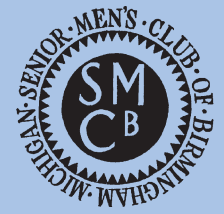


The Reminder

April 2007

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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March Programs – Celebrating the 50th

The March Programs for the Men's Club consisted of five weeks of musical entertainment. March 2nd, we were entertained by vocalist Mrs. Kathy Parker and Mr. Robert Meyer at the piano. Kathy has been one our regulars, bringing the Seaholm High School students to do selections from their spring musicals. She also has performed as a vocalist numerous times here at The Community House. Her performance titled "Kathy's Favorites" included many songs from the 50's and they were presented extremely well.

On March 9th, we were fortunate to have Mrs. Jeanne Heller Bourget and Mr. Glen Burdette present a program of songs titled "As Time Goes By." The performance was fabulous and well received and enjoyed by everyone.

On March 16th, Mrs. Patty Ward was our guest and she brought the Seaholm High School students from their spring musical "Grease." This was the school's 11th consecutive year of performing at The Community House.

On March 23rd, the Groves High School Jazz Band will make its first appearance and the performance of "Nothing But Jazz" will probably be absolutely cool. The band is directed by Mr. Jim Zarzycki, the musical director at Groves High School.



Jeanne Bourget

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APRIL PROGRAMS

APRIL CHAIRMAN: John O'Brien

- 6 NO MEETING
- 13 Lynn Henning, *Detroit News* sports writer *Inside Look at Detroit Tigers Baseball*
- 20 Sir Thomas F. Smith, K.B.E., Windsor, Ontario *The Glory that was J.L. Hudsons*
- 27 Dr. Ara Sanjian, U of M Center for Armenian Research *Armenia Today and Yesterday*

MAY PROGRAMS

MAY CHAIRMAN: Dick Harper

- 4 Jerry Heller, SMC Member *Our 50th Anniversary*

APRIL DISCUSSIONS

APRIL CHAIRMAN: Augie Perrotta

- 6 NO MEETING
- 13 Cameron Wood, Anthropology Educator, Cranbrook Institute of Science ... *Chief Pontiac and the War for Detroit*
- 20 John Marshall, Program Chairman, Bloomfield Historical Society *Birmingham and the Railroad*
- 27 Chuck Kirkpatrick, SMC Member *Development of "The Hills of Bloomfield"*

MAY DISCUSSIONS

MAY CHAIRMAN: Ken Brooker

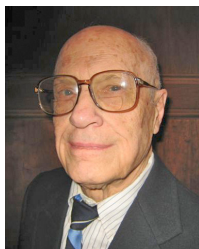
- 4 Dr. Augie Perrotta, SMC Member *Humor as Medicine*

Membership News

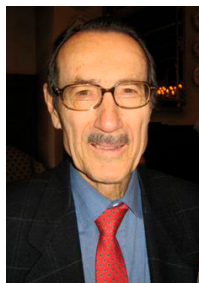


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To Life Member:

Robert T. Kelly, joined January 1987

Deaths:

Gallo, Michael R. (Life), joined January 1997
Applicant John A. Ingold

To Leave of Absence:

Robert L. Loesch

Resigned:

Gerald C. Nalon (LOA), joined February 2002
Phillip W. Lett (LOA), joined February 1996
Applicant William F. Nern

Dropped:

Applicant Robert J. Borgon
Applicant Theophil L. Bratta
Applicant Lawrence H. Dickelmann
Applicant Angelo J. Lazzarini
Applicant Edward R. Wendt

Correction of March

Reminder:

The sponsor for new applicant Clarence A. Rice is Bert A. Swanson.

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



Monday Golf

The Applicant's Golf League will again play on Mondays at Lincoln Hills. Sign-ups have progressed throughout March, but there is still room for interested golfers. Play begins April 23, 2007 for sixteen weeks. REGULAR players pay in advance for the season. They have preferred and guaranteed tee off times, play in the same foursome (TEAM) each week and have assigned tee times. WALK-ON PLAYERS pay each week and only play as a substitute for an absent Regular player.

Fees are \$192 for the season for Regulars and \$13 each round for Walk-Ons. Riding carts are available and are an extra charge. There is a weekly prize for Closest to the Pin on Hole No. 2. There will be two scheduled Scrambles with prizes for two flights. There may also be surprise awards during the year and we are open to your suggestions.

To help in our motivation to play each week and to provide a commitment to Lincoln Hills we need payment from the Regulars (with a check for \$192) by April 12. Please send your checks made out to the SMC Monday Golf to Bill Spreitzer at 22663 North Nottingham Drive, Beverly Hills, MI 48025 or they can be hand delivered to any member of the Monday Golf Committee.

We look forward to your participation and great performances, outstanding friendliness, energetic competition and excellent weather.

The Monday Golf Committee: Bill Spreitzer, Chair and Treasurer; Fran DeGrande, Past Chair; Jerry Heller, Secretary and Scorekeeper and Ed Jones and Tom Waffan, Starters.

