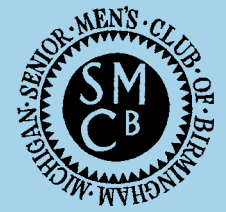


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March 2013

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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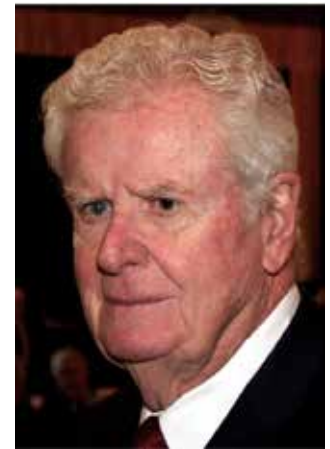
Kirby Callam:

A Champion in Three Fields of Competition

In football, a player who excels in running, passing and kicking is known as "A Triple Threat." At the SMC we have our own triple threat in the person of Kirby Callam, who has achieved champion status in golf, contract bridge, and the stock investment game.

The high point of Kirby's golf career came last year when he won his age division (80 and over) at the Michigan Senior Olympics. His three rounds of 79 qualified him for this year's national competition in July. To make the win even sweeter, Kirby's daughter Mary qualified in the 50-55 age group.

The Senior Olympics provide athletic competition by age group to more than 5,000 participants nationwide in virtually every sport winter and summer.



Kirby Callam

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MARCH PROGRAMS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Mike Albright

- 1 Cathy Nash, President and CEO, Citizens/Republic Bank..... *Turn Around! The Power of Team in a Regulated World*
- 8 Jim Bonsall, Managing Director (retired), AlixPartners LLP*Bankruptcies - Around the World in 80 Ways*
****This meeting will be held on the 2nd floor of TCH. NOTE: No lunch will be served at this meeting.****
- 15 Carl Camden, President and CEO, Kelly Services.....*The Invisible Man - The Marginalization of the Working Class Man*
- 22 Dr. Jeanne M. Ward, Doctor of Audiology, Premium Hearing Solutions *Can You Hear Me Now?*
- 29 NO MEETING

APRIL PROGRAMS

APRIL CHAIRMAN: Dennis Kozak

- 5 Carl Levin, U.S. Senator, Michigan, *Washington Update*

MARCH DISCUSSIONS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: George Moore

- 1 Bruce Nyberg.....*Forgotten Harvest, Feeding the Hungry*
- 8 NO MEETING
- 15 George Moore, SMC Member *Your Personal Income Taxes*
- 22 Matt Henry, Director of Camp Skyline..... *Managing a Camp for the Mentally Challenged*
- 29 NO MEETING

APRIL DISCUSSIONS

APRIL CHAIRMAN: Riggs Miller

- 5 Al Eicher, Writer for the "Lakeshore Guardian" *Al Eicher Sky Adventures*

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To Life Member:

Thomas H. Sandercock

Deaths:

Henry B. Moore, joined February 2009
Luel Simmons, (Life) joined November 1997
Gordon A. McAlpine, (Life) joined October 1998
John C. Nichols, joined June 2012
William G. Wagoner, joined November 2009

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Games



Winter Golf

It is becoming crunch time for Winter Golf at the Oakland Yard Dome!

The Annual Chipping Contest will be held on Thursday, February 28 and the Annual Putting Contest will be held on Thursday, March 21.

Prizes for both of these contests are:

First Place: Two free rounds of golf at Springdale

Second Place: One free round of golf at Springdale

Third Place: ½ free round of golf at Springdale

The rules for these hotly contested events are posted on the bulletin board during the regular Friday meetings. Any protests about the rules should be channeled through Cliff Bath who has been on an unsuccessful crusade of change since last year.

Dave Vanloozen, the teaching golf pro of Edgewood Country Club, is scheduled to review and tidy up our swings for the second time on Thursday, March 14. Private lessons can be negotiated directly with the pro.

Opening Day at Springdale will be, weather permitting, Thursday, April 4. Contracts with the City of Birmingham have been signed and the cost remains the same at \$12 with carts available directly from the Pro Shop. Any early spring or late fall discounts will be passed on to our golfers.

