

The Reminder



October 2017

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Pradeep "Pete" Mehra

International Expert in Purchasing & Energy Management

Member "Pete" Mehra served as an executive with expertise in the electricity and natural gas industries in many countries and was recognized for leadership in restructuring in the electricity industry.

Pradeep "Pete" Mehra was born in Kanpur, India in 1942. He started boarding school at the age of seven. Later he attended LaMartiniere College and the University of Rookee, earning a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then worked two years in the U.S. before attending Purdue, where he was a Krannert Scholar – a top engineering honor awarded the highest rated engineers in his class of 150.



In August 1966, Pete earned his Master of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. While on campus, Pete was interviewed and hired by Ford Motor Company – a relationship which would span 35 years. At Ford, Pete worked in manufacturing, finance, purchasing and energy management. His Ford accomplishments included:

- Serving as Vice President of Energy Efficiency and Supply – Ford Motor Land Services
- Created, staffed and trained Ford's global Energy Efficiency and Supply Department, which provides energy services to 150 Ford facilities world wide
- Testified as an expert witness before several United States Senate and House of Representatives committees on energy and power.

Pete has owned his own consulting company: Mehra Energy Consulting LLC, which provided expertise on electricity and natural gas industries to companies world wide.

The Senior Men's Club provides Pete an outlet for many of his interests. He participates in the Camera, Investment and Computer Groups. He has enjoyed the Golf Group

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Senior Health Matters

Warning Signs That You May Need to Quit Driving-Modified from MetLife's "Your Life"

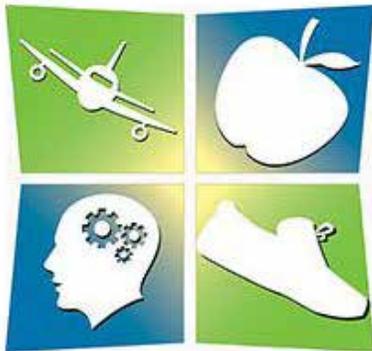
Aging doesn't cause bad driving. However, many older adults are at higher risk of accidents because of medications, or medical conditions such as sight (e.g. age related macular degeneration), hearing problems, Alzheimer disease and arthritis. You may no longer be a safe driver if you:

- Stop at a green light
- Stop when there is no stop sign
- Mistake the gas pedal for the brake
- Find traffic signs or signals confusing
- Run red lights without realizing it
- Get lost in familiar places
- Change lanes without looking

If you believe it's no longer safe for you to drive, talk to a health care provider or rehabilitation center for guidance. They can counsel older drivers about their options and provide adaptive equipment and services.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, D.O.

Boomer Summit



On Saturday, October 14 a special program is planned for Boomers & Beyond. We are invited to join leaders from around the nation for an exciting event – a high-energy program featuring speakers, music and giveaways offering

opportunities and inspiration to help us make the most of the next and best years ahead.

This program will feature such headliners as Chuck Gaidica, Dave Bing, Kerry Hannon, Alicia Simon, Ginna Holmes, and Lomas Brown and will be presented by NEXT, the City of Birmingham, the Baldwin Library & the Principal Shopping District. Event will be held at the Seaholm Auditorium from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Tickets are \$10 – register at www.BirminghamNext.org.

Games

Golf

The leaves are beginning to change and a brisk wind reminds us of impending weather changes, but we hearty men are still chasing that little ball around the golf links. To bring you up to date since our last communication:



The Annual 3-Club Tournament at Springdale was held on Thursday, August 17 – five golfers scored better than their averages and received cash prizes:

- Tony Parrottino (-1.7)
- Ty Perkins (-1.7)
- Jay Hall (-1.0)
- Chuck Robinson (-0.5)
- Roger L'Heureux (-0.4)

Tickets for the 2017 Golf Banquet at The Community House on Wednesday, October 11, are on sale and will be available at both Monday and Thursday golf sessions – see Tom Waffan, Ed Jones, Tom Schrifft or Tim McGee.

The cost is \$50 – please make checks out to SMCB or pay cash. Remember – everyone who has played a minimum of 3 rounds during the year will have a chance to win a great prize – like new shoes, Greg Norman shirts, shorts or many other fine golf related items.

—Tim McGee

Bowling

Your intrepid bowlers are back in action in the alley – actually at Troy Lanes. Yes, our league has begun play and looks forward to a season of tough, spirited competition combined with great fellowship and camaraderie. We do have fun.

