

The Reminder



December 2017

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

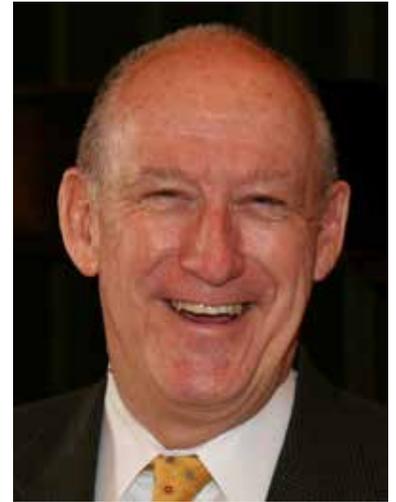
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Dick Bradley: SMC President for 2018

The highlight of 2017 was the extensive array of activities and events to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. The Chairman of this very active committee was Dick Bradley. Dick has been elected to serve as Club President for 2018.

Dick Bradley was born in Sarnia, Ontario. He attended elementary and high schools in Canada. He then came to the states to go to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. He graduated in 1968 with a business degree, with a major in marketing and a minor in psychology. He earned his MBA at the Franciscan University in Ohio.



Dick began his business career with Sears Roebuck and over the years, progressed in a variety of sales and marketing positions. He supervised buyers of cosmetics, jewelry, ladies and junior sports ware, working in Detroit, Chicago, Toronto and Montreal.

He became a SMC member in 2012 with an extensive list of club activities – golf, the Improvement Committee, all officer positions and of course, the 60th Anniversary Committee. As Dick prepares to assume club presidency, he indicates that a high priority will be to continue support of the club's core values – fellowship, shared interests and community service. Other priorities include enhancing Friday meetings and planning special theme days once a quarter, as well as increasing weekly guest counts leading to increased membership, and expanded website usage by members. Lastly, he will prioritize keeping our finances healthy, plus enhancing our longtime relationship with The Community House.

Dick and his wife Sally, whom he has known since the first grade, have 5 children and 18 grandchildren. They live in the Fox Hills subdivision in Bloomfield Hills and attend St. Hugo. He notes that our club and the committees are always in need of additional member support. A long time ago, one of our oldest and most recognized leaders said "You will never know how much fun this club can be and how much satisfaction you can experience until you join and are active on one of our committees." Dick certainly believes and epitomizes these words of wisdom.

—Chuck Ragains

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: Dick Bradley

- 1 Roy Rose, President, Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick Engineering.....*Fixing the Sinkhole in Sterling Heights*
- 8 Seaholm Pop Ensemble, Lauri Frick, Director.....*Pop and Holiday Selections*
- 15, 22, 29..... NO MEETINGS

Games

More than a Few Good Men

This month the SMC Bowling League offers its sincere thanks to our two leaders, Richard Volpe and Bob Jordan, who have provided exemplary service for several years. In both their recruitment and organization efforts, each has displayed a gentle kindness to new and old members alike. Thankfully they will continue to captain their teams into the New Year. Dennis Winowiecki and Phil Owen have graciously agreed to take their reins.

Second, in addition to losing Richard and Bob's leadership, the League has lost a number of its members due to declining health. Beyond that, many of our regulars have migrated south for the winter. To that end, please make a New Year's Resolution to come out on Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes, Square Lake and John R, to join our ranks and become one of our Good Men. (You will never be cross-examined by Tom Cruise)!

Finally, through 9 weeks, competition is keen. The Kingpins (Swarn Rajpal, Brian Haw and Ken Beres) lead with 22 points, followed closely by The Bowlers (Tom Waffin, Tony DiMarco and Pete Kass) with 21 points, and the Vipers (Chuck Frederick, Bob Beach and Dennis Winowiecki) totaling 19.

—Maynard Timm

The Magic Jug



Congratulations and thank you generous members. Once again, the passing of the Magic Jug for contributions to the Oakland County Children's Village was most successful.

Our generous members contributed checks and cash totaling more than \$3000, clearly demonstrating that our traditional spirit to the one outside charity we support is alive and well.

The Executive Board and the Special Projects Committee wish to thank all participants for such warm and impressive support. Members Dick Halsted and Dick Wehling especially merit recognition for the passing of the Jug. The "kids" at the Village will once again receive the support they have received from our club for over 30 years. Well done!

