

The Reminder



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Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

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President Tim McGee's Page

As we enter our 62nd year, I am humbled to be elected as your President and hope to live up to your expectations. I hope to build on the many successes of the previous 62 presidents that have had the honor to lead you and am thankful for the guidance and leadership of Gene Jacoby, Dick Kamp and Dick Bradley as I worked through the chairs of Recording Secretary and Vice President.

We have been very busy the past two years with 60th Anniversary events and fundraising for The Community House; it's time that we take pause and collect our breath. My goal for the Club is to continue our emphasis on SMC core values of integrity, responsibility and fellowship with special emphasis on promoting our membership as Men on the Go! in the community!

The Senior Men's Club is a community within itself that is defined by certain key aspects that I propose we emphasize in the coming year:

- Maximizing the Individual Strengths and Interests of each member;
- Work as a Team;
- Practice Stewardship and be Accountable to the Community;



SMC Members Serving Lunch on New Year's Day at St. Paul's Cathedral - Detroit: Mr. & Mrs. Maynard Timm, Mr. & Mrs. Art Kirsch, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Imerman and Mr. & Mrs. Tim McGee

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Dick Bradley Honored

At our first meeting of the new year, outgoing president Dick Bradley was honored with our traditional presidential plaque recognizing his multi-faceted contributions to the Senior Men’s Club during 2018. Our most recent year was especially noteworthy and eventful for Club events and accomplishments. Dick led us through a most challenging and successful year, especially the Annual Giving Initiative supporting The Community House.

Meet Life Member Bob Donohue

Our newest Life Member, Bob Donohue, was born in Chicago, Illinois and was educated at DePaul University obtaining a Masters in Physics. After graduation he served in the U.S. Army and then served forty years as an Executive Engineer with General Motors. He is responsible for the words you see in the passenger side rear view mirror warning you that images may be larger than they seem! He and his wife of sixty-one years, Marianne, reside in Birmingham raising four children that have resulted in thirteen grandchildren. Bob, a Senior Men's Club member since 2002, enjoys the Reading Group.



—Jerry Stribbell

Life Member Dues

As of January 10 these Life Members made voluntary donations to our dues list in our current fiscal year. Their contributions are much appreciated!

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| Roy Albert | Bob Loesch |
| Lou Baughman | Jack McCleary |
| George Benko | Bob McDonald |
| Kirby Callam | Alex McKeen |
| Byron Converse | Jack McLaughlin |
| Ed Cox | Frank Meida |
| Walt Ebling | Dick Mueller |
| John Ellis | Nick Oancea |
| Chuck Frederick | Chuck O'Connell |
| Bob Gardner | Don Overy |
| Alex Gherlan | Carl Pacacha |
| Dick Glass | Tony Parrottino |
| Clay Gordon | Art Pope |
| Dick Gregory | Irv Poston |
| Dick Harper | Jack Ray |
| Merrill Haviland | John Reddy |
| John Horiszny | Mark Richards |
| Gene Jacoby | Al Roberts |
| Bob Jordan | John Schafer |
| Dick Judy | Dick H. Smith |
| Bob Kenning | Chuck Tholen |
| Bob Klein | Rich Wehling |
| Maurice Lefford | Jack Wells |
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SMC 2019 Dues Coupon - \$50

2019 dues were payable before January 1, 2019. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2019. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at a meeting or by mail. Please use the coupon if paying by mail.

If paying by mail, send to:
Senior Men’s Club - Dues
The Community House
380 South Bates Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Life Members pay no dues, but many use the coupon to make a voluntary contribution for financial support of our Club.

