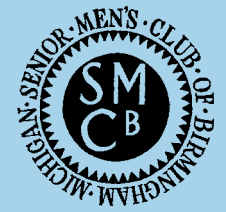


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June 2013

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Doctor Jacob "Jaap" Delevie (1927-2013)

Jaap joined the Senior Men's Club in 1998. For the past decade he was the longest serving chairman of the Health and Visitation committee, conscientiously and diligently visiting our members in times of illness and recovery in hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes, extended care facilities and home visits. His contributions to the Discussion Group, Camera Group, Computer Group, and Reading Group were inestimable. In 2006, he received the Club's Outstanding Service Award.



Jaap's intriguing life from his teen age years being hidden from the Nazis during the occupation of the Netherlands, internment in a Gestapo prison, forced labor in a German antiaircraft factory to sailing across the Atlantic, he could be the subject of a Steven Spielberg movie. He was one of the most intelligent and multidimensional human beings that I have encountered in my lifetime.

Jaap was extremely well informed and comfortable discussing philosophy, world history, geography, religion, politics, sailing, astronomy and his beloved profession of medicine. He was intellectually honest in the tradition of a "Dutch Uncle" in its most positive sense. The doctor always gave you his candid, honest and sincere opinion but with benevolence. He will be sorely missed especially at our Friday afternoon coffee klatches where he always asked for "Dutch" chocolate in his coffee.

—Augie Perrotta

JUNE PROGRAMS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Dave Zimmer

- 7 Elizabeth Garlow, Executive Director, Michigan Corps
Veronika Scott, Founder and CEO, The Empowerment Plan..... *Connecting People Globally and Locally with Detroit to Make a Difference*
- 14 Jim Ketai, Co-Founder and Co-Managing Partner, Bedrock Real Estate Services *Revitalizing Detroit's Central Business District to Create Jobs, Excitement and Opportunity*
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JULY PROGRAMS

JULY CHAIRMAN: John Marsh

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JUNE DISCUSSIONS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Robert W. Doll

- 7 Bob Siewert, SMC Member *The Vietnam Culture*
- 14 Timothy Stunz, grandson of SMC member John Stunz..... *Culture/Business Issues in the Far East*
- 21 Commander Fritz Kass, son of SMC member Pete Kass *The Wounded Warrior Program*
- 28 Ken Peterson, Associate SMC member and Real Estate Broker..... *Current Real Estate Problems and Issues*

JULY DISCUSSIONS

JULY CHAIRMAN: Michael R. Albright

5 NO MEETING

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Deaths:

Jaap B. Delevie, joined June 2003

James L. Johnson, (Life) joined February 1997

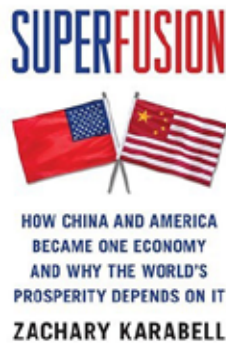
—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
—Robert Beach, Database Chairman
—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

Groups



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, June 5 at 10:30AM, we will discuss "Superfusion" by Zachary Karabell. The author argues that the intertwined economic relationship between China and the U.S. will affect our long-term prosperity more than any other contemporary issue. As the world continues the slow work of repairing the damage of the financial crisis, it is crucial that the U.S. understands that it cannot go it alone. "Karabell excels at weaving in glitzy tales of the brave new China against the larger backdrop of the Middle Kingdom's forceful but cautious economic liberalization and the often tortuous, frequently saber-rattling politics of U.S.-China relations - a provocative argument." The book for the Monday, June 17, 3:00PM meeting will be announced by May 24.



—Ted Chapekis



Investment Group

On Wednesday, June 12 at 2:45PM, our Stock Game winners and other successful SMC members will share their investment wisdom and strategies. Suggestions/proposals to improve the Investment Group meetings will also be most welcome.

Jack McCleary maintains first place in the Stock Game with a 48.2% gain. Tom Booth (winner in 2011) is second. Bob Klein jumped into third place followed by Bob Rossi, Ted Chapekis and Al Bosley. Ten players have a chance of winning. Stay tuned! The game ends May 31.

—George Miller



Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, June 19 at 3:00PM at TCH. The speaker will be Jason Thomas from Micro Center. Jason will discuss the features and advantages of Windows 8 in computers designed for the Windows 8 operating system. All are welcome at this meeting.

—Ron Denton



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, June 10 at 1:00PM at TCH, Irv Poston will bring you the 1936 musical "Anything Goes" starring Bing Crosby and Ethel Merman.

With music and lyrics by Cole Porter, the shipboard comedy takes us from New York to London with an intriguing storyline filled with song. This is one to bring your date. The movie will be shown with English subtitles for your viewing pleasure.

—Augie Perrotta

Frank Garland: Club Historian

When the Club's Outstanding Service Award was presented in November 2003, the only member who seemed surprised by the honor was the recipient himself, Frank Garland.