—Dick Halsted



2018 Club Officers

John R. Bergeron, Officer at Large; John P. Groves, Treasurer; Gerald W. Stribbell, Second Vice President; Maynard L. Timm, Corresponding Secretary; Charles W. Bradley, President; Thomas L. Booth, Officer at Large; Timothy S. McGee, First Vice President; James E. Bayson, Assistant Treasurer; Roger K. Timm, Recording Secretary

Groups



Investment Group

On Wednesday, December 13 at 2:45PM, we will be addressed by Brian Roehl – Managing Partner and Jim Duronio – Chief Investment Officer of LJPR. This is a private, local investment firm founded by Leon LaBrecque, who regularly addresses us. Our speakers will discuss how the changing world and multiple world powers affect the U.S. economy, the investment outlook and our bottom line. They will also review how the latest tax proposal could impact investors.

The Stock Game leader is a very familiar name – Ralph Schick, who won the game last year! He has achieved a 17.8% gain in this first report. John Murray is second and Dave Ladd is third. The game has a record 75 entries, picking 175 different stocks, and ends next May.

—George Miller



Computer Group

The Computer Group program planned for November has been rescheduled for Wednesday, December 20 at 3:00PM. Bill Buchanan will discuss "Photography Using Your Smart Phone Camera". Bill will demonstrate how to take full advantage of your iPhone as a camera for creative images. He will also discuss some useful apps for photography. Members and guests are invited.

—Tom Allen



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, December 11, Augie Perrotta will present one of the all-time Christmas classic films, "The Bishop's Wife" (1947), starring Cary Grant, David Niven and Loretta Young, at 1:00PM. This holiday fantasy comedy has a suave angel, Grant, coming to earth to help the Bishop, Niven, and his wife, Young, raise money for a new church. However, problems ensue when the angel falls for the Bishop's wife. But everything works out happily at the end of this enchanting film. If you love great warm hearted Christmas classics, then this movie is for you. Please plan to attend with family and friends to enjoy this outstanding holiday classic movie that will put you in the Christmas spirit.

—Fred Hansz



Camera Group

No Camera Group meeting in December.

—Harry Bloom



Reading Groups

On Wednesday, December 6 at 10:30AM, we will discuss the book "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" by Dee Brown.

This book documents the systematic destruction of the American Indians during the last half of the 19th century, from the perspective of the great Indian chiefs and warriors. It is a unique and disturbing narrative told with force and clarity. Maynard Timm will lead the discussion.

On Monday, December 18 at 3:00PM, we will discuss "The Black Book" by James Patterson and David Ellis. James Patterson has become famous for his engrossing detective stories and murder mysteries. "The Black Book" asks the question, "How can you prove yourself innocent of a crime when you are one of the crime victims and can't even remember the incident?" Patterson himself has declared this to be the best book he has written in 20 years. Roger Timm will lead the discussion.

—Frank Snower



Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, December 4 at 2:00PM. This month's discussion will be separated into

3 topics:

- How to get our younger members of the family interested in family history. We will discuss traits of the younger generations Y and Z.
- Discuss family military records of servicemen in other countries.
- Review material in the genealogy group's archives that are available to new members for gathering data about their families.

—Dave Bakos

Outstanding Service

Awards

The Outstanding Service Award represents the most prestigious recognition conveyed by the Senior Men's Club to members. Nominations are made and considered by the Policy Committee. For 2017, two members were honored as announced by President Dick Kamp.

John S. Flintosh has been a member since 2003 after 44 months as an Applicant (now Associate). He has always been one of our most active and involved members, with a broad multiplicity of Club roles, culminating, of course when he was



John Flintosh

elected Club President in 2011. He currently chairs the Special Projects Committee and has contributed to and/or headed the Legacy Endowment, Policy, Procedure Manual, Investment Group and 60th Anniversary Committees. The undersigned notes that John is a most valued *Reminder* proofreader!

Gene Markell was the second OSA recipient. Gene has been one of the most active and imaginative club members since joining in 2010. He currently chairs the Audio Visual Committee, charged with solving periodic presentation problems at Friday meetings. He has



Gene Markell

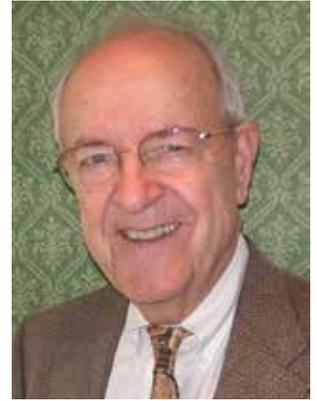
chaired the Guest Committee where he made numerous procedural improvements, backs up Tom Booth for Friday photography and has continued to challenge the Executive Board with innovative ideas about club activities and issues.

