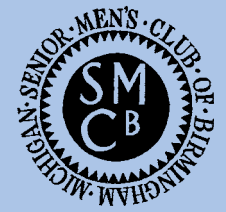


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## Bruce Smiley: Looking Forward to Being a "Golden Oldie"

**Bruce Smiley** was born in Bad Axe, Michigan, but grew up in Birmingham and graduated from Baldwin High School in 1947. He attended General Motors Institute (GMI) and co-opted at GMC Truck and Coach Division until he was drafted into the U.S. Army for two years. He returned to GMC but left to begin a career in advertising.



Bruce worked at Management & Marketing Services in Southfield before joining the Campbell Ewald Agency, which was located in the GM Building in Detroit. That company later moved to Warren, where he held the position of Vice President in charge of Truck Product Information. He retired in December 1999 after 25 years.

In 1994 two of Bruce's neighbors sponsored him as an applicant for membership in the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. He became a member in September 1994. In 2000 he joined the Luncheon Ticket Committee and currently serves on that committee. He held the position of Chairman for four years.

Bruce enjoys a variety of the Club's activities, from simply greeting members on Friday morning, to bowling and bridge. Symbolic of his service to the Club, he received the Outstanding Service Award In December 2009. "No matter what position he has held,

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Paul E. Dufault, joined November 2006

John E. Gates (Life), joined January 1995

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Robert Beach, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography



# Games



## Monday Golf

Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills is not quite over. Almost a dozen golf enthusiasts continue to take advantage of the availability of the Monday 7:30 to 9:30AM tee times at Lincoln Hills set aside for the Senior Men's Club.

There were fifty-seven SMC Members on the players list. Assuredly, they all remember the satisfaction of one "perfect shot," many "passable" efforts and at least one shot that was painful and egregiously unpleasant. An example would be a perfect drive that hits a misplaced tee marker and bounces out-of-bounds, across the chain link fence and can't be retrieved.



Medalist for the season was John Perryman, averaging 39.2. Best attendance was shared by Bob Klein, Joe Schulenberg and Bob Smith. Fastest players were Bill Duncan and Tony Parrottino (and they walk). Most consistent was Phil Owen with all of his rounds in a three shot band and an overall average of 42.5.

Many thanks to you all. Please remember to thank Ed Jones and Tom Waffen for their faithful contributions in keeping the Monday league running smoothly. See you at the banquet and next year when we hope to have a few surprises to challenge your interests.

—Bill Spreitzer

## Bruce Smiley

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Bruce has been reliable and a pleasure to work with," says Ben Mangiapane who has worked with Bruce at the lunch ticket table on many Fridays.

Bruce and his wife Maxine enjoy attending SMC special events and always look forward to the annual holiday dinner dance.

The Smiley's have been lifetime members of the First United Methodist Church in Birmingham. They married at this church in September, 1956. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Regarding the future, Bruce is looking forward to becoming a "Golden Oldie" in 2014.

—Chuck Ragains

## Thursday Golf

On Thursday, September 19 Perry Diggs set the all-time low score at Springdale for our Senior Men's Golf. Perry shot an amazing 32 to set the modern record.

The 2013 Thursday Golf Tournament at Springdale was a very competitive affair. It was held for three weeks with each individual playing against his personal average. Calculation of scores was based on the first of two consecutive rounds played. The winners are:

**Championship Flight:** (Average 45.0 and below) A tie between Frank Bujold and Ted Chapekis at 2.4

**Flight #1:** (Average 45.1 to 50.0) Malcolm Hendy at 2.8

**Flight #2:** (Average 50.1 and above) Jack Corey at 3.5

The annual Stonycroft Scramble was held on September 10 at the Stonycroft Hills Golf Club in Bloomfield Hills. Unlike many Monday and Thursday golf days; the weather was magnificent-warm, sunny and dry. Stonycroft was again a most gracious host. The winning team at plus one was George Stern, Bob Hinytzke, Rich Wehling, and Chuck Travers.

