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$30 per person.

Tour includes:

- Tour of DPTV Facilities and Studios.
- Experience Live Recording of a Program Show.
- Meet DPTV Staff.
- Catered Lunch at DPTV.
- Fall Color Drive through Kensington Metropark.

—Malcolm D. Hendy

SMC Christmas Dinner Dance

It's time for members to start planning for our most popular and best attended event – the annual Senior Men's Club Christmas Dinner Dance. We will be returning to the San Marino Club on Big Beaver Rd. on Tuesday, December 13 for this most anticipated evening. Festivities will begin with a social reception at 5:30PM with snacks, punch, a cash bar and the traditional shared camaraderie with members, guests and significant others. We will be seated at 6:45PM for introductions and announcements plus a traditional invocation.

Dinner will follow at 7:00PM featuring your choice among several delicious entrees plus soup, salad and dessert. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. The San Marino Club will be festively decorated and "The Pros" dance band once again will entertain us during dining, followed by nostalgic and seasonal favorites and a singalong. Last, but by no means least, we will be invited to try out our dancing shoes and moves as we contemplate how great life can be when shared with wonderful friends.

Tickets will be priced at \$45 with sales starting on Friday, November 11. Non-members will be invited along with members of the Women's Club of The Community House and the *NEXT* organization.

More complete information will be published in the November *Reminder*. We urge you to mark your calendars and start planning for this great event now!

—Special Events Committee

Senior Health Matters: Polypharmacy

On August 30, Kaiser Health News reported an increasing number of elderly patients nationwide are on multiple medications to treat chronic diseases, raising their chances of dangerous drug interactions and serious side effects.



The issue of “polypharmacy” is compounded when drugs are prescribed by different specialists who don’t communicate with the patient’s other health care providers or changes made during multiple hospital admissions. Some of the drugs may be unnecessary, unsuitable or duplications. Duplication often occurs when the same drug is prescribed by its generic name and by its brand name especially when obtained from different pharmacies.

According to a 2014 action plan by the Department of Health and Human Services, more than half of older adults’ visits to the hospital involve drug complications.

You can protect yourself by bringing a list of all your current prescribed and over-the-counter medications under their generic or brand name, including dose and schedule, to every office visit and hospital admission. I carry mine in my wallet. Your list should include all herbs, botanicals, and dietary or hormone supplements you are taking. Don't wait. Make a copy for your records.

—Augustine L. Perrotta

Here Comes the Jug

Our annual contribution campaign in support of the Oakland County Children’s Village will be launched on Friday, October 28.

Mr. Greg Alessi, OCCV Administrator, will provide a brief review of the mission, services and facilities of this non-profit organization – the only non-profit we support financially other than The Community House. We have been doing so for more than 30 years.

Please bring your contribution – cash or check payable to OCCV on October 28 and help fill the jug. Remember, as we always note, our jug will hold just as many large bills and check amounts as small ones, so please be generous. Contributions of course are tax deductible. Our goal is to have all members participate.

—Dick Halsted

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Fred Hansz

is an Automotive Engineer who has spent over 50 years in the heavy truck and off road equipment segments of the industry. Fred served in a number of engineering staff and management positions, during his 36 years with Rockwell International.

But retirement was short for Fred. He was soon asked to join Axle Tech International which was a subsidiary of General Dynamics, located in Troy, Michigan. Much of his current work has been on drivetrain life improvements. These improvements help make our military vehicles safer and more effective for our men and women in the armed services as they perform their dangerous duties overseas.

Fred was born in Detroit and has lived most of his life in the greater metropolitan area. He graduated from Redford High School, Wayne State University with a BSME, and University of Detroit/Mercy with an MBA.

Fred and his wife Bonnie have two adult children and have been residents of Lathrup Village for many years. They have been longtime active members of the North Congregational Church of Farmington Hills.

—Chuck Ragains

Sign-In Please

Members attending Friday meetings are strongly encouraged to sign-in with the Attendance Committee on arrival at The Community House. These hard working members are there for one principal purpose - we want to know that you are an active member. Of equal importance, we want to record and report our full attendance as a measure of our ongoing success as a Club. We are well aware that larger audiences attract consideration from speaker candidates – we certainly want to motivate good speakers with significant member audiences. So, sign-in please!



—Dick Harper

Mystery Lyrics



Only four readers were able to identify the song containing these lyrics:

"Broke somebody's heart and I'm afraid that it was mine"

The tune is "It Happened in Monterey" from the Sinatra album "Songs for Swingin' Lovers". Only Augie Perrotta, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Mary (John) Slocum and Tom McNally remembered this one. Congratulations to these champs.

Here's a challenge for readers that might be a little easier. These are the opening lines of a tune recorded by many, including Sinatra.

*"Another bride, another June...
another sunny honeymoon"*

Can you name that tune?

Sports Trivia

The September sports trivia challenges also proved to be challenging. We asked you to remember two items connected with Detroit Lion defensive players of the past – the player nicknamed "The Hatchet" plus what singer did Dick "Night Train" Lane marry.

Seven readers recalled that Jimmy David was "The Hatchet" – Bill Burnie, Bob Klein, Tom McNally, Jack McLaughlin, Lynn Evans, Clay Gordon and Midge Gettel.

Only Bill Burnie remembered that Lane was married to blues singer Dinah Washington at one time.

Let's test your memory this month. Can you remember who was baseball's first Bonus Baby. Hint – he was a Detroit Tiger.

—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 2016 are: Eugene P. Jacoby, president; Richard A. Kamp, first vice president; Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, second vice president; Timothy S. McGee, recording secretary; Gerald W. Stribbell, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. Bayson, assistant treasurer; Robert I. Hayes and Theodore J. Schuster, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, October 14

Bowling: Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes
Wednesdays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes (practice)

Bridge: Tuesdays at 9:00AM; Fridays after lunch

Golf: Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills
Thursday Golf at Springdale

Special Events

Tour of DPTV Studios/Fall Color Tour: Thursday, October 27, 9:00AM

"Mame" at Village Players: Wednesday, November 9, 6:30PM

Group Meetings

Camera Group: Tuesday, October 4, 2:00PM

Book Reading Group A: Wednesday, October 5, 10:30AM

Investment Group: Wednesday, October 5, 2:45PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, October 17, 1:00PM

Book Reading Group B: Monday, October 17, 3:00PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, October 19, 3:00PM

Historic Film Group: Monday, October 24, 1:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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