—Dick Harper

New Life Member

First Vice-President Dick Bradley recently had the high honor of honoring two club members who have achieved much respected Life Member status.

John Reddy was the first so honored – one of our best known and popular members, principally for his multi-faceted contributions to our club. John was reared in Chicago and after high school joined the Navy, serving in the Seabees from 1951-55. His tour included Newfoundland, Guantanamo Bay and Bermuda. He then worked as a journeyman carpenter before matriculating at the University of Illinois-Navy Pier. He graduated in



John Reddy

1960 from the Champaign-Urbana campus with a degree in Communications, with his wife and first born son sitting in the grandstand. He worked on a small daily and a suburban Chicago weekly, before joining *The Chicago Sun-Times*. He came to Michigan in 1968 as Managing Editor of *The Eccentric*, retiring 30 years later. He joined the Senior Men's Club in 1999, serving on multiple committees and in many capacities-including Program, Special Events, Moments of Interest and the 60th Anniversary Committees. He chaired the first Improvement Committee. John and wife Joan have been married 59 years and have produced 4 children and 9 grandchildren. John attends St. Thomas More in Troy. John's take on the SMC is perhaps best epitomized by his observation that he "walked originally into a club of strangers and walks out now with friends – often with new friends." Congratulations, John and welcome to Life Membership.

John Dickson was our second honored new Life Member. John was born, raised and educated in Detroit. He attended Southwestern High School and then earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State. He spent more than three years in the Air Force, serving as a flight instructor on the P39, P40 and P47 planes – clearly a member of the Greatest Generation. His business career featured 40 years with Ford Motor Company, including time as Credit Manager for Ford Parts. He joined the



John Dickson

Senior Men's Club in 2005 and has served on numerous club committees over the years, including an important role on the Visitation and Health Committee. John is a widower from a marriage that produced 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Congratulations, John as you become a Life Member.

—Dick Harper

SMC 2018 Dues Coupon

2018 dues are payable before January 1, 2018. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2018. 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.*

Hostess Recognition Party

One of our longstanding and most delightful club traditions is the annual Hostess Recognition Party, which will be held during our last meeting of the year on December 8. We will bring back the long tables and "mess hall" floor plan for this event.

Members are urged to attend and to show appreciation for the friendly and courteous service these lovely ladies provide all year at our Friday meetings. The ladies will receive holiday gifts as well as our warm thanks.

In addition, we will hear wonderful Christmas music by the Seaholm Pop Ensemble as well as from the melodic SMC Choral Group.

—Dick Harper

Senior Health Matters Life-Style Risk Factors for Cancer in Men

- Obesity-increases the risk for colon and high-grade prostate cancer
- Alcohol-raises the risk for esophageal, liver and colon cancers
- Sun exposure-increases the risk for squamous and basal cell skin cancer and malignant melanoma
- Smoking-raises the risk for lung, head and neck, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, kidney, bladder and penis cancer

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO



Gobbling Up Birdies!
SMC Turkey Shoot Golfers

Special Events

Save the Date for "Into the Woods"

We have scheduled a trip to experience the Tony Award winning musical by Stephen Sondheim – "Into the Woods" – presented by the Stagecrafters Theater Group at the historic Baldwin Theater in Royal Oak. The date for this self-driving event is Sunday, February 11 at 2:00PM. Free parking will be available across the street from the theater. A pre-show brunch at Lily's Restaurant at noon is included, all at a value price of \$45. Limited tickets will be available, with sales to start January 19.

—Tom McNally

Christmas Dinner Dance

This year's Senior Men's Club Christmas Dinner Dance will take place on Tuesday, December 12, 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 5:30PM featuring an antipasto table and a cash bar. We will be seated at 6:45PM for announcements and introductions, followed by dinner at 7:00PM and dancing thereafter. Free valet parking service will be provided.

The ticket price for this event is \$50 per person. Tickets will be sold at the Special Events table on Friday mornings through December 8. Reserved group tables will be available upon request, but we will be happy to arrange tables for singles and couples as well. You are encouraged to invite non-member guests to join us at this event. Last minute ticket sales (after December 8) may be arranged by contacting Tony DiMarco at 248-643-7368.

