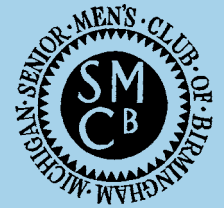


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April 2011

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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New Parliamentarian

George A. Grove has accepted the position of Senior Men's Club Parliamentarian, succeeding William H. Crabtree.

Bill Crabtree served as Parliamentarian from 2000 to 2011. Bill developed the position into one of substantial assistance to the Club's Executive Board. His responsibility has been to ensure that club meetings and decision making follow established rules and procedures as well as being consistent with our constitution and bylaws. He excelled in this capacity. Bill believes he has held the position long enough and deserves a break, the change being coincidental with his and his wife Martha's



George Grove

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Classic Movie Group

On Monday, April 11, Fred Leydorf will premiere the 1942 film, *Mrs. Miniver*, in the Hackett Room from 1:00-3:00PM. The swiftly moving story-line is about an average middle class English family which takes us from the complacency of peace through air raids, Dunkirk and tragedy. Starring Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon, this film won six Academy Awards including



best picture, actress, supporting actress, director, cinematography and screenplay. Winston Churchill said that this film did more "than six legions" by helping to stir the Americans to really get behind the war effort in Europe. Bring your date to see the woman's side of war. It will be shown with English subtitles for the hearing challenged.

—Augie Perrotta



Computer Group

The next meeting of the Computer Group will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 3:00PM. We are still arranging for our speaker, who will be announced at an upcoming Friday meeting.

—Bob Chandler



Camera Group

The US Civil War started April 12, 1861. The Camera Group will meet at 2:00PM on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 (150 years later), and feature a PowerPoint presentation by member John Reddy that marks this anniversary. John will show how a camera and a computer can combine with sound for exciting ways to enhance an audio/visual experience. Handouts will be available to complement this unique and fascinating program.

—Jaap B. Delevie



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, April 6 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing the book "Charlie Wilson's War" by George Crile. September 11th made it clear that thousands of Afghans that we had armed and trained had become terrorists, with the US now in their sights. How did Afghanistan become a training ground for terrorists? George Crile's "Charlie Wilson's War" is the story of how one man, U.S. Congressman Charlie Wilson, Rep. Texas, almost single-handedly launched the several billion dollar CIA operation in Afghanistan to force out the occupying Soviets, without a vote in Congress, and without the clear approval of the President. What started as barely a nuisance campaign turned into the greatest covert operation in CIA history.

On Monday, April 18 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing the book "Is Paris Burning?" by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre. This was a question that Hitler persistently put to his commander in the French capitol during August 1944. Thus begins the absorbing account of the liberation of Paris. The book reads with steady tempo, keeping us intrigued, as this chronicle reconstructs the fateful events that saved the city. You will be moved by the descriptions and want to see Paris to witness what history allowed to survive.

—Ted Chapekis



Investment Group

On Wednesday, April 13 at 2:45PM Michael Dzialo, Founder and CEO, Managed Asset Portfolios (MAP), will discuss "Searching for Yield in a Low Interest Rate Environment (without getting burned)"

If you are tired of low money market returns or looking for an alternative to low yielding CD's, Michael will discuss opportunities to consider and the pitfalls to avoid.

Tom Booth (all silver) is the new Stock Game leader with a 53% gain. Bob Bazzell (he keeps the books) is now second. Tom Buescher, Mike Clement, Lowell Barnett and Phil Werner follow. The game ends May 31.

—George Miller



Monday Associates Golf

Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills will begin April 25 and continue for 16 weeks until August 22 (there will be no League play on the holiday Mondays, May 30 and July 4. Greens fees are the same as last year -- \$14 for "Regulars" and \$15 for "Walk-ons."

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board and interested golfers are invited to sign up prior to April 4. Regulars will pay in advance. In so doing they have the advantage of selecting playing partners, choosing a tee time and getting a discount. Walk-ons will receive starting times on a first come, first served basis, filling in openings in the schedule. Past experience is that waiting times are minimal. Since many expected players are still basking in warmer climes, their partners are encouraged to sign up for them.

