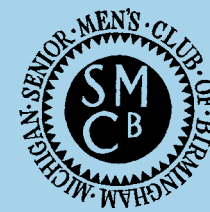


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February 2012

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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## 55th Inauguration Day

The first week of the new year was highlighted by the renewal of several club traditions. At the weekly meeting on January 6, outgoing President John Flintosh passed "the gavel of authority," symbolizing the transfer of the presidential office, to incoming President



Charles (Chuck) Kirkpatrick - the continuity and solid leadership of the Senior Men's Club is assured.



Past President Irv Poston presented the past president plaque to John Flintosh in recognition of the outstanding job he accomplished in 2011.

The wealth of talented leaders continues to be in evidence. May it ever be so!

—Chuck Ragains

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: Ted Schuster

- 3 Phil Powers, former owner of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers ..... *The Center for Michigan: Michigan's Citizenship Company*
- 10 Dr. C. Robert Maxfield, Oakland University .... *The American Public School: Is it a Dream or an Illusion?*
- 17 John Lindstrom, Publisher, Gongwer News Service ..... *What's Happening in Michigan Politics*
- 24 Dr. Eric Hill, Architect and University of Michigan Professor ..... *Michigan Modern Architecture*

## MARCH PROGRAMS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Mike Albright

- 2 Tony Rothschild, President & CEO of Common Ground ..... *Common Ground: Moving People from Crisis to Hope*

## FEBRUARY DISCUSSIONS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: Julian Grenebaum

- 3 Courtney Thompson, Outreach Director, The Center for Michigan ..... *Community Conversation: (This meeting will run to 1:45PM, 15 minutes longer than usual) The Future of Michigan*
- 10 Dr. John Silverman, Cardiovascular Medicine, Beaumont Health System..... *Ask the Doctor: An Open Discussion of Heart Health Issues*
- 17 Dr. Lylas Mogk, Director, Henry Ford Center for Vision Rehabilitation and Research ..... *Macular Degeneration: Lowering Your Risk*
- 24 Paul Cicchini, SMC Life Member ..... *The American Dream*

## MARCH DISCUSSIONS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Irvin Poston

- 2 Dr. Steven Wang, Interventional Radiologist, Miller Vein ..... *Vein Health: Why This is Important to You and the People You Know*

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## Deaths:

**Frederick J. Shaw**, joined April 2010

**E. Bruce Mumford (LOA)**, joined July 2006

**Thomas W. Roberts (Life)**, joined January 1989

**Robert R. Mandy (Life)**, joined January 1999

**L. Al Wagner (Life)**, joined October 1992

**George B. Bauer**, joined May 2005

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—Pete Kass

Membership Chairman

—John M. Steele

Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster & Tom Booth

Photography

# Groups



## Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, February 15 at 3:00PM at The Community House. John Steele, Chairman of the Database Group, will give a live demonstration of the SMC web pages accessible through The Community House website. John will show how to access both the SMC web page available to anyone, as well as the members-only page. The members-only web page is used as an e-mail list as well as for archived important club files. Members not familiar with this website are encouraged to attend this meeting.

—Ron Denton



## Camera Group

The Camera Group will next meet on Tuesday, February 14 at 2:00PM. Our program will be a most interesting presentation by Past President Irv Poston entitled "A Family Cruise to the Western Caribbean". Irv will take us through this fascinating trip with a broad array of visual highlights - cruise staff pictures, personal videos, CD's of photos, DVD of pictures and videos, family photos, activities on board, under water and on land, plus personal photo books and albums - truly multi-dimensional. Don't miss this one!

—Jaap B. Delevie



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, February 8 at 2:45PM Bill Halbert, Senior VP, Smith Barney will discuss the 2012 market outlook. The title of his presentation is "Raging Bull Thesis." Bill has spoken to the SMC Investment Group for 26 years; his advice is always beneficial.

Bob Bazzell increased his lead in the Stock Game - up 57.4% for 3 months. Bob Klein is second with a 39.7% gain. John Klein, Lowell Barnett, Joe Samyn, Kirby Callam and Bob Rossi follow. Thirty nine players have gains exceeding 10%. Ride the BULL!

—George Miller



## Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, February 1 at 10:30AM, we will discuss "Snow Falling on Cedars" by David Guterson. On San Piedro Island located off the coast of mainland Washington in the Pacific Northwest, a Japanese-American fisherman named Kabuo Miyamoto goes on trial for the murder of Carl Heine, a well-liked local fisherman and respected war veteran. The date is December 6, 1954, one day before the thirteenth anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. Kabuo faces the courtroom silently and with a stiff, upright posture, which the white residents interpret as a sign of Kabuo's cold-blooded remorselessness. Kabuo and his wife believe that it will be impossible for him to receive a fair trial in the postwar anti-Japanese climate.

