

The Reminder

March 2011

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Members Passing

The ongoing success of the SMC is very dependent on the commitments and contributions of individual members to club activities in terms of time and effort. A significant number carry multiple responsibilities in this respect. The club very unfortunately just experienced the loss of two of our most active, involved and respected members with the passing of Bob Bannon and Jim Judge.



Bob Bannon



Jim Judge

A member since 1996, Bob's smiling face and warm handshake have greeted Friday meeting attendees for many years as Chairman of the Hospitality Committee.

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MARCH PROGRAMS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Al Eicher

- 4 William Hafeman, American Legion State Commander *The American Legion— Making the Difference*
- 11 Robert J. Glass, Superintendent of Schools, Bloomfield Hills School District *New Trends in Education*
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APRIL PROGRAMS

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- 1 Marina Arsenijevic, Pianist and Composer *Colonel Jack's Favorite Music*

MARCH DISCUSSIONS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: George Miller

- 4 Dan Patterson, Client Relations Manager, Managed Asset Portfolios *Things Your Investment Advisor Does Not Want You to Know*
- 11 John Landis, Managing Director, First Michigan Bank; Chairman, The Community House Planned Giving Committee and David Trott, Managing Attorney, Trott & Trott; The Community House Board of Directors *Will Your Kids or Grandchildren Ever Own Another House?*
- 18 Al Bosley, SMC Member and Retired Chrysler Exec. *Indy 500 100 Year Anniversary Personal History*
- 25 Fred Gluckson, Retired from Compuware and Ford. *Is Anyone Out There? Life on Other Planets*

APRIL DISCUSSIONS

APRIL CHAIRMAN: Chip Forbes

- 1 TBA

New Member:



Otha D. White
1538 Centre Street, Apt. 901
Detroit, MI 48226-2119
313-799-6333
Sponsor: John Mills

Resigned:

Tom Nickelson
Emmanuel S. Najor
James E. Grady
Roosevelt Maynard (LOA)
John T. Rogers
Associate **Roy H. Reiterman**
Associate **Gregory J. Schwartz**

Life Members:

Thomas E. Shipley, Jr.
Gus Grozdon
John S. Wells, Jr.

Leave of Absence:

John C. Crawford
William R. Denyes

New Email Address:

Richard P. Sharpe, DickSharpe99@yahoo.com

Phone Number Change:

Richard P. Sharpe, 248-499-6707

Change of Address:

Granville Sharpe, The Marvin and Betty Danto Family Health Center, Room 401D, 6800 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, MI 48322. Phone: 248-271-1600

Deaths:

Oliver R. Miltner (LOA), joined September 1998
John F. McDonnell (Life), joined April 1992
Robert Q. Bannon, joined November 1996
James F. Judge, joined June 2006

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
—John M. Steele, Database Chairman
—Bill Shaffmaster and Tom Booth, Photography

Suburban Church Tour

March should bring warmer weather and hints of spring. With that, our Special Events Committee has arranged a tour of four iconic suburban churches. Schedule for the day: National Shrine of the Little Flower, Christ Church Cranbrook, Kirk in the Hills and Temple Beth El. Marian Randall of Christ Church will accompany us.

The date is Wednesday, March 16 and the bus will depart at 9:00AM from the First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple. Tickets are \$33 per person. A box lunch will be served at Christ Church Cranbrook in the hospitality center and will be your choice of Roast Beef or Turkey sandwich, included in the ticket price. We will return to the church parking lot around 4:15PM.

All four churches are important architectural examples, both in exterior and interior design. Hopefully, good weather will permit viewing of the churches' surrounding grounds.

—Stu Shuster

Farewell Shelley



Shelley Roberts has recently announced plans to retire as President & CEO of The Community House. The Senior Men's Club congratulates and thanks her for the visionary leadership and record

of accomplishment in this position. The unfailing support and encouragement she provided the Club during the many years of our association are a tribute to our membership as well as to the community.

Shelley has been a warm and true friend to the Senior Men's Club and has contributed importantly to our growth and success. We extend our sincere thanks and very best wishes to her for health and happiness in her retirement.

—John Flintosh and Dick Harper

Groups



Classic Movie Group

Bill Spreitzer will be showing the 1944 film noir classic, "Laura" on Monday, March 14 from 1:00-3:00PM. Starring Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews and Clifton Webb and elegantly directed by Otto Preminger, this film won an Academy Award for cinematography. The costuming and art direction are outstanding as is the haunting music. Laura is a murder mystery with an undercurrent of brooding romanticism. It is ranked the fourth best film in the mystery genre by the American Film Institute. The English subtitles will provide added enjoyment for the hearing challenged.



—Augie Perrotta



Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, March 16 at 3:00PM. John Wigman of Birmingham Computer will answer your questions. All are welcome.

—Bob Chandler



Investment Group

On Wednesday, March 9 at 2:45PM, Bill Halbert, Senior VP Smith Barney will discuss "Global Financial Markets: A 25 Year Perspective." Many of you know Bill, he has spoken to the group for 25 consecutive years. His perspective is always helpful.