However, we are always looking for new bowlers. Even if you haven't picked up a ball for some time, we encourage you to try - Troy Lanes (on East Square Lake Rd. in Troy) has house balls and shoes and we would welcome you – every Monday at 10:00AM. Please call our chairman Rich Volpe (248-417-5435) or at RFaV13@gmail.com with any questions.

—Maynard Timm

Groups



Investment Group

The Investment Group will meet on Wednesday, October 11, at 2:45PM. Our speaker will be Robert Kmec of Schwab & Co. who will tell us everything we need to know about ETF's to make successful investment decisions with his presentation "ETF Strategic Uses and Automated Portfolios." (Did you know that the number of ETF's now available far exceeds the number of individual stocks?).

Our annual and popular Capital Stock game will start Friday, October 13 – no rule changes this year. Entry forms available at Friday meetings – start picking your winners!

—George Miller



Camera Group

The Camera Group will next meet on Tuesday, October 10, at 2:00PM. Speaker and subject are being finalized and will be communicated via eBlast.

—Harry Bloom



Classic Movie Group

This month Irv Poston will present two versions of the all-time classic musical "Oklahoma!" The first version was released in 1955 and stars Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones. The second version was released in 1999 and stars Hugh Jackman and a superb British cast in a beautifully produced update of this classic story. The 1955 film will be presented on Monday, October 9, and the 1999 film will be presented on Monday, October 23, each at 1:00PM. Both films will be presented in the high def Blu-Ray format on our large screen. Note that both of these films run close to three hours, but we will have an intermission and plenty of great popcorn for your enjoyment. Both versions of this Rogers and Hammerstein classic are outstanding in all respects. So please plan to join Irv and attend each movie with family and friends to enjoy these outstanding musicals.

—Fred Hansz



Computer Group

The Computer Group has organized a very special program for October. We will meet on Wednesday, October 18, at 9:00AM at the Apple Store at Somerset North. (Note this time change – before normal store opening time). We will have the store and Apple staff all to ourselves to answer questions and discuss any and all Apple products. While the new camera won't be available, we should be able to learn all about it.

—Tom Allen



Reading Groups

On Wednesday, October 4, at 10:30AM, we will discuss "The Autobiography of Mark Twain, Vol. I." Published in 2010 on the 100th anniversary of Mark Twain's death, this book became an instant bestseller, and highlights Mark Twain's authentic and unsuppressed voice, brimming with humor, ideas, and opinions. Roger Timm will lead this discussion. So put this one on your calendar.

On Monday, October 16, at 3:00PM, we will discuss "America's Bitter Pill: Money, Politics, Backroom Deals, and the Fight to Fix Our Broken Healthcare System", by Steven Brill. Join us to discuss this insider's guide to how the Affordable Care Act (i.e. Obamacare) was written, and how it is succeeding and failing to change the healthcare system. Jim Labes will lead our discussion.

—Frank Snower



Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will next meet on Monday, October 2, at 2:00 PM at The Community House.

SMCB's Ed Cox will be presenting his family Genealogy history which was initiated by his grandfather and passed on through the generations. Few families have had this opportunity to share such personal history.

Ed was the first chairman of our Genealogy Group. He brings a wealth of information on how to compile your family history.

—Dave Bakos

A Very Special Event!

A special musical program featuring well known professional flutist (and recent new Club member) Alexander Zonjic is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, at The Community House. This much anticipated performance will be a highlight of our 60th anniversary celebration. Tickets are now on sale and are selling quickly - quantity limited. So, if you plan to attend and include family, friends and neighbors, contact one of the following "Ticket Touts" and get your tickets now - Malcolm Hendy, John Flintosh, Bob Stevenson, Mike Clement, Augie Perrotta, Randy Barnett, Charlie Blank, Dick Bradley, Dick Kamp, Arthur Kaye, Jay Reynolds, Martin Rowell or Jerry Stribbell.

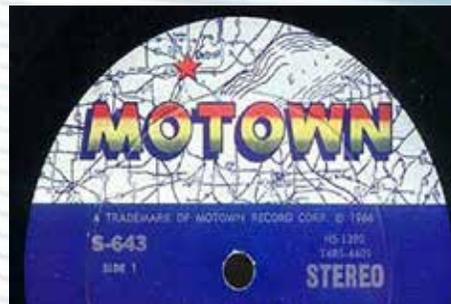
—Malcolm Hendy

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM

*Celebrate Our 60th Anniversary
with*
Zonjic Meets Motown
Motown Classics, R&B & All that jazz...