Regulars should send a check in the amount of \$224, made out to the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, to Bill Spreitzer at 22663 North Nottingham Drive; Beverly Hills, Michigan 48025-3524 by April 4. Any questions may be directed to Bill at 248-647-5140.

A special invitation is extended to new Associates. You will really enjoy the friendships and good-natured competition. The new Lincoln Hills Club House, practice area, rebuilt parking lot, elegant fence and landscaping are now completed and await our arrival.

Finally, Birmingham Recreation requires that we have at least 25% of our golfers to have Leisure Activity Passes. Therefore players having the pass are asked to note on their sign-up with an asterisk(*). Please, let's break all past records with a large turnout.

—Bill Spreitzer

Thursday Golf

Thursday Golf at Springdale will commence on April 7. The green fees remain the same as last year: \$12 per round. Any early or late season green fee reductions offered by Springdale will be passed on to the golfers. Golfers wishing a power or pull cart will secure it directly from the pro shop.

On St. Patrick's Day, a meeting was convened with three Celtic Goddesses to make predictions for the coming golf season. The forecasts were:

Caillech, the Goddess of weather, earth and sky predicted that on April 7 the sun would shine, the temperature would be 72 degrees, the humidity low and the winds calm.

Eostre, the Goddess of rebirth and new beginnings predicted that all SMC golfers would improve their 2011 handicap by a minimum of 5 strokes.

These predictions may be somewhat tainted by the fact that the meeting was hosted by Latis, the Goddess of beer and water!

—Thursday Golf Committee

Winter Dome Golf

Winter golf at the Oakland Yard Dome entered its final phase with the annual chipping contest. Competition was rugged and the winners were:

First place: Bill Spreitzer, with eight points, won two free days at Springdale.

Second place was a three-way tie at five points and required a playoff between Cliff Bath, Al Roberts and Dave Tennent. Second place: Cliff Bath, with a playoff score of six points, won one free round at Springdale.

Third place: Dave Tennent with a playoff score of two points won 1/2 free round at Springdale. It should be noted that John Kary filled in for Dave Tennent who had to leave early.

Al Roberts won 1/2 free round at Springdale because he made the playoff.

The special deal at the Oakland Yard Dome and Hero's Restaurant concludes on Thursday, March 31. Full prices are in effect after that date.

—Golf Committees

SMC Handbook

The 2011 SMC Handbook continues to be available and can be picked up at Friday meetings from Bob Clements or Pete Kass. In addition, Life Members and Leave of Absence Members can also acquire a handbook by mail or by contacting Jack Burns at 248-644-7619 or at JackBurns1@comcast.net.

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New Parliamentarian

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moving from Bloomfield Hills to Canterbury on the Lake in Waterford.

George Grove was born and grew up in Detroit, graduating from Mackenzie High School in 1953. He then attended U of M, graduating in Chemical Engineering, and joined Parke, Davis & Company. The legalities of the business interested George, and he enrolled in U of D Law School at night. Completing the law degree, he joined General Motors Corporation as a Patent Attorney. There he obtained patents for General Motors, arranged and liaised with outside counsel, and advised corporate engineers on patent matters.

George and his wife Beverly have three children and four grandchildren. George also serves as Vice Chairman of the Associates Committee and has been a club member since June 2004.

—Chuck Kirkpatrick



New Life Member John Wells

(sketch by SMC member
Lou DeMaris)

Senior Health Matters

When it may be time to give up the keys

There is no set age at which a driver is no longer able to drive. Some maintain their vision, reflexes and physical abilities well into their 80s and 90s. The following is a collation of the AARP and National Institute of Aging warning signs that it may be time to give up the keys:

1. You feel uncomfortable and nervous or fearful while driving
2. Difficulty in staying in the lane of travel, drifting into other lanes or driving on the other side of the road
3. Trouble reading road signs, paying attention to signals and pavement markings or navigating directions
4. Slower braking response to unexpected conditions or confusing the brake and gas pedals
5. Medical conditions or medications (drowsiness, slowed motor skills, watery eyes, etc.) that may be affecting your ability to handle the car safely
6. Frequent "close calls" i.e. almost crashing
7. Trouble judging gaps in traffic at intersections and highway entrance/exit ramps
8. Other drivers honking at you and instances when you are angry at other drivers
9. Friends or relatives not wanting to drive with you
10. Difficulty seeing the sides of the road when looking straight ahead even though you have 20/40 vision with corrective lens (diminished peripheral vision)
11. Easily distracted or having a hard time concentrating while driving such as getting lost frequently, even while driving on familiar roads
12. At-fault accidents or more frequent dents and scrapes on the car or on fences, mailboxes, garage doors and curbs
13. Having a hard time turning around to check over your shoulder when backing up or changing lanes
14. Frequent tickets or "warnings" by traffic or law enforcement officers in the last year or two
15. Incompetent driving at night, even if competent during the day
16. Struggling to drive at high speed even if you drive well locally at slow speeds
17. Erratic driving, such as abrupt lane changes, braking or acceleration, hitting curbs, missing turns or scaring pedestrians
18. Frequently startled, claiming that cars or pedestrians seem to appear out of nowhere
19. Failing to use turn signals or keeping them on without changing lanes
20. Your loved ones or doctor suggest that you are a candidate for testing your driving skills or remedial driver's training

—Augustine L. Perrotta, D.O.

Officers at Large



Dave Dinger

Each year, the Senior Men's Club elects two members to an important club position - Officer 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 Board for appropriate action or resolution.



Jack McCleary

The members serving as Officers at Large for 2011 are Dave Dinger and Jack McCleary. Both are active and well known members and have served the club in many capacities. They attend most Friday meetings and of course are available for any member comments or inputs.

—Dick Harper

Endowment Fund

A spring raffle benefitting the SMC Endowment Fund will be offered on Friday, April 8 and 15. The drawing itself will be held on April 15, you need not be present to win.



The prize is a "Romance Package at the Marriott Detroit Ren Cen." This includes a luxury suite, dinner for two at Andiamo's, breakfast, panoramic views and extras provided by Bob Farmery, General Manager of the Marriott.

Ed Cox was the winner last year, he reports having an outstanding experience on his 85th birthday.

Cash and checks (payable to The Community House) are welcome.

Membership News...continued from page 2

Life Member:

Clayton H. Gordon (LOA)

Reinstated:

John H. Bateman

Dropped:

Scott R. Cameron

Robert E. Green

Karl K. Klipfel

John F. Marshall

Associate Robert Hoey

Associate Lester L. Schoenberg

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Associate Robert J. Schreiner

Resigned:

Frederick C. Baker (LOA)

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Bowling

After 27 weeks of bowling and with only two weeks left for points to be earned before the "Rolloff" between the 1st and 2nd half champions, there are three teams in the running for the 2nd half.

In 1st place are the Rockies with 66 points (Brooker, Johnson, Klein & Byington). In 2nd place are the Braves with 58 points (Frederick, Dinger, Finocchio & Marinelli) and in 3rd place are the Marlins with 56 points (Vine, Wargelin, Miller & G. Moore).

Each team can earn eight points in each of the next two weeks—the last week is a position round.

You all decide who is going to win the half and then bowl the 1st half winners, the Mets (Regains, Wetters, Harper & Winowiecki). Good luck to all. Phil Buccini leads in average with a 164 while Nick Marinelli has both hi series and hi game, 605 and 255 respectively. I'll tell the winner in the May issue of *The Reminder* and hope someone has picked the winner out of the three teams named.

—Les Lessenthien

Directory Names

At the Executive Board meeting on March 8, 2011, Visitation - Health Committee Chairman Jaap Delevie proposed that the SMC Directory and club database be revised so that full legal names of members are shown.

In his capacity as chairman of this committee, Jaap makes frequent calls at hospitals and nursing homes to visit ailing or recovering members. He has encountered problems on occasion when members are registered with a legal name that is different from club records. Jaap has even been denied visiting rights in some instances based on privacy concerns.

The Board accepted the rationale and endorsed this change. Members who are listed in the directory with a name other than their legal first name and middle initial are asked to provide a revision to John Steele, Chairman of the Database Committee. The SMC Directory will be revised accordingly next year.