Tables normally accommodate 8 persons. For those who wish to sit together at a table, table reservation forms are available at the Special Events table. 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 roughy with lemon garnish; along with side dishes of green beans and St. Anne potatoes. A gluten-free and a vegetarian option will also be available. 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 in a Christmas motif, with flowers and candles at each table. A four piece stringed instrument group with vocalist will entertain us through the evening, opening with a salute to the Armed Forces followed by a sing along and nostalgic/seasonal favorites for our listening and dancing pleasure during the evening. The 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!

—Jim King



Detroit Auto Show

On Thursday, January 25, 2018, 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 2:00PM, and return to the church at about 3:00PM. We will begin selling tickets at the Friday, December 8 meeting and sales will continue on January 5, January 12, and January 19. After January 19, contact Jim King (248-645-9388) for tickets. 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!

—Jim King

New Members:



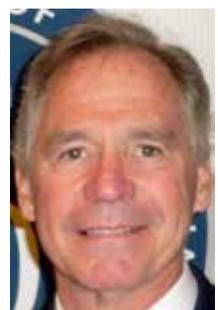
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To Life Member:

Henry B. Goodwin, Jr.

Resigned:

Nandalal Bagchi

Reinstated:

Associate Raymond Shapiro

Deaths:

Gerald R. Heller, (Life) joined October 2001
Richard A. Hameister, (Life) joined April 1989
Martin G. Gabriel, (Life) joined May 1999
Arthur Byington, (Life), joined Sept. 1994

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Frank Snower, Database Chairman

—Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, Photography

Medical Emergency Preparedness Team

On October 28, 2017, ten SMC members were trained in CPR/AED by the Birmingham Fire Department and are now certified/re-certified and have been added to the team. The six newly certified members are Dan Bonbrisco, John Flintosh, Mike Fritz, Don Nummer, Art Pope and Dave Schwartz. The four members of the team who were re-certified are Dave Dinger, George Grove, Richard Muszynski and Augie Perrotta. The team now numbers 58 of our members. To arrange registration in a future training class to re-certify or become certified, please contact me.

—Dave Dinger

Humor?

A wife suggested that her husband try his hand at changing diapers. "I'll do the next one," he replied. Later, when their baby needed a change, she asked for his help. "I didn't mean the next diaper," he said, "I meant the next baby!"

Mystery Lyrics



We came close to "stumping the panel" with last month's mystery lyric challenge. We asked if you could name the song which includes these lines:

*Darling, how are you, and
how are all those little dreams
that never did come true*

Only Tim McGee and Joel Adelman recognized that the song is Bob Hope's long time theme song "Thanks for the Memory." Congratulations Tim and Joel.

Let's try a romantic ballad this month. The opening lines are:

*It's not the pale moon that excites me,
that thrills and delights me, Oh no!*

This was recorded by many, including Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald.

Can you name that tune?

Sports Trivia

We had a little more luck with the sports trivia challenge, asking if you could remember who was baseball's first Bonus Baby (a Detroit Tiger). The answer is Dick Wakefield – signed off the University of Michigan campus for \$52,000 in 1941 (a lot of money then). Wakefield was an OK hitter with a career average of .293, but was an indifferent fielder.

Tim McGee, Jack McLaughlin, Clay Gordon and Dave Schwartz remembered Wakefield. We did get several guesses for Al Kaline, but he came along years later.

Red Wing fans will long remember that Gordie Howe wore number 9 on his jersey – so did Maurice (The Rocket) Richard of the Montreal Canadiens. But can you remember who wore the number 99 – supposedly to honor Howe? (Is this too easy?)

—Dick Harper

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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 2017 are: Richard A. (Dick) Kamp, president; Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, first vice president; Timothy S. McGee, second vice-president; Gerald W. (Jerry) Stribbell, recording secretary; Roger T. Timm, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. (Jim) Bayson, assistant treasurer; Richard W. (Dick) Judy and Larry R. Imerman, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, editor; John Flintosh, Chuck Ragains, and Maynard Timm, associate editors; Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, photography; Bob Jordan, mailing; Lee Trumbull, computer layout.

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Reminder Deadline: Friday, December 1

Bowling: Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes

Bridge: Tuesdays at 9:00AM; Fridays after lunch

Golf: Dome Golf begins Thursday, January 4, 2018

Special Events

Annual Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 12, 5:30PM

Detroit Auto Show: Thursday, January 25, 2018, 9:30AM

"Into the Woods": Sunday, February 11, 2018, 2:00PM

Group Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

Camera Group: No meeting in December

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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