ALEXANDER ZONJIC & FRIENDS WITH SERIEUX [A TEMPTATIONS MOTOWN TRIBUTE]



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, 2017

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

380 BATES STREET

BIRMINGHAM, MI

TICKETS \$50 (includes Afterglow) DOORS OPEN: 6:30PM CONCERT STARTS: 7:30PM

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Dues are Due

Treasurer John Groves and his hard working team are ready to accept payment of member 2018 dues at Friday meetings. Alternatively, you can use the coupon below to pay by mail.

SMC 2018 Dues Coupon

2018 dues are payable before January 1, 2018. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2018. 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.*

2018 Club Handbook

Preparations for development and publication of our 2018 Handbook are underway. John Zarek and Jack Burns of the Handbook Committee need complete listings of each Club Committee and Group – chairmen and members. In addition, Frank Snower of the Data Base Committee needs any member information changes for handbook listings (address, phone, e-mail).

The input deadline for all information to support December printing plans is November 1. We will appreciate support of all Chairmen and individual members.

—John Zarek, Jack Burns and Frank Snower

Dress Code

President Dick Kamp has announced that our regular dress code – coats required, ties preferred – will be back in effect starting with our October meetings. Our “fashion police” be will observing to ensure that we maintain our reputation as the best dressed men in Birmingham.



Team Color Day

The Executive Board has approved holding a special Team Color Day as suggested by President Dick Kamp.

This event will be part of our regular Club meeting on September 29.

Members are

encouraged to wear clothing with the colors of their favorite college or professional football team. Suit coats and ties will not be necessary for this meeting.

A special tailgate lunch will be served, priced at \$15. This should be a lot of fun – search your closet for that sweater, shirt, hat or whatever with your favorite college or pro team colors. The best dressed attendee will get a free lunch.



—Dick Harper

Special Events

Christmas Dinner Dance

This year's Senior Men's Club Christmas Dinner Dance will take place on Tuesday, December 12, 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 5:30PM featuring an antipasto table and a cash bar. We will be seated at 6:45PM for announcements and introductions, followed by dinner at 7PM and dancing thereafter. Free valet parking service will be provided.

The ticket price for this event is \$50 per person. Tickets will go on sale at the Special Events table on Fridays from November 10 through December 8. Reserved group tables will be available upon request, but we will be happy to arrange tables for singles and couples as well. You are encouraged to invite non-member guests to join us at this event. Last minute ticket sales (after December 8) may be arranged by contacting Tony DiMarco at 248-643-7368.

Tables normally accommodate 8 persons. For those who wish to sit together at a table, table reservation forms will be available on Friday, November 3, one week before ticket sales begin. We ask that groups reserving tables please designate one person to collect the ticket fees and meal choices for the group and make one payment for the table.

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 roughly with lemon garnish; along with side dishes of green beans and St. Anne potatoes. A gluten-free and a vegetarian option will also be available. Dinner will conclude with a raspberry sundae dessert. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening, with cocktails/wine at \$5, beer at \$2, and free soft drinks. The San Marino Club will be festively decorated in a Christmas motif, with flowers and candles at each table. A four piece stringed instrument group with vocalist will entertain us through the evening, opening with a salute to the Armed Forces followed by a sing along and nostalgic/seasonal favorites for our listening and dancing pleasure during the evening. The SMC Chorus will also serenade us with songs of the season.

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

—Jim King

Guys and Dolls - Stratford

Our annual trip to Stratford will be on Tuesday, October 10, to see and experience that all-time great musical *Guys and Dolls*. The ticket price of \$125 covers your show entry, bus transportation from the First Presbyterian Church, lunch buffet before the show and snacks from Tim Hortons on our way home.

Please make sure your passports are up to date and that you and/or your companion have not had a significant medical event within the 72 hour period immediately preceding the date of the event.

The *Detroit Free Press* rated this as a 4-star event with great performances. Tickets are on sale through September 29, but get your ticket soon as we are selling out.

