

The Reminder

February 2010

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Changing of the Guard

On January 8, the first meeting of the year, the Senior Men's Club held the traditional ceremony of the changing of the guard.

Outgoing President Robert A. Pullar passed the gavel of authority to incoming President Irvin E. Poston.



Bob Pullar and Ken Urwiller



Irv Poston and Bob Pullar

Passing the gavel

symbolizes the transfer of presidential authority, continuing our chain of command.

Past President Dr. Kenneth Urwiller presented the past president plaque to Bob Pullar in appreciation for his service to the club.

The well of talented leaders will never go dry as exemplified by the 2010 officers.

—Bill Reilly

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: Dick Judy

- 5 Dick Harper, Past President, SMC *The Reminder, Then and Now*
- 12 David Cole, Chairman, Center for Automotive Research *Today's Turbulence: The Foundation for Future Success*
- 19 Jay Shuster, Art Director, Pixar Studios..... *Pixar (Studios) — A Design Story*
- 26 David A. Spencer, Executive Director, Oakland University Smartzone *Start-Up Companies in a Tough Market*

MARCH PROGRAMS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Al Eicher

- 5 Captain Fred M. Midgette, USCG *The Coast Guard's Role in Homeland Security on the Great Lakes*

FEBRUARY DISCUSSIONS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: John Slocum

- 5 Detective Matt Baldwin, Birmingham Police Department..... *Identity Theft*
- 12 Jack Keenan, Commercial and Fine Arts Artist *We Remember - Memories of World War II*
- 19 Edward Lichten, M.D., Lichten Wellness Center..... *Men's Health*
- 26 Beth Martinez, Jewish Vocational Services *Money Matters: Your Credit Report*

MARCH DISCUSSIONS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Jaap Delevie

- 5 Jaap Delevie, SMC Member *Is Global Warming a Great International Conspiracy?*

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Milton A. Darling (Life), joined September 1991

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Leave of Absence:

Gene M. Carver

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
—John M. Steele, Database Chairman
—Bill Shaffmaster and Tom Booth, Photography



Bowling

And the winner is...The Eagles! While the two teams, the Eagles and the Steelers, had their roll-off on December 28, they tied in the number of points won, 71 each, for the first half.

League rules dictate, if this happens, then the team with the most pins that day wins the roll-off and that team was the Eagles. They had 1772 pins to 1720 pins for the Steelers.

The members of the Eagles are Smiley, Smyk, Rossi and Jordan. The Steelers gave the Eagles a run for the money. The Steelers are Vine, Brooker, Buchanan and Beach.

First half hi-game is still held by Art Byington at 246 while hi-average is held by Nick Marinelli at 168. Let's see what happens in the 2nd half of the season. Will the same teams be back for another roll-off or will two other teams be on top to give the Eagles a run for the Championship? Stay tuned.

—Less Lessenthien

Winter Golf

Winter golf continues on Thursdays at 9:30AM at the Oakland Yard Dome. Eight dollars for all the balls you can hit along with free coffee and sweet rolls.

Note that the upstairs tee boxes are not reserved for our exclusive use. So be sure to get there early.

A majority of the dome golfers have followed the practice session with camaraderie, story swapping, and an all around good time having lunch at Hero's Restaurant. A 25% discount is given for the total bill at this lunch only.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, February 18. The committee has contracted with Brian Cairns, PGA Teaching Professional, to be available to tidy up (if possible) the swings of our intrepid golfers.

The committee cautions the dome participants not to use expletives, gestures, or conduct that will anger Eostre, the Celtic Goddess of Spring and New Beginnings. Evidently two years ago someone angered her, causing the dome to blow down and spring to arrive late.

—Chuck Travers

Glenn Miller Orchestra

Don't put away those dancing shoes that you used for the Senior Men's Club Christmas Party. The Special Events Committee has secured tickets for a concert presented by the world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra under the direction of trombonist Larry O'Brien. The band brings to life hits like "Tuxedo Junction" and "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" in a unique jazz style along with two vocalists and a 16 piece ensemble playing the unforgettable Glenn Miller classics. The two hour performance will be held at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts located on the Macomb Community College campus at Hall Road (M-59) and Garfield Road in Clinton Township Michigan (30 minutes from Birmingham). The concert will be Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 4:00PM. The ticket price for the "concert only" is \$30 per person.