Mark your calendars as the annual golf banquet will be held at The Community House on Tuesday, October 22. Ticket prices will remain the same as the last few years at \$35 each. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, October 4.

—The Golf Committee

## Bowling

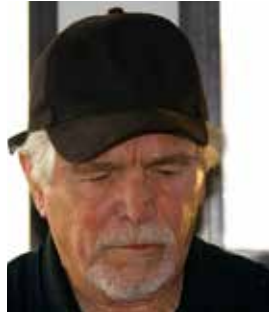
Our bowling league has launched with the usual friendly camaraderie and fun, but we are in need of more bowlers. After three weeks of competition, two teams are tied for first place - Team #4 (Dinger, Smiley, Venier and Buccini) and Team #9 (Heintz, Schrift, Klein and Rossi). Of course, we have a long way to go, and we can expect lots of changes.

Denny Winowiecki has the high series so far with 547, while Bob Beach has the high game at 213. We do expect better scores soon. We also would like to see more bowlers - so how about you? You will fit in and more importantly, you will have fun. So even if you haven't bowled for a long time, show up at Thunderbird Lanes on Maple Road at 9:00AM on any Monday. Maybe you could try it out as a sub.

—Dick Harper

## Life Member: Bob Seeley

The newest inductee into our most prestigious club category is boogie woogie star **Bob Seeley** - a club member since 2000. Bob was born in Ozone Park, New York, but moved to Detroit as a young child. He graduated from Redford High School in 1945, and earned a BA in Business Administration from



Wayne State. He began his musical career at 17 winning second place in a boogie woogie contest. He then joined a USO troop entertaining at bases and military hospitals.

Bob joined the Marine Corps in March, 1952 and on the advice of his brother got into a Marine typing school, increasing his speed from 30 to 120 words per minute. After boot camp he was assigned to the Marine air station at Cherry Pointe, North Carolina. With weekend passes, he would drive to New York City and spend his leaves at the jazz clubs on 52nd Street.

After discharge, his boogie woogie career and reputation really expanded. Bob has played at numerous Detroit area restaurants, clubs and bars, including a 32 year gig at Charlie's Crab, where he met his wife Shirley. He has played at numerous festivals and concerts in the US, including Carnegie Hall, plus 54 appearances in 12 European countries.

Bob is a real student and historian of boogie. He can relate the life stories of greats like Meade Lux Lewis, Albert Ammons and Pete Johnson. He has performed many times for our club, always receiving a standing ovation. Congratulations and welcome, Bob!

—John Steele

## Outstanding Service Award

Each year, the Senior Men's Club Policy Committee considers selecting a member(s) to receive an Outstanding Service Award. This prestigious honor recognizes long standing service and dedication to our club.

The Policy Committee determines which member(s) to be honored. Awards, if made, are traditionally announced and presented at the end of a calendar year.

Club members and associates can recommend a candidate for consideration. Nominations can be made to any member of the Policy Committee - Chairman John Flintosh, Irv Poston, Bob Pullar, Stu Shuster, Bill Johnson or Frank Barnes. A brief supportive rationale for a recommendation could be appropriate.

—Dick Harper

## Life Member: Bill English

The Senior Men's Club recently honored **Bill English** on becoming a Life Member - our most prestigious club category.

A club member since 1994, Bill was born in Brockton, Massachusetts in 1928 and graduated from Monsignor Coyle High School. He attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 1950 with a



Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. Bill was then drafted in the Army, where he served two years, including time at the Rossford Ordnance Depot in Ohio. After his discharge, Bill joined Chrysler Corporation as an engineer. He continued his education while working, earning a Masters in Automotive Engineering from the Chrysler Institute in 1954, followed by a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Detroit in 1958. Bill retired from Chrysler in 1988 after 36 years in engineering positions.