On Monday, February 20 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing "The Constitution of the United States". How many of us have actually read through the entire constitution and discussed it in detail in a group? This should be most interesting and I expect will be worth the time spent. Come join us.

—Ted Chapekis



## Classic Movie Group

Dick Lindgren has selected "The Razor's Edge" for your viewing pleasure on Monday, February 13 from 1:00 to 3:25PM. The film stars Tyrone Power, Gene Tierney, John Payne and Anne Baxter. The setting is post WW I, but is way ahead of its time. The plot surrounds an adventurous young man who goes off to find himself and loses his socialite fiancé in the process. When he returns 10 years later, she will stop at nothing to get him back even though she is already married. This film has all the elements of the philosophical and spiritual quest for the meaning of life, alcoholism, psychic healing, class divisions, post war trauma, and greed versus self-sacrifice.



—Augie Perrotta



# Games



## Winter Golf Practice

Winter golf practice continues at the Oakland Yard Dome each Thursday through March or to the opening of the Birmingham Golf Courses. This is a great opportunity to work on those little golf swing glitches that have caused loss of money, public embarrassment, and emotional distress for years.

Recognizing these problems, the Golf Committees have again contracted with noted golf professional Dave Vanloozen of Edgewood Country Club to tidy up our swings. He will join us on Thursday, February 23 at the Oakland Yard Dome. This will give golfers at least four (4) weeks to hone the swing with the tips you have been given. We start at 9:30AM.

Remember to join together for lunch after each practice at Hero's Restaurant. Peggy is waiting to serve us with speed and efficiency. On January 12 Peggy graced the golfers with her homemade banana bread.

The Golf Committees have contacted a search firm to find a reliable set of weather goddesses to predict the start of the first day of golf. Last year the Celtic goddess's predictions were terrible.

Hit them high, hit them long, and hit them straight.

—The Golf Committees

## Bowling

We are four weeks into the second half of our season and two teams are leading. The Brewers (Upward, Maichen, Schrift and Byington) are in first place with 24 points, followed by the Athletics (Tabor, DiMarco, Moore and Jordan) with 20 points.

Nick Marinelli and Phil Buccini continue their season long battle for high average. Nick now leads at 165, but Phil is close at 163. George Moore and Tony DiMarco led their team to winning points recently with big scores - George hit a 534 series while Tony totaled 494, well over his 140 average (sandbagger?). George also pocketed the big money, winning both the over average jackpot and the mystery game. Another bowler showing off was our 94 year old Sherwin Vine who made the difficult 4-10 split. Keep em' rolling!

—Less Lessenthien and Dick Harper

## Senior Health Matters

Dementia is major impairment in learning and memory (cognition) manifested by difficulty in one or more of the following:

- Learning and retaining new information (e.g. trouble remembering events)
- Handling complex tasks (e.g. balancing a checkbook)
- Reasoning (e.g. unable to cope with unexpected events)
- Spatial ability and orientation (e.g. getting lost in familiar places)
- Language (e.g. word finding)
- Behavior

While gradual decline in cognition is a characteristic of normal aging, there is considerable variability in the rate of cognitive decline between individuals or groups. Autopsies of older individuals with normal brain aging whose cognition remained intact reveal almost as many neurofibrillary tangles and amyloid plaques as seen with Alzheimer's disease. These findings have led to the concept of cognitive reserve, defined as the capacity that creates a delay between the pathology and the clinical expression of dementia.

A recent study of 3 markers of cognitive reserve, height, education and occupation showed that the higher one's occupational level (administrative>professional or executive>clerical or support), the higher the baseline level of cognitive ability and thereby higher reserve despite a higher rate of decline. In other words, they had more to lose before becoming clinically affected with dementia. Continued learning also delays the onset of symptoms. Although we can't change our height, past educational achievements, or how high up we rose in our job, we can continue to learn and enrich our reserve by taking advantage of the educational offerings by the Senior Men's Club.

—Michael Nigro, DO

## In Memoriam

Last month, we listed SMC members who passed away in 2011. Unfortunately, we misspelled one name - Thomas E. Noakes. We apologize, especially to his wife, long time club hostess, Missy Noakes.

