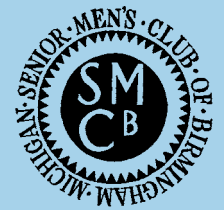


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October 2011

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Hidden Gems and Fall Colors

This multi-featured Fall Color Tour will take place on Wednesday, October 12. Our deluxe tour bus will depart the First Presbyterian Church at 8:30AM and head for the wooded hills and hidden gems in the northern Oakland County area. Highlights of this fall color extravaganza include:

- A coffee stop at the beautiful West Wynd Golf Course.
- A tour of the St. Benedict Monastery.
- Drive-bys of fancy horse farms, quaint villages, etc.
- Lunch at the historic White Horse Inn (self pay).
- Refreshment stop at Paint Creek Cider Mill.

Our bus will return to Birmingham by 4:00PM.

Those attending this tour will receive a Fall Color Tour Photo Contest Entry Form onboard the bus. Please use this form to submit your best photos (maximum 3 photos) taken during the tour.

A stand-by wait list for tickets (\$25) will be established. Price includes bus ride and morning coffee stop at West Wynd Golf Course. See you on the bus!

—Special Events Committee: Bob Gualdoni, Tony DiMarco, Jack Howell and Bob Pullar

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: Jack Ledingham

- 7 Dr. Ananias Diokno, Exec. VP/Chief Medical Officer, Beaumont Hospital *The Remarkable Story of Building One of America's Most Successful Health Care Systems*
- 14 NO MEETING
- 21 Bob Lutz, Former Vice Chairman, General Motors Corporation *Car Guys vs. Bean Counters: The Battle for the Soul of American Business*
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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: Mike Nigro

- 4 M.L. Elrick, Detroit Free Press Reporter *The Importance of Watchdog Journalism*

OCTOBER DISCUSSIONS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: John Marsh

- 7 David Walker, Attorney *New Russia versus Old Russia*
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- 21 Barry King, Attorney *New Information on the Oakland County Child Killer Case*
- 28 Bill Dow, Sports Writer *Interviews with Sports Personalities*