Bill's wife, Meg, sadly passed away in 2005 after 44 years of a marriage which produced three children followed by six grandchildren. He is a member of the St. Owen Catholic Church. Bill served our club with many years on the Hospitality Committee and on the *Reminder* Mailing Committee. Congratulations, Bill and welcome!

—John Steele

## Senior Health Matters: Fruits Can Lower Diabetes Risk

Results from three combined prospective studies have demonstrated that eating certain whole fruits may reduce the risk for type 2 diabetes.



Three servings per week of the following fruits are ranked in the order in which they reduce the risk:

1. Blueberries-26% reduced risk
2. Grapes and Raisins-12% reduced risk
3. Apples-7% reduced risk
4. Pears-7% reduced risk
5. Bananas-5% reduced risk
6. Grapefruit-5% reduced risk

Conversely, the intake of cantaloupe carried a 10% increased risk and fruit juice an 8% increased risk.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

# Groups



## Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, October 2 at 10:30AM, we will discuss "The Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell. This book is a passionate argument that it is not the brightest who succeed nor is success simply the sum of the decisions and efforts we make on our own behalf. It is, rather, a gift. "Outliers" are those who have been given opportunities and have had the strength and presence of mind to seize them. He tells other success stories, often using the device of back-to-back narratives. He starts with a tale of individual greatness, about the Beatles or the titans of Silicon Valley or the enormously successful generation of New York Jews born in the early 20th Century.

On Monday, October 21 at 3:00PM, we will discuss "Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power" by Jon Meacham. In this magnificent biography, Meacham brings vividly to life an extraordinary man and his remarkable times. Thomas Jefferson the politician and President, a great and complex human being forever engaged in the wars of his era. He hated confrontation, and yet his understanding of power and of human nature enabled him to move men and to marshal ideas, to learn from his mistakes, and to prevail. Jon Meacham lets us see life as Jefferson himself saw it, and to appreciate how Jefferson found the means to endure and win in the face of rife partisan division history.

—Ted Chapekis



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, October 2 (a week earlier than norm) at 2:45PM, Kevin Sheard, Portfolio Advisor, TAG, (Tactical Allocation Group) will discuss their strategies for successful investments. TAG is located on Old Woodward just south of Maple Road. The CEO is the son of SMC Member James Peters.

TAG utilizes a dynamic investment style that adjusts asset allocations to anticipate changing opportunities in various asset classes. Be there to learn about this unique and successful investment style.

The Stock Game will begin on October 4. Entry forms are available. Get your stock picks in online or in person. Do not forget the \$10 option to win real money.

—George Miller



## Classic Movie Group

On Monday, October 14 at 1:00PM, I, once again present my favorite actress, Doris Day, along with James Cagney in "Love Me or Leave Me." Doris is cast as the real-life Ruth Etting, a very successful singer of the 1920s. Cagney plays her manager-husband, a tough guy, who while pushing her career, abuses her physically and emotionally. Please forewarn your date that this is no pleasant musical romp on the silver screen. Rather, it demonstrates Doris Day's exceptional singing and acting skills in an Academy Award-level performance. Be prepared for an emotional tour de force that portrays Doris Day in a new light that matches Cagney's recognized genius in every scene.

—Augie Perrotta



## Camera Group

On Tuesday, October 15 at 2:00PM, Augie Perrotta will show us the "Highlights of the Region of Apuglia, Italy-Bari, Alberobello, San Giovanni Rotondo and the Appian Way" when he and his wife, Dorothy, traced her roots to a town near the City of Bari on the Adriatic. He will give us the historical and cultural background of the white city of Alberobello with structures called Trulli which are found nowhere else in the world. The tour ends in San Giovanni Rotondo where the stigmatist, Saint Padre Pio, preached and is interred with his body still intact.

—John Slocum



## Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at 3:00PM. Our guest speaker will be Tom Allen. Tom will discuss what should be done with the Windows operating system to keep a computer running most efficiently. He will show the settings that should be used for best performance as well as how to check the internet speed to make sure the user is getting what is being paid for. He will also discuss when to add memory to speed up the computers performance as well as the advantages of updating to a solid state hard drive.