## Bocce Ball Party

Want to participate in a traditional Italian sport and enjoy Italian food? If so, join us on Wednesday, March 21 from 11:00AM to 2:00PM for a Bocce Ball Party and Tournament with buffet lunch, at the Palazzo di Bocce, 4291 South Lapeer Road (M24), in Orion Township (about a mile north of the Palace of Auburn Hills). No bocce experience is needed, the rules are simple, and the game is not strenuous. Non-players and spouses are welcome to join us for the fun and food. This promises to be a unique experience, so reserve the date and be sure to purchase your tickets beginning on March 2, at \$25 per ticket. Bocce, lunch, and soft drinks are included; cash bar available. This is a self-drive trip.

You may sign up as a team, or we will assign you to a team if you prefer. To add some incentive, we will award prizes to the winning team. We have reserved three courts limited to 40 players in 4 person teams, who will alternate between bowling and eating lunch. We have additional space for up to 10 more people who only want to observe the bocce and enjoy the Italian food. Learn more about bocce at [www.palazzodibocce.com](http://www.palazzodibocce.com).

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## 2011 Attendance Champions

### —42 Meetings—

Bob Babcock	Bob Klein
Charles Basch	Ralph Lee
Cliff Dean	Geno Markel
John Flintosh	Jim Peters
Dick Harper	John Slocum
Chuck Kirkpatrick	John Zabriskie

### —41 Meetings—

Mike Albright	Ted Chapekis
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### —40 Meetings—

Ken Brooker	Bill Reilly
John Dickson	Dave Schwartz
Dick Hameister	



### Sugar Bowl Dreams

*Certainly I'll tell you why I woke you. Your snoring I can take, your wheezing I can take, your teeth-grinding I can take, but humming "Hail to the Victors" I cannot take.*

## Improvement Committee Report

The Improvement Committee, chaired by John Reddy, recommended a change in Senior Men's Club attendance requirements at the Executive Board meeting on January 10. Active members have been required to attend a minimum of 10 meetings annually to maintain membership. The Committee suggested that mandated attendance was no assurance of member participation and enjoyment and was proving to be a negative in inhibiting membership consideration by otherwise qualified candidates. Eliminating this requirement was recommended.

The Committee recognized that member concerns that this change could diminish Friday attendance and adversely affect speaker recruitment are understandable. That concern warrants development of aggressive marketing strategies to promote the club's attributes.

In addition, it was noted that increased competition by an expanding array of organizations means that newly retired men have more options in allocating their time. To compete for the attention and involvement of these men, the SMC must generate a greater sense of community presence with positive actions.

To that end, the Committee indicated plans to develop aggressive marketing strategies to communicate club appeals and values targeted at expanded awareness to a wider audience. These strategies will include:

- A significant expansion in club publicity as to our events, activities and personalities
- A research endeavor to determine member backgrounds, interests and ambitions, which can be translated into more focused club programs and activities
- Broader based speaker recruitment efforts, particularly targeted at indicated member interests

After considerable discussion of the recommendation, including pros and cons, a motion was made to implement this change and received considerable majority support by the Board. Parliamentarian George Grove was authorized to develop appropriate wordage to amend affected SMC by-laws.

—John Reddy and Dick Harper

## Life Member Dues

One of the time-honored benefits of achieving Life Member status in the Senior Men's Club is that payment of annual dues is no longer required. However, a new tradition has been emerging and growing - voluntary payment of dues by Life Members as a donation to the club treasury. Our Treasury staff reports that to date, 40 Life Members have paid dues, some more than the stated \$40. Congratulations to the following for their generosity, and for contributions totaling more than \$1400.

Roy I. Albert	John Lavrakas
Frank Auld	Richard R. Melcher
Lowell H. Barnett	George C. Nordenholt
Kenneth E. Brooker	George C. Peters
Edward J. Bush	James F. Peters
Paul Cicchini	Robert A. Pullar
Robert R. Cosner	Lloyd E. Reuss
Edwin H. Cox	Mark A. Richards
Harry W. Cyphers	Edward N. Schneider
William R. Denyes	Luel Simmons
Donald R. Doty	John D. Slocum
Benjamin E. Ewing	Irwin A. Small
Charles R. Gates	Chuck R. Sorber
Alexander Gherlan	Andrew R. Spencer
Richard A. Hameister	Richard O. Straight
Richard N. Harper	T. Leonard Terry
William A. Hayes	Clarke F. Thornton
Richard E. Henne	John J. Villa
Harold C.L. Jackson, Jr.	Norris C. Wetters
Robert T. Kelly	Amos O. Winsand

## Senior Men Thank Dean Sellers Ford

The Senior Men's Club 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 special thanks for obtaining the tickets.

Visit Dean Sellers Ford when you are in the market for your next car or truck and when you need service. Be sure to tell them that we appreciate their support of the Senior Men's Club.

