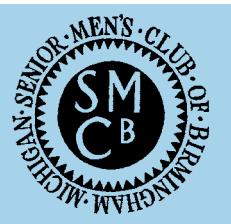


# The Reminder

January 2016

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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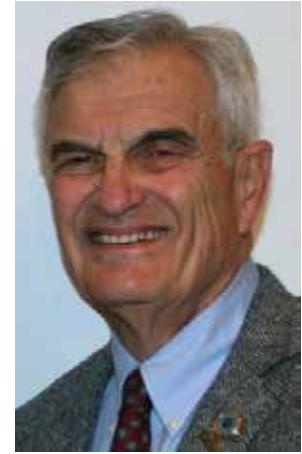
George Stern discussed the accomplishments of the Club during his presidency compared to his goals.

**Q:** When we last talked last year, membership growth was your number one goal. Has that changed?

**A:** Membership is up for the first time in many years. In my opinion, this reflects the attitude of our members. Our Club members demonstrate interest in the community, participating in activities, and friendship with our fellow members. As a result, other men want to join our Club.

**Q:** What will you remember from your year as president?

**A:** I will always remember how helpful everyone was. This is a Club that cares for each other, and I personally felt how much this meant to me and the Club during some trying times. Every time I was about to panic that some aspect of the Club was about to dissolve, a member stepped forward to lend a helping hand. I am particularly grateful to Art Kaye who took over the luncheon program, John Perryman who assumed command of attendance taking and Roger Timm who rescued the Club's records and is designing an archival system. In truth, being president is easy due to the hard work and excellent performance of each of the committees.



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## Resigned:

**Ainar D. Ayala**

## Deaths:

**Norris C. Wetters (Life)**, joined February 1996

**Roger Spry (Life)**, joined May 2002

**Russell C. Holmes**, joined May 2005

## 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 28. 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

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Robert Beach, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

# Games

## Winter Golf

Winter golf practice at the Oakland Yard Dome begins on Thursday, January 7. Cost is \$10 for all the balls you care to hit between 9:30AM and 11:30AM. Lunch follows at Hero's Restaurant.

### Schedule of Events at the Dome:

**FEB 11:** Swing tuned up by Edgewood Country Club golf pro Dave Vanloozen.

**FEB 18:** Annual Chipping Contest.

**MAR 10:** Swing tuned up by Edgewood Country Club golf pro Dave Vanloozen.

**MAR 17:** Annual Putting Contest.

The Chipping and Putting 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.

—Chuck Travers

## Bowling

Team No. 1 (Paesano, Winowiecki, Di Marco and Buccini) is back in first place with only a couple of weeks left in the first half of our season. We recently experienced some outstanding individual bowling – Phil Buccini bowled a fantastic 676 series, including games of 248 and 235. This is believed to be the highest series ever bowled in our league. Phil wasn't alone – Jack Corey, with a 139 average bowled a 214 game, while Phil Owen bowled a 211 game. We are still looking for new bowlers, especially since we will lose some snowbirds shortly. Call chairman Rich Volpe (248-417-5435) for information or just show up on Monday before 10:00AM at Troy Lanes on East Square Lake Road. We guarantee fun!

—Dick Harper

## Current & Back Issues of *The Reminder*

*The Reminder* is normally emailed on the Wednesday following the monthly *Reminder* deadline. Each month a handful of members seem not to receive it because the Google mailing list has dropped their email address or their service provider has rejected the email as possible spam. Members who don't receive it should advise the Database Chairman (Bob Beach) who can check the email address list.

However, the best way to recover the current *Reminder* (or a back issue within the past three years) is to go to the SMC Website:

1. The website homepage is <http://www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com/> which you will need to type in the address bar the first time you visit. You should save it in "bookmarks" or "favorites" so you can select it by clicking for future visits.

2. In the upper right hand corner, click on *The Reminder* button.

3. Select the year, then the month of the issue you wish to download by clicking on the appropriate buttons.

Note: *The Reminder* is available to everyone. You do not need to sign in to use this feature. However, other features are available in the "Member Portal" which requires sign in.

—John M. Steele

## Men on the Go: SMC Walkers

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:00AM, a group of us walk in and around Birmingham. Keeping active by walking is healthy for the body and the talking while walking is stimulating for the mind. Please consider joining the eight regulars and some part-timers as we walk our winter venue at Somerset Collection or the indoor track at the First United Methodist Church. While Golf, Bowling and Spinning are good ways to keep fit, walking provides exercise and socialization with the least amount of effort.

MEN ON THE GO is our motto and our motivation. You are welcome to join us. Contact Charlie Blank ([bclank56@gmail.com](mailto:bclank56@gmail.com)).