—Ron Denton

# Special Events

## Grand River Color Cruise

Senior Men and their ladies will go “Crusin’ Down the River” aboard the Michigan Princess on Wednesday, October 23. Ticket sales are under way and will continue for several Fridays. The \$55 cost for this trip includes bus transportation, lunch on board, the cruise, and all gratuities.

We will depart from the First Presbyterian Church on Maple Road in Birmingham at 8:45AM. Upon arrival at the Grand River Park in Lansing, we will board the river boat where coffee, tea, lemonade and hors d’oeuvres will be served. A cash bar is planned. The captain will provide some history about the ship and talk about the cruise. A live band will provide entertainment throughout our time onboard

A buffet lunch will include: roast turkey; lasagna; mashed potatoes and gravy; sweet potato casserole; cornbread stuffing; warm vegetables; chilled salads; rolls; dessert; coffee; and iced tea.

Enjoy a relaxed time on the water and take in the spectacular fall colors while the captain points out shore features and scenic river views.

Following the cruise, we will board the motor coaches for the return to Birmingham, with arrival expected at about 4:15PM.

—John O’Brien, Joe Samyn and Rob McLandress

## “Company” The Musical

The Special Events Committee is pleased to announce that we will be attending the production of the Broadway smash-hit musical “Company” at our local theater, Village Players in early to mid-November. The exact date and time will be determined by the start of ticket sales on Friday, October 18. Tickets are priced at only \$25 each and include an afterglow reception provided by Peabody’s in the theater lobby where we will mingle with the cast. This is a great chance to support a couple of our local one-of-a-kind institutions and enjoy one of Broadway’s most popular musicals which shows the excitement and creativity of Stephen Sondheim’s musical genius. It’s a short drive for a wonderful evening. Parking is available adjacent to the theater and on a lot on the north side of the street, across from the theater.

—Roger Struck

## Christmas Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 4 is the date of this year’s Senior Men’s Club Christmas Dinner Dance, which will be held once again at the San Marino Club in Troy, located on the north side of Big Beaver Road between Rochester and John R. Roads. Our evening 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.

Tickets will be priced at \$45 per person. They will go on sale at the Special Events table beginning at 9:00AM on Friday, October 25, and continue during each Friday SMC meeting thereafter. Note that there will be no sales on November 15 and 29, as the SMC will not meet on those dates. Last minute ticket sales (after November 29) may be arranged by contacting Tony DiMarco at 248-643-7368.

Once again we are opening the event to include non-members, so please consider inviting friends or neighbors to join us at this festive affair. Tables will accommodate eight persons. Table reservation forms will be available on October 18, a week before ticket sales begin, for those who wish to sit with friends. We ask that those groups reserving tables please designate one person to collect the ticket fees and make payment. Singles and individual couples are welcome as well; we will arrange seating for those who do not make up a group of eight.

The dinner menu will include: stracciatella soup; a mixed green salad; and your choice of dinner entrée: tenderloin of beef with mushrooms, chicken Parmigiana with mozzarella cheese, or baked orange roughy with lemon garnish; along with side dishes of green beans and St Anne potatoes. Dinner will conclude with a raspberry sundae dessert. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening, with cocktails/wine at \$5, beer at \$1, and free soft drinks. “The Pros” dance band will entertain us again this year, playing nostalgic and seasonal favorites for your listening and dancing pleasure.

This is one of our most popular and successful SMC events, so please save the date and make your reservation plans early!



—Jim King

## Suggest a Speaker

Perhaps the most important factor contributing to membership in the Senior Men's Club, as well as attendance at Friday meetings, is the appeal of scheduled speakers. We are well aware that the majority of our members are more interested in speaker presentations than the minutia of club business reports.

