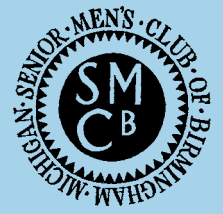


The Reminder



October 2014

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Mike Clement Special Events Committee Chairman

The calendar may say it's only October, and autumn leaves have yet to fall, but there is one energetic group of seniors at the Birmingham Senior Men's Club Special Events Committee that has been hard at work for several months planning and preparing for the Club's Annual Christmas Dinner Dance.

"It's our committee's biggest event of the year," said Mike Clement, Committee Chairman. "We're responsible for every aspect of the event from long range planning, to ticket sales, to seating arrangements. We're fortunate to have committee members who are reliable, enthusiastic, and very good at what they do." The committee has managed eight events this year, with another five coming. In addition to the Dinner Dance, events include cruises, plays, Detroit Tiger and U of M football games, tours and many more.

As chairman, Mike Clement oversees the work of the 20 Committee members. "They make my job easy," said Mike. "We have two or three members for each event and it's truly a team effort. If anyone is interested in joining this fine group—like the Marines—we have room for a few good men."



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- 7 Mark Kelly, SMC Member *Home Instead*

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Deaths:

Ralph F. Lee, (Life) joined January 1998
Thomas M. Scott, (Life) joined January 1986

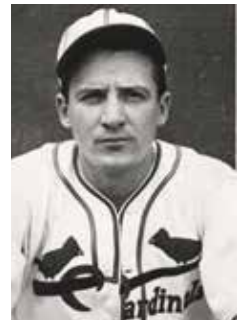
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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
—Robert Beach, Database Chairman
—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth
& Gene Markel, Photography

Sports Trivia

We last asked you if you could remember the ball player who was ejected from a World Series game at Briggs Stadium and why he was ejected. The Club fivesome who really know their sports history came through, remembering that the player was Joe “Ducky Wucky” Medwick of the St. Louis Cardinals. In the late innings of the seventh game of the 1934 Series, Medwick slid hard into third base, spiking Marv Owens. When Medwick went back into left field, he was greeted with a barrage of fruit and bottles. Baseball Commissioner “Mountain” Landis ruled that Medwick should come out. Our sports trivia champs are Jack McLaughlin, Dick Smith, Pete Kass, Clay Gordon and Tom McNally.



This month, we will really test your memory, since this baseball event happened a long time ago. A major leaguer forever earned the nickname “Bonehead” for a play he didn’t make – can you name the player and what he didn’t do?

—Dick Harper



Games



Monday Golf

Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills continues with tee times available from 7:30 to 9:00AM until the course closes for the season. One of the advantages of Senior Men's Club membership is access to the two beautiful Birmingham public golf courses for non-residents of Birmingham. Then, when fall rates begin in late October, you can bring any friend or relative to golf with you as well. Therefore, please help us in promoting Club membership and Monday and Thursday golf. Reach out to other members, and especially member prospects, and invite them to join us.



—The Committee

Golf Events

The Annual Stonycroft Hills Scramble was held on Tuesday, September 16. The weather was perfect and 40 senior golfers competed for the top prize. Course conditions were less than perfect as the rains and aeration made for some muddy lies. The winning team of Tony Parrottino, Joe Schulenberg, Pete Good, Jon Haber, and Ralph Cowie shot even par.



NOTE: The golf banquet will be held at The Community House on Tuesday, October 28. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, October 3. Cost is \$40 per ticket.

—The Committee

Bowling

After three weeks of bowling, an early team leader has emerged from the pack. The Patriots, captained by George Moore and including Les Lessenthien, Tony DiMarco and Bruce Smiley are in first place with 20 points – somewhat ahead of the other two teams with 16 points. Of course, we have a long way to go and lots of leader changes will take place.



Early good bowling honors go to Phil Owens with our high series at 577 and high average at 172. George Moore has the high game at 233. Again, expect bigger and better scores as we compete.

Speaking of competing, we really are in need of new bowlers – we have team openings to fill. Please consider trying us out, even if you haven't bowled in a long time. We have several bowlers who barely average 100, but who have fun. Call Tom Venier (248-642-2386) for details, or just show up at Thunderbird Lanes on Maple Road (east of Crooks) at 9:00AM any Monday. You will enjoy the camaraderie and kidding.