## Senior Health Matters

### Prayer for the Hospital Patient by Joyce Rupp

Compassionate God, thank you that I can receive the medical care and attention I need at this time in my life. Bless all those who are ministering to my condition. Let me welcome them and see them as your servants. Help me to treat myself kindly and to be patient as I wait for my body to mend itself. Bless me with the rest I need in order to heal. Send visitors who respect my present condition and who do not overextend their visit. When I feel discouraged by my low energy, be there to sustain and encourage me. Amen.

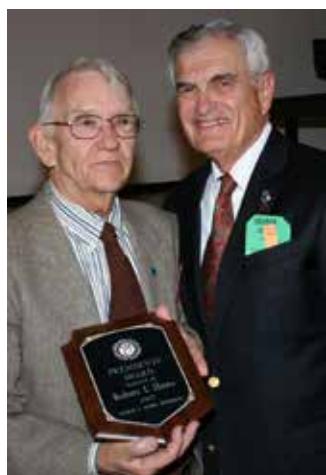
—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO  
Chairman, Visitation and Health

# "Name that Dude!"



About 70 years ago, one of our esteemed members looked like this. Anyone correctly naming him gets *The Reminder* free for one year. Suggestion – look at the eyes, not the hair. Also, do you have a high school era picture to challenge readers?

## President's Award



Each year, we recognize a significant and noteworthy contribution to our Club, with the President's Award, which goes to a selected and honored member. This year, outgoing President George Stern presented this coveted award to

Corresponding Secretary Bob Hayes.

George identified Bob as a special person who, week in and week out, kept him straight in composing meeting agendas and at the podium in chairing every meeting. George noted that anyone who has ever had a personal assistant will understand how indispensable such a back-up is. Bob also generated our weekly and monthly meeting minutes with noteworthy skill and accuracy.

Members joined President George in enthusiastically congratulating Bob, affectionately known as Farmer Bob, on the receipt of this special honor.

—Dick Harper

## George Stern

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**Q:** What were other highlights of your presidency?

**A:** I am happy to say there were many, including: expanding the website, continuing strong speaker programs, publishing our promotional brochure, and starting two new activities (SMC Walkers and SMC Chorus).

**Q:** Did you have any disappointments this year?

**A:** There are always goals not achieved. For example, I would have liked to find a way to automate attendance taking, so that the information would be retained in an active database for reporting and analysis.

—Chuck Ragains

## Travelers Wanted

The Camera Group is looking for SMC members who like to travel and would be willing to share their travel memories with other members. If you have slides, movies, photos, and/or videos of recent or past trips (or know someone who does), please contact John Slocum (248-539-0227) or Irv Poston (248-646-9574). Pictures will be shown on the big screen at TCH.

As stated in the SMC Procedure Manual, the function of the Camera Group is to promote a common interest in photography and photographic skills, travel, and cultural awareness. Travelogues provide a convenient forum for this group.

Show are held the second Tuesday of most months at 2:00PM. A large screen is used, and a video projector is mounted on the ceiling. You are encouraged to bring your own slide projector, movie projector, or laptop computer to show your pictures. You may have the full hour for your show, if you wish, or you may share the time with others for their presentations.

—John Slocum

## Life Member Dues

The fastest growing segment of our Club is the Life Member category, with more than 150 members having achieved this respected Club status. We continue to live longer, benefitting from active participation in the SMC.

One of the traditional benefits of reaching this exalted status is that dues are no longer required. However, an increasing number of Life Members continue to pay dues on a voluntary basis, telling us they want to contribute to the financial stability of our Club. Our finance staff is collecting 2016 dues, and would be more than happy to accept dues from generous Life Members.

# Groups



## Reading Groups

Jerry Heller will lead the discussion of "All the Light We Cannot See," by Anthony Doerr on Wednesday, January 6, at 10:30AM. Doerr won a rave review in *The New York Times* by writer Janet Maslin who began her review by summarizing the story about a blind young woman who grew up in France in a nurturing environment, and a gifted young German soldier who succeeded in life despite the grimdest beginnings. The French young woman and the German young man meet in Saint-Malo, in the midst of the second World War. How they met, what obstacles they had to overcome in order to love each other, we learn as we read this book.

On Monday, January 18 at 3:00PM, we will discuss Betty Medsger's "The Burglary: The Discovery of J. Edgar Hoover's Secret F.B.I." The burglary took place in March 1971 when eight antiwar protesters broke into an F.B.I. office in Media, PA. They not only stole every file in the office, they also circulated the most damning of them to journalists across the country, including Betty Medsger of *The Washington Post*, the author of this book. The documents exposed J. Edgar Hoover's systematized abuse of power. They also led Carl Stern, war correspondent for *NBC News*, to doggedly investigate an F.B.I. program called "COINTELPRO," and to expose this program's violations of civil rights (which won him the Peabody award in 1974).