Hence, the club Program Committee plays a vital role in our success, and meeting attendance with its responsibility for scheduling attractive and informed speakers - and with 40 or more meetings a year - this is a challenging task.

Here is where you come in. Our member body has a broad array of interests, ideas and connections which can lead to suggestions concerning potential speakers. Maybe you know someone who would be good - maybe you hear or read about a potentially interesting speaker - please consider bringing this to the attention of the Program Committee.

Planning for our 2014 meetings is under way. Please contact Gene Jacoby at [jacobyue@hotmail.com](mailto:jacobyue@hotmail.com) or 248-646-9315 with any suggestions. This of course is an ongoing activity and can benefit from your help at any time.

—Dick Harper

## New Club Activities!

The Improvement Committee, under Chairman Jim Bayson, has the charge of enhancing the appeal of membership in our club and attracting new members. As a first step, Jim initiated distribution of a brief questionnaire asking members to indicate interest in these potential new activities:

- **Genealogy** - sharing information on sources and approaches, including field trips and sites
- **Wine Tasting** - organized visits and lectures
- **Tennis** - scheduled playing
- **Games** - possible new card games, Scrabble, chess
- **Fantasy Sports** - football, NCAA basketball
- **Music Appreciation** - common interests, organized playing
- **Vintage Cars** - sharing experiences

The questionnaire will be available at upcoming Friday meetings. If members should have any interest, questions or suggestions about these potential activities, please advise Jim at [jamesbaysoncpa@aol.com](mailto:jamesbaysoncpa@aol.com) or 248-681-4672.

## Here Cum Da Magic Jug

On October 18 we will begin our annual contribution campaign for the Oakland County Children's Village. Mr. Greg Alessi, OCCV Administrator, will give a brief presentation on the mission, programs, 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 it for over 30 years.

Bring your contribution, either cash or check payable to OCCV, on October 18 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 2014 Dues Coupon

2014 dues are payable before January 1, 2014. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2014. 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

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

You just never know. We were concerned that last month's mystery lyrics might have been too easy and that we would get a lot of correct answers. To our surprise, only eight readers recognized that this lyric line



*Make sure that your umbrella  
is upside down*

is from "Pennies from Heaven". So congratulations to Ben Ewing, Dave and Mary Schwartz, Mary (John) Slocum, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Tom McNally, Clay Gordon, Sherwin Vine and Dick Kamp.

This month we have a romantic ballad challenge for readers - a song with these words:

*I hear music when I touch your hand*  
Can you name that tune?

# Sports Trivia



Our baseball trivia challenge also was difficult. We asked you to remember the nicknames of these three Hall of Fame members:

- Joe DiMaggio, the "Yankee Clipper"
- Ted Williams, the "Splendid Splinter"
- Reggie Jackson, "Mr. October"

Only Pete Good, Jack McLaughlin, Tom McNally and Dick Smith got all three. Dave Schwartz and Clay Gordon got Williams and Jackson, but gave us "Joltin Joe" for DiMaggio - good enough for credit.

Let's try this again. Can you remember the nicknames of Lou Gehrig, Walter Johnson and Enos Slaughter?

—Dick Harper

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Officers for 2013 are: Stuart B. Shuster, president; John M. Steele, first vice president; George L. Stern, second vice president; Eugene P. Jacoby, recording secretary; Richard A. Kamp, corresponding secretary; James E. Bayson, treasurer; Richard E. Shirley, assistant treasurer; David A. Schwartz and Clifford O. Bath, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

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# CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, October 15, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, October 18

## Games

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

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

**Monday Golf:** 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills

**Thursday Golf:** 9:00AM at Springdale

## Special Events

**Grand River Fall Color Cruise,** Wednesday, October 23, 8:45AM  
"Company" -Village Players, Watch for the November date

## Group Meetings

**Book Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, October 2, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, October 21, 3:00PM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, October 14, 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, October 15, 2:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, October 2, 2:45PM

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, October 16, 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>