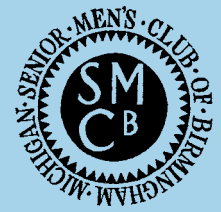


# The Reminder



February 2013

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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## Goodbye Bill

We knew he wasn't doing well - that he had serious health issues - that he was in and out of the hospital. But we had just seen him a few weeks back and joined in his trademark loud "Good Morning" as he started his weekly Games Committee report. Bill Reilly was always with us, with his Irish wit and smile. He couldn't be gone, and yet the news of his passing spread like wildfire among his shocked and unbelieving multitude of friends.

His contributions to the SMC were outstanding and legendary. He was most likely our youngest President ever, being elected in 2000 when he was only 71. He chaired the Games Committee forever and originated many innovative activities and the Ray Swartz Memorial Trophy. He was probably the first non-physician to head the Visitation-Health Committee. Bill received our Outstanding Service Award in 2006. His family knew he treasured this, and it was displayed at the funeral home.

What a loss to the Senior Men's Club - such a respected and yes, loved leader. Sure, we will go on. Bill will be replaced in the many club positions he held and we will continue to function, but with heavy hearts. His legacy of inspired leadership will live on in our club.

But how can we best honor him - why not emulate him and increase your participation in club activities - attend more meetings, join a working group or committee, maybe even find a new member. Thanks, Bill and farewell.



—Dick Harper

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: Cliff Bath

- 1 Jeff Nelson, Redford Brightmoor Initiative .....*Read, Seed & Feed in the Brightmoor Area of Detroit*
- 8 Jack Weiner, President & CEO, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.....*Healthcare in Transition*
- 15 Joann Kotcher, Former Donut Dolly .....*A Girl's War – Donut Dolly in Vietnam*
- 22 Najah Bazy, Executive Director & CEO, Zaman International ..... *Hope for Humanity*

## 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*

## FEBRUARY DISCUSSIONS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: Irv Poston

- 1 Diane K. Bert, PhD, Birmingham Eccentric Correspondent ..... *Abe Lincoln: The Making of the President*
- 8 Rev. John Judson, D.Min, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham ...*The World's Great Religions*
- 15 Dick Harper, SMCB Member, Reminder Editor .....*The Reminder: Past, Present & Future*
- 22 Gordon Rinschler, Commissioner, City of Birmingham.....*Birmingham Today at the City Council*

## MARCH DISCUSSIONS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: George Moore

- 1 Bruce Nyberg, Board Member "Forgotten Harvest" .....*Feeding People in Need in Greater Detroit*

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# Games



## Winter Golf

Winter Golf continues at the Oakland Yard Dome in Waterford. Hit all the balls you wish for just \$9 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Coffee and donuts are included.

Mark your calendars for Winter Golf Special Events:

- February 14 and March 14: The Committee has contracted with noted golf Teaching Professional Dave Vanloozen to tidy up our swings. He can be contacted by individual seniors for personal lessons.
- February 28: Annual Chipping Contest
- March 21: Annual Putting Contest

Rules for the contests will be posted. Hit them straight, high, and into the end of the Dome.

—The Committee

## Bowling

The bowling lanes at Thunderbird are still proving to be difficult with tough scoring conditions and not a lot of good numbers. After four weeks of the second half, the Seals (Frederick, Johnson, Klein and Jordan) have a narrow lead with 24 points. Two teams are close behind with 22 points, so leadership changes are certainly possible.

As for individual scoring, Tom Johnson was a real star. He totaled a 508 series, much above his 130 average, while his teammate Bob Jordan recently had a 527 series.

—Dick Harper

## Holiday Luncheon Honors Hostesses



Music of the season, lots of good cheer, and a Santa size "Thank You" to the Club's hostesses combined to make this year's holiday luncheon one to remember. The annual event is an opportunity for members to salute and thank the ladies who serve as hostesses for the weekly luncheons throughout the year.

The 18 hostesses in attendance were escorted by club members sporting traditional white shirts and red bowties, and were presented with Somerset Collection gift cards. Eunice Orton thanked the Club on behalf of the hostesses. Music for the luncheon was provided by the Bell Ringers of St. James Church in Birmingham.