"Pleasantly shocked," was how Frank reacted to the recognition from his colleagues. "I didn't think I did anything out of the ordinary. As members, we all owe service and support to the Club."

For his part, Frank has been a "doer" since joining the club in 1990. He has held leadership roles on the Audio Committee, and served as the Club's Historian for 10 years. In this capacity, he was responsible for identifying, recording and storing the club's archives including copies of *The Reminder*, meeting minutes, photographs, and correspondence.

Frank was born and raised as a "farm kid" in the Old Mission Point area of Traverse City. He is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, and served in the Army Air Force in Latin America during World War II.

Following his discharge, Frank resumed his education and began a career as a high school Social Studies teacher in the Waterford School District, a relationship that spanned nearly 40 years.

Frank and his wife Janet were longtime residents of Birmingham and had three children. Sadly, Janet passed in 2012.

—Chuck Ragains

Annual Picnic

Mark your calendars for our traditional summer picnic, which will be held earlier and at a different and closer location this year.

Date - Tuesday, June 18

Time - 10:30AM - 2:30PM

Location - Beverly Hills Park
(Beverly Rd. - west of Southfield)



Plan to enjoy the fellowship, food, fun and festive music. We will also have our usual classic car display, coordinated by Bob Jordan. Ticket sales will start May 24.

—Special Events Committee

Stratford Festival

Our annual trip to Stratford will be on September 25. The production is "Fiddler on the Roof" and will be presented in the Festival Theatre. Details next month. See you on the bus.

—Stratford Event Committee

River Cruise - 2013

This year's River Cruise will be on Wednesday, July 24. We will depart the First Presbyterian Church at 10:00AM, travel downtown to the Renaissance Center for lunch at Andiamo's Riverfront restaurant located in the atrium of the General Motors Headquarters Building. Some walk-around time to view and explore the waterfront and the Center is provided in the schedule.

Following lunch, we will board our cruise ship, "Diamond Queen," for a leisurely cruise down the Detroit River to the Bishop Park Dock in Wyandotte. As a special attraction on route, we will detour into the Rouge River to view the Ford Rouge complex from the water. After landing at Bishop Park, our buses will pick us up and we should be back in Birmingham by 5:30PM.

The price for the event is \$55, and includes the bus, lunch, cruise and all gratuities. A cash bar will be available at the restaurant and aboard ship. When you purchase your tickets, you will be asked to make your lunch and dessert selections. We have two lunch entrees: chicken Marsala or broiled whitefish. For dessert, the selections are a cannoli, a small chocolate sundae or raspberry sorbet.

We have two buses for this event. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, June 28. This event is always a sellout so get on board early.

—Bob Gualdoni, Riggs Miller and Joe Samyn

Thursday Golf

Summer has finally arrived for Thursday Golf. Gone are the bleak days of April and more of our senior golfers are venturing on the fairways.

The Committee found it necessary to make an early course correction due to the chaos with everyone but the early birds arriving at about 9:00AM. Some fixed tee time teams were short members and could not get off at specified times. So the Committee made the starting times flexible at the discretion of the Starter.

Big Bonus Bucks will commence on June 6 and continue through August 15. The Cash Pot will start at \$5 and grow each week by an additional \$5 until claimed by a winner. It will then reset to \$5. The winner must be closest to the pin on hole #6, six feet or more from the cup, and make the putt for a birdie.

Mark your calendars:

- June 20 - Three (3) Club Day
- July 11 - Scrambles Day
- August 22, 29 & September 5 - Tournament Time
- September 10 - Stonycroft Scrambles.

—The Golf Committee

Monday Golf

It's been a bit of a rough start at Lincoln Hills, due mostly to the weather and later returns from Arizona, California and Florida. There were two delays for frost and threatening skies on another day. As a result, the player counts were 16, 22, 31 and 18 on the four playing dates so far. That's well below our average playing count last year (36). We do have several brand new faces (Dick Bradley, John Flintosh and Phil Owen).

Our League has reserved tee times (7:30 to 9:30AM) which could easily accommodate up to 60 golfers. So please motivate your partners and friends to get back on the Monday schedule and reach out to new prospects as well.

Results are posted on the bulletin board and announced at each regular Friday meeting. Bill Duncan carded an Eagle on #6 on May 6 and Alan Nealley, John Perryman (twice) and Tom Waffen have been closest to the pin on #2.

—Bill Spreitzer

TCH Annual Fund Drive

The Community House Annual Fund Drive is contributing to a three year effort to rebuild The Community House (TCH) Endowment Fund, which during the recent economic downturn has lost the majority of its assets. TCH relies on the Endowment Fund to meet much of its yearly operation expenses. This is why the SMC annual fund contribution has currently become more critical. We are one of the major contributors and so far this year the SMC has already exceeded last year's contribution by 54%. The number of donors is likewise encouraging. This is an excellent start. We encourage those who have yet to participate to support TCH in its efforts to rebuild the Endowment Fund -this organization does so much to support us.