—Riggs Miller

**GUYS
AND
DOLLS**

Classic Movie Group Annual Meeting

The Classic Movie Group will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, from 1:00-3:00PM in The Community House, for the purpose of selecting the films to be shown next year. If you would like to make some suggestions, or possibly sponsor one of your favorite movies for presentation in the coming year, please plan to join us. You can also let any member of our group know of any films that you would like to see on the big screen in 2018.

—Fred Hansz, Chairman

To Life Member:

Bryant D. Oxendine

Wenzel F. Koch

Robert J. McDonald

Deaths:

James B. Hinkamp, (Life) joined March, 1987

Robert M. Hebert, (Life) joined October, 1995

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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Frank Snower, Database Chairman

—Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, Photography

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Pete Mehra

where he gets to know other members. He speaks highly of our Friday meetings and speakers, saying "I look forward to hearing outstanding speakers every week on timely topics – politics, sports, health and investments".

Pete and his wife Devika live in Bloomfield Township where they raised their son and daughter. They attend the Hindu Temple in Troy, Michigan where they have been members since its founding.

—Chuck Ragains

New Associates Meeting

All associate members are invited to the Associates Orientation meeting on Friday, October 6, at 9:00AM at The Community House. All eligible associates will receive a reminder letter. Any questions should be directed to Associate Chairman John Klein at 248-363-3020 or klein60@yahoo.com.

—John Klein

Here Comes the Jug!

Our annual contribution campaign in support of the Oakland County Children's Village will be launched on Friday, October 27.

Mr. Greg Alessi, OCCV Administrator will provide a brief review of the mission, services and facilities of this non-profit organization – the only such agency the Club supports other than The Community House. We have been doing so for more than 30 years.

Please plan to bring your contribution – cash or check payable to OCCV on October 27 and help fill our jug.

Remember, as we always note, our jug will hold just as many large bills and checks as small ones, so please be generous. Contributions, of course, are tax deductible. Our goal is to have all members participate.

—Dick Halsted

Mystery Lyrics



Last month we thought we had an unusual and challenging question for readers. We asked if you could remember a very minor and obscure item from "The Graduate" movie. A guest approached Dustin Hoffman at his graduation party and gave him a one word career path recommendation. Not as difficult as we thought, since nine knowledgeable readers told us it was "plastics". Hearty congratulations to John Flintosh, Irv Poston, Gerard Andree, Maynard Timm, John Dueweke, Tom McNally, Fred Hansz, Bob Gardner and Roger Timm. Irv told us this was easy for him, since plastics was a major focus of his business career.

Let's go back to mystery lyrics, with these lines from an old Peggy Lee tune:

*"You had plenty money
nineteen twenty two
You let other women
make a fool of you"*

Can you name that tune?

Sports Trivia

Sometimes the trivia challenge proves difficult. We asked if you could recall the names of four Detroit Lion defensive backs whose last names started with L and who played together. Only the Timm brothers – Maynard and Roger - and the ever present Pete Kass knew these were Dick "Night Train" Lane, Gary Lowe, Yale Lary and Dick LeBeau. Ben Mangiapane got two of the four, but these were the only respondents.

Let's try another NFL defensive back challenge – hopefully not too obscure. Who was known as "The Hatchet"?

—Dick Harper

THE REMINDER

A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which meets on Fridays at 10:30AM at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2017 are: Richard A. (Dick) Kamp, president; Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, first vice president; Timothy S. McGee, second vice-president; Gerald W. (Jerry) Stribbell, recording secretary; Roger T. Timm, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. (Jim) Bayson, assistant treasurer; Richard W. (Dick) Judy and Larry R. Imerman, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, editor; John Flintosh, Chuck Ragains, and Maynard Timm, associate editors; Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, photography; Bob Jordan, mailing; Lee Trumbull, computer layout.

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, October 13

Bowling: Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes

Bridge: Tuesdays at 9:00AM; Fridays after lunch

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

Thursday Golf at Springdale, 7:30AM

Special Events

Guys and Dolls at Stratford: Tuesday, October 10

Zonjic Meets Motown: Thursday, November 16, 6:30PM

Annual Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 12, 5:30PM

Group Meetings

Genealogy Group: Monday, October 2, 2:00PM

Book Reading Group A: Wednesday, October 4, 10:30AM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, October 9, 1:00PM

Monday, October 23, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, October 10, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, October 11, 2:45PM

Book Reading Group B: Monday, October 16, 3:00PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, October 18, 9:00AM (note time change)

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC ON THE WEB:

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