

The Reminder



March 2016

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Jim Bayson: Focus on Quality Improvements

Jim Bayson is a classic example of a Senior Men's Club member who contributes his time experience and expertise not only to the Club, but also to the business community and the large community.

A club member since 2009, Jim has received the President's Award in recognition of his leadership of the Club's ad hoc Improvement Committee. He established a process by which proposed Club improvements can be identified and adopted efficiently.

Jim's professional career included 40 years as a Certified Public Accountant. He is an expert in all areas of accounting, auditing, tax and management consulting. He retired as an Audit Partner of Plante & Moran. One highlight was the preparation of a video about fraud in General Motors dealerships, which was broadcast to 5000 General Motors dealerships.

His resume includes a number of community and non-profit organizations for which he has held leadership roles:

- The State of Michigan Board of Accountancy



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APRIL CHAIRMAN: Larry Imerman

- 1 John Lawson, Executive Director, Detroit Urban Debate League *The Detroit Urban Debate League*

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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Robert Beach, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

A U.S. Congressman recently introduced a bill which would prohibit airlines from reducing plane seat size.

No word yet as to whether we should expect any bill prohibiting passengers from gaining weight.

Games

Winter Golf

Winter golf practice at the Oakland Yard Dome continues every Thursday until the Springdale course opens. Cost is \$10 each for all the balls you care to hit between 9:30AM and 11:30AM. Lunch follows at Hero's Restaurant.

Upcoming March events at the Dome:

- March 10: Swing tidied up by Edgewood Country Club golf pro Dave Vanloozen.
- March 17: Annual Putting Contest

The Chipping contests have a \$3 entrance fee and the leagues will contribute \$2. The fees will be split 50%/30%/20% to the first top 3 winners.

The Dome is located at 5328 Highland, Waterford, 248-673-0100.

—The Golf Committees

Bowling

We are about halfway through the second portion of our bowling season, and four teams are contending for leadership, with only two points separating first from fourth place. Looks like we will have close competition for the rest of the season – makes our bowling exciting.

Our last bowling session saw some outstanding individual scoring. Jack Corey, with a 139 average, bowled a great 209 game – a fantastic 70 pins over his average. And Maynard Timm – new with us this year – had the pins jumping. He totaled 474 for his three games – more than 100 pins over his average. Phil Buccini came back tanned from time in the sun, and continues with our best average at 171.

We are still looking for new bowlers to replace snowbirds – just show up at Troy Lanes on Square Lake Rd. before 10:00AM any Monday – we practice Wednesday at the same time, if you would like to try that first.

—Dick Harper

Monday Golf

Cailleach, the Celtic Goddess of Winter is seeing her powers diminish as the sun pushes north toward the vernal equinox. Brigid, the Celtic Goddess of Spring is joyfully growing her powers. Brigid promises that on April 25th the weather will be sunny, warm, and with a southwest breeze wafting across Birmingham.

By mystic coincidence, April 25th is the date that Monday Golf begins at Lincoln Hills, so we can look forward to a very pleasant opening day. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board at all regular Friday meetings beginning February 19th. To reserve your tee time to play on a REGULAR BASIS (for all 16 weeks) the committee needs your name and your check for \$224 (same as last year) by Friday, April 8. Make your check payable to the Senior Men's Club and give it to Tim McGee or Chuck Travers. Available tee times run from 7:30AM through 9:00AM.

If you wish to play as a WALK-ON, we need your name on the sign-up sheet.

—The Golf Committees

Officers at Large



Bob Hayes

Each year, we elect 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, petition or ideas”. In simpler terms, they are the communication bridge between the members and the Board. They attend Executive Board meetings and report any member issues, questions or suggestions (or even complaints) for appropriate action or resolution.

Members serving in this capacity for 2016 are Bob Hayes and Ted Schuster. Both are very active and well known and have served the Club in multiple capacities. They attend most Friday meetings and, of course, will welcome member comments and/or suggestions.



Ted Schuster

—Dick Harper



CONTEST! New Member Recruiting

For some time now, Club members have been encouraged to sponsor friends, neighbors, and other acquaintances for membership in the SMC. We recently updated our promotional brochure to help spread the word about how great a Club we have. We have scheduled free lunch days for member prospects.

