

# The Reminder

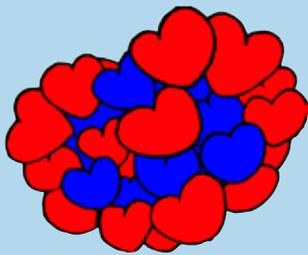
February 2007

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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## Anniversary Flag Presentation

Our first meeting of 2007 featured the presentation of a special U.S. flag received from the office of Congressman Joe Knollenberg. This flag was flown over our nation's capital in June, 2006, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham.



The Anniversary Committee received and framed a certificate authenticating this event. In addition, we purchased a handsome flagpole inscribed with this authentication.

A color guard from Disabled American Veterans Chapter #19, including Club members Les Lessenthien and Sherwin Vine, marched the flag forward to the Wallace Ballroom stage while *Stars and Stripes Forever* was played. It was a stirring moment!

Chairman Dick Harper of the Anniversary Committee first presented the flag to our Club. In turn, representing the Club, he presented the flag and pole to Shelley Roberts, President and CEO of The Community House for permanent display. Shelley voiced thanks on behalf of The Community House.

Special thanks are due to two committee members - Jack Howell, who originated the idea of acquiring the flag and made it happen, and Sherwin Vine who planned and organized the color guard, supported by Les Lessenthien.

## FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: Phil Werner

- 2 Dr. Susan Hahn, Beaumont Eye Institute ..... *"See for Yourself: Vision for Older Adults"*
- 9 Shane Cotmer, MBA Investment Representative, Edward Jones..... *"Ten Things You May Not Know About Bonds"*
- 16 Alvin Teshman, Director, Peace Action of Michigan..... *"What is the Promise of America?"*
- 23 Ernando Minghine, Ed.D., Wayne State University ..... *"A Look at the Middle East, Beyond Geographic Illiteracy"*

## MARCH PROGRAMS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Dennis Kozak

- 2 Kathy Parker, St. Thomas More Choir Member..... *"Kathy's Favorites"*

## FEBRUARY DISCUSSIONS

FEBRUARY CHAIRMAN: Augie Perrotta

- 2 Bradshaw Mallard, P.A., Former Administrative Manager, Henry Ford Hospital, Divisions of Occupational, Environmental and Preventative Medicine ..... *"Preventing Memory Loss-An Eclectic Approach"*
- 9 Professor Robin Boyle, Chair of the Planning Board, City of Birmingham; Chair, Department of Urban Planning, Wayne State University ..... *"Birmingham: The Challenge of the Future"*
- 16 William Bork, CPA, MST at Derderian, Kann, Seyferth & Salucci .... *"How Your Tax Return Will Change for 2007"*
- 23 Michael Boyle, D.O., Medical Director, Henry Ford Health System, Maplegrove Center..... *"The Destigmatization of Alcoholism"*

## MARCH DISCUSSIONS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Keith Jones

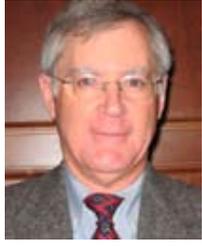
- 2 Roy Prentice, Farm Manager at Tollgate..... *"MSU Tollgate Farm-A Rural Oasis Amidst Suburbia"*

# Membership News



## New Members:

**John L. Frank, (Barbara)**  
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## Dropped:

Applicant **James F. Dunleavy**  
Applicant **Neil P. Moore**  
Applicant **James M. Newcomer**  
Applicant **Gasper F. Ruffino**  
Applicant **H. Eugene Weiss**

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## To Leave of Absence:

**E. Bruce Mumford**  
**Albert E. Fleming**  
**Francis L. Zernhelt**

## Resigned:

Applicant **Donald A. Julius**  
Applicant **Paul D. Newcomer**  
**Howard L. Linder**, joined October 1997  
**John F. Peyton**, joined June 1997  
**George B. Fraumann, (Life)**, joined April 1991  
**Michael J. Scivoletti**, joined September 2003

## To Life Member:

**Frank W. Garland**, joined November 1990  
**Andrew R. Spencer**, joined April 1988  
**Richard O. Straight (Assoc.)**, November 1992  
**Michael R. Gall (LOA)**, joined January 1997