Be very ready to hit them high, hit them long, and hit them straight.

—The Committee

Monday Golf

Golfers, mark your calendars. The Monday Golf League will begin play at Lincoln Hills on April 22. Except for the holiday (Memorial Day) on May 27, the 16 week season will continue until August 12.

Green's fees are the same as last year -- \$14 for "Regulars" and \$15 for "Walk-ons". Regulars pay in advance, get to pick a fixed foursome and are assigned a guaranteed tee time. Assigned tee times are from 7:30 to 8:52AM.

By rule, 25% of the players must be Birmingham Leisure Activity Pass Holders.

The next steps are to develop the 2013 roster of players, identify the Leisure Activity Pass Holders and sign our contract with Birmingham Recreation. To begin the process, sign-up sheets will be posted at the club meetings on Fridays. Members are encouraged to reserve space by signing up for themselves and/or their teams and friends by **MARCH 15**. For regulars, their checks for \$224 (made out to the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham) are due to Bill Spreitzer by April 12. Contact information is in the member's handbook.

Since many intended Monday golfers are still away for the winter, you are welcome to call Bill Spreitzer with sign-up intentions and any questions.

A special invitation is extended to our many new associate members with golf interests. Come on in and look forward to lots of fun and healthy exercise.

—The Committee

Bowling

With the second phase of the bowling season about half over, two teams are leading the way. The Seals (Frederick, Johnson, Klein and Jordan) are clinging to first place with 42 points, despite losing all eight points to the second place Aardvarks (Dinger, Kamp, Corey and Kass), who have 40 points. Lots of points are still on the line, so stay tuned and expect close competition.

New bowler, Phil Owen, sports a 173 average and leads this category, followed by Nick Marinelli at 164. Lane conditions continue to be tough with low scoring and much moaning.

—Dick Harper



New Life Member: Bill Corba



Bill Corba

The newest inductee into our most prestigious membership category is **Bill Corba**. Bill, who has been a member since 1995, was born in Carnegie, PA. and graduated from Carnegie High School. He attended Bethany College in WVA, received a degree in math and physics and lettered in basketball.

In quick order, Bill was drafted, was assigned to a Nevada nuclear test site, and transferred to Oak Ridge, TN. Somewhere in there he met and married Mary Lou. He launched a career with Firestone, was transferred to Detroit and had varied experiences, including a working relationship with Enzo Ferrari in developing both street and racing tires.

Bill and Mary Lou have been married for 60 years - a relationship which produced two sons and a daughter (all University of Michigan graduates), five grandchildren and one great grandson. They live at Fox Run and attend the First Methodist Church in Birmingham. Bill has been very active with the SMC, serving as Officer at Large, frequently as monthly program chairman and on many club committees. Welcome, Bill!

—John Steele and Dick Harper

Officers at Large Cliff Bath and Dave Schwartz



Cliff Bath

Each year, the Senior Men's Club elects two members to an important club position - Officer at Large. Our bylaws indicate that these officers "serve as advocates for the general membership, and present to the Executive Board any requests for audience, petition or ideas." In simpler terms, they are the communication bridge between members and the board. They attend monthly board meetings and report any member issues, questions, suggestions (or

even complaints) for appropriate action or resolution.

Members serving as Officers at Large for 2013 are **Cliff Bath** and **Dave Schwartz**. Both are very active and well known and have served the club in many capacities. They attend most Friday meetings and of course will welcome any member comments or suggestions.



Dave Schwartz

—Dick Harper

Member Information: SMC Logo Clothing

A variety of SMC logo-bearing long and short sleeve shirts and jackets will again be made available for sale the last two Fridays of March. Selection will include additional colors. Order forms will be available in advance via email.

—John Reddy

Senior Health Matters: Hearing Loss and Cognitive Decline

About two thirds of adults age 70 and older have hearing loss. Hearing loss becomes increasingly prevalent with age:



- Ages 40-49: 5.7%
- Ages 50-59: 13.7%
- Ages 60-69: 29.3%
- Ages 70-79: 55.1%
- Ages 80 and over: 79.1%

A study of adults whose average age was 77.4 years demonstrated a 24% increased risk of cognitive decline in the hearing impaired group during six years of follow-up. Hearing loss was associated with 30-40% greater cognitive decline per year as compared with similar individuals without hearing loss. Compared with normal hearing, the rate of decline and risk for cognitive impairment were linearly associated with the severity of an individual's hearing loss.