The Board is also aware that certain members are commonly addressed with names other than their legal name - e.g. Charles (Pete) Kass and Walter (Tom) Schrift. John Steele and Bob Clements will establish Directory planning in this regard.

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

You can support the SMC while enjoying a unique show at the Village Players - a performance of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, which is a hilarious farce



as well as a great musical comedy. The club has purchased the entire house for a performance on Thursday, May 19. All the proceeds will go to the SMC Endowment Fund, benefitting the Community House.

Tickets will be available at Friday meetings at 9:00AM starting April 15, for \$30 each. Shelley Roberts, President & CEO of The Community House, purchased the first two tickets for the show!

The performance starts at 8:00PM, with an afterglow to follow. The Village Players is located at 34600 Woodward in Birmingham.

Last Call for History and Auto Buffs

You can trod where Henry Ford once had an astounding 100,000 workers gainfully employed. Join your fellow SMC members, associates, wives or significant others on Tuesday, April 19, for one of the more exciting and educational experiences you will have in 2011! (And to think that Henry Ford almost originally decided to have this location turned into a bird sanctuary.)

Learn the story of the mighty world-famous Rouge industrial complex that once had blast furnaces, rolling steel mills as well as engine and component manufacturing and vehicle assembly lines. Our experiences will include the history of the complex, a tour of the current assembly plant and a display of the many famous vehicles that are part of the Rouge history.

We will conclude our outing with a little social time and an on-your-own lunch at Michigan Cafe in the Ford Museum Building.

Our bus will depart the rear of the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at 1669 West Maple Road at 9:15AM and return about 2:30PM.

The amazingly low price of \$25 per ticket includes our bus transportation, admission to the new visitor center and exhibits, the orientation and Rouge history presentations and the factory tour. We start selling tickets on Friday, April 1. (No fooling!) See you on the bus!

—Mike Clement, Art Pope and Roger Struck

Endowment Fund Donors

The listing of SMC Endowment Fund contributors published last month unfortunately was incomplete. Community House records missed two club member contributors in 2010 - John Flintosh and Jerry Heller. Community House Major Gift Director Frannie Greenebaum apologizes for this oversight.

Ride Arrangement

As reported elsewhere, Bill Crabtree has moved to Canterbury on the Lake (5601 Hatchery Road in Waterford). Bill no longer drives and would like to hear from any member who lives there or nearby who might be able to help. (248-674-1923).

Mystery Lyrics

We proved to be right in thinking that last month's musical challenges might be too easy. We received the most correct answers ever on the mystery lyrics as well as in identifying the "Velvet Fog". More than 20 readers recognized that these lyrics:

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

are the opening lines from "Dancing Cheek to Cheek." And 19 knew that Mel Torme was the "Velvet Fog" (although one reader thought the word was Frog because of his bulging eyes).

Congratulations to all, but we thought we should recognize first time or less frequent responders who had both answers like Dick Mueller, Ed Proctor, Bob Beach, Al Gladner, Jeannie (Merrill) Miller, Jack Benish, Chuck Ragains and front desk gal Janet Crandell.

"Leather Lungs" however proved to be a mystery nickname - only Dave and Mary Schwartz and Elliott Trumbull remembered that this was Vaughn Monroe (*Racing With The Moon, There I Said It Again*). Actually, five readers thought this was Frankie Laine - not a bad guess.

Hopefully, we can give you a more difficult challenge this month. Here's a line (actually the last line) from an old (early 40's) Calypso song:

Working for the Yankee Dollar

We won't tell you who had the best selling record - that would give it away, but can you name that tune?

Lastly, here's a musical trivia challenge for readers. A long time Broadway and Hollywood star was originally described by one critic as "balding, can't sing, dances a little." Who might this be?

—Dick Harper



CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, April 22

Games

Bowling: Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes (through April 4)
Wednesday, 9:30AM at Thunderbird Lanes (practice)

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

Golf: Monday, 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills, starting April 25
Thursday, 9:00AM at Springdale, starting April 7

Special Events

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

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Thursday, May 19, 8:00PM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, April 6, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, April 18, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, April 11, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, April 12, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, April 13, 2:45PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, April 20, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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