—Frank Auld



## Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet Tuesday, January 12 at 2:00PM with a follow-up of the very informative November meeting. SMC member Jim King will lead a panel to present a "hands-on" review of taking cameras out of their AUTO mode to take even better photos and to photograph in situations where difficult lighting and subject movement outfox our camera's "brain."

We will break up into small groups for hands-on exploration of how you can adjust your camera to capture the image you are looking for. Please bring your camera with you so we can work with you to help you become the photographer you want to be!

—John Slocum



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, January 13 at 2:45PM, we will hear from two Charles Schwab representatives. William Sterling will present "Fed Policy Decisions and How They Affect Fixed Income and Equity Markets." Daniel Terback will discuss their current recommended stock list.

Jerry Heller is now leading our Capital Stock Game with a 20% gain, closely followed by John Marsh, up 19%, and Irv Poston, up 16%. Lots of time for changes and new leaders in a volatile market.

—George Miller



## Computer Group

On Wednesday, January 20 at 3:00PM, we will have two representatives from Microsoft discussing and demonstrating Microsoft Office 365 (a cloud computing service).

Microsoft Office 365 is a suite of utilities (spreadsheet, presentation, word processing, etc.) available on the internet and accessed through a browser and it also includes storage accessible from any device.

—Tom Allen



## Classic Movie Group

On Monday, January 11, Fred Leydorff Jr. will present one of his favorite films, "Chariots of Fire" (1981), at 1:00PM. This absorbing drama is based on the true story of two men – a devout Scottish missionary and a Jewish Cambridge student – who ran in the 1924 Olympics. While watching this film we witness a fascinating probe of their motives, challenges and problems that are brought out during the competition. Featuring a stellar British cast including - Ben Cross, Alice Krige, Ian Holm, John Gielgud and Patrick Magee - and an outstanding musical score by Vangelis, this entertaining and exciting film will please all viewers. Expect a bright clear picture, with subtitles, excellent sound and great popcorn.



—Fred Hansz

# Special Events

## The 2016 Detroit Auto Show



On Thursday, January 21, 2016, we will go to the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall. This year's show will have many new production models and design concept vehicles on display. Enjoy the conveniences of no driving, no parking, no coat check needed, and (thanks to Dean Sellers Ford) no admission fee!

Tickets for the bus ride are \$15. Buses will leave the First Presbyterian Church parking lot (1669 W. Maple)

at 9:30AM and return to the church at about 3:30PM. Tickets for sale at Friday, January 8 and January 15 meetings. This event has generally been a sellout, so buy your tickets early.

—James King

## 2016 Special Events

Some events are firm, others are tentative with alternatives. More details to come in *The Reminder*.

- JAN 21** International Auto Show at Cobo Hall
- FEB 14** "Diary of Anne Frank" at the Farmington Players Barn; dinner at Ginopolis
- APR 6** Tour of the Islamic Center of America and the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn; catered lunch at the Museum
- MAY TBD** Ford Pickup Truck Plant; lunch; added attraction in the area
- JUNE TBD** Tigers afternoon baseball game at Comerica Park
- JULY 13** River Cruise; lunch at Detroit Yacht Club; tour of Belle Isle
- AUG 5** Annual Picnic in Beverly Park with car show, music and games.
- SEP 21** "A Chorus Line" at Stratford Festival Theater, lunch
- OCT TBD** Shopping in Frankenmuth; Cass River Boat Trip
- NOV TBD** Downtown Detroit-Tour of Dan Gilbert's buildings
- DEC 14** Annual Christmas Party at San Marino Club

—Special Events Committee

## SMC Christmas Party

Once again, the Special Events Committee took on the challenge of planning and conducting a Club Christmas party which at least equaled the previous year's event. And guess what? – they did it again. The 2015 party held at the San Marino Club was warm and wonderful, as evidenced by the many smiling faces of members, wives and guests.

Event Chairman Tony DiMarco and his team merit full credit for a perfect evening, enjoyed by more than 265 attendees.

Tony launched the program with introductory comments, followed by a welcome by Special Events Committee Chairman Mike Clement plus a presidential greeting and invocation by outgoing President George Stern.

