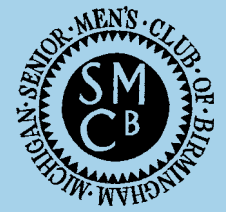


The Reminder



December 2015

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Gene Jacoby:

New President Sees Advances in Quality and Technology

The by-laws of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham state that the office of President includes: presiding at all regular and special meetings of the Club; serving as Chairman of the Executive Board; interpreting the constitution and by-laws; and serving as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and groups.

Effective January 1, 2016, those responsibilities are assumed by Eugene (Gene) Jacoby as the Club's leadership gavel is transferred from George Stern. The question and answer session that follows provides information about Gene Jacoby and his views on key issues.



Q. As President, what are your top priorities?

A. It's important that we continue to manage the Club well. That includes an ongoing emphasis on membership growth. I want to see us increase our numbers, but also to capitalize on the quality of the individuals we are adding to the Club. Our most recent Associates Orientation included several outstanding individuals. We need to encourage them to quickly become active in the Club. They can help us as committee members, finding great speakers and in our recruiting efforts.

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DECEMBER PROGRAMS

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: Charlie Blank

- 4 Father Scott Thibodeau, Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs*The Meaning of Advent*
- 11 Jeanne Bourget, Daughter of SMC Member Jerry Heller.....*Holiday Selections, SMC Choral Group*
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- 25 NO MEETING

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JANUARY CHAIRMAN: Joe Murphy

- 2 NO MEETING

DECEMBER DISCUSSIONS

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: Rick Block

- 4 Rick Block, SMC Member*Naneek – Vietnam Veterans Return to Vietnam*
- 11 Hansen Clarke, Former Congressman, 13th District..... *Family Values*
- 18 NO MEETING
- 25 NO MEETING

JANUARY DISCUSSIONS

JANUARY CHAIRMAN: Irv Poston

- 2 NO MEETING

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Deaths:

Donald E. Boucher (Life), joined March 1987
Hudson B. Scheifele (Life), joined June 2002
William L. Bones (Life), joined October 1996
James E. Clark Jr. (Life) joined October 2003

To Life Member:

Alfred D. Bosley

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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
—Robert Beach, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

Games

Winter Dome Golf

Lincoln Hills will close shortly and Springdale has closed. Golf being an addictive and frustrating sport requires the active Senior Men's Club golfers to have a vehicle to replace the lost fellowship, burn off excess energy, and hone their skills for the next season.

Hence, Winter Dome Golf will begin on Thursday, January 7th at the Oakland Yard Dome.

The program consists of two parts:

(1) Practice golf at the Oakland Yard Dome from 9:30-11:30AM at a discounted price of \$10. All the balls you care to or can hit. Coffee and donuts are included.

There will be chipping and putting contests. Golf pro Dave Van Loozen will tidy up our swings once in February and once in March.

(2) Lunch at Hero's Restaurant in Waterford. Special discount on individual's entire bill with sincere personal service by Peggy, Chrissie, and Jackie.

Directions to the Oakland Yard Dome (5328 Highland Road):

- North on Telegraph Rd. to Huron/Highland Rd. (M-59)
- Left on M-59 (Highland Rd.). Approximately 4-5 miles, just past Crescent Lake Road
- Go past the shopping center on the right
- Turn right just past the Subway sign

—Chuck Travers

Bowling

With 10 weeks of bowling completed (how time flies!), we have a close battle for team leadership. Team #1 (Paesano, Winowiecki, Di Marco and Buccini) has 23½ points and is slightly ahead of Team #2 (Beres, Harper, Wargelin and Buchanan) with 23 points.

Lots of time left for good competition and scores – also lots of room for new bowlers to fill in for our snowbirds heading for warmer climes.

Phil Owen achieved two 500 series back to back, but still trails Richard Volpe (173) and Phil Buccini (166) for high league average. Of course we also have five bowlers averaging under 110, so newcomers should not hesitate to join us. Call Richard Volpe (248-417-5435) with any questions, or just show up at Troy Lanes on East Square Lake Rd. before 10:00AM on Monday. You will receive a warm bowler welcome.

—Dick Harper

Jerry Heller:

Combining Military Experience, Business Smarts, and Community Involvement

November 16, 1945 is a date Jerry Heller will long remember: newly graduated from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was trained by the Army at Scott Field, Illinois to be a cryptographer. His training taught him how to code and encode classified messages. What followed were 3 years of varied assignments on bases throughout



Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He was honorably discharged in 1948 but stayed another four years in the Reserves, ending up with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

After his term of enlistment, Jerry returned to the U.S. where he earned his Bachelor's degree from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, his hometown.

