

# The Reminder

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Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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## President's Award

The President's Award recognizes significant and noteworthy contributions to the Senior Men's Club. The 2017 awardee – Tim McGee – was honored for a multiplicity of efforts which helped make our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary such a banner year for the Club.

Tim was instrumental in the production of "Mame" at the Village Players in November, 2016 which launched our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities. He developed much of the scenery for this event, contributed to the important publicity and served as Master of Ceremonies.

As Second VP, Tim motivated and led monthly program chairmen to ensure a most attractive group of Friday speakers all year. As Games Committee chair, he oversaw highly successful golf and bowling activities, including the annual SMC/GPSMC challenge match and the Stonybrook outing.

Tim was vital in making the 60th Anniversary Gala Dinner a success, arranging for the entertainer, coordinating all dinner and program items – speaker, menu, stage lighting and all production elements.

All these contributions to the Club were bolstered by his energy, enthusiasm and insightful ideas. Moreover, his engaging personality benefitted everyone.

Truly, Tim epitomizes what our Club is all about! Congratulations, Tim!

—Dick Kamp and Dick Harper



**Tim McGee and Dick Kamp**

## JANUARY PROGRAMS

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# Games

## Winter Golf

Winter golf practice at the Oakland Yard Dome begins on Thursday, January 4. Cost is \$10 for all the balls you care to hit between 9:30-11:30AM. Lunch follows at Hero's Restaurant.

Schedule of Events at the Dome: FEB 8: Swing tuned up by Edgewood Country Club golf pro Dave Vanloozen. MAR 8: Annual Chipping Contest. MAR 15: Swing tuned up by Edgewood Country Club golf pro Dave Vanloozen. MAR 22: Annual Putting Contest. The Chipping and Putting Contests have a \$3 entrance fee and the League will contribute \$2. The fees will be split 50%/30%/20% to the first top 3 winners.

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

Monday Golf Chair: Tom Waffen  
Thursday Golf Chair: Tom Schrift  
Season Golf Chair: Tim McGee  
Games Chair Emeritus: Chuck Travers

## Down to the Wire—First Half Fierce Competition

As the first half of the SMCB Bowling League nears completion, a fierce competition has emerged. With only three weeks left, the Kingpins (Swarn Rajpal, Brian Haw, Ken Beres) hold a 1 point lead over the Bowlers (Tom Waffen, Tony DiMarco, Pete Kass). The Avengers (Bob Klein, Dick Rappleye, Ben Mangiapane) trail by only 1 ½ points. Swarn has improved his average more than any other and Ben has recovered completely from surgery which sidelined him last year.

The season's high scores are as follows: scratch game—Richard Volpe-217; scratch series—Johnny Bergeron-578; handicap game and series—Phil Buccini-261/721 respectively.

Bowling will continue Mondays through December 18 and resume January 8 at Troy Lanes, Square Lake and JohnR. Subs are most welcome as many of our regulars head south for warmer climes.

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—Maynard Timm

## Men on the Go: SMC Walkers

Winter has arrived and you need to work off those extra pounds you gained during the holidays. So make a New Year's resolution to join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00AM. According to our resident NY Italian doctor, keeping active by walking is healthy for the body and the talking while walking is stimulating for the mind...of course he has gone to Florida for the winter. Please consider joining us as we walk our winter venue at Somerset North and enjoy a cup of coffee or cocoa afterwards for spirited conversation. Contact Charlie Blank (bclank56@gmail.com) for more information.

## Discussion Group Meetings

About a year ago, the Executive Board approved the discontinuance of Discussion Group programs based on evidence of declining attendance plus the evident difficulty of scheduling attractive speakers. More recently, member Augie Perrotta proposed reestablishment of a monthly Discussion Group meeting with qualified Club member speakers choosing programs targeted at the interests of members. The first such program, on January 5, will feature Dave Dinger, who is not only an M.D., but also a long time Civil War aficionado and historian. Dave will combine these interests into what promises to be a most interesting program and a great way to relaunch Discussion Group programs.

—Dick Harper

## Life Member Dues

The fastest growing Club member category is Life Membership with steadily increasing numbers in this respected status. We continue to live longer and better, benefitting from active participation in our Club.

One of the traditional benefits of reaching this exalted status is that paying dues is no longer required. However, an increasing number of Life Members continue to pay dues on a voluntary basis, telling us they want to contribute to the financial stability of our Club.

Our finance staff continues collecting 2018 dues, and would be more than happy to accept dues from Life Members. Thanks to those generous individuals.

# Groups



## Investment Group

The Investment Study Group will meet on Wednesday, January 10 at 2:45PM. Our speaker will be Carlos Rangel, Director of Investments at Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek. His subject will be "Melt Up! – Thoughts on Investing if Your Entire Portfolio is Not Invested in FAANMG".