A sumptuous meal followed, with the Pro's Big Band providing appropriate background music. After dinner, nimble-footed members and guests took to the floor as the band played the classic "Moonlight Serenade" and other favorites. We recognized the seasonal theme of the party with a traditional Christmas sing-along, as we reflected on how great life can be and how important Club membership is when enjoyed with good friends. Congratulations to Mike Clement and his team. Let's do it again in 2016!

—Dick Harper

## Valentine's Day Special

On Sunday, February 14 at 2:00PM , make Valentine's Day special with a theater and dinner outing. The play is "The Diary of Anne Frank" at the Farmington Players Barn followed by dinner at Ginopolis Restaurant where we will have a choice of Chicken Picatta, Atlantic Salmon, New York Strip Steak, Montgomery Inn Ribs or Pasta Primavera. The playhouse and restaurant are closely located right off 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. This is a self-drive event. Tickets are \$45 and go on sale January 8.



—Jerry Stribbell and Tim McGee

## In Memorial

The Senior Men's Club lost 33 members in 2015. Viewing this list makes us realize how precious life is, as well as reminding us of the many contributions these men made to our Club.

Charles Amann	Williard A. Irwin
S. Peter Bayekian	Harold C.L. Jackson Jr.
Robert Bentz	George Kendro
William L. Bones	Stephen Kutosh
Donald E. Boucher	Marvin J. Malik
Ken Brooker	James F. Peters
Theodore A. Chapekis	Kenneth W. Peterson
James E. Clark Jr.	Edward P. Nagel
William R. Denyes	Robert A. Rossi
Richard S. Ellis	Hudson B. Scheifele
William J. English	Roger Spry
Kenneth A. Fox	Clarke F. Thornton
Richard R. Gala	William C. Waltsgott
Frank W. Garland	Robert C. Warren
Clarence A. Hall	Norris C. Wetters
Russell C. Holmes	E. LeRoy Wheatley
Ray E. Hughes	



## Outstanding Service Award

President George Stern recently presented the Club's most prestigious honor – the Outstanding Service Award – to member Pete Kass. This award is intended to recognize long-standing and multi-faceted contributions to the Senior Men's Club.



Pete has been a member since 2004, with a long list of service and involvement in Club activities, especially the Membership Committee. He has headed this most important committee for many years, contributing many hours and imaginative efforts to this responsibility. During the award presentation, President George asked Pete how long he has headed this committee. Pete responded "too long."

Pete likely knows more about our membership than anyone else. In addition, he has long been one of our most loyal and successful Club bowlers. Congratulations, Pete!

—Dick Harper

## SMC 2016 Dues Coupon

2016 dues are 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Only six readers were able to identify the song containing these lyrics:



*"Why are the stars always winking  
and blinking above"*

*"Why does a fellow start thinking of fallin in love?"*

Congratulations to Roger Timm, Fred Hansz, Mary (Dave) Schwartz, Lorraine (John) Parker, Fred Leydorff and Clay Gordon who remembered this Glenn Miller hit – "Elmer's Tune".

This month we will challenge you with this lovely line from a romantic ballad:

*"Although I can't resist the memory of her kiss"*

Can you name that tune?

## Sports Trivia

Last month's trivia question was tough. We asked you to remember a 1942 sports related disaster – when a college football team lost a big game, cancelled a victory banquet and avoided a tragedy. Only two readers - Ken Beres and Dick Smith had any idea as to this one. The game was Boston College vs. Holy Cross. BC was a strong favorite, but lost by 55-12, cancelled a banquet at the Coconut Grove night club, thereby avoiding one of the worst club fires ever – 492 people died. Ken remembered the whole story; Dick knew the event, but not the teams.

Here's another football challenge. The Army football team dominated NCAA play in the middle 40's, and were national champs in 1944-46. They had two Heisman winners in this period = dubbed Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside. Can you name them?

—Dick Harper

# THE REMINDER

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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, January 12, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, January 15

**Bowling:** Troy Lanes, Mondays, 10:00AM

**Bridge:** Tuesdays at 9:00AM and Friday after lunch

**Thursday Golf:** Begins January 7, 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Dome

### Special Events

**Detroit Auto Show at Cobo Hall:** Thursday, January 21, 9:30AM

**"Diary of Anne Frank" at Farmington Players Barn:** Sunday, February 14, 2:00PM

### Group Meetings

**Book Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, January 6, 10:30AM  
Group B: Monday, January 18, 3:00PM

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

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

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

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, January 20, 3:00PM

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

### SMC ON THE WEB:

[www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com](http://www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com)

[www.tchserves.org/outreach-and-clubs/clubs/senior-mens-club-of-birmingham](http://www.tchserves.org/outreach-and-clubs/clubs/senior-mens-club-of-birmingham)