"The hostesses do a wonderful job - before, during and after the luncheons," said Tom Rowley, who along with Bob Parker co-chaired the event. "The Club could not operate efficiently without them."

In the Club's early days, meetings were held twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. Hostesses served sandwiches and cake for lunch costing 60 cents. The tradition of being well served by our volunteer hostesses continues.

—Chuck Ragains

## Sign in Please

Members are no longer required to attend 10 meetings yearly to maintain membership. We are strongly encouraged, however, to sign in at Friday meetings. Maintaining meeting attendance records is very important for several reasons:

- Meeting attendance is perhaps the best measure of the vitality of the club and of the attractiveness of our Friday programs
- Meeting attendance is clearly a strong selling feature in attracting good and appealing speakers.

So, please sign in on Friday, even if you are not staying for lunch. We want to know you are there. More importantly, so do our speakers!

—Dick Harper



# New Life Members



Lynn Barber

January saw two members inducted into the most prestigious category of our club - Life Membership. The first was **Lynn Barber**, who is a true Michigander, having been born and educated here, followed by an extensive business career in Michigan. He attended Royal Oak High School, spent two years in the Army, including occupation duty in Japan, and then entered the University of Michigan, graduating with a BS in Civil Engineering.

After obtaining a Professional Engineers license, Lynn started his own architectural and engineering company, serving as president for 30 years. Other activities include serving as a Director of the Birmingham YMCA, as a Scoutmaster and a sailor/skipper on the Port Huron to Mackinaw boat races. He enjoys barbershop quartet singing and still skis.

Lynn and his wife Marianne have been married for 61 years and have two sons. His club activities include many years of golf and serving on the Chaplains Committee.



Art Byington

Our second inductee was **Art Byington**. He is also a Detroiter having been born here, attended University of Detroit High School and graduating from the University of Detroit with a BS in Electrical Engineering.

Art first was employed in the electrical department of the Detroit Lighting Commission, served two years in the Army, followed by a lengthy career with Fisher Body as an electrical engineer, working at many GM plant locations.

After 34 years of GM service, he retired and joined the SMC. Art had four children with his first wife, Therese, who unfortunately passed away. He later met and married Jane and recently celebrated 22 years with her. He has long been one of our better bowlers, enjoys bridge and volunteering at Beaumont Hospital.

Hearty congratulations to these esteemed members!

—Dick Harper

## Senior Health Matters: Familial Cancer

Familial cancer occurs in families more often than would be expected by chance and certain cancers occur generation after generation in some families. This may indicate the presence of a gene mutation that increases the risk of cancer but may also be a sign of shared environmental or lifestyle factors. The highest risk for familial cancer occurs when offspring are diagnosed with the same cancer as their parents if their parents were diagnosed under the age of 60. There is still an increased risk of familial cancer depending on the site of the cancer.

Familial cancers in parents were diagnosed after the age of 69 as follows:

Skin cancer-81%, Prostate-75%, Urinary Bladder-62%, Colorectal-59%, Lung-56%, Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma-54%, Breast-41%, Melanoma-35%.

Offspring might benefit from knowing their risk of a particular familial cancer by avoiding smoking if a parent had lung cancer. It is estimated that 45% of all cancers in men and 40% in women could be prevented by avoiding known modifiable risk factors for their particular familial cancer. These risk factors include lifestyle, dietary and environmental risk factors such as tobacco, alcohol, diet, overweight, lack of physical exercise, occupation, certain infections, radiation, use of hormones and reproductive history.

— Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

## Associates

### Orientation Meeting

An orientation meeting will be held at 9:00AM on February 15. All Associates are invited to attend.

Contact John Klein at [klein60@yahoo.com](mailto:klein60@yahoo.com) or 248-363-3020 to confirm your attendance.

—John Klein

### SMC Thanks Dean Sellers Ford

The SMC sends a special "Thank You" to Dean Sellers Ford in Troy who provided us with tickets to the Auto Show. Club member Tom Sellers deserves thanks for obtaining the tickets. Visit Dean Sellers Ford when you are in the market for your next car or truck or for service. Be sure to tell them that we appreciate their support of the SMC.