—Bowling Committee

Sports Quote:

"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."

—Arnold Palmer

Naval Conference



"Some years after World War II, a U.S. Navy Admiral was attending an international conference with other naval leaders from England, Canada, Australia and France. The conference was generally conducted in English, which at one point prompted the French representative to ask why English was used – and why not French? After a few moments of embarrassing silence, the American Admiral said "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German." You could have heard a pin drop!"

—Unknown

New Life Member Fred Hagen

The most recent inductee to Life Membership, our most prestigious category, is **Fred Hagen**, a Club member since 1995. Fred was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota and educated at the University of Minnesota, where he earned BS and BME degrees. After graduating, Fred joined Chrysler Corporation in Detroit, where he continued his education to earn a coveted Master of Automotive Engineering from the Chrysler Institute.



He spent the majority of his career in Chrysler's Metallurgical Research Department, highlighted by his contribution to the development of low-cost, high temperature materials for the Chrysler gas turbine engine. Fred was awarded a half dozen patents and co-authored numerous technical publications in the field of high temperature metallurgy. Fred says one of his career highlights was the opportunity to drive Chrysler gas turbine models. He retired in 1988 after 35 years with Chrysler.

Fred has really made his mark in his personal life. First, he has been married for 59 years to Mary, a Marygrove graduate and teacher. Together they have six children and 17 grandchildren. Fred is a dedicated runner. He completed the Detroit International Marathon 11 times, finishing as high as second in his age group. Then he took up half marathons and has set course records. He also appeared in the Michigan Senior Olympics, collecting gold and silver medals. He still competes in 5K races. Congratulations and welcome Fred!

—George Stern and Dick Harper

SMC Mailing Team

Every club and organization has a number of unsung heroes – members who contribute to Club activities which are important to the ongoing success of an organization. One such group in the SMC is *The Reminder* mailing team under Circulation Manager, Bob Jordan. This group meets once a month at TCH, usually on the fourth Tuesday, to prepare it for mail distribution. In less than 90 minutes, this group gets the printed newsletters ready for delivery to the post office. (Yes, we still mail about 250 of them to members without email or those who want a hard copy mailed.)

Bob is looking for additional member support for this activity. Please consider signing up to help and contact him at BWJordan1927@gmail.com or 248-645-0681.

Senior Health Matters Two Tasks Expose Impaired Cognition in Older Adults

Cognitive impairment is when a person has trouble remembering, learning new things, concentrating, or making decisions that affect their everyday life. A team of investigators from the University of Pittsburgh has studied whether focused daily living tasks can discriminate between older adults with normal cognitive function and those with mild cognitive impairment. Two tasks -**shopping** and **checkbook balancing**- were the most discriminating. Difficulty with these two daily living tasks was associated with mild neurocognitive disorder before it is clinically apparent. If you recognize these disabilities in yourself or a loved one, seek professional help in reversing the process or slowing its progression.



—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO,
Chairman, Visitation-Health



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Mike Clement

Mike brings an impressive background of knowledge and experience to his position. His history includes a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Villanova University, a Master's degree in Business Administration from Harvard University, and service in the United States Navy Submarine Force.

Following his discharge from the Navy and completing graduate school, Mike joined Chrysler Corporation, a relationship that would span 30 years and included senior management positions in product planning, finance, import operations and sales and marketing.

Mike also applies his skills to supporting a number of other worthy causes in the community. He is a Director of the Urban Neighborhood Initiative, a nonprofit organization in Southwest Detroit, and is active in the local alumni clubs for Villanova and Harvard.

Mike and his wife Margaret (Maggie) live in Birmingham. They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

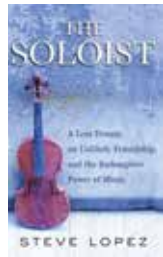
—Chuck Ragains

Groups



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, October 1 at 10:30AM we will discuss "The Soloist" by Steve Lopez. This is a nonfiction account of the unexpected friendship between African American homeless street musician, Nathaniel Ayers, and *Los Angeles Times* columnist, Steve Lopez. Thirty years ago, Ayers was a promising classical bass student at Juilliard, and now he plays his violin on the streets of Los Angeles. What Lopez first sees as a subject for a single newspaper column turns into a life-altering education about the perils of schizophrenia and the power of redemption.