Carlos travels the world looking for investment opportunities – he has a unique global perspective not often shared. Bring a friend to this special meeting.

Ralph Schick continues as our Stock Game leader, but with volatile market conditions, we expect many changes in game results. Stay tuned in this historic market!

—George Miller



## Computer Group

The Computer Group will next meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 3:00PM. Speaker and subject are being finalized and will be communicated via Friday announcements and eBlast.

—Tom Allen



## Classic Movie Group

On Monday, January 8 at 1:00PM, Joel Adelman will present the outstanding 1961 courtroom drama, "Judgment at Nuremberg" directed and produced by Stanley Kramer. This film depicts the Nuremberg Nazi Judges Trial of 1947, in which Nazi judges, who enforced laws that led to judicial acts of execution of people solely for their racial or ethnic identities, were tried for crimes against humanity. The stellar cast includes: Spencer Tracy (who plays the leading judge in the trial), Richard Widmark (who plays the prosecutor), Maximilian Schell (who plays defense attorney), Burt Lancaster (who plays the principal defendant), Marlene Dietrich, Judy Garland, William Shatner and Montgomery Cliff. If powerful and tense courtroom dramas, based on historical facts, are your type of film then this is a "must see" movie for you. Although the film is three hours long, we will have an intermission along with plenty of fresh popcorn. Please plan to attend with family and friends to enjoy this outstanding historical presentation.

—Fred Hansz



## Camera Group

The Camera Group will next meet on Tuesday, January 16 at 2:00PM. Bob Frank – new chairman of the Camera Group will present "Photomicrography: Immunocytochemistry" – photo images from Wayne State University Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology. In striking color, these images illustrate how cells serve to contract the capillary tube, regulating blood flow.

—Bob Frank



## Reading Groups

On Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 10:30AM, we will discuss "Guns, Germs, and Steel," by Dr. Jared Diamond. Dr. Diamond offers a sweeping and well-researched analysis of the underlying causes for the development of Western Civilization and the expansion into and conquest of much of the rest of the world during the Age of Exploration following the Middle Ages. He convincingly discredits racially-based theories as explanations for the Western conquests. Dr. Diamond was awarded the National Medal of Science in 1999. Don't miss the discussion of his thought-provoking study. Rich Schreck will lead the discussion.

On Monday, January 15 at 3:00PM, we will discuss "Brothers at Arms: American Independence and the Men of France and Spain who Saved it", by Larrie D. Ferreiro. In this fascinating study, the author expands the story of the American Revolution and presents it as the centerpiece of an international coalition of nations, including France and Spain, aligned against their common enemy, England. He demonstrates how the American colonists had only a negligible chance of military victory against England without substantial and crucial help from European nations opposed to England. "Brothers at Arms" was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History. Join us to discuss this remarkable book. Roger Timm will lead.