And these efforts have been paying off. Our new Associate count reached 73 at the end of 2015 – a steady climb from 48 a few years back. Don't forget – these 73 are mostly new Associates, replacing others who have entered full membership.

Now the Improvement Committee is launching a new program to continue this momentum – via a special contest. We recently discovered three American Silver Eagle dollar coins which at one time were thank you gifts of appreciation for Friday speakers.

The Board of Directors has approved a special program – a contest actually – which would use these boxed coins as a prize. The winner will be the Club member who sponsors the most new Associates from January 1, 2015 through December, 2016. We want to include last year to give credit for previous member recruiting efforts.

We hope lots of you will accept this challenge, pick up brochures from Pete Kass and start recruiting. Stand by for interim reports.

—Dick Harper

Senior Health Matters

Physical Activity May Improve Memory and Cognition in Older Adults

A study published in the November 27, 2015 Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society from the Boston University School of Medicine examined the relationship between physical activity, memory and cognition.

The researchers found that older adults who take more steps by either walking or jogging perform better on memory tasks than their peers who are less active.

Everyone knows that physical activity is a critical component to ward off obesity and cardiovascular-related disease. Knowing that a lack of physical activity may negatively impact one's memory should motivate senior men to be more active.

The Senior Men's Club has a Walking Group that meets at Somerset Mall North on Tuesday and Thursday during the winter's inclement weather at 8:00AM. This is followed by a coffee klatch during which all our country's socioeconomic and political problems are solved.

For further details, contact Charley Blank at bclank56@gmail.com or 248-390-8208.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO
Chairman, Visitation-Health



NAME THAT DUDE



Our initial challenge for readers to identify a current member from his high school photo clearly was difficult.

Only Art Byington recognized Jack Corey from his high school senior photo - and Art admits he had an advantage having been in the Boy Scouts with Jack.

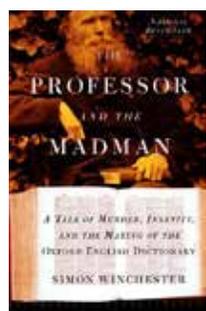
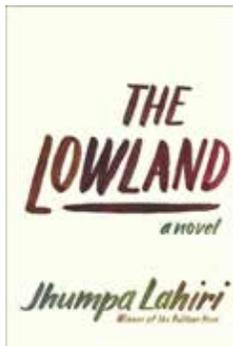
Let's try again – here's a senior (high school, that is) photo of a well known and active member. Can you guess who this might be?

Groups



Reading Groups

On Wednesday, March 2 at 10:30AM, we will tackle Jhumpa Lahiri's novel, "Lowland," which grapples with the complex interactions between personal conflicts and political struggles. The principal character, a man named Subhash, born in Calcutta, has emigrated to the U.S. Subhash returns home to console his parents after his brother is killed — but ends up marrying his brother's fiancée, who was pregnant — and then bringing her with him back to the U.S.



On Monday, March 21 at 3:00PM, we will discuss Simon Winchester's "The Professor and the Madman." This book shows how the Oxford English Dictionary—a book that took 70 years to complete and that had 414,825 definitions, each illustrated by examples—made use of thousands of definitions by Dr. William Chester

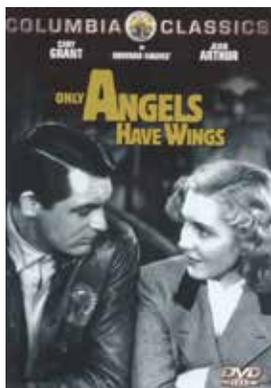
Minor who, while writing all these definitions, was a patient in an insane asylum!

—Frank Auld



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, March 14 at 1:00PM, John Paesano will present one of his favorite films, "Only Angels Have Wings" (1939). This classic movie, directed by Howard Hawks, stars Gary Grant, Jean Arthur, Richard Barthelmess and Rita Hayworth in an absorbing drama that looks at the relationships among air freight pilots stationed in South America and how things heat up when a showgirl is introduced into their lives. This entertaining and exciting film is a potent combination of humor, romance and action that is sure to please all viewers. Expect a bright clear picture, with subtitles, excellent sound and great popcorn.