After graduation he took a job with Manpower Incorporated in Milwaukee, an industry leader that specialized in temporary help services. It turned out to be a lifelong association including his relocation to Manpower of Detroit Incorporated. He ultimately bought the local Detroit franchise and became owner and CEO of the company. Upon retirement he sold the company to one of his daughters and son-in-law.

Jerry joined the Senior Men's Club in 2001 and quickly became active in a variety of activities, ranging from the Reading Group to Bowling, Secretary of the Monday Golf League, Moments of Interest to the Master of Ceremonies Committee.

"I joined the Senior Men's Club because I was attracted to the organization's camaraderie—men of the same age and interests," said Jerry. "I've made a number of good friends through the club. But we need to continue to get the word out about the Club, to the community and the media."

Jerry and Mary his wife of 65 years reside in Bloomfield Hills. They have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

Jerry complements his business experience with involvement in a variety of community organizations. He has served as president of the Birmingham Kiwanis Club, as an investment committee member of NEXT (previously BASCC), and as an active member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Birmingham.

—Chuck Ragains

Gene Jacoby

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Q. How would you characterize the feedback you get from new members?

A. We don't have a formal way of encouraging ideas and suggestions from new members. While we are not running short on opinions, we can do a better job of managing feedback. I'd like to expand our mentoring efforts to encourage and support early participation of new members in the management aspects of the Club.

Q. We have seen a number of initiatives under the "Quality" banner. Where do they stand?

A. I'm pleased to report that good progress is being made in a number of areas under the leadership of Jim Bayson and his team. At the same time not every idea becomes a successful program. The Genealogy Group seems to be a success but the Wine Group did not have sufficient support.

Q. The application of advanced technology is another area in which significant progress is being made. What do you foresee in the future?

A. Our website is an excellent example of using technology. Jay Kafarski is doing a great job but we need to do more. An area I would like to investigate is using technology to generate copies of individual speaker presentations.

Q. What advice would you give to a new Club member?

A. I'd encourage a new member to get on a committee early. Just open the handbook to page 2 and pick one or two. We offer an interesting variety of opportunities--from special events to golf, and from the SMC Singers to program planning and speaker recruitment. Gene Jacoby has served on an impressive array of committees, projects and special events. He exemplifies the Club's orderly development of leadership talent. Starting in January, he will have served in five of the elected leadership positions. They are Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, 2nd Vice President and 1st Vice President. He is looking forward to the upcoming year as President of the Senior Men's Club!

—Chuck Ragains

Life Member Al Bosley

Our most recent inductee into our most prestigious category – Life Membership is Al Bosley. Al was born in Lansing, Michigan but moved shortly thereafter to Speedway City, Indiana where the sounds of Indy 500 cars a few blocks away imprinted him with a love of cars and things automotive for the rest of his life.



In high school he drove for his dad – an over-the-road salesman where he learned to do as much as he could, as fast as possible – a philosophy which Al has applied to all his activities. After graduating from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terra Haute, Indiana, he entered the much respected Chrysler Institute of Engineering, graduating with a Master's Degree in Automotive Engineering.

His Chrysler career included time in chassis design, the Management, Organization and Systems staff where he became Director of Systems Planning – responsible for all information systems. He returned to Engineering as Chief Engineer of Program Planning.

After retirement, Al continued to be active in the Society of Automotive Engineering in a variety of responsibilities – planning, education and history. He also has been a member of Automotive Historians, the Algonquin Club and the Boyne City Yacht Club. He has restored a 1954 Dodge and a 1958 Plymouth Fury.

Al and Betty were married in 1981, after each experienced 7 years of widowhood. Between them they have four children and five grandchildren. Welcome to Life Membership, Al!

—Gene Jacoby and Dick Harper

Medical Emergency Preparedness Team

The Team now has 15 members who have been trained and certified in CPR/AED. These men are highly visible members who are regular attendees at SMC meetings and group activities. They have stepped up to give of their time to ensure that the environment of our Club and its activities are worthy of your well being. The team is listed in alphabetical order.

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|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Dave Dinger | Art Kaye | John Reddy |
| Bob Doll | Steve Kerns | Ted Schuster |
| John Dueweke | Paul Lieberman | John Steele |
| Frank Gordon | Richard Muszynski | Jerry Stribbell |
| George Grove | Augie Perrotta | John Zarek |

Please consider joining our ranks. We can always use more able bodied members skilled in CPR/AED to ensure that one will be in attendance at all of our gatherings. I have started a list of members interested in being trained in CPR/AED.