Mike Clement is the new Stock Game leader with a 36% gain. Tom Buescher, Phil Werner and Lowell Barnett follow closely. The "Ford Boys" are now in 37th place.

—George Miller



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, March 2 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing "The Girl Who Played with Fire" by Stieg Larsson. Lisbeth Salander once again finds herself paired with journalist Mikael Blomkvist on the trail of a sinister criminal enterprise. Only this time, Lisbeth must return to the darkness of her own past if she is to stay one step ahead--and alive. Fans of Larsson's prior work will find even more to love here, and readers who do not find their hearts racing within the first five pages may want to confirm they still have a pulse. Expect healthy doses of murder, betrayal, and deceit.

On Monday, March 21 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing "Sea of Glory" by N. Philbrick. We all know who discovered America, but how many of us know who discovered Antarctica? The surprising answer is Charles Wilkes, a young navy lieutenant appointed to lead this country's first great scientific naval voyage, the U.S. Expedition of 1838-1842. The mission, in the spirit of Lewis and Clark, was to explore the southern Pacific ice fields and map the islands of the South Seas. The volume of specimens brought back was astonishing, and these indirectly led to the establishment of the Smithsonian Institution.

—Ted Chapekis



Camera Group

The SMC Camera Group is invited to the Birmingham Historical Museum on Thursday, March 10 at 2:00PM for a camera exhibit by SMC member, Stu Shuster (note that this timing is a change from our usual second Tuesday of the month meeting). The exhibit is titled "A Lifetime of Cameras," a collection of every camera owned by Stu along with a photo and back story for each camera. Stu will host the event by describing a total of 23 cameras and their stories. Cookies and coffee will be served.

The Museum is known as the Allen House, located across the intersection of Maple and Southfield Roads. Parking available in the Birmingham parking structure across from the Museum (first 2 hours free parking). Museum entrance fee is \$2.00 or \$1.00 for seniors, or a donation.

—Jaap B. Delevie

Games

Bowling Report

Our league would like to encourage new bowlers and returning bowlers by paying for open bowling and the shoes required at Wednesday practices. Hopefully this way we can obtain more bowlers for the league for the rest of this season and perhaps in the coming fall.

Current standings: the leading team is the Rockies with 44 points, the Marlins are 2nd with 40 points, while in 3rd are the Braves with 38 points. There are only six weeks left for earning points while the 7th week will be the league rolloff.

The Bowling Banquet is set for Wednesday, May 18, at The Community House starting at 6:00PM. All members of the Senior Men's Club are invited at a cost of \$25 per person. Please RSVP to a bowling league member.

—Less Lessenthien

Golf

The annual chipping contest at the Oakland Yard Dome will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 9:30AM. Each participant will get five shots to roll his chip to the target hole (bucket).

Scoring:

1 point for stopping the ball within the great circle.
3 points for stopping the ball within 3 feet of the hole.
5 points for stopping the ball against the hole with a distinctive bang.

Prizes:

1st place - 2 free rounds at Springdale
2nd place - 1 free round at Springdale
3rd place - 1/2 free round at Springdale

The decision of the judges is absolute and final. No appeals allowed. (Note: the vicious rumors that have been circulating that the judging of last year's chipping contest was tainted are totally unfounded. Subsequent investigations by the judges found no connection between those contestants who kept the judges' cups full of coffee and the winners.)

Weather permitting, Thursday Golf at Springdale will commence on April 7. Birmingham Parks and Recreation has promised that a new contract with prices will be sent in early March.

—The Golf Committees

Endowment Fund Donors

The SMC Endowment Fund experienced another successful year in 2010, since 30 SMC members contributed \$17,034, exceeding our target of \$15,000, raising the fund total to \$105,350. Congratulations to these generous members:

Robert C. Bazzell	Charles B. Kirkpatrick
William Bones	Donald Kroll
Kenneth E. Brooker	George A. Miller
Byron R. Converse	Augustine Perrotta
Edwin Cox	John M. Perryman
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Lynn R. Evans	Lloyd Reuss
John Frank	Thomas D. Sellers
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William J. Hunter	Kenneth L. Urwiller
Richard Judy	John J. Villa
Mark Kelly	Richard A. Wehling
George Kendro	John C. Zabriskie

—George Miller

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Members Passing

He also has been on *The Reminder* circulation team for years and served as Officer at Large in 2002. Bob golfed with the club forever, and while not our best golfer, he certainly was one of the most loyal.

Jim Judge joined the club in 2006 and was a major contributor on the Special Events Committee, chairing many great trips. He served as program chairman for Friday meetings numerous times, where his widespread interests and connections provided access to outstanding speakers, particularly from the sports world. Jim was also an enthusiastic bowler, and even with declining health, he contributed importantly to his team's winning our league championship last year.

How can we honor the memory of these outstanding members who will truly be missed? Perhaps the most meaningful way would be by increasing support to the club - possibly by joining a working committee and/or with increased participation in club activities. How about it - your club needs you!