—Fred Hansz



Investment Group

On Wednesday, March 9 at 2:45PM, Bill Halbert, Senior VP, Morgan Stanley and SMC member will address us for the 30th straight year. His presentation title will be "Morgan Stanley: On the Markets for 2016 – Portfolios for Reliable Income".

Only four participants are plus in the Stock Game – Bob Parker, Kevin Heintz and John Murray, led by Ed Biskup with a 5.4% gain. A record 51 members have losses.

When will the spring rally start? Maybe Bill Halbert can tell us!

—George Miller



Computer Group

Tom Allen will speak Wednesday, March 16 at 3:00PM at The Community House. Topic will be "How to Buy Technology Devices and Services". Tom will discuss how to be a smart buyer of technology devices, services, and software and get the most value for the buck. He will cover computers (laptops, desktops), cable service, tablets, smartphones, software, and flat screen TVs. This is a repeat of the well received presentation Tom made on this topic at the Royal Oak Computer Club. Tom is an electrical, computer, and mechanical engineer and project manager with many years experience developing and maintaining computer systems.



Camera Group

On Tuesday, March 8 at 2:00PM, SMC member and past president Irv Poston will discuss "Enhancing Photos for Sharing." The presentation will show what can be done with the basic software that is already on your computer without having specialty programs like Photoshop. You will see how your digital images can be manipulated for sharing with friends via prints, newsletters, Christmas cards, etc. The emphasis will be on making better photos by adjusting brightness, contrast, sizing, cropping, combining photos, and adding and deleting people.

—John Slocum

Special Events

Islamic Mosque & Arab Museum

Salaam everyone. A fascinating opportunity awaits us on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. We will explore both the Islamic religion and the Arab culture in the United States. We will visit the Islamic Center of America which has the largest Mosque in North America, and was selected by CNN as one of the eight religious wonders in the U.S. It includes the accredited k-8 Muslim American Youth Academy. Also, we will visit the Arab American Museum. Both are located in nearby Dearborn and both have strong interfaith and intercultural outreach programs. A lecture and Q & A will be conducted at each location.

The Islamic Center's presentation in its spectacular Mosque will describe the surprising similarities and differences of Christianity, Judaism and Islam. In accordance with religious protocol, ladies are requested to wear long sleeves and hair covering before entering the Mosque. Clean hair scarves will be provided if needed. All participants are requested to remove their shoes before entering the Mosque. Chairs will be set up to assist in your shoe removal.

The Museum presentation and tour will illustrate the ethnic presence and cultural diversity of the 22 nations represented in the Arab community. An authentic Arab cuisine lunch will be provided in the Museum's ornate indoor courtyard, including a choice of beef or chicken Shawarma sandwiches, or Falafel (vegetarian) sandwiches.

Tickets are priced at \$40 including lunch. They will be on sale beginning February 26. The bus will arrive at the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at 8:15AM, leave at 8:45AM and will return by 3:15PM. The presentations at the Islamic Center and the Arab American Museum will provide much stimulating material for your Q & A's.

—Wenzel Koch

SMC Member Volunteering

One of the stated objectives of the Senior Men's Club is "the rendering of community service" We are well aware that many of our members do volunteer in the community and for an extensive list of organizations and agencies. On several occasions, we have asked members for such information and compiled an impressive list. Member Charlie Blank has accepted the responsibility of heading up a Club activity to motivate more member participation and to suggest available volunteering opportunities.

Larry Imerman, who is serving as Discussion Group chairman for 2016, plans to carry this message forward with special Discussion Group presentations. Club members who volunteer at agencies and organizations will be scheduled to describe the rewards of volunteering during the year. This will begin with a presentation in April on volunteering opportunities at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital by member Dick Harper and a representative from the Beaumont Office of Volunteer Services. Hopefully, information on such opportunities will motivate expanded member involvement.

Members who would be willing to describe where and how they volunteer are encouraged to contact Larry at Limerman@sbcglobal.net and offer to participate in what should be an exciting subject. Don't wait for Larry to contact you.

2016 SMC Handbook

The 2016 Handbook was made available at Friday meetings during January and February. Members can still request a copy from Jack Burns of the Handbook Committee at 248-644-7619 or at JackBurns1@comcast.net.