—Jack McLaughlin

90 & Beyond Celebration

The Community House plans to recognize and celebrate those 90 years old and beyond with a special program on June 13. Camille Jayne, President & CEO of TCH notes, "The Community House, for 90 years, has been committed to enhancing the quality of life in our community. We want to celebrate, honor and thank those who built our beautiful community."

Those attendees who have reached the exalted age of 90 and beyond, will receive complimentary admission provided by the Bank of Birmingham. SMC members in this age category are especially invited to attend. Details and reservations are available from TCH. Call 248-644-5832 or email brett@tchserve.org.

—Chuck Ragains

Attendance

With the elimination of the 10 meeting a year attendance requirement, it is evident that a few members are not checking in at Friday meetings. The attendance reported for Senator Carl Levin's appearance on April 12 was 215, but it was evident to most observers that actual attendance was considerably higher - perhaps as many as 240. Your club really wants and needs an accurate count for Friday meetings - partly for historical comparisons - but more importantly as a means of attracting better speakers. Dave Dinger, the Attendance Committee Chairman has developed simpler attendance check-in forms and initiated an actual head count at meetings. On April 26, results of the head count showed this problem, with the check-in count being 184 compared to the head count of 202.

Please help and check-in at Friday meetings.

—Dick Harper and Dave Dinger

Senior Health Matters: U.S. Centenarians

Census Bureau figures from 2010 show that more than 53,000 people are aged 100 or above, an increase of 65.8% since 1980. By 2050, their number is expected to hit 600,000. A survey of 100 centenarians and 300 baby boomers, conducted by UnitedHealthCare and reported in May 2013, compared the attitudes and lifestyles of baby boomers to those aged 100 or over. Half of the centenarians would not change a thing in their life compared to 29% of boomers. Ten percent of centenarians wished that they had taken better care of themselves and had focused more on relationships. Only 6% would have wanted more money compared to 26% of baby boomers. Both generations recognized the importance of keeping active and socially connected and the importance of family. Thirty nine percent of centenarians used social media compared to 56% of boomers. When asked what the best thing about reaching 100 was, more than a third thought it was the ability to spend more time with their children and grandchildren. Twenty six percent said it was the opportunity to spend more time traveling.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Publicity Committee

Most people, when they hear the word publicity, think in terms of press clippings and TV coverage. The SMC Publicity Committee has much broader objectives. The committee members are involved in a wide variety of projects in support of the club's overall goals. Examples include:

- A promotional brochure targeted at increasing awareness and membership
- Enhanced speaker recruitment activities
- Improved communication of upcoming Friday speaker and discussion programs. This is done by sending each member a Wednesday E Blast.
- Expanded media relations efforts
- Development of logo-embossed men's wear items.
- Continued high quality in the content and design of *The Reminder*.

Looking to the future, the Publicity Committee will continue to be a source of support for the entire club with special emphasis on speaker recruitment and training.

—Chuck Ragains

Mystery Lyrics



Last month's mystery lyrics proved to be challenging. Despite the fact that this song was a great

Frank Sinatra hit, only six responders recognized that these lyrics:

*Stars and steel guitars, luscious
lips as red as wine*

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

are from "It Happened in Monterey". Sinatra's version was included in the "Songs for Swinging Lovers" album, recorded nearly 60 years ago!

Congratulations to Mary (John) Slocum, Sherwin Vine, Jarrold Patterson, Stan Rogell, Clay Gordon and Tom McNally.

This month's lyrics likely will be easier.

*Let's take a trip to Niagara,
this time we'll look at the falls*

Can you name that tune?

Sports Trivia

Only seven long time Red Wing hockey fans were able to recall the names and numbers of the Production Line. Probably a lot more knew their names, but not the uniform numbers. They were Sid Abel (12), Ted Lindsay (7) and of course Gordie Howe (9). Can you see them now on the ice at Olympia (the Old Red Barn)?

Congratulations to Dick Kamp, Lynn Evans, Harold Brown, Jack McLaughlin, Stan Rogell, Clay Gordon and Tom McNally.

Harold Brown suggests these Tigers trivia challenges. Which Tigers did the following:

- Had an unassisted triple play
- Served on the Detroit City Council
- Was the starting pitcher for both games of a double header

—Dick Harper

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, June 21

Games

Bowling: Wednesday, 11:00AM at Bowlero Lanes (practice)

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

Monday Golf: 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills

Thursday Golf: 9:00AM at Springdale

Special Events

Annual Picnic, Tuesday, June 18, 10:30AM-2:30PM

River Cruise, Wednesday, July 24, 10:00AM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, June 5, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, June 17, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, June 10, 1:00PM

Camera Group: No meeting in June

Investment Group: Wednesday, June 12, 2:45PM

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

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC on the Web:

<http://www.tchserve.org/subpage/senior-mens-club>

Google Group: <http://groups.google.com/group/SMCBirmingham>

MAY MUDHEN MADNESS



MudHen trip photos by Jim King

SMC WALKING GROUP



"They don't just walk!"

Way to go!
Sporting the SMC logo at a Tigers game



Pradeep (Pete) Mehra & his wife Devika