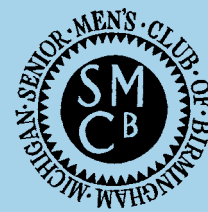


# The Reminder

February 2009

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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## SMC Officers at Large

Each year, the Senior Men's Club elects two members to an important Club officer position - Officers at Large.

Our by-laws indicate that these officers "serve as advocates for the general membership, and present to the Executive Board any requests for audience, action, petition, or ideas." In simpler terms, they are the communication bridge between members and the Board. They attend Board meetings and report any member issues, questions, ideas (or even complaints) to the Executive Board for appropriate action or resolution.

The members serving as Officers at Large for 2009 are Dennis Kozak and Tom Schrift, pictured here (with great smiles). Both have served our club in a number of capacities. They attend most Friday meetings, and of course are available for any member inputs or comments.



Dennis Kozak and Tom Schrift

—Dick Harper

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## Deaths:

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## Reinstated:

**Seymour Berman**

## Dropped:

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—John M. Steele, Database Chairman  
—Bill Shaffmaster, Photography

# Games

## Winter Golf

Yes, it is true. The Waterford Oaks Golf Dome collapsed under the weight of the heavy snows of the holiday season. It is estimated that it will 2-3 months before a new dome is erected.

But do not despair because winter golfers will not have to become couch potatoes. Due to the efforts of two stalwart golfers we have a replacement dome. Great negotiations by Ted "The Golden Greek" Chapekis and "Bloomfield" Pete Mehra convinced Mulligan's Dome in Auburn Hills to become our winter home Thursday mornings at 9:30AM.

Price is \$6 for 70 balls. We will be on the second level. Mulligan's is located at 3951 Joslyn Rd. in Auburn Hills. There are several ways to get there: Take I-75 north to Exit 83 and exit on Joslyn Rd. Or you can continue on to Exit 84 and exit at Baldwin Rd. Avoid I-75 by taking Telegraph Rd. north to Walton Rd., turn right on Walton Rd. to Baldwin Rd., left on Baldwin Rd. and turn right when you get to Great Lakes Crossing Rd.

—Chuck Travers

## Bowling

The 1st half of the men's bowling season ended with a BIG BANG. It was a position session and the Pistons, who were in 1st place, took on the 2nd place Pacers. The Pistons won and are our first half champs.

As for some highlights of the past 3 weeks, the Pacers captain, Pete Kass made the 3-6-8-10 split. Tom Johnson pulled off the big 6-7 split. Jack Corey knocked down the 3-6-7 split while Tony DeMarco rolled 58 pins over his average for the high over average jackpot. The high team game for the 1st half was a 702 rolled by the Celtics. The Celtics also had the high team series of 1889. The Bulls are 2nd in both categories with a 665 game and a 1837 series. The individual high game is held by Dick Harper at 257, Nick Marinelli is 2nd with a 246 and Phil Buccini is 3rd with 232. As for the individual high series, that also goes to Nick with a 640, Phil B. is second with a 624.

—Less Lessenthien

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## Last Call! All Aboard for Model Railroading!

*Plus the historic Holly Hotel has opened its doors for our lunch!*

The Special Events Committee has announced a super double-header Model Railroad Tour for Thursday, February 12. In the morning we are going to America's Largest "O" Scale Model RR called Chi-Town Union Station. Remember the "20th Century Limited" and the Santa Fe "Super Chief?" They are, along with many other famous trains, alive and running at Chi-Town. It is located in Commerce Township and opened its doors for business starting last year. The owner has assured us that it is even bigger and better now. In the afternoon we are off to Holly to visit the 100-member Detroit Model Railroad Club that has a huge layout in the old Holly movie theater.

For lunch the historic Holly Hotel (of Carrie Nation fame) has agreed to open its doors for us. (They normally open at 2:00PM for afternoon tea--but they have agreed to accommodate us with a special noon-time lunch.)

All of this for a most reasonable price of \$45 per ticket. This includes the bus ride, tours of both model railroads and the fabulous lunch at the Holly Hotel. The bus will leave the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at 9:30AM and will return at approximately 4:00PM.

If time permits we will include a quick drive-by of the new Great Lakes National Cemetery that you have probably heard about. It's located about five miles north of Holly.