As an added attraction for the day, we are offering a wonderful buffet luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in a private dining room at 1:00PM. Free valet parking is included (tipping accepted) and the price for the concert ticket and the lunch will be \$55 per person. The lunch will include a soup, two salad choices, deli meats, cheeses, and cookies and brownies

for dessert. There will be unlimited coffee, iced tea and a soft drink. There is no bar service for this event.



The golf shop will be open to SMC members to do any last minute Easter shopping and the Oakland Hills Club Member discount of 20% will apply to any purchase by the lunch goers.

With either ticket purchase, you will be providing your own transportation for the day. Tickets will go on sale prior to the Friday, March 12 meeting and will continue until the 56 tickets are sold. The committee thinks this event is an excellent way to get rid of the winter blues and welcome spring to Michigan.

—Jim Judge, Riggs Miller, Howard Maichen
Special Events Committee

Groups



Classic Movie Group

Impresario Irv Poston will show the classic psychological thriller, "Rebecca," on Monday, February 8 at 1:00PM in the Hackett Room. Released in 1940, it is Director Alfred Hitchcock's first American-made film and certainly his best from that decade. Based on the novel by Daphne du Maurier, the plot has all the elements of suspense and mystery but with a romantic twist. Count on being enthralled, even mesmerized, especially by the memorable and fiery climax. Franz Waxman's haunting score has a symphonic central European style perfectly suited to the flow. The casting of Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine, George Sanders, Judith Anderson and Nigel Bruce was flawless. The film won an Academy Award for Best Cinematography and Best Picture. Please bring a date to this one.



—Augie Perrotta



Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, February 9 at 2:00PM. Our speaker/presenter will be SMC member Jaap Delevie, who will exhibit and discuss fascinating pictures of an extensive trip he and his wife took to China in 1997. They viewed much magnificent scenery and learned a lot about Chinese life and culture. All are invited, including guests. Get ready to share in a wonderful trip.

—Jaap B. Delevie



Computer Group

Larry Kulp, an independent and knowledgeable expert, who has addressed the Computer Group on numerous prior occasions, will meet with us on Wednesday, February 17, 3:00PM. Among other things, he will tell us how to avoid problems encountered in the installation of Windows 7. There will be time for questions and answers.

—Bob Chandler



Investment Group

On Wednesday, February 10 at 2:45PM Michael Einheuser, Ph.B., J.D. will present "Stress Testing Your Investments." Mr. Einheuser is an independent Financial Advisor in Royal Oak. He has identified 7 potential trends that could impact the market. He will discuss these trends and the methodology he uses to test their impact on a portfolio. He has been highly recommended by a SMC member. Ted Chapekis leads the Stock Game with an impressive 64% gain. Mike Clement leaped into 2nd place with a 50% gain. Jack Burns, Reid McCulloch, Bob Rossi, Frank Zernhelt and Joe Samyn follow closely. Fifty nine of 68 players have gains - a wise group!

—George Miller



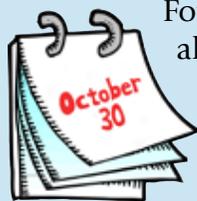
Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, February 3 at 10:30AM we will be discussing "Atlas Shrugged" by Ayn Rand. This influential book, published 50 years ago, was a massive best seller that continues to sell hundreds of thousands of copies yearly. Always popular on college campuses, "Atlas Shrugged" sparked the origins of the modern libertarian movement in America. It is the story of how the government harassed and persecuted the industrialists and businessmen of America in the name of equality and justice for the oppressed. As the weight of government grew, the businessmen began producing less and less, leading to impoverishment for the whole society. Finally, businessmen revolt and overthrow the government's shackles, bringing forth a new era of economic freedom and prosperity.

On Monday, February 15 at 3:00PM we will be discussing "Polio: An American Story" by David Oshinsky. All who lived in the early 1950s remember the fear of polio and the elation felt when a successful vaccine was found. Oshinsky paints a suspenseful portrait of the race for the cure, weaving a dramatic tale centered on the furious rivalry between Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin. The Salk vaccine trials were the largest public-health experiment in American history, involving more than a million school children. This is both a gripping scientific suspense story and a provocative social and cultural history.

—Ted Chapekis

Attendance Champions



Four members of the SMC attended all 42 of our Friday meetings last year (and possibly spent more than \$360 on lunch). Congratulations to Cliff Dean, Dick Harper, Dave Schwartz and Tom Tabor. Others came close to being perfect. John Flintosh and George Nordenholt missed only one meeting, while Frank Barnes, Jaap Delevie, Neal Hepner, Bob Klein, Bob Robb, Bill Reilly and John Zabriskie missed two. Better luck next year!

—Dale Parker, Attendance Committee Chairman

Last Chance!

Tour of the Walter P. Chrysler Museum and General Motors Heritage Center

We are offering an opportunity in February to see two wonderful automotive historical collections.



Chrysler has maintained a retrospective of their products for many years, and docents will be on hand to guide us through the exhibits. General Motors has recently assembled their special concepts and show vehicles in one building. Stu Shuster and retired GM designers will be available to explain many of the GM products. In both cases, you will see cars never before viewed.

On Thursday, February 11, the bus will be leaving the First Presbyterian Church (1669 West Maple) parking lot at 9:45AM and returning about 3:00PM. The bus will arrive at the Chrysler Museum at 10:00AM and leave for the GM Museum approximately at noon. Box lunches will be handed out during the drive to the GM Museum. We will have The Community House prepare a complete box lunch for your eating pleasure; two selections of sandwiches, chips, cookie, fruit and soda or water. This will be a first, as we are attempting to lower our food costs. Tour of the GM Museum is to begin at 1:15PM. Coats may be left on the bus at both museums.

Tickets sales began in January. See you on the bus!

—Stu Shuster and Roger Struck

Golden Oldies

President Irv Poston presented new gold membership cards to Don Speyer and Bob Merz symbolizing their entry into



our Life Member group - the most prestigious segment of our club. They received a rousing welcome from meeting attendees. Congratulations Don and Bob!

In Memoriam Amended

The Reminder apologizes for misspelling two names of members who passed in 2009.

They were Charles E. Johnston and Robert C. Manby.

Visitation and Health Committee

Visitation and Health Committee Chairman (and snowbird) Tony Smyk will be out of town from February 24 to April 2. During that period, any information on member or associate health should be directed to Vice Chairmen Jaap Delevie.

Endowment Fund

In 2009, the fund received 86 gifts which totaled \$11,225. This increases the fund to \$88,333. The Community House thanks you for this generous support that will create a legacy for the Senior Men's Club.

—George Miller



Thank You Dean Sellers Ford!

Special thanks to member Tom Sellers and his son Dean at Dean Sellers Ford for providing tickets for the recent Detroit Auto Show. Consider a visit to the Troy dealership the next time you are in the market for a new car or truck and thank them for their support of the Senior Men's Club.

—Mike Clement, Special Events Committee

Mystery Lyrics

Last month's musical challenges were a little more difficult for readers. We asked you to identify the song containing these lyrics:

*Holding hands in the movie show
When all the lights are low*

We also asked if you could name the three Andrews sisters of the World War II era.

Bill Sprague, Tom and Rose Marie Venier and Roger Gettel got both answers. The song is "How About You" - which starts "I like New York in June." The Andrews sisters were Patty, Maxene and La Verne. If you Google them, you can watch them sing their big war time hit "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" on YouTube. The gals are in army uniforms.

Chuck and Isabel Himelhoch and Clay Gordon got the tune, while Sherwin Vine, Bob Hebert and Bob Babcock knew the gals names. Congratulations all!

This month we are looking for a song which was a big hit for Ella and contained these lines:

*Although he may not be the man some
Girls think of as handsome*

Can you name that tune?

Our other challenge for readers is from the big band era. One band leader had a weekly musical quiz show on radio called the "College of Musical Knowledge." Can you name him?

—Dick Harper



CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Reminder Deadline: Friday, February 19

Games

Bowling: Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

Wednesday, 9:30AM at Thunderbird Lanes (practice)

Bridge: Tuesday, 9:00AM and Friday after lunch

Golf: Thursday, 9:30AM Oakland Yard Athletics

Special Events

Walter P. Chrysler Museum and General Motors Heritage Center, Thursday, February 11, 9:45AM

Glenn Miller Orchestra & Luncheon, Sunday, March 28, 1:00PM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, February 3, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, February 15, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, February 8, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, February 9, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, February 10, 2:45PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, February 17, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC on the Web:

<http://www.communityhouse.com/getInvolved/interestGroups/SeniorMensClub.html>

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

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