—Mike Clement, Auto Show Event Chairman

## IMPORTANT Member Research

You will find an important survey form enclosed with this issue of *The Reminder*. This research is directed at learning more about club membership in terms of background, interests and aspirations.

Our objective is to improve development of club programs and activities more responsive to membership interests and perhaps most importantly, facilitate recruitment of Friday speakers and Discussion Group leaders and subjects to satisfy member expectations and interests

Please review and complete the survey form and return it to The Community House as soon as feasible. Thank you for your support!

—Improvement Committee

## 2012 Handbook

The 2012 SMC Handbook is printed and can be picked up at Friday meetings. Life Members unable to get a copy by the end of February can contact Jack Burns of the Handbook Committee at 248-644-7619 or at JackBurns1@comcast.net and request that a copy be mailed.

—Bob Clements

## Volunteer Drivers

The Senior Men's Club is aware that a few members could benefit from a ride to Friday meetings on occasion due to health or other factors. Some do arrange for rides from other members or from family. We would like to establish a procedure whereby such members could be connected with members coming to a meeting.

But before we develop a list of those needing a ride and of volunteer drivers, we need someone willing to coordinate this program. The responsibility would simply be that of maintaining a list of members looking for rides, and of those offering rides. Those seeking rides would be put in touch with volunteer drivers who live nearby.

Any member who would consider accepting this responsibility is asked to contact Dick Harper at 248-642-4992 or RNHarper32@comcast.net. Thanks for your consideration.

## Picnic Survey

One of the longest running and time-honored traditions of the Senior Men's Club has been the annual summer picnic organized by the Special Events Committee. Members tell us how much they look forward to and enjoy the relaxed camaraderie of this event.

Periodically, the Committee likes to ask members how this outstanding activity could be even better. Hence, we are conducting a survey to determine what members like about the picnic as well as how it might be improved. Survey questionnaires will be emailed to those with listed addresses and printed versions will also be available at Friday meetings. Questionnaires can be emailed back, returned at one of our Friday meetings or mailed back to SMC c/o The Community House. We will greatly appreciate your response and comments.

—Mike Clement, Special Events Committee

## Visitation-Health Committee Revisions

One of the most challenging responsibilities in the Senior Men's Club has been chairing the Visitation-Health Committee. This position traditionally has been responsible for keeping us informed as to member health problems, and of equal importance, visiting members at hospitals, nursing facilities and at their homes. These visits are greatly appreciated by members and their families, but can be quite time-consuming.

Dr. Jaap Delevie has chaired the committee for a number of years. Now, however, he would like to "share the load" by establishing monthly chairs - similar to how the Program Committee and Discussion Group function. This change will mean that Jaap will continue as Committee Chairman and will coordinate information as to member health problems and hospitalization. Visitations would be accomplished by the monthly chairman listed in the handbook. (Note that a few monthly positions are vacant; interested members should contact Dr. Delevie). Monthly Chairmen will report health problems at Friday meetings.

—Dick Harper

## Bill Reilly: A Man for the Job, Large or Small

During his 18 years of membership in the Senior Men's Club, Bill Reilly has held an impressive variety of leadership positions, including: Club President; Secretary of the Club; Chairman of the Visitation - Health Committee; Monthly Program Chairman, and many more.



It's no wonder Bill was awarded the Club's Outstanding Service Award in 2006.

But don't expect him to rest on his accomplishments and slow down any time soon. He continues to serve on the Golf Committee and the Table Setting Committee. In addition, Bill currently serves as General Chairman of Games, encompassing Bowling, Bridge and Golf. His trademark is a loud "Good Morning" as he starts the weekly games report.

Bill's contributions are widely recognized and appreciated by his fellow members. "Bill Reilly is one of those rare guys who is a pillar of the organization," said Sherm Vine, a member since 1994. "He is willing to take on any job, large or small. How often do you see the past president of an organization helping set tables for a Friday lunch meeting?"

Bill's involvement in the community extends beyond the Senior Men's Club. While on the Club's applicant list, he joined the Royal Oak Elks. Under his leadership, the Royal Oak lodge was awarded the National Elks most prestigious award - Elk Lodge of the Year. In addition, Bill and his wife Pauline are long-time members of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, in Beverly Hills, where he serves as lector and usher.

Following his graduation from Iona College in New York, Bill began his professional career with Chase Bank. He later joined the audit staff of the Chevrolet Division of General Motors, an association that would extend over 33 years. His home plant was in Tarrytown, New York, before he was transferred to Detroit in 1963.

Bill and Pauline have three daughters and four grandsons.