—Dick Harper

Coming Attraction



Our program for April 1 will be a winner. Chairman Dennis Kozak has arranged for the return appearance of pianist and composer Marina Arsenijevic. She is described as having "the look of a model and the talent of an exquisite artist - a symphonic powerhouse of patriotism and passion."

Senior Health Matters: Malignant Melanoma, the Ugly Duckling

Malignant melanoma, the most deadly of skin cancers, is on the increase in older individuals, particularly in males. This increase is attributed to a higher frequency of nodular melanoma which comprises 20% of all melanomas.

ABCDE is the acronym for the recognition of malignant melanoma.

- A. Asymmetry-one half unlike the other half
- B. Border-irregular, scalloped or poorly defined
- C. Varied from one area to another, shades of tan and brown, black, sometimes white red or blue
- D. Diameter-usually greater than 6 mm (the size of a pencil eraser) when diagnosed but can be smaller
- E. Evolving-a mole that looks different from the rest or is changing in size, shape and color

Because of its rapid growth rate, nodular melanoma may not follow any of the ABCDE criteria except evolving. For this reason, the "ugly duckling" concept was developed which is the observation that nevi (birthmarks or moles) tend to resemble one another and that malignant melanoma deviates from that pattern. The concept relies not only on the appearance of the lesion in question but comparing it to surrounding moles. One looks for an outlier in the background of similar appearing moles since normal moles resemble each other like siblings.

If you have few or no other moles, any changing lesion should be considered suspicious. Here is how to perform a self exam:

- Examine your body front and back in the mirror, then look at the right and left sides with your arms raised.
- Bend elbows and look carefully at forearms, upper underarms, and palms.
- Look at the backs of your legs and feet, the spaces between your toes, and on the sole.
- Examine the back of your neck and scalp with a hand mirror. Part hair for a closer look.
- Finally, check your back.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, D.O.

The Ford Rouge is Ready to Welcome the SMC

On Tuesday, April 19, we will be boarding our bus to see one of the mightiest industrial complexes in the world, the Ford Rouge complex. It was Henry Ford's dream of a fully integrated manufacturing facility, starting with iron ore and ending with a four-wheeler off the end of an assembly line. When Ford first acquired the 2000-acre property in 1915, he considered using it as a large bird sanctuary, since it was located at the confluence of the Detroit and Rouge rivers. But WW I changed all that when the Navy requested Ford to build war-boats to track down German submarines. Post-war it was back to vehicles and a huge expansion. In the 1930's the complex employed over 100,000 people.

Join us for a fascinating experience with some theater presentations giving the Rouge history and manufacturing processes at the new visitor's center. We will then have a "live" tour of the Ford F-150 truck assembly plant and a viewing of historic vehicles that played a large part in the history of the Rouge. Tickets are \$25 each. This includes your bus transportation to and from the site and the tour experiences. We plan to stop at the Michigan Cafe located in the Ford Museum building for an on-your-own lunch and a little social time after the tour. Our bus will leave the rear of the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at 9:15AM and return about 2:30PM. The church is located at 1669 West Maple in Birmingham.

Tickets go on sale at the Friday meeting, April 1 (no fooling!). Get in line early before we are sold out!

—Mike Clement, Art Pope & Roger Struck

Hospitality Committee



Member Tom Schrift has agreed to accept an appointment as Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, replacing Bob Bannon. With his ready smile and outgoing personality, Tom will serve in this most important club position very capably.

Mystery Lyrics

We had mixed results with our musical challenges for readers last month. The mystery lyrics proved to be difficult, but seven remembered that these lines:

*I was walking along,
minding my business*

*When love came and hit me in the eye
Flash! Bam! Alakazam!*

are from the novelty song "Orange Colored Sky," which was the theme song of the late night show "Broadway Open House" in 1949-50. Bill Sprague, Elliott Trumbull, Tom McNally, Paul Pentecost, Chuck O'Connell, Pat (Dick) Smith and Clay Gordon had this answer. Paul even remembers seeing this show in N.Y.

The Dorsey Band singers from the big band era were a little easier. Mary (Dave) Schwartz, Ben Mangiapane, Sherwin Vine, Pete Kass, Jack Howell, Chuck O'Connell and Clay Gordon remembered that Bob Eberly and Helen O'Connell sang "Green Eyes and Tangerine." Elliott also came up with Helen. Several responders commented on her beautiful dimples.

This month we have a romantic ballad to test you, hopefully, not too easy. The opening lines are:

*Heaven, I'm in heaven
And my heart beats so that
I can hardly speak*

Can you name that tune?

Lastly, two male singers back in the day had unique nicknames. One was called "The Velvet Fog" and the other was "Leather Lungs." Can you name either or both?

—Dick Harper



CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, March 18

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

Special Events

Suburban Church Tour, Wednesday, March 16, 9:00AM

The Rouge, Tuesday, April 19, 9:15AM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, March 2, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, March 21, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, March 14, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Thursday, March 10, 2:00PM at Allen House

Investment Group: Wednesday, March 9, 2:45PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, March 16, 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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