Bridge (The Thinking Man's Game)

We will be playing duplicate bridge on all Tuesdays and Fridays in April with the possible exception of Good Friday. The games start promptly at 9:00AM on Tuesdays and 12:45PM on Fridays unless otherwise notified at Friday meetings or via *The Reminder*. The group would like to encourage all those who know the game, but are somewhat reticent about their talent or rusty on the conventions, to join us. As played within the SMC, it is a non-threatening, non-professional, social activity, and a great way to get better acquainted with fellow members. And bridge has proven to be a wonderful tactic for keeping those cranial synapses connected. Join us.

Dick Suminski

Bowling Report

Bowling attendance has dropped due to the snowbirds going south for the remainder of the winter season. However, the number of bowlers having 200 games and 500 series has increased during the last eight weeks. They are as follows:

	<u>200 Games</u>	<u>500 Series</u>
Bob Jordan	247,233	577,535
Phil Buccini	225	560,513,552
Art Byington	215,214,500	545,540,521,500
Tom Schrifft	214	525
Les Lessenthien	212,201	575,516,559,510
Dennis Kozak	209	531
Pete Kass	208,212	545,521,533,519
Cliff Dean	206	-
Bucky Buchanan	206	-
George Moore	200	520
Bob Klein	-	508
Bob Babcock	-	507
Bill Peschel	-	501

Bowling banquet tickets are on sale now from the captains. Price: \$25; Place: Farina's in Berkley; Food: Tenderloin (all you can eat) plus appetizers and dessert; Date: May 2, 2007. There will be cash prizes for everyone.

Dennis Kozak

Thursday Golf

Thursday Golf will begin on April 5 at Springdale. To show our sensitivity the committee will turn off all the video cameras so as not to record for posterity all the moans, groans, creaks, and swear words that normally accompany opening day at Springdale. The green fees will be \$10. No pennies accepted. Our tee times start at 9:00AM sharp. On Friday, March 23, Bill Johnson, Club President, drew the starting times for the foursomes. The foursomes tee times are posted on the bulletin board at every Friday meeting. All walk-ons will be placed into the available foursome that is short members on a first come, first served basis. After paying their green fees the walk-on will receive a "sub" number from the inside starter. All applicants are welcome. Hit them high, hit them long, and hit them straight.

Chuck Travers

Anniversary Banquet

Plans for a special banquet celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Senior Men's Club have been finalized. This gala event, co-sponsored by the Anniversary and Special Events Committees, will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at the San Marino Club in Troy - the site of our well received last Christmas party.

A festive evening is planned, which will include an outstanding menu and sparkling entertainment - featuring Devin Scillian and the Arizona Son Ensemble. Yes, Devin is a Channel 4 newscaster, but no, he will not be reading news stories. He is also an accomplished musician, composer and recording artist. While the Arizona Son does specialize in country music, at our request they will play a broad array of musical selections from the 50's and 60's - music we will recognize, know and love. Included will be music of the Beatles, Paul Anka, Bobby Darin plus Elvis and Johnny Cash.

The San Marino Club proved to be an excellent site for our Christmas banquet. It has substantial seating capacity, great cuisine, and easy parking in an upscale banquet environment.

Tickets will be available starting Friday, April 20 at 9:15 AM, priced at \$35 per person. The evening will start with a social hour at 6:00PM, including cash bar. Dinner at 7:00PM will offer beef tenderloin or chicken, with our entertainment at 8:00PM.

Seating will be eight to a table. Please have your check made out to "SMCB-May Banquet" in advance, and be prepared to select entrees.

All members, applicants and significant others are cordially invited. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Dick Harper

Applicant Committee News

I wish to encourage all applicants to join a committee, a group or an activity of their choice and interest. It is through your participation that you will come to understand and appreciate what makes us thrive, enjoy life and give service to our community. We welcome and need your input in order to keep this organization strong and to challenge us to change with the times.

Dave Dinger

Groups



Investment Group

"Structured Investments" guarantee that you cannot lose your principal.

Are they right for you in this uncertain market? On Wednesday, April 11 at 2:45PM, Michael Welch, V.P. Baird & Co. will discuss this new category of investments. Be there! Bring a friend!

Roger Struck continues to lead the Stock Game with a 54% gain. Bill Straith, last year's winner, is now second with a 27% gain. Hal Twietmeyer is third. Reid McCulloch has moved from 43rd to 4th place.

George Miller



Camera Group

The April meeting of the Camera Group will be held on the 17th at 2:00PM. This is the third Tuesday, not the usual second Tuesday of the month. The reason is that the speaker, Liz Weidner of the Woodward Camera Shop, will have just returned from the annual technology fair in Las Vegas and will be able to share with us the latest products in digital and SLR photography as well as print and projection alternatives. All members, spouses and friends are invited.

Roger H. Garvelink



Computer Group

Is Vista worth the hassle? Is it really a big improvement over XP? If the answer to those two questions is YES, how soon should I make the switch to Vista? Larry Kulp will help you make your own decisions. On Wednesday, April 18 at 3:00PM, Larry will describe the plusses and minuses as well as what's involved in switching from Windows XP to Vista.