## Deaths:

Member **William J. Bettisworth (LOA)**, joined July 2001  
Life Member **Roland E. Smith**, joined December 1993  
Member **Richard L. Hofmann**, joined June 1991  
Applicant **Joseph W. Prunty (10/12/2006)**

Pete Kass, Membership Chairman  
Bill Peschel, Membership Vice Chairman  
Bill Shaffmaster, Photography

# Groups



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, February 14 at 2:45 PM, Barry Charlip, CPA, private tax consultant/accountant will present "Tax Saving Tips for Investors." Based on his extensive experience, Mr. Charlip will help us understand important elements of the complicated tax code.

Roger Struck continues to lead the Stock Game with a 48% gain. Phil Werner is now 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bill MacLachlan is 3<sup>rd</sup>.

George Miller



## Camera Group

Jaap Delevie will be the presenter at the next meeting of the Camera Club, scheduled for February 13 at 2:00 PM.

The title of his presentation will be "The Adriatic Coast from Montenegro to Venice." He will share experiences of his recent 10 day trip, noting the influence of various cultures and empires including the Greek, Illyrian, Roman, Byzantine, Frank, Venetian and Ottoman. All members, applicants, spouses and friends are invited to join us.

Roger Garvelink



## Computer Group

Can your computer help you make the right investing decisions? "Probably" and "depends" are two of

the many possible answers to that question. On Wednesday, February 21 at 3:00 PM, Rodger Gach will discuss ways that you can use your computer to help with your investing decisions.

George Nordenholt

## Wives' Deaths

Nobody can underestimate the importance of wives in the lives of our members, and hence the significance of the death of spouses. The Executive Board unanimously adopted a new rule on announcing the deaths of wives: The member's preference is to be followed. The Health and Visitation Committee will announce the wife's death at the weekly meeting, and will report it through e-mail and the calling system, if the member requests it. Otherwise, no announcement will be made.

Jaap Delevie

# Games



## Winter Golf

Now is the time to exorcise the winter golfing aches as well as working off all the turkey, ham, cake, and champagne consumed during the holiday season.

Winter golf at the Oakland Yard Dome began on January 11 and will continue every other Thursday until Springdale golf begins on April 5. The official dome dates are January 25, February 8 and 22, and March 8 and 22.

The cost is \$8 for all the balls you wish to hit (or can) between 9:30 and 11:30 AM. This price includes coffee, soft drinks and sweet rolls. In addition to the official dates, Oakland Yard Dome will allow SMC members to come on any winter Thursday at the same discounted price of \$8. See Chuck Travers or Don Clark for an ID card that will eliminate confusion if you go on an odd Thursday.

The Oakland Yard Dome is hospitable, warm and clean. The management and staff go out of their way to make us feel welcome. If the resident teaching pro is not engaged in a lesson, he will offer free advice.

Hit them high, hit them long, hit them straight, and knock a hole in the end of the Dome.

Chuck Travers

## Bowling Report

The first half of the season was completed last month, with the Hoosiers (Frank Garland, Bruce Smiley, Don Doty and Tony DeMarco) winning the championship. Outstanding attendance and strategic bowling contributed to their success.

Our second half started January 8, and after two weeks of bowling the Boilermakers (Upward, Smyk, Mitchell and Buccini) and the Hawkeyes (Mangiapane, Sprague, Clark and Babcock) are tied for first place.

The Wednesday bowling practices have picked up, with 22 bowlers in attendance. The price of \$5.00 for a morning of fun at the Thunderbird Lanes is very reasonable and allows all of our bowlers to try to improve their skills. New bowlers are always welcome. Stop in at the Thunderbird Lanes in Troy any Monday or Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM. We will be more than happy to have you join us.

Dennis Kozak

## Legendary Irish Rovers



Mark your calendar! Thursday evening, March 1<sup>st</sup> is the date when the rollicking Irish Rovers appear at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts.

These international ambassadors of Irish music have charmed and entertained people around the world and continue to delight audiences with their exciting stage shows. The Rovers have never

lost their timeless ability to deliver a rousing performance of fun and good cheer. They will soon have you clapping and singing along.