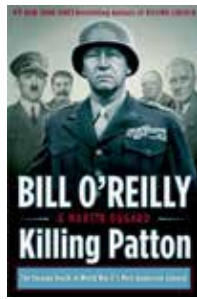
—Dave Dinger

Groups

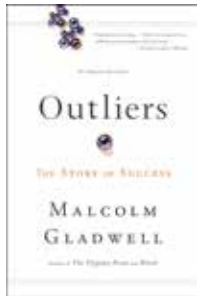


Reading Groups

On Wednesday, December 2, at 10:30AM we will discuss Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard's "Killing Patton: The Strange Death of World War II's Most Audacious General." O'Reilly and Dugard make the provocative and controversial claim that Patton's death came about because Joseph Stalin, leader of the Soviet Union, wanted him dead. Dick Halsted will lead the discussion of this book.



Another provocative book, Malcolm Gladwell's "Outliers: The Story of Success," is scheduled for Monday, December 21 at 3:00PM. Gladwell argues that success depends far less on intelligence, ambition, hustle, and hard work than is generally believed, and that family, culture, and friendship play more of a role in success than is generally recognized. Come on the 21st, offer your opinion, and find out what others think about the book. Frank Snower will lead the discussion.



—Frank Auld



Genealogy Group

On Monday, December 7, 2015 at 2:00PM Dave Bakos will share a presentation that was given by Katherine Willson "Genealogy - Without Breaking the Bank!"

The presentation was recently given at a Waterford Genealogy Society gathering at the Waterford Library and Ms. Willson gave the participants permission to pass it on to others.

This presentation covers over 80 online genealogy links a researcher can use to find and document research for their family tree. There are 15 categories in which the links have been divided so as to give the researcher direction in finding specifics for each family member.

The presentation was recorded by the Media Network of Waterford and a DVD is to be available by the time of the meeting.

—Dave Bakos



Classic Movie Group

2016 Classic Movie Schedule:

January 11, Fred Leydorf Jr. – *Chariots of Fire* (1981), 123 min.

February 8, Dick Judy – *The Plainsman* (1936), 113 min.

March 14, John Paesano – *Only Angels Have Wings* (1939), 121 min.

April 11, Fred Hansz – *The Big Sleep* (1946), 114 min.

May 9, Fred Leydorf Jr. – *A New Leaf* (1971), 102 min.

June 13, Augie Perrotta – *The Sting* (1973), 129 min.

July 11, Irv Poston – *My Fair Lady* (1964), 170 min.

September 12, Tom Booth – *Rear Window* (1954), 112 min.

October 17, Irv Poston – *Frankenstein* (1931), 70 min.

November 14, Augie Perrotta – *Against All Flags* (1952), 83 min.

December 12, Fred Hansz – *It Happened On Fifth Avenue* (1947), 115 min.

Historic Film Group Presentations for 2016:

April 25 – Classic Comedy Day

June 27 – Historic Musical Shorts

September 26 – Industrial/Military/Educational Film Day

October 24 – "B" Movie Matinee

—Fred Hansz



Investment Group

The Investment Group will next meet on Wednesday, December 9 at 2:45PM.

Making an annual appearance will be

Leon LaBrecque, founder of LJPR Financial Advisors.

Leon will address "From Global to Local: An Overview of the Economy, the Markets and the Political Horizon for 2016." We can expect an interesting and informed

perspective of what we can anticipate for 2016 which will impact investing decisions. Leon will also

provide free copies of his book "50 Good IRA Ideas" – normally sells for \$14.95!

Initial stock game results indicate that the leader is John Dueweke with a 16.3% gain, followed by John

Murray, up 15.6%, and Roger Timm, up 14.5% - all this in one month!

—George Miller

Special Events

The 2016 Detroit Auto Show

On Thursday, January 21, 2016, we will make our annual excursion to the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall. This year's show promises to be another great one, with many new production models and design concept vehicles on display. This event offers 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. Our buses will leave the First Presbyterian Church parking lot (1669 W. Maple) at 9:30AM, depart the Auto Show at 2:30PM, and return to the church at about 3:30PM. We will begin selling tickets at the Friday, December 4 meeting and sales will continue on December 11, January 8, and January 15. We are planning to charter two buses again this year, so we will be able to accommodate wives and significant others. Invite a friend and/or a prospective member!

This event has generally been a sellout, so buy your tickets early. We hope to see you on the bus!

—James King

2016 SMC Officers

These men were unanimously elected to serve our Club in 2016 in the indicated positions.



Front row left to right: Officer at Large: Robert I. Hayes; President: Eugene P. Jacoby; First Vice President: Richard A. Kamp

Back row left to right: Second Vice President: Charles R. (Dick) Bradley; Recording Secretary: Timothy S. McGee; Officer at Large: Theodore J. Schuster; Corresponding Secretary: Gerald W. Stribbell

Not pictured: Treasurer: John P Groves; Assistant Treasurer: James E. Bayson

Christmas Dinner Dance

This year's Senior Men's Club Christmas Dinner Dance will take place on Wednesday, December 9, at the San Marino Club in Troy, located on the north side of Big Beaver Road between Rochester and John R. Roads. Our evening will begin with a social reception at 6:00PM with snacks, punch, and a cash bar. We will be seated at 6:45PM for announcements and introductions, followed by dinner at 7:00PM and dancing thereafter.