—Frank Snower

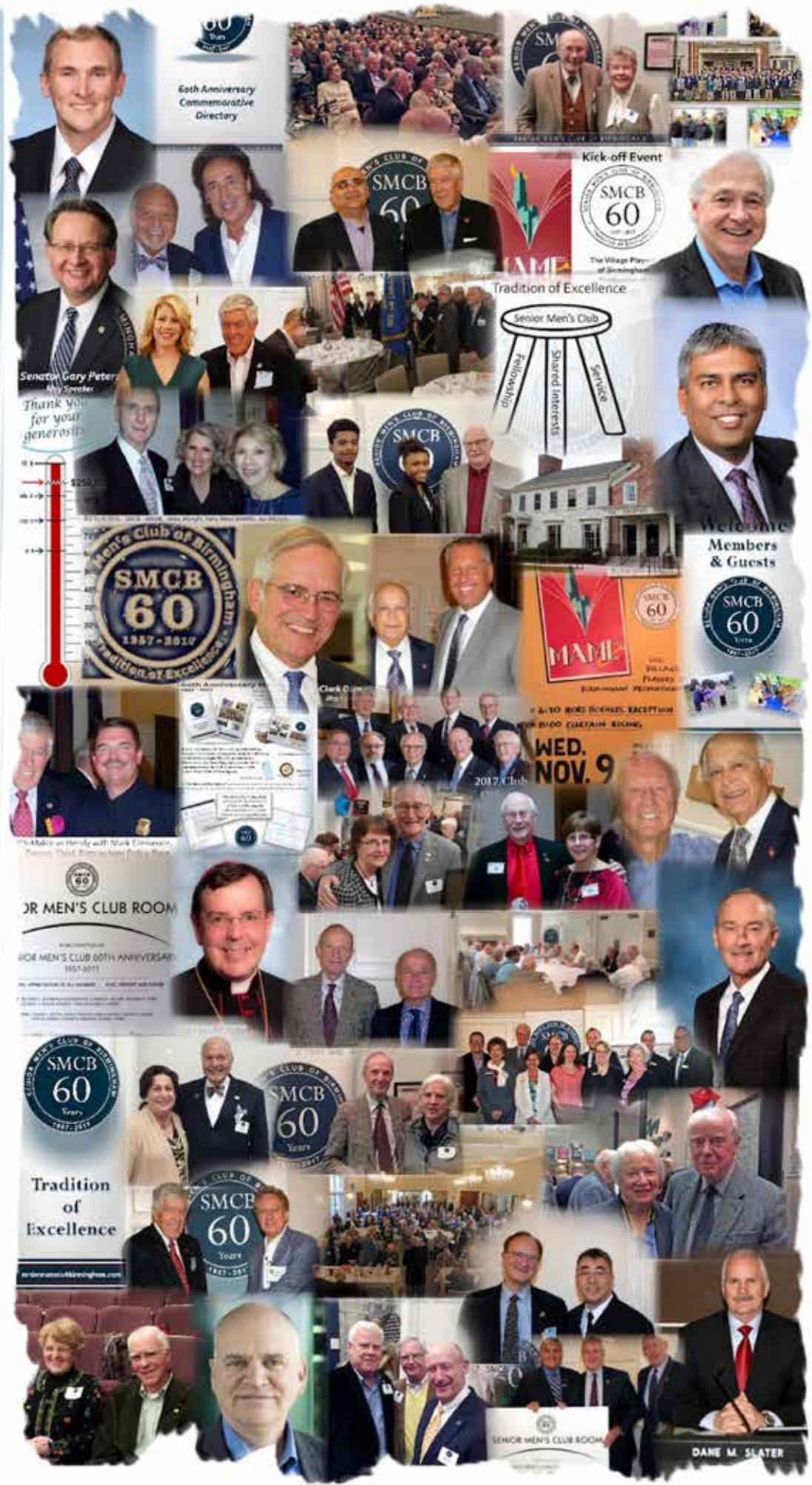


## Genealogy Group

No meeting in January.

—Dave Bakos

# A Great Year for a Great Organization!



# 60th Anniversary Events



- Kick-off Event *Mame*
- Legacy Challenge
- May - Speakers and Special Buffet Lunch
- Gala Celebration with Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley
- Senior Men's Club Room Dedication
- Zonjic Meets Motown with Serieux

# Special Events

## 2018 Detroit Auto Show

On Thursday, January 25, 2018, we will make our annual excursion to the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall. This year's show promises to be another great one, with many new production models and design concept vehicles on display. This event offers the conveniences of no driving, no parking, no coat check needed, and (thanks to Dean Sellers Ford) no admission fee!

Tickets for the bus ride are \$15. Our buses will leave the First Presbyterian Church parking lot (1669 W. Maple) at 9:30AM, depart the Auto Show at 2:00PM, and return to the church at about 3:00PM. Note the earlier return time in response to member's requests.

We will begin selling tickets at the Friday, December 8 meeting and sales will continue on January 5, January 12, and January 19. After January 19, contact Jim King (248-645-9388) for tickets. We have chartered two buses again this year, so we will be able to accommodate wives and significant others. Invite a friend and/or a prospective member!

This event has generally been a sellout, so buy your tickets early. We hope to see you on the bus!

—Jim King

## "Into the Woods"

We have scheduled a trip to experience the Tony Award winning musical by Stephen Sondheim – "Into the Woods" – presented by the Stagecrafters Theater Group at the historic Baldwin Theater in Royal Oak. The date for this self-driving event is Sunday, February 11 at 2:00PM. Free parking will be available across the street from the theater. A pre-show brunch at Lily's Restaurant at noon is included, all at a value price of \$45. Limited tickets will be available, with sales to start January 19.

—Tom McNally

## New Life Member

First Vice-President recently honored a Club member who had achieved much respected Life Member status – **Richard P. Mueller**.

Dick Mueller was born in Syracuse, New York. His family moved to the Pittsburgh, PA area when he was 3 years old. From there he launched a multi-stop educational experience which included high school in Wilkinsburg, PA, attending Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio where he earned a BS degree with dual major in Chemistry and Math. Law school at George Washington University in Washington, DC, graduating in 1957.



After this multi-disciplinary education, he then went to Hooker Chemical for a lengthy career in various locations. He moved to Detroit in 1974 and retired in 2001.

He joined the Senior Men's Club in 2002 and has been active in several areas, including Golf and the Health and Visitation Committee. Dick says he "likes the Club very much, especially the special events and the many good friends he has made". He has been married to Lenore for an impressive 61 years – a union which has produced 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Welcome to Life Membership, Dick!