Since effective treatment exists for hearing loss, the take-home message is: the rate and risk of cognitive decline can be reduced or prevented with expeditious treatment.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Groups



Camera Group

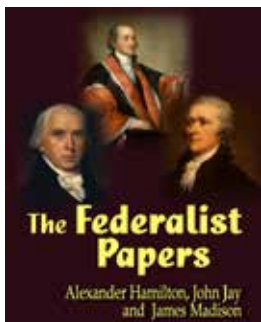
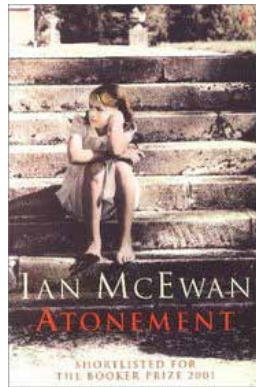
The Camera Group will next meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 2:00PM. Member John Stunz will show his pictures of a trip to France, including many taken in Paris, plus some of Versailles. Should be a great program. Be there!

—Jaap Delevie



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, March 6 at 10:30AM, we will discuss "Atonement" by Ian McEwan. This book interweaves themes of love and war, childhood, guilt and forgiveness that provides the satisfaction of a brilliant narrative. On a hot summer day in 1935, thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis witnesses a moment's flirtation between her older sister, Cecilia and Robbie Turner, the son of a servant and Cecilia's childhood friend. But Briony's incomplete grasp of adult motives, together with her precocious literary gifts, brings about a crime that will change all their lives. As it follows chaos and carnage of World War II and into the close of the twentieth century, "Atonement", engages the reader on every conceivable level, with an ease and authority that mark it as a genuine masterpiece.



On Monday, March 18 at 3:00PM, we will discuss "The Federalist Papers" by Hamilton and others. The "Federalist Papers" are a series of 85 articles or essays promoting the ratification of the United States Constitution written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay.

Seventy-seven of the essays were published serially in The Independent Journal and The New York Packet between October of 1787 and August 1788. The authors of "The Federalist Papers" wanted to influence the vote in favor of ratifying the Constitution.

—Ted Chapekis



Computer Group

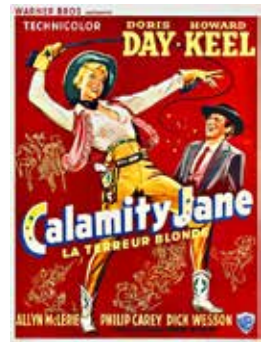
The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, March 20 at 3:00PM in the Rotary Room of the Baldwin Public Library. The guest speaker will be Bart Gioia. Bart will demonstrate the fundamentals of slideshow creation using PowerPoint, as well as give some pointers for a great presentation. There will be time for Q & A.

—Ron Denton



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, March 11 from 1:00-3:00PM, Fred Leydorf will bring the popcorn and show us "Calamity Jane" starring Fred's favorite actress, Doris Day. Loosely based on the life of the Wild West heroine, the musical explores the alleged romance between Calamity Jane and Wild Bill Hickok played by Howard Keel. This is a film for fans of musicals and light-hearted westerns. Doris Day exhibits her many vocal and athletic talents. As with all the classic movies that we show, there are English subtitles for the hearing impaired.



—Augie Perrotta



Investment Group

On Wednesday, March 13 at 2:45PM, Bill Halbert, Senior VP Smith Barney/Morgan Stanley will discuss the 2013 market outlook. The title of his presentation is "A Resurgent Raging Bull." Bill has spoken to the SMC Investment Group for 27 years. His advice last year was extremely accurate. Be there.

We have a new leader in the Stock Game - Ed Cox is up 36%. Al Bosley is second with a 35.9% gain. Tom Booth moved up to third while Kirby Callam slipped to fourth place. Ted Chapekis, Jerry Peck and Jack McCleary follow closely. Thirty-six of 59 players have gains. The game ends May 31.