Please remember that wives, significant others, and other friends are welcome to attend Computer, Camera and Investment Group meetings of the Senior Men's Club.

George Nordenholt

Executive Board Endorses Proposed Changes to Constitution and By-Laws

On March 13, with the strong support of the Policy Committee and the Club President, the Executive Board endorsed a number of changes to the Constitution and By-Laws and directed that they be submitted to the membership for approval in a vote to be taken on April 20. The proposed changes are summarized as follows:

1. The Leave of Absence membership category will be expanded to encompass those members currently classified as Associates. The present \$15 dues requirement for that category will be continued.
2. Applicants for membership will be accorded Associate Member status upon acceptance of their application by the Club.
3. The Applicant Committee will become the Associates Committee.
4. To qualify for full membership, Associate Members must attend an Orientation Meeting and fulfill the annual three-meeting requirement.
5. When openings occur in the membership ranks, the Associates Committee will identify those associates fully qualified for induction. Qualified associates, with rare exceptions, will advance in order of acceptance of their original application by the Club.

This proposal recognizes the Club's continuing maturation and recent accomplishments and better reflects the value the Club places on its future members and leaders. The Club's Anniversary Year provides an opportune time to recognize our valued future members and accord them "Associate Member" status. Accordingly, the Executive Board strongly endorses this proposal and urges its approval by the membership, with the related amendments required in the Constitution and By-Laws. A copy of the proposed amendments is posted and available from the Club Parliamentarian, Bill Crabtree, upon request.

April Discussion Groups

April is History Month at the Discussion Group. On April 13, we meet Chief Pontiac, the larger than life local Native American leader. Cameron Wood takes us back to 1763 with artifacts, replicas and visuals which bring to life this colorful figure and fascinating events in the epic struggle for control of the Great Lakes. On April 20, John Marshall will tell us about Birmingham and the Railroad. On April 27, SMC member and *The Reminder* Editor, Chuck Kirkpatrick will explore the development of what Judson Bradway called "The Hills of Bloomfield." We urge you to participate in the group that was formed to provide us with intellectual stimulation and, sometimes, lively debate on topics that span the spectrum of time, place and person. You will not be disappointed.

Augie Perrotta

March Programs

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On March 30th, we will be fortunate to have Mrs. Marian Balderi and Mrs. Irene Mattutat return to The Community House. They have been playing as a four-hand team on the piano for over 20 years. Their program will include the following songs:

"Over the Rainbow" from *The Wizard of Oz*; "Love Theme" from *The Winds of War*; Theme from the movie *New York, New York*; "Tonight" from the musical *Westside Story*.

All told, it was a musical month to remember enjoyed by all.

Dennis J. Kozak

FUN!FOOD!PRIZES!

If still available, here's your last chance to buy tickets to our upcoming GUYS & GALS BOCCE BALL PARTY set for Wednesday, April 11.

The place — the beautiful Palazzo di Bocce on Lapeer Road, 1.4 miles north of the Palace basketball facility—an easy drive from the Birmingham area.

Our big day will kick off as follows:

10:30 AM Coffee and assignment of up to 16, 4-person teams

11:00 AM Games begin

12:00 PM Delicious buffet lunch

2:00 PM Games end, prizes awarded

As you probably know, our tickets went on sale at The Community House on Friday, March 23 at the package price of \$42 per person. To avoid the rush, buyers arrived early at 8:30 AM to take-a-number, then bought their tickets at 9:15 AM.

Just in case some tickets are still available for this big fun event, please see us and sign up for yourself and best gal or guy partner. Should you need a partner, please let us know.

Tom Clapp, Bob Gualdoni, Roy Halmhuber, Jack Howell and Riggs Miller

Still Need!



Need piano accompanists to support the songs at the beginning of the meeting. Please contact Dick Hameister at 248.646.6156. Hoping to hear from members. Thank you.
Dick Hameister

Mystery Lyrics

We almost stumped the panel last month. Only four readers - Dick Porter, Jim Nordlie and snowbirds Clay Gordon and Bob Hebert - correctly identified these lyrics

*It's not the note I sent you
that you quickly burned*

as being from the Irving Berlin song *Be Careful, it's My Heart!* Quite a contrast from last month, when 20 readers got the right answer.

Are you ready for another Academy Award winning song? It starts:

*I'm as restless as a willow
in a wind storm
I'm as jumpy as a puppet
on a string*

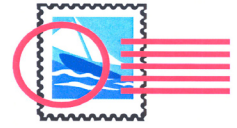
Can you name that tune? Hint: it was a big hit for Dick Haymes.

Dick Harper



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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2007, 9:30 AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, April 13, 2007

Games

Bowling: Monday, 8:45 AM at Thunderbird Lanes through April 16
Wednesday, 8:45 AM at Thunderbird Lanes, continues through summer

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

Golf: Monday, 7:30 AM at Lincoln Hills, beginning April 23
Thursday, 9:00 AM at Springdale, beginning April 6

Special Events

Bocce Ball Party and Luncheon: Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 10:15 AM

Group Meetings

Camera: Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 2:00 PM

Computer: Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 3:00 PM

Investment Study: Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 2:45 PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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