—Martin Rowell and Jim King,  
Special Events Committee

# Groups



## Classic Movie Group

"Three Coins in the Fountain" is Irv Poston's pick for the Monday, February 11th classic movie to be shown from 1:00-3:00PM. This 1954 American romantic comedy introduced the title song sung by Frank Sinatra which has become an enduring standard. The film is a sightseeing tour of Rome with a flying side-trip to Venice. It has inspired many (including me) to seek out the Fountain of Trevi in the eternal city. A Variety review noted that the film "has warmth, humor, a rich dose of romance and almost incredible pictorial appeal." All our classic movies have English subtitles for the hearing challenged.



—Augie Perrotta



## Camera Group

The Camera Group will next meet on Tuesday, February 12 at 2:00PM. Chairman Jaap Delevie will present a commercially enhanced video of a European boat trip he took. The trip starts in northern areas of The Netherlands where we will see small villages and inland lakes. Travel via Amsterdam to the tourist island of Marken, past the Belgian coast through Bruges to the English Channel and the south coast of England. The scenes are unusual and will show what this portion of the world was like before high rises. You will enjoy!

—Jaap Delevie

## 2013 Handbook

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

—Bob Clements



## Book Reading Groups

On Monday, February 6 at 10:30AM, we will discuss "Islam: The Religion & People" by Bernard Lewis. For many people, Islam remains a mystery. Here Bernard Lewis examines Islam: what its adherents believe and how their religion has shaped them, their rich and diverse cultures, and their politics over more than 14 centuries. Considered one of the West's leading experts on Islam, Lewis has written an illuminating introduction for those who want to understand the faith and the global challenges it confronts and presents. Whatever your political, personal, or religious views, this book will help you understand Islam's reality.

On Monday, February 18 at 3:00PM, we will discuss "The Worst Hard Times" by Timothy Egan. The dust storms that terrorized the High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since. Following a dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failure, and the death of loved ones. Brilliantly capturing the terrifying drama of catastrophe, Egan does equal justice to the human characters who become his heroes.

—Ted Chapekis



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, February 13 at 2:45PM, Lori Moore, CPA and Tax Manager at Plante Moran will present "Tax and Financial Planning for 2013 and Beyond." She will discuss recent changes in tax legislation related to individuals and offer tax and financial planning insights. The new laws affect everyone and include some major opportunities/issues. Be there!

Stock Game update - Kirby Callam has expanded his first place lead - up 47.6%. Ted Chapekis (all Ford) is now second with a 33.5% gain. Ed Cox is third followed by Dave Ladd, Al Bosley and Paul Dufault. Over 80% of the participants are above the market averages.

—George Miller

# Special Events

## Detroit Pistons Basketball

The Detroit Pistons will play the New York Knicks at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 6 at 7:30PM.



Thirty reserved \$55 seats are available at the group rate of \$45. The Palace is expected to sell out for this game. Sign up early and we may be able to obtain added seats. Ticket sales will begin on Friday, January 25. Spouses and guests are welcome. This will be a self drive event (no bus). Handicap parking and an elevator to the seating level will facilitate your attendance.

The Pistons are beginning to win with veterans Tayshaun Prince and Rodney Stuckey and their many new players-Brandon Knight, Greg Monroe, Andre Drummond and Kyle Singler. The New York Knicks feature Gold Medal players Carmelo Anthony and Tyson Chandler. Rasheed Wallace, the former Piston star during the championship years, will also return as a Knick.

—Tony DiMarco and Joe Samyn

## Save the Date: April 18

After our speaker, Adam Lovell, Curator, of the Detroit Historical Society, gave his inspiring message on January 18 about the almost completely renovated Detroit Historical Museum, the Special Events Committee is happy to announce that we will be touring the museum this spring. So, save the date. Mark your calendars for April 18th.

—Roger Struck

## Life Member Dues

Last month, we thanked 29 Life Members who voluntarily paid dues to the Club. More recently, we have heard from an additional 19. Many thanks to these generous members. (*We apologize for misspelling Al Shrosbree last month*)

Dick Straight  
Chuck Amann  
Frank Auld  
Ken Brooker  
Bob Clements  
Clarence Hall  
Larry Halloran  
Tom Harrison  
Jerry Heller  
Robert Kelly

Bob Kenning  
John MacInnes  
Stanley Materka  
Jack McLaughlin  
George Mosher  
Jim Nordlie  
Harry Orton  
John Slocum  
Andy Spencer  
John Wells

## Member Information:

- **Mix and Mingle Days** will be reinstated on the last Friday of each month. Members are encouraged to find a different table seating position and make new friendships.