If you don't have your ticket yet, they will be sold at the February 6 meeting. Don't miss this exciting adventure into the world of modeling on a GRAND scale!

—Jim Judge, Stu Shuster, Roger Struck and Clarke Thornton



# Groups



## Classic Movie Group

The premier of the 1944 film classic, "Gaslight," will take place on Monday, February 9 at 1:00PM. Starring Ingrid Bergman (Paula) and Charles Boyer (Gregory), it hosts the film debut of Angela Lansbury giving an outstanding performance as a tart, Cockney maid at the age of only 18. In less than two hours, Gregory goes from a suave, debonair gentleman to a cunning, fiendish villain as he plays the husband trying to drive his wife Paula to insanity with an ulterior motive involving hidden jewels. Lansbury, as impertinent maid Nancy, makes her Gregory's perfect, albeit unwitting, accomplice. This film earned Bergman the first of three Oscar's for Best Actress. The director, George Cukor is known as a "women's picture director" ("My Fair Lady") but crafts this psychological suspense thriller to appeal to both sexes so bring your date.



—Augie Perrotta



## Computer Group

This month's meeting of the Computer Group will be chaired by our own John Steele, assisted by Mike Walosin. The subject will be "SMC on the Web", how we got there and what we will do now that we are there. The Computer Group meeting will start at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, February 18.

—George Nordenholt



## Camera Group

The next meeting of the Camera Group will be Tuesday, February 10 at 2:00PM. As always, friends and spouses are invited.

Our own Irv Poston will show his DVD of "A Visit to Ireland." He will bring the camera used for the pictures and videos and will tell how they were put on a DVD along with music. This will be a good meeting to attend if you are interested in seeing the highlights of Ireland or would like to know how to put your own trips on DVD's.

—Roger Garvelink



## Investment Group

The Investment Group will meet on Wednesday, February 11 at 2:45PM. Steve Suminski (nephew of SMC member Dick Suminski) will make a special trip from Portland, Oregon to share his investing wisdom. Steve is an experienced investor, stock broker and educator. Plan to attend this very special meeting!

Tom Buescher continues to lead the Stock Game with a 38% gain, but he is closely followed by Jerry Peck, up 36%. Twenty five entrants continue to show a gain - pretty remarkable in light of market conditions.

—George Miller



## Reading Groups

Did you know that we have two SMC Reading Groups that meet on the first Monday and first Wednesday each month? Each group has about 12 to 14 members. We have found the review of the books read has been most enlightening for us, whether we liked the book or not. Each of us has found new perspectives about the book because of the discussion and many times we have gone back to reread the book (or maybe to finish the book that we didn't like!) after the meetings. A book often takes on a different form after discussion.

Because of the great success of our Reading Groups, we want others to come in to experience the discussion. It makes no difference if you have read the book or not (but it does make the discussion more meaningful). Please drop by either or both of the Reading Groups. Maybe you will want to join the group. If we have enough interest, we could establish a third group.

The February Reading Group meetings are:

Wednesday, February 4 at 10:30AM. We will be discussing "Decision at Sea" by Symonds. This book is about America's Great Sea Battles.

Monday, February 9 at 3:00PM. We will be discussing "The Reluctant Mr. Darwin" by Quammen. This book is about Darwin and the making of his theory.

Drop in and join us. The meetings last about an hour and a half.

—Ted Chapekis

## The Prestigious Segment



Life members are the most prestigious segment in the Senior Men's Club. As of December 31, 2008, the Senior Men's Club had 147 life members. Seventeen joined in 2008 and 28 will be eligible to become golden oldies in 2009.

There are 60 life members who are 90 or over with Fletcher D. Street, Jr. whose birthday was June 26, 1908 being the oldest. Fletcher has been a life member the longest at 15 years and also has the longest club membership, 33 years.

Life members must be 85 years old and have been a SMC member for 10 years. They have "golden oldie" namecards to symbolize their exalted stature.

—Bill Reilly (statistics provided by John M. Steele)

## Presidential Inauguration

Our country has elected a new president who took office in January. The Senior Men's Club also has a new president for 2009, Robert A. Pullar.

At the first meeting in January outgoing President, Dr. Kenneth Urwiller passed the gavel of authority symbolizing the transfer of the presidency to Bob Pullar, continuing the chain of command.