Like the unicorn, the Rovers are legendary and magical. A good time is in store for all. This will be a great opportunity for us to escort our ladies on a truly memorable outing. Plan to come and enjoy the fun.

The value price of \$42 per person is all inclusive. Deluxe motorcoach transportation from the Presbyterian Church and return is provided. Make your plans early, as it looks like another sell-out.

Tickets go on sale at 9:15 AM on Friday, February 9. For additional information see Frank Cleary, John J. O'Brien or Maury Allen, co-chairs. We look forward to seeing you.

John J. O'Brien

## Golden Inauguration

Photo by John Dudash



Fifty years ago a group of men with tremendous foresight formed the Senior

Men's Club of Birmingham. Through the years strong leadership has brought the Club to the exalted position it holds today.

The year 2007 will be no exception. On the 50th inauguration, incoming President William O. Johnson received the golden gavel of authority symbolizing the transfer of the presidency from outgoing President Frank Barnes, continuing the chain of command.

Past President Dr. John H. McLaughlin presented the Past Presidents plaque to Frank Barnes in appreciation for his excellent service as president during 2006.

Strong leaders continue to come forward to lead the Senior Men's Club.

Bill Reilly

## Urgent Need!

Men to lead the songs and piano accompanists. Please contact Dick Hameister at 248.848.6156. Thank you.

## Guys & Gals Looking Forward to Bocce Ball

Special Events Group members, their wives/partners and a growing number of others in

the SMCB are acquainting themselves with the ambiance and fun awaiting them at the nearby Palazzo di Bocce. Located on Lapeer Road just 1.4 miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills (see map), this recently built facility prides itself as "America's First Palace of Bocce."



As announced in the January *Reminder*, the Special Events Committee has reserved the east wing of the "Palazzo" for our April event.

Teams will be established ahead of time so that play will begin on schedule the morning of April 11. We will break for a delicious buffet lunch, then wrap up our Guys & Gals Bocce Ball Party that afternoon.

In case you have not already done so, please mark your calendar for Wednesday, April 11. Over the weeks ahead, take your wives/partners on the short drive north to the marvelous Palazzo di Bocce facility and become familiar with this new world of fun. Experts will be on hand to instruct you on how to play bocce ball, rules of the game and how to keep score.

Final details including ticket prices, starting time, etc. will soon be announced by the committee.

Tom Clapp, Jack Howell, Riggs Miller and  
Art Pope

## Applicant Committee News

Wenzel F. Koch, Applicant, has been appointed to the Applicant Committee after the 2007 Handbook went to press. Please note this addition in your handbook. We are pleased to have this eager volunteer join our ranks.

Applicant Orientation dates have been scheduled for 2007. They will be March 30, June 29, September 28 and November 16. We meet promptly at 9:00 AM and will include plenty of time to register and attend the regular Friday membership meeting.

All applicants should plan to attend one of these as soon as possible after their application has been approved by the Membership Committee. Applicants who have not attended an orientation meeting will receive an invitation letter prior to a scheduled Applicant Orientation meeting.

Dave Dinger

## Thank You and Congratulations!

The Community House thanks the SMC for its generous support of the 2006 Community House Annual Fund Drive. Members and applicants contributed a total of \$54,884 to The Community House operating funds. This is an increase of \$450 over 2005. The average gift grew to a remarkable \$113. And because the Fund Drive chairpersons, Miranda and Bill Burnett, agreed to match all new and increased pledges, our support of The Community House is further enhanced.

This financial backing is vital to the future of The Community House, its continuing operation, and its outreach programs. The SMC utilizes this facility more than any other in the area. The Community House is "our home" and there is no other comparable facility available to us. Thus, it is essential that we strongly support the Annual Fund Drives.

Your Special Projects Committee offers its thanks and congratulations on your fine response to our requests. The total of 484 contributions in 2006 represents a gift from 85% of the total number of regular and applicant members. We encourage all those who are new to the Club and those who did not participate this past year to join the great majority. We also ask that all past contributors thoughtfully consider increasing their pledge by 5 to 10%. Perhaps 2007 will be the year we attain our goal of \$65,000, with 100% participation.