- **The Moment of Interest** presentation on the last Friday of each month will feature a brief description of the duties and responsibilities of a Club officer or a Committee or Group chairman.

- The Publicity Committee is planning the development and mid-week distribution of descriptive information (subject and speaker) of Friday Programs and Discussion Group presentations by e-blast, with the objective of stimulating member interest and attendance.

- John Reddy of the Publicity Committee says that member attire items featuring the Club logo will be available mid-March.

—Dick Harper

## Reminder Distribution

*The Reminder* is delivered to members two ways - by email or by the post office. Email delivery of course costs us nothing, while post office delivery entails printing and postage - about \$1 per copy. Hence, our ongoing campaign to motivate members with email addresses to drop P.O. delivery. And we are having some success. As shown below, delivery by the P.O. has dropped in two years from 506 to 321, but we still Post Office deliver 191 *Reminders* to members with email.

	12/10	12/12
Email Delivery	162	320
Post Office Delivery		
Members without email	216	130
Members with email	290	191
Total Post Office	506	321
Total Delivered	668	641

These 191 members get *The Reminder* two ways. If you are one of the 191, you know that the emailed version arrives a week earlier and is available in beautiful color. Why not tell Bob Beach of the Database Committee that he can drop you from our post office list? RCBeacher@wowway.com.

—Dick Harper



# SMC Gavel Passes to Stuart Shuster



*Stu Shuster and Chuck Kirkpatrick*

At our first meeting this year, Stuart (Stu) Shuster became the 57th President of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club. The "gavel of authority," symbolic of the Club's presidency, was passed to Stu by Charles (Chuck) Kirkpatrick. To complete this leadership triangle, Stu presented the past president plaque to Chuck.

In the tradition of the office, both Stu and Chuck have had distinguished careers as business executives, community leaders, and Senior Men's Club leaders. As Chuck moves on from a formal leadership position, we owe him a special debt of gratitude for a job well done under trying circumstances, namely ongoing health problems. Looking ahead, we value Chuck's experience and insights, and expect him to continue to be fully involved with the SMC.

—Chuck Ragains

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**William T. Stephenson**, joined November 1999

**George L. Weaver**, (Life) joined March 1989

**John H. Greening**, (Life), joined October 1994

**William T. Reilly**, joined March 1994

### Resigned:

**Thomas J. Johnson**

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Robert C. Beach, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

## Mystery Lyrics



Once again we learned that many of our members and their wives have great memories about song lyrics. Thirteen readers remembered that these lines:

*Are the stars out tonight?*

*I don't know if it's cloudy or bright*

are the opening lines of "I Only Have Eyes For You."

So congratulations to Pete Good, Frank Meida, Dolly (Bill) Johnson, Chuck O'Connell, Dave and Mary Schwartz, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Don and Audrey Upward, Chuck and Isabel Himelhoch, Tom McNally, Clay Gordon, Larry Smith, Mary (John) Slocum and Sherwin Vine.

Let's hope that this month's mystery lyrics are more challenging:

*Stars shining bright above you*

*Night breezes seem to whisper I love you*

*Birds singing in the Sycamore tree*

Can you name that tune? (Hint - think Mama Cass).

## Baseball Trivia

We almost "stumped the panel" when we asked you to identify this ballplayer in the last issue. Three readers thought it might be Billy Martin, others suggested Charley Gehringer, Hank Greenberg and even Ted Williams.



Only Frank Meida recognized that it was Tiger President Mike Ilitch, who was a member of the 1952 Jamestown Falcons.

What Major League pitcher once said "If I'd a-known he was going to throw a no-hitter, I'da thrown one too" after his brother pitched a no-hitter in the second game of a double header?

—Dick Harper

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## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 12, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, February 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

### Group Meetings

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

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

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, February 11, 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, February 12, 2:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, February 13, 2:45PM

**Computer Group:** No meeting in February

*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>



# Holiday Hostess Luncheon



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