*Ken Urwiller and Bob Pullar*

Past President William D. Johnson presented the Past Presidents Plaque to Dr. Urwiller in appreciation for his excellent service as President in 2008.



*Bill Johnson and Ken Urwiller*

—Bill Reilly

## Associate Members

Friday, February 20 is the date of the next scheduled orientation meeting to be held in the library of The Community House at 9:00AM. Those who need credit for this requirement should mark this date and plan to attend. Your personal invitation will arrive around the 1st of February.

The meeting will adjourn in time to register for the regular membership meeting.

—Dave Dinger

## The New DIA and Rockwell, Too

The Special Events Committee has planned another winner. On Wednesday, March 11, we will have a tour that includes, not only the new and exciting Detroit Institute of Arts, but also a special exhibit featuring paintings of the famous and much beloved American artist, Norman Rockwell.

The bus leaves the First Presbyterian Church parking lot in Birmingham at 9:30AM and returns between 3:00 and 4:00PM.

Tickets will go on sale Friday, February 20 and will have two-tier pricing. For current members of the DIA the price is only \$30. This includes a docent tour of the new museum, admission to the special exhibit and the roundtrip bus ride. For non-DIA-members the price will be \$45, the additional funds are needed to cover the admission to the institute/exhibits. Please bring your DIA membership card as proof of your current membership when you purchase your ticket(s). We cannot sell the \$30 ticket without this proof.

The new DIA has a very nice cafeteria style lunch facility where lunch will be on your own. The cafeteria offers everything from soup and sandwiches to a full plate meal. The Rockwell exhibit is a self-directed tour. An audio guide is available.

We will have a private room reserved exclusively for our group near the cafeteria. It can be used for eating, resting, relaxing and will be the location for our departure rendezvous.

Join us on this adventuresome tour and see one of the BIG positives happening in Detroit!

—Tom Clapp, Roy Halmhuber and Roger Struck

# Mystery Lyrics

Last month's musical challenges weren't too difficult for nine *Reminder* readers who remembered both the mystery lyrics and the theme song of Claude Thornhill. They recognized that these lyrics:

"Carry moonbeams home in a jar" are from the 1944 Academy Award winning song "Swinging on a Star" - sung by Bing Crosby in "Going My Way."

They were Jack Howell, Fred Leydorf, Russ Frye, Bill and Dolly Johnson, Rose Marie (Tom) Vernier, Tom King, Clay Gordon, Dale Parker and Stan Rogell. They also knew that Thornhill's theme was Snowfall. Dale had a slight advantage here since Thornhill played at a college fraternity dance he attended.

Four other readers - Nancy (Jim) Schaefer, Myrna (Tom) Hitchman, Midge (Roger) Gettel and Jeanne (Merrill) Miller - came up with the mystery tune. (who said wives don't read *The Reminder*?)

This month's mystery lyrics challenge might be a little more difficult. These are the opening lines of the first mega-hit recorded by a folk rock group of the mid 60's:

"All the leaves are brown,  
and the sky is gray"

Can you name that tune? Hint: Think Mama Cass.

For our big band challenge, can you remember the theme song originally used by Charley Barnet? (This title might not be politically correct today).

—Dick Harper



## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 10, 9:30 AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, February 13

### Games

**Bowling:** Monday, 9:00 AM at Thunderbird Lanes

Wednesday, 9:00 AM at Thunderbird Lanes (practice)

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

**Golf:** Thursday, 9:30 AM at Mulligan's Dome

### Special Events

**Model Railroad Tour,** Thursday, February 12, 9:30 AM

**The New DIA and Rockwell Too!,** Wednesday, March 11, 9:30 AM

### Group Meetings

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, February 18, 3:00 PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, February 11, 2:45 PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, February 10, 2:00 PM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, February 9, 1:00 PM

**Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, February 4, 10:30 AM

Group B: Monday, February 9, 3:00 PM

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

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Officers for 2009 are: Bob Pullar, president; Irv Poston, first vice president; John Flintosh, second vice president; Chuck Kirkpatrick, recording secretary; Dave Schwartz, corresponding secretary; Bill Sprague, treasurer; Richard Shirley, assistant treasurer; Dennis Kozak and Walter Schrift, officers at large; Bill Crabtree, parliamentarian.

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