## In Memoriam

The Senior Men's Club lost 31 members in 2017, well below the 41 who passed the preceding year. Viewing this list of departed men makes us realize how precious life is, as well as reminding us of the many contributions these departed men made to our Club.

Frank Auld	Gerald R. Heller
Peter Badalamenti	Robert M. Hebert
Lynn H. Barber	James B. Hinkamp
Lowell Barnett	Lloyd E. Jones
Ernest Bergan	John J. Kary
Thomas V. Bingham	John Lavrakas
Rudrick E. Boucher	Daniel S. McNulty
Arthur Byington	George W. Moore III
Mitchell Choly	Willard E. Munro
Jack L. Fawcett	James L. O'Callaghan
John H. Finley	J.C. Patterson
Martin G. Gabriel	Robert A. Pullar
Oliver A. Green Jr.	Herbert J. Robb
Larry J. Halloran	Richard W. Smith
Richard A. Hameister	Phillip L. Werner
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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman  
—Frank Snower, Database Chairman  
—Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, Photography

## Senior Health Matters

### 7 Signs of a Stroke You Might Be Ignoring

(Condensed from the Reader's Digest)

1. You think exhaustion is making you see double. Vision problems like seeing double, blurriness or loss of sight in one eye can be a sign of a stroke. Many people blame this on old age or tiredness.
2. You think your arm is numb because "it just fell asleep." If it doesn't go away in a few minutes, call 911.
3. You blame slurred speech on your medications. Yes, some medications like pain killers can cause slurred speech, but if it is not a side effect you usually experience, seek help immediately.
4. You assume alcohol is behind your wobbliness. A drink from earlier in the day probably isn't to blame for delayed balance problems.
5. You think that "It's on the tip of my tongue" feeling is due to being tired. You might struggle to think of a word every once in a while but there shouldn't be a long period of time when you can't think of anything to say or be unable to speak.
6. You chalk up that blinding headache to a migraine. Migraine headaches can masquerade as a stroke because they have the same neurologic symptoms. Treat it like a stroke. Tell the doctors and let them figure it out.
7. You suddenly start to stumble, can't walk straight or experience sudden dizziness. Call for help. The longer the stroke lasts and the longer the delay in treatment, the greater the chance of lingering speech difficulties, memory loss or behavioral changes.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, D.O.

## SMC 2018 Dues Coupon

2018 dues are payable before January 1, 2018. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2018. 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

\*Life Members pay no dues, but many use the coupon to make a voluntary contribution for financial support of our Club.

# Mystery Lyrics



Last month's mystery lyric challenge was recognized by ten readers – we asked for the song with these opening lines:

*"It's not the pale moon that excites me  
That thrills and delights me. Oh, no!"*

The song is "The Nearness of You" – recognized by John Zarek, Dick and Lenore Mueller, Martin Rowell, John Dueweke, Roger Timm, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Fred Hansz, Tom McNally, Dave Schwartz plus Mark and Donna Kelly.

This month we ask you to remember the song with these lines:

*"Keep smiling through, just  
like you always do  
Til the blue skies chase those  
dark clouds away."*

Can you name that tune? (Hint – think Vera Lynn and the closing scene from "Dr. Strangelove").

## Sports Trivia

We thought last month's sports trivia item might be too easy. (In fact, Gerald Andree told us it was "waaay too easy"). But only Gerald, John Zarek, Dick Mueller, Tom McNally, Ben Mangiapane and Roger Timm remembered that the number 99 was worn by hockey great Wayne Gretsky – as Gerald said "The Pride of Guelph, Ontario".

This month we will ask you to remember another football nickname – who was known as "The Mad Bomber"? As this suggests, he was known for many long (very long) touchdown pass attempts.

—Dick Harper

## THE REMINDER

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Officers for 2018 are: Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, president; Timothy S. McGee, first vice-president; Gerald W. (Jerry) Stribbell, second vice-president; Roger K. Timm, recording secretary; Maynard L. Timm, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. (Jim) Bayson, assistant treasurer; John R. Bergeron, Thomas L. Booth, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, editor emeritus; Maynard Timm and Jay Kafarski, co-editors; John Flintosh and Chuck Ragains, associate editors; Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, photography; Bob Jordan, mailing; Lee Trumbull, computer layout.

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## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, January 9, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, January 12

**Bowling:** Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes

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

**Golf:** Dome Golf begins Thursday, January 4, 9:30AM

### Special Events

**Detroit Auto Show:** Thursday, January 25, 9:30AM

**"Into the Woods":** Sunday, February 11, 2:00PM

### Group Meetings

**Genealogy Group:** No meeting in January

**Book Reading Group A:** Wednesday, January 3, 10:30AM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, January 8, 1:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, January 10, 2:45PM

**Book Reading Group B:** Monday, January 15, 3:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, January 16, 2:00PM

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, January 17, 3:00PM

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

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