Please consider a commitment now so that we do not have to send you any donor-request letters and pledge cards. This will save us time and postage, your conscience will be clear and your tax-deduction for 2007 secure. You don't even need to write a check; contributions may be charged to either Visa or MasterCard. The Community House will acknowledge your gift and send supporting evidence of your tax deductible contribution. We have pledge cards and return envelopes available at the Friday meetings. Again, your generous support is greatly needed and appreciated by all.

Jim Schaefer

## Purple Rose Parking

Don't miss the bus! This is a reminder that the parking and bus pick-up for the trip to the Purple Rose Theatre is in a new location.

Because of the Sunday date of February 11 and unavailability of church parking, we will meet at the BASCC parking lot. This is in the northeast corner of the Seaholm High School Athletics Field, 2121 Midvale (former Midvale Elementary School). Bus boarding will begin at 10:00 AM with departure promptly at 10:30 AM. Maps to BASCC are available.

Roy Halmhuber

## Thank You, Durand Brown

After 30 years of accompanying the members at Friday meetings, both on the ivories and leading the singing, the time has come to retire at age 96, and move on. The chairman of the Master of Ceremonies is NOT retiring from the Club, just from leading the singing.

Durand joined the SMC in 1977 and shortly thereafter became part of a team; not Abbott and Costello, not Simon and Garfunkel, but Brown and Mendenhall. Never heard of them? Probably before your time. They led our group until the mid-nineties when Bill Mendenhall passed away. Brownie, as he was known at Chrysler during his working days, continued to work with other members of the committee: Jack Benish, Jim Leese and George Weaver. As their ranks are thinning, we look to the membership to step forward and lend us their voices. We lost Rich Hofmann in late December, 2006.

The call has already been answered, as Dick Hameister will become the chair of the Master of Ceremonies.

Bill Johnson

## 2006 Attendance Champs

### Life Members:

Bill Hunter 41—Ray Hughes 40—Jim Peters 40—Sherwin Vine 40—Ed Hoagland 39.

### Active Members:

Dick Harper 41—Roy Halmhuber 40—John Horiszny 40—Bob Serazin 40—John Dudash 39—Bob Robb 39.

Dave Schwartz

## Attention SMC Artists

For years, our own Bob Hadley did an outstanding job making attention-getting posters to help the Special Events Group sell tickets to upcoming monthly events. And sadly...as you know...the world recently lost this fine and talented gentleman.

Like the Marines, our group is looking for one or more good men to fill Bob's role as SMCB "poster artist of the month." Interested? If so, please contact John Zabriskie at 248-647-2455.

Jack Howell

## Mystery Lyrics

Only five readers correctly identified these mystery lyrics, composed by the great Johnny Mercer:

*"Folks around these parts  
get the time of day"*

as being from the Academy Award winning song of 1946 - the "Atkinson, Topeka and the Sante Fe," sung by Judy Garland and chorus in "The Harvey Girls."

Winners were first-time entrants Dick Mueller and Joe Schulenberg (who described himself as an old railroad man) along with regulars Bob Klein, John O'Brien and Clarke Thornton. How about this challenge - these are from an old Dixieland song:

*"I'll be down to get you in a taxi, honey  
You better be ready about half past eight  
Now dearie, don't be late  
I want to be there when the band starts  
playing"*

Can you name that tune? Hint - the title could be considered politically incorrect today.

Dick Harper



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## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 9:30 AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, February 16, 2007

### Games

**Bowling:** Monday, 8:45 AM at Thunderbird Lanes

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

**Golf:** Every other Thursday, Oakland Yard Dome, 9:30 AM

### Special Events

**"The Subject Was Roses":** February 11, 2007 at the Purple Rose Theatre

**"The Irish Rovers":** March 1, 2007 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts

### Group Meetings

**Camera:** Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 2:00 PM

**Computer:** Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 3:00 PM

**Investment Study:** Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 2:45 PM

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

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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 2007 are: Bill Johnson, president; Ken Urwiller, first vice president; Bob Pullar, second vice president; Irv Poston, recording secretary; John Flintosh, corresponding secretary; Bill Sprague, treasurer; Bill Minard, assistant treasurer; Bill English and Tom Clapp, officers at large; Bill Crabtree, parliamentarian.

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