—George Miller

Special Events

Tour: Detroit Historical Museum

Did you know that the Detroit Historical Museum interior is almost completely new after a recent top-to-bottom renovation? And that the Senior Men's Club will be going there on April 18? If you heard our speaker on January 18, you would be asking when can I (not why should I) buy a ticket? The "when" answer is Friday, March 29. Price includes a lunch at the Traffic Jam after our docent-guided tour at the museum. The bus will leave the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at 9:00AM. We will start our tour at approximately 10:00AM. Lunch at the Traffic Jam to follow where we will have a choice of six entrees with beverage and dessert included. We should be back to the church by 2:30PM. All this for the amazing low price of \$39 a ticket. (We were trying to hold it to \$36.95---but we knew the ladies would want dessert!).

—Your Special Events Committee

Save the Date: May 15 Toledo Mudhens Baseball

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, May 15, we will once again board the bus for a trip to Toledo and beautiful Fifth Third Stadium, for a baseball battle between our Mudhens and the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders. After the game we will enjoy a late lunch at the nearby Real Seafood Restaurant. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, April 19 at \$35 (lunch not included).

—Roger Struck

2013 Calendar of Events

The following Special Events are planned for 2013. Detailed descriptions will be provided in the monthly *Reminder*.

March 6	Pistons
April 18	Detroit Historical Museum
May 15	Toledo Mud Hens
June 18	Annual Picnic
July 24	River Cruise
August	No Event Planned
September 25	Stratford – "Fiddler"
October 23	Grand River – Cruise
November (TBD)	Village Players
December 4	Christmas Party

—Special Events Committee

Kirby Callam

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Closer to home, Kirby's name is consistently among the leaders in the club's weekly Bridge competition, and his overall game has earned him Life Master status in the American Contract Bridge League. Not bad for a guy who didn't take up the game until he retired.

Kirby's name can also be found in first place (as of January 18) in the standings of the club's investment game. "His being in first place is no fluke," said George Miller, who administers the game. "He has adopted a strategy that obviously is working for him."

From eagles and birdies, to grand slams and small slams, to stocks and bonds, Kirby Callam has earned the title of champion, the nickname of "Triple Threat," and the respect of seniors everywhere.

Hey Kirby, how are you at bowling?

—Dick Harper

Reminder Distribution

Last year we surveyed our members with email addresses asking how they read *The Reminder*.

We categorized them into two groups - those receiving our newsletter only by email, and those getting both email and conventional mail.

About two thirds of the members getting email only read *The Reminder* on line - the other third print to read. We learned more interesting facts from those getting it two ways - email and conventional mail. Nearly 70% of these members read the emailed version first, with the remaining 30% waiting for post office delivery.

Of course, this shouldn't be a surprise - the emailed copy gets there a week before the postman arrives. But this does raise the question as to why these members don't tell us to cancel post office delivery with significant distribution expense savings for the club - about \$1 per copy.

So how many members are we talking about? Last month we mailed *The Reminder* to 191 members who have email addresses. If 70% read it online first, as many as 134 could tell us to discontinue post office delivery. Please consider telling Bob Beach (RCBeacher@wowway.com) to do so.

—Dick Harper

Attendance

Champions 2012

The following data come from my review of the attendance records for 2012. I certify this to be accurate, but it has not been reviewed or audited by others. There were 41 regular Friday meetings in 2012.

Meetings Attended:

- *Dick Harper - 41
- *Ralph Lee - 41
- Chuck Kirkpatrick - 40
- *Kenneth Brooker - 40
- Dick Kamp - 40
- *Dick Hameister 40
- Bob Klein - 40
- Chuck Basch - 40
- Jim Slosberg - 40
- Cliff Dean - 40
- *John Horiszny - 39
- Ted Chapekis - 39
- *James Peters - 39
- Geno Markel - 39
- Ed Burke - 39
- *John Slocum - 38
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- *Dick Smith - 38
- Bill Johnson - 38
- Mike Albright - 38
- Dennis Kozak - 38
- Jim Anaya - 38
- John M. Steele - 38
- John Flintosh - 37
- John Dickson - 35
- Dave Schwartz - 34

*Life Member

—Dave Dinger
Chairman, Attendance Committee

2013 Handbook

The 2013 SMC Handbook has been printed and is being distributed at Friday meetings by the Handbook Committee. Members who are unable to pick up a copy can request that a copy be mailed - contact Jack Burns of the Committee at 248-644-7619 or JackBurns1@comcast.net.