Tickets are \$45 per person and will go on sale at the Special Events table beginning on Friday, November 6, and continue through Friday, December 4. Reserved group tables will be available upon request, but we will be happy to arrange tables for singles as well. We are opening the event to include non-members again this year, and have invited the members of TCH Women's Club, so please consider inviting guests to join us at this festive event.

Tables will accommodate eight persons. For those who wish to sit together at a table, table reservation forms will be available on October 30, one week before ticket sales begin. We ask that groups reserving tables please designate one person to collect the ticket fees and meal choices for the group and make one payment for the table.

The dinner menu will include stracciatella soup, a mixed green salad, and your choice of dinner entrée: tenderloin of beef with mushrooms, chicken Parmigiana with mozzarella cheese, or baked orange roughly with lemon garnish; along with side dishes of green beans and St. Anne potatoes. Dinner will conclude with a raspberry sundae dessert. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening, with cocktails/wine at \$5, beer at \$2, and free soft drinks. The San Marino Club will be festively decorated, and "The Pros" dance band (with approximately sixteen members and a featured vocalist) will entertain us again this year, opening with a salute to the Armed Forces followed by a sing along, and nostalgic and seasonal favorites for our listening and dancing pleasure during the evening. The newly-formed SMC Chorus will also serenade us with songs of the season.

This is one of our most popular and successful SMC events, so please save the date and make your reservation plans early!

—James King

Membership News

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Hostess Recognition Party

One of our longstanding traditional and most respected Club events is the annual Hostess Recognition Party, which will be held at our last meeting of the year – on December 11. We will bring back the long tables and “mess hall” floor plan for this event.

Members are urged to attend and to show our appreciation for the friendly and courteous service these lovely ladies provide all year at Friday luncheons. The ladies will receive holiday gifts as well as our warm thanks. In addition, we will hear some wonderful Christmas music by soloist Jeanne Bourget (Jerry Heller’s daughter) and by the melodic SMC Choral Group.

The Magic Jug

Congratulations and thank you! Once again, the results of the passing of the Magic Jug for contributions to the Oakland County Children’s Village was a success. Generous members contributed checks and cash totaling more than \$4000. It is evident that our traditional spirit of giving to the one charity we support as a Club is alive and well.

The Executive Board and the Special Projects Committee wish to thank all participants for their generosity. Members Dick Halsted and John Horiszny especially deserve recognition for handling the passing of the Jug. The “kids” at the Village once again will receive the support they deserve and have received from the Club for over 30 years. Well done!

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: _____

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 if you could identify the song with these lyrics:



*We will dance the
hootchy kootchy –
you will be my tootsie wootsie*

Seven readers knew these lines are from the title song in “Meet Me In St. Louis” – Dick Hameister, Roger Timm, John and Lorraine Parker, Leonard Johnson, Bill Burnie, Chuck Basch, and the Mark Kelly’s. Three readers told us that the “tootsie wootsie” line is also in “The Good Old Summertime” – Midge (Roger) Gettel, Helen (Tom) Harrison, and Clay Gordon – congratulations!

This month we have another old tune with an unusual title. The mystery lyrics are:

*Why are the stars always
winking and blinking above?
Why does a fellow start
thinking of fallin’ in love?*

Can you name that tune?

Sports Trivia

We tested your memory last month with these baseball nicknames – “The Big Train,” “Fordham Flash” and “Mr. October”. New Associate Julian Prince was the first to remember Walter Johnson, Frankie Frisch and Reggie Jackson. Old reliables Pete Kass, Jack McLaughlin, Dick Smith, Bob Hayes and Tom McNally soon followed with answers.

This month we challenge you to remember a horrible 1942 event, when a college football team was upset, cancelled a victory banquet, and avoided a tragedy and incredible loss of life.

Can you name that event and the teams involved?

—Dick Harper

THE REMINDER

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 2015 are: George L. Stern, president; Eugene P. Jacoby, first vice president; Richard A. Kamp, second vice president; Robert I. Hayes, recording secretary; Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. Bayson, assistant treasurer; Charles J. Blank and Pradeep (Pete) Mehra, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, editor; Chuck Ragains, and John Flintosh, 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, December 8, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, December 4

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

Christmas Dinner Dance at San Marino Club:

Wednesday, December 9, 6:00PM

Detroit Auto Show at Cobo Hall: Thursday, January 21, 2016, 9:30AM

Group Meetings

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

Genealogy Group: Monday, December 7, 2:00PM

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

Classic Movie Group: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Camera Group: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Computer Group: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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