—John Zarek, Handbook Committee



Swarn Rajpal with Attorney Dana Nessel who spoke on "LGBT Rights in Michigan"

Jim Bayson

- The Board of Directors of the American Red Cross of SE Michigan (past Chairman)
- The Board of Directors of the Judson Center (past Chairman)
- The Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Detroit (current Chairman)

Jim holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from the University of Michigan. He and his wife Barbara are residents of West Bloomfield.

—Chuck Ragains

Life Members Paying Dues

Every year we are impressed by the number of Life Members who express their affection and support for the Senior Men's Club by voluntarily paying dues. Last month we listed 51 such generous members. Here are more who merit our thanks: Mark Richards; Dave Schwartz; John Villa; Tom Sandercock; Tom Shipley; Roger Vogel.

Our finance staff will be more than happy to accept more voluntary dues payments.

Past Due Membership Payments

We are doing much better this year with member dues payments. As of the writing, Treasurer John Groves and Bill Burnie report that only 85 are yet to pay their 2016 dues. Second notices are going out which include the added late fee of \$10. A coupon shown below is for your paying convenience – \$50 dues are still a great bargain for membership in such a great club.

SMC to Auto Show



"Whaddya mean Ford is better than Chrysler?!"



"My rear is better than yours!"

SMC 2016 Dues Coupon

2016 dues were payable before January 1, 2016. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2016. 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

Last month we asked readers to remember an old jazz tune with these lyric lines:



*I've been consulted by Franklin D.
Greta Garbo has had me to tea
Still I'm broken hearted*

Only seven recognized these lines as being from the old Bunny Berigan tune "I Can't Get Started With You." I have this song on a 12 inch 78 rpm record. Congratulations to Chuck Connell, Fred Hansz, Tom and Rose Marie Venier, John and Lorraine Parker, Clay Gordon, Dick and Norma Secrest. Bunny both sings and plays great trumpet on this one. This month we will see if you can remember a World War II song with these lyrics:

*And then I'll get the other pup
The guy who wakes the bugler up*

Can you name that tune and the group with the most popular version?

Sports Trivia

We continued with Army football team challenges last month, asking if you could remember the coach and the quarterback of the great Army team of the mid 40's (the Blanchard/Davis era). Only Lynn Evans, Pete Kass, Bob Klein, Clay Gordon and Dick Smith remembered that the coach was Earl Blaik. The quarterback proved to be more challenging, but Bob, Clay and Dick remembered it was Arnold Tucker.

Pete Kass suggested this challenging trivia – in the all star baseball game of 1934, Carl Hubbell struck out the first 5 American Leaguers he faced. How many of them can you name? Getting three would be great, getting more likely impossible?

—Dick Harper

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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 2016 are: Eugene P. Jacoby, president; Richard A. Kamp, first vice president; Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, second vice president; Timothy S. McGee, recording secretary; Gerald W. Stribbell, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. Bayson, assistant treasurer; Robert I. Hayes and Theodore J. Schuster, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

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

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 15, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, March 11

Bowling: Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes

Bridge: Fridays after lunch

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

Special Events

Islamic Mosque & Arab Museum: Wednesday, April 6, 8:15AM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, March 2, 10:30AM
Group B: Monday, March 21, 3:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, March 9, 2:45PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, March 14, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, March 8, 2:00PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, March 16, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC ON THE WEB:

www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com

www.tchserves.org/outreach-and-clubs/clubs/senior-mens-club-of-birmingham

SMC AT THE DETROIT AUTO SHOW



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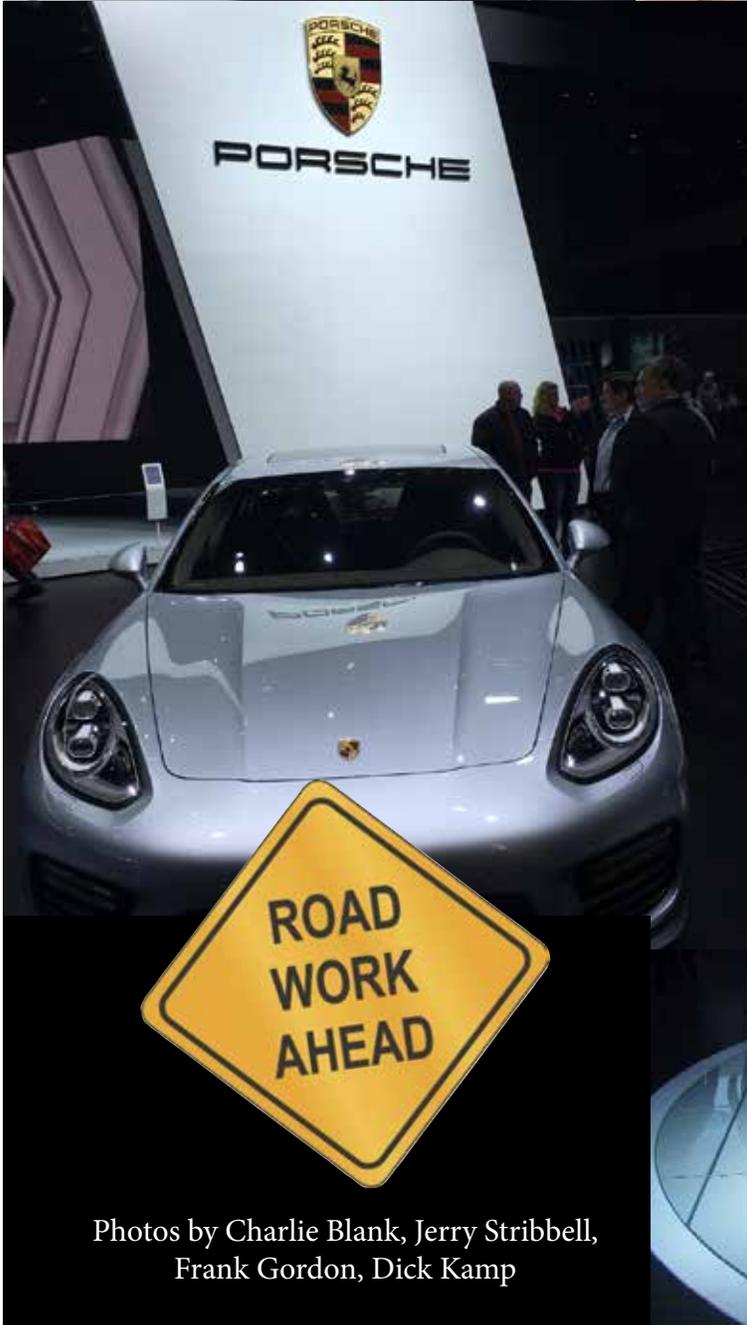


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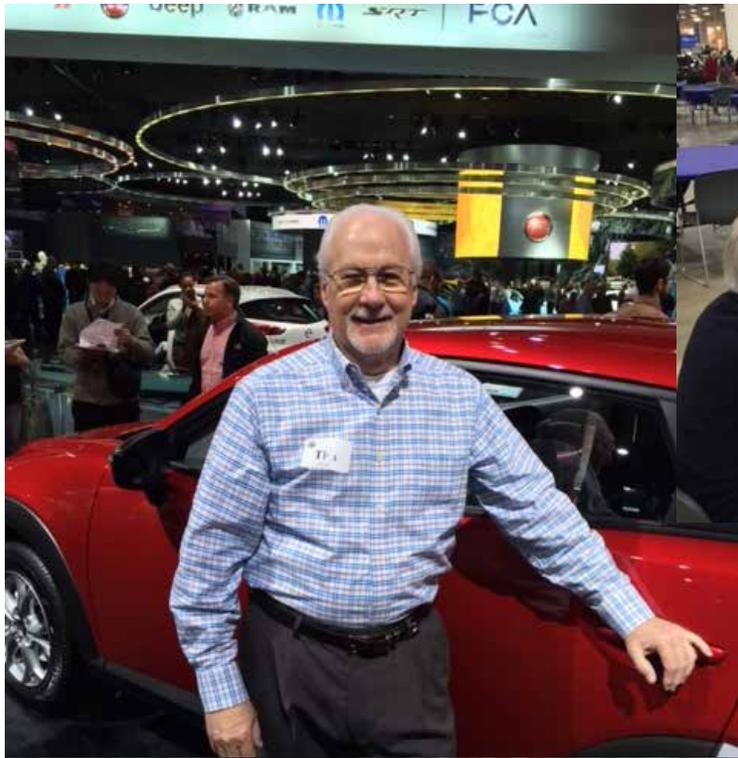




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