—Bob Clements

Brochure Success

The SMC promotional brochure developed by the Publicity Committee last year had principal objectives of broadening our community awareness and expanding our membership. Brochures have been provided to club members who were asked to distribute them to as many friends and acquaintances (or even complete strangers) as possible at the many activities we participate in. We all know and meet men who should belong to our club!

Early indications are that these brochures are working. While "cause and effect" may not be readily established, we are experiencing a notable surge in new membership applications and in guest attendance at Friday meetings. The February issue of *The Reminder* listed a striking total of 17 new associates (a record for one month?). In addition, members are bringing more guests on Friday - on January 18, we had 11 guests (another record?), and many of them brought application forms and dues checks.

Keep up the good work and see the undersigned for more brochures - we have plenty!

—Dick Harper

SMC on the Web

The Senior Men's Club of Birmingham is still on the web, but access is slightly different. The easiest way to find *The Reminder* and other public information on the web is through The Community House website which is now www.tchserver.org. Senior Men's Club is listed under "Outreach" and *The Reminder* can be accessed here.

SMC Birmingham is our Google Group for email notices. Google Docs is now called Google Drive, and the SMC Constitution, By-Laws, Procedure Manual, Meeting Minutes, and *Reminders* can be found there. Joining Google at www.google.com is still free.

You may wish to bookmark these pages for direct access. If you have any questions, please contact any member of our Webpage Committee as listed in the SMC Handbook.

—Irv Poston

President Stu on TV

President Stu Shuster will represent the SMC and participate in a taping on March 4 of a Bloomfield Community Television production of "Making a Difference at TCH," which will promote TCH activities in the community. This program is one of a series and will focus on "Volunteers and Sponsored Groups." The show is hosted by Camille Jayne, President and CEO of TCH.

Watch for this program on future dates.

Mystery Lyrics



Our fears were realized - last month's mystery lyrics were clearly not a mystery - no fewer than 17 readers recognized that these lines:

*Stars shining bright above you
Night breezes seem to whisper I love you
Birds singing in the sycamore tree*

are the opening words of "Dream a Little Dream of Me." We thought we should recognize less frequent contributors, so congratulations to Judy (Ben) Ewing, Keith Brown, Larry Smith, Dick Mueller, Mark and Donna Kelly, Stan Rogell, Pat (Dick) Smith and Dolly (Bill) Johnson. Hopefully, this month's challenge, suggested by Stan Rogell, won't be as easy. The lyrics are:

*There's no love song finer
But how strange the change
from major to minor*

Can you name that Cole Porter song?

Baseball Trivia

Once again we learned that we have a lot of baseball fans in our club with long memories. We asked if you could remember the pitcher who once said "If I'd a-known he was going to throw a no-hitter, I'da throwed one too" after his brother did that in the second game of a double header.

Nine readers knew this could only be Dizzy Dean of the 1934 St. Louis Cardinals talking about his brother Paul "Daffy" Dean. Congratulations to Lynn Evans, Larry Smith, Dick Mueller, Tom McNally, Jack Howell, Mark Kelly, Chuck Himelhoch, Dick Smith and Clay Gordon.

You likely will consider this month's challenge as really difficult (even weird). Casey Stengel, Doak Walker, Henry (Hank) Aquirre, and Jimmy Piersall (Red Sox) all had something in common.

What was it? (Good luck on this one!)

—Dick Harper

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

Reminder Deadline: Friday, March 15

Games

Bowling: Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

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

Golf: Thursday, 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Dome

Special Events

Detroit Pistons Basketball, Wednesday, March 6

Detroit Historical Museum, Friday, March 29, 9:00AM

Toledo Mudhens, Wednesday, May 15

Group Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Computer Group: Wednesday, March 20, 2:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC on the Web:

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

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



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"Men on the Go" at the Auto Show

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