Groups



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, February 11 at 1:00PM, Fred Leydorf invites you to return to the fabulous 50's and enjoy one of his favorite films - "The Pajama Game" (1957) - starring Doris Day and John Raitt. In this exuberant musical, Day is a joy as the head of a factory grievance committee who unexpectedly falls in love with Raitt, the new production foreman. This film adaptation of the hit Broadway play, features many outstanding Adler and Ross songs that have since become standards, such as "Hey, There" and "Steam Heat", to name just a few of them. If you love great films from the 1950s, then this movie is for you to enjoy. Our new high definition projection system, crystal clear sound and eight foot wide screen will provide you with a brilliant presentation. Please plan to attend our show with family and friends and enjoy this outstanding classic film along with plenty of great popcorn.

—Fred Hansz



Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, February 4 at 2:00PM.

The meeting will cover three popular sources for finding and documenting your family history with examples on how to use each of them.

For those members who have not compiled a family tree or not investigated your family history, you are more than welcome to attend as we have archived material that can get you started on a wonderful adventure.

—Dave Bakos



Computer Group

The next meeting of the Computer Group will be Wednesday, February 20 at 3:00PM. Tom Allen, yours truly, will speak on "Your Car is Your Computer". This talk will discuss all the various computer systems in today's automobiles and how they benefit the driver. All members and their guests are welcome to attend.

—Tom Allen



Reading Groups

At 10:30AM on Wednesday, February 6, we will discuss Cornelia Dean's "Making Sense of Science." Cornelia Dean seeks to equip nonscientists with a set of critical tools to evaluate the scientific claims and controversies that shape our lives. Presently anyone seeking factual information on climate change, vaccine safety, risk of terrorist attack, or other topics in the news must sift through an avalanche of bogus assertions and self-interested spin. Cornelia Dean draws on thirty years experience with *The New York Times*. Bob Frank will lead the discussion.

On Monday, February 18 at 3:00PM, we will discuss "Next", by Michael Crichton. Michael Crichton's devilishly clever thriller blends fact and fiction as he writes about the world of genetics as it's happening now. We live in a time of momentous scientific leaps, a time when one fifth of all our genes are owned by somebody else, and an unsuspecting person and his family can be pursued cross-country because they happen to have certain valuable genes within their chromosomes. Michael Crichton adds lightening fast pacing and thrilling chases. Tom Booth will lead the discussion.

—Frank Snower



Investment Group

We will next meet on Wednesday, February 13 at 2:45PM. The timely subject will be taxes and our returning speaker will be

Alan Miller, Tax Director of Sequoia Financial Group. Alan will discuss the implications of ever changing tax regulations on our tax planning and reporting. In addition, he will describe possible investment actions and decisions based on revised tax rules.

The recent stock market decline has taken its toll on stock game participants. Only three of the 74 in the game were plus through December - led by Mike Clement with an impressive 30.7% gain. George Miller (11.6%) and John Marsh (4.2%) were the only other gainers. Hopefully, we will see better performance soon!

—Dick Harper

2018 SMC & TCH ANNUAL GIVING INITIATIVE



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SMC Surpasses Community House 2018 Annual Giving Initiative Goal

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the SMC donated nearly \$91k to support The Community House (TCH), exceeding our goal by 7%. This represents the largest amount donated by the SMC in the past five years. Special thanks to immediate Past President Dick Bradley and former President John Flintosh, who spearheaded this successful effort. For over 61 years, the SMC and TCH have been inextricably intertwined, combining to create a remarkable partnership that promotes fellowship, shared interests and community service.

—Maynard Timm

Associates Orientation

The next Associates Orientation meeting will be held on Friday, February 1 at 9:00AM. All Associates are invited. Orientation is required prior to induction. Please contact John Klein at 248-363-3020 or Klein60@yahoo.com for attendance confirmation or questions.

—John Klein

2019 Handbook/Directory

The Handbook Committee will continue to distribute new 2019 Handbook/Directories to Members at Friday meetings in February. Please see us in the rear of the Wilson Room. New Senior Men's Club lapel pins will also be available. If you know of shut-in or away members, please consider taking a Handbook for them.