—Chuck Ragains

# Mystery Lyrics

Last month's mystery challenges proved to range from difficult to almost impossible. We asked if you could identify the song containing these lyric lines:

*Let me play among the stars  
Let me see what spring is like  
On Jupiter and Mars*

Only eight readers recognized that the song is "Fly Me To The Moon," a Frank Sinatra classic.

So congratulations to Dave and Mary Schwartz, Jack Howell, Midge Gettel, Mary Slocum, Sherwin Vine, Dick Secret, Tom and Rose Marie Venier, and Tom McNally.

Apparently, the Jackie Gleason TV variety show is a very distant memory, because only Tom McNally remembered that the entrance music for the top-hatted show character - Reggie Van Gleason - was "Shangri La." This song was a fairly big hit for the Four Coins male vocal group, with this opening line "Your kisses take me to Shangri La". (Now do you remember?)

This month we have a challenge for old Dixieland music fans (the music, not the fans). In the song, who was "thrown out with nothing but a fine-toothed comb"?

Lastly, here's another baseball memory test. Perhaps the strangest baseball trade ever involved an exchange of managers. Can you name the teams and the managers traded?

—Dick Harper



## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 14, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, February 17

### 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

**Model Train Tour,** Thursday, February 16, 9:30AM

**Bocce Ball Party & Tournament,** Wednesday, March 21, 11:00AM

### Group Meetings

**Book Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, February 1, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, February 20, 3:00PM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, February 13, 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, February 14, 2:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, February 8, 2:45PM

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, February 15, 3:00PM

*All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.*

### SMC on the Web:

<http://www.tchserves.org/getInvolved/interestGroups/SeniorMensClub.html>

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

## THE REMINDER

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

Officers for 2012 are: Charles B. Kirkpatrick, president; David A. Schwartz, first vice president; Stuart B. Shuster, second vice president; George L. Stern, recording secretary; Eugene P. Jacoby, corresponding secretary; James E. Bayson, treasurer; Richard E. Shirley, assistant treasurer; Jack E. Ledingham and Pradeep Mehra, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

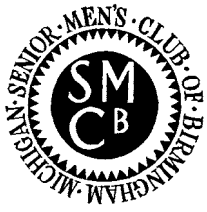
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# Senior Men's Club of Birmingham

## Member Profile Questionnaire

In order to better understand our members, their backgrounds and interests, their past and present contributions to the community, and to continue planning interesting speakers and discussion groups, we encourage you to make yourself better known to the Club by completing the following questionnaire in detail. Feel free to elaborate on extra sheets of paper if needed and return this questionnaire to The Community House or by mail to the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, c/o The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, MI 48009.

### HISTORICAL

1. Where were you born? \_\_\_\_\_ Where were you raised? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What was your formal educational background? Circle highest level or branch of service.

- High School       College: Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate       Military: Army, Navy or Air Force

What educational fields did you study? \_\_\_\_\_

Other educational experiences: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What are the categories of your work experience(s)? Check as many as apply.

- Finance       Marketing       Sales       Engineering       Management       Education  
 Self employed       Medicine       Clergy       Architecture       Technology       Military  
 Law       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you have any experience in any of these types of community activities? Check as many as apply.

- Scouting       Religious       Knights of Columbus       Masons       Service Clubs  
 Fraternal       School Board       Political       Hospitals  
 City or Township Councils or Boards       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In which ones are you still active? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you done things in your life that might be of interest to the Club or might lead to a speaker or discussion topic? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you received significant recognitions or awards? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **CURRENT**

### **6. What are your current interest areas?**

- Golf  Bowling  Tennis  Cycling  Skiing  Shooting  Cards  Reading  
 Writing  Theater  Computers  Photography  Travel  Hunting  Gardening  
 Birding  Wood Carving  Models  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **7. How do you keep informed of daily events? Check as many as apply.**

- TV  Newspaper(s)  Radio  Internet  Twitter  Satellite Feeds  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

## **ASPIRATIONAL**

### **8. Which new areas of learning are you interested in?**

- Sports  Musical Instrument  Music Appreciation  Genealogy  Computers  
 Smart Phones, iPads, etc.  Tai Chi  Managing Retirement  Art  Cooking  
 Foreign Language (which ones?) \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **9. What's on your "Bucket List" and how might the SMC help you to accomplish this? \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **10. What if the SMC could offer a new program, activity or service – what might that be? \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **11. What types of SMC speakers and subjects have been most interesting for you? \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **12. What type of speakers and subjects would you like to hear from in the future? \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **13. Would you like to serve on SMC committees, panels or in other service areas? \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_

### **14. While you may choose to remain anonymous, giving your name so we can contact you about program development and enrichment with your suggestions would be greatly appreciated.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing our questionnaire!  
SMC Improvement Committee