On Monday, October 20 at 3:00PM we will discuss the book "Five Days at Memorial" by Sheri Fink. This is an elaborately researched chronicle of life, death, and the choices in between at a New Orleans hospital immediately following Hurricane Katrina.



—Ted Chapekis



Investment Group

Please see Computer Group below.



Computer Group

On Wednesday, October 15 at 2:45PM, the Computer and Investment Groups will have a joint meeting. Jack Vanders, a well-known computer and investment expert will discuss "Investment Resources on the Internet." Jack will show us how to access the extensive and valuable information that is available to make us better investors. The Investment meeting is a week later than usual due to the OUR TOWN Art Show & Sale.

The next Stock Game will begin October 17 at the market close. The rules remain unchanged except for a new feature. The member who picks the best stock will receive \$25. Bob Bazzell would have won last year with a 108% gain. Entry forms will be available at Friday meetings. Get your winning picks ready and do not forget the \$10 option to win real money!

—Ron Denton and George Miller



Classic Movie Group

"Road to Singapore" is Fred Leydorf's pick to be shown on Monday, October 13 at 1:00PM. This top grossing 1940 film stars Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. It was the initial pairing of Hope and Crosby in the legendary "Road to" series that delighted moviegoers for over 20 years.



The Classic Movie Group will hold its annual planning meeting to select films to be shown in 2015. All SMC members who have an interest in films and would like to present a favorite are invited to attend. The meeting will be held on Monday, October 20 from 1:00-3:00PM.

We are pleased to announce plans to show selected historic films. This is in response to indicated member interest in seeing some of the cartoons, news reels, comedies, westerns and other short subjects they remember from Saturday matinees years ago. Please mark your calendars for our inaugural show on Monday, October 27 from 1:00-3:00PM. Watch for an eBlast with complete details.

—Augie Perrotta and Fred Hansz



Camera Group

Making a great photographic image takes many creative skills and imagination.

On Tuesday, October 14 at 2:00PM Member Tom Halsted will explain how to "Collect Great Photographs" by artists like Alfred Stieglitz, Walker Evans and Edward Weston who used many kinds of cameras and darkroom techniques. The "wet darkroom" as we know it is being replaced by the ink-jet printer and the pigment print. Just a few of the things to consider are the size of the image; format (e.g. digital or film); color or black and white; condition; cost; presentation; and framing. Actual prints and slides will illustrate Tom's ideas. Let's have a lively discussion with this talk.

—John Slocum

Special Events

SMC Goes "Crazy for You"

We sold out the trip to the Stratford Festival to see "Crazy for You" on the first day.

Those still interested, please sign-up on our wait list and you will be contacted if a ticket becomes available.



If you are among the lucky travelers on this trip, please remember:

- The date of the event is Wednesday, October 8, 2014
- Our bus will meet us in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church, 1587 W. Maple, which is one block west of our usual pick-up at the First Presbyterian lot.
- To bring your passport or enhanced driver's license
- Be on the bus by 8:15AM.

See you on the bus

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

Visit the Parade Company

Save Wednesday, November 12 to visit the Parade Company warehouse and lunch at the Dakota Inn. You will see many exciting floats and learn how a two mile long parade is put together. The Detroit Thanksgiving Parade is shown on NBC and ranks third in the nation behind Macy's Parade and the Rose Bowl. While other parades contract out their development efforts, the Detroit Parade Company is a one-stop shop that totally produces their parade.



—Special Events Committee

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 sales for this exciting event started 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

SMC Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 10 is the date of the Senior Men's Club Christmas Dinner Dance, which will be held once again at the San Marino Club. The festivities will begin with a social reception at 6:00PM with snacks, punch, and a cash bar. We will be seated at 6:45PM for announcements and introductions, followed by dinner at 7:00PM and dancing to follow.

Tickets will go on sale at the Special Events table beginning at 9:00AM on Friday, November 7 and continue through December 5. Singles tables will be available and can be arranged per your request. We are opening the event to include non-members again this year, so please consider inviting guests to join us at this festive event. More details will follow in the November *Reminder*.



SMC Speakers

Perhaps the most important factor contributing to member attendance at Friday meetings is the appeal of scheduled speakers. We are well aware that most of our members are more interested in speaker presentations than in the details of Club business reports.

Hence, the Club Program Committee plays a vital role in our ongoing success in attracting attendees as well as motivating new membership. Scheduling attractive and informed speakers is a challenging task, particularly since we have 40 or more meetings every year.

Our member body has a broad array of interests, connections and ideas which can lead to suggestions as to possible speakers. Maybe you know or read about someone who would be an interesting speaker. Please consider bringing any such ideas to the attention of our Program Committee.

Planning for our 2015 meetings is underway. Please contact Dick Kamp at Dick_Kamp@yahoo.com or 248-540-6312 with any suggestions. Of course, this is an ongoing activity and can benefit from member help at any time during the year.



Outstanding Service Award

Each year, the Policy Committee of the Senior Men's Club considers the selection of member(s) to receive our Outstanding Service Award. This prestigious honor is intended to recognize longstanding service and dedication to our Club.

The Policy Committee will meet in the near future to determine member(s) to be honored this year. Awards, if presented, are traditionally announced at the end of a calendar year.

Club members and associates can recommend candidates for consideration for the OSA. Suggestions can be made to any member of the Policy Committee – Chairman John Flintosh, Stu Shuster, John Steele, Irv Poston, Bill Johnson or Bob Pullar. A brief supportive rationale could be appropriate.

—Dick Harper

Here Comes the Jug

On October 17, we will initiate our annual contribution campaign in support of the Oakland County Children's Village. Mr. Greg Alessi, OCCV Administrator, will give us a brief presentation on the mission, services and facilities of this non-profit organization. This is the only non-Community House organization financially supported by the Senior Men's Club and we have been doing so for more than 30 years.

Please bring your contribution, either cash or check payable to OCCV on October 17 and help fill the jug. Remember – the jug will hold just as many large bills and checks as small ones, so be prepared to give generously. Your contribution is tax deductible if you itemize. Our goal is to have everyone participate.

—Jim Schaefer

SMC 2015 Dues Coupon

2015 dues are payable before January 1, 2015. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2015. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at a meeting or by mail. Please use the coupon if paying by mail.

Name: _____

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If paying by mail, send to:

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The Community House
380 South Bates Street
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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.*

Mystery Lyrics

Once again the mystery lyric challenge proved to be just that – we asked members to remember songs with “Somewhere”



as the very first word of the lyrics. We provided some hints as to song performers – Judy Garland, Les Paul/Mary Ford and Bobby Darin. Of course, the songs we were thinking of with these performers were “Over the Rainbow,” “How High the Moon” (which starts ‘Somewhere there’s music’) and “Beyond the Sea” by Bobby Darin.

Only Stan Rogell, Clay Gordon and Tom McNally came up with answers. Stan and Tom got all three we had in mind, and Stan added three more; “Somewhere my Love” from Dr. Zhivago; “Somewhere (There’s a Place for Us)” from West Side Story; and the song “Somewhere a Voice is Calling.” Tom added “Somewhere my Love” and “Somewhere in Time.” Clay remembered the Garland and Dr. Zhivago songs and “Somewhere in Time.” Congratulations to the champs – Stan, Clay and Tom!

This month, we will go back to the more conventional and ask if you can remember the song with these lyrics – this is an oldie – from the 40’s.

“I found your lips close to mine, so I kissed you, and you didn’t mind it at all”

Can you name that tune? (Hint: Think Harry James.)

—Dick Harper

Hardly a man’s now alive
Who passed on a curve at 75



Thanks to Alex Gherlan

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 14 at 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, October 17

Games

Bowling: Mondays at 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

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

Monday Golf: 7:30-9:00AM at Lincoln Hills

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

Special Events

“Crazy for You,” Stratford Festival: Wednesday, October 8 at 8:15AM

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

Visit The Parade Company: Wednesday November 12, time TBA

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, October 1 at 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, October 20 at 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, October 13 at 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, October 14 at 2:00PM

Combined Computer Group & Investment Group:

Wednesday, October 15 at 2:45PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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