—The Handbook Committee

Save the Date "The 39 Steps"

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python, and you have an intriguing thrilling riotous, and unmistakable comedy. This describes "The 39 Steps" a comedy of pure pleasure offered by the Ridgedale Players of Troy on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 2:00PM. We have arranged a fine lunch at Picano's Restaurant on Rochester Road at 12:00PM. Tickets will be sold on March 1, 8 and 15. The cost is \$40 covering both the lunch and theater. This will be a self-driving event.

—Tom McNally

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—Frank Snower, Database Chairman

—Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, Photography

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President's Page

- Think Forward; and
- Recruit and Mentor New Leaders

As the year unfolds, I will expand on these key aspects in subsequent *Reminder* articles. However, the first example of Maximizing the Individual Strengths and Practice of Stewardship will manifest itself during the monthly Moment of Interest report in our Friday meetings.

Championed by SMC member, Larry Imerman, we will highlight once a month a member to briefly speak on his volunteering involvement within the community. Our purpose is to introduce new volunteer opportunities for other SMC members and to give evidence that we are indeed MEN ON THE GO!

Another example of our members outreach within the community is the article in this month's *Reminder* where SMC members and their wives volunteered their time on New Year's Day feeding the homeless in Midtown Detroit.



Larry and Miriam Imerman

Additionally, I have asked the editors of *The Reminder* to highlight SMC members that have reached Life Membership status in each issue as we have reluctantly forgotten their past leadership role to the Club.

Not only is it important that we seek out new members, but it is equally important that we utilize the talents of the current members and develop them to assume the many leadership roles within the Club.

As a senior Marine evaluating those men under my command, it was customary to acknowledge those that possessed a "Can Do" attitude. I hope to instill and foster a "Can Do" commitment for all.

—Tim McGee

Mystery Lyrics



We did a little better last month – seven readers were able to identify the song with these opening lines:

*“Why are the stars always winking and blinking above
Why makes a fellow start thinking of falling in love?”*

Congratulations to Fred Hansz, Jack Corey, Ed Cox, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Fred Leydorf, Dick Gregory, Tom McNally, Clay Gordon and first-timer Bruce Thomas. They knew these lines are from the Glenn Miller novelty hit “Elmer’s Tune”.

This month we will challenge you with lyrics from an old romantic ballad, with these opening lines:

“Here I go again, I hear those trumpets blow again, all aglow again”

Can you name that tune?

Sports Trivia

We finally did it! – we totally “stumped the panel” when we asked you to remember a major leaguer who won both games of a Sunday double- header for his team with last inning pinch hits. Might have helped if we told you he was a Tiger.

We only heard from Gerard Andree who guessed Charlie Maxwell and Dave Ladd with another name, but nobody remembered Gates Brown, who made a career as a Tiger pinch hitter. It was a Sunday afternoon in 1967 when he accomplished this feat, with the first game going 14 innings. (I only remember this because I shared an interest in the Tigers and in Stroh’s beer with a Detroit neighbor in those days)

Let’s go with an easy one this month. What Detroit athlete was nicknamed “Microwave”?

—Dick Harper

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Officers for 2019 are: Timothy S. McGee, President, Gerald L. Stribbell, First Vice President, Roger K. Timm, Second Vice President, Maynard L. Timm, Recording Secretary, Swarn G. Rajpal, Corresponding Secretary, John C. Marsh, Treasurer, John P. Groves & James E. Bayson, Assistant Treasurers, David N. Bakos and Clifford R. Snedeker, Officers at Large.

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, February 8

Bowling: Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes
Wednesdays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes (Practice)

Golf: Thursdays, 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Dome (Practice)

Bridge: Fridays after lunch

Special Events

"The 39 Steps" with Ridgedale Players of Troy: March 24, 2:00PM

Group Meetings

Genealogy Group: Monday, February 4, 2:00PM

Book Reading Group A: Wednesday, February 6, 10:30AM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, February 11, 1:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, February 13, 2:45PM

Book Reading Group B: Monday, February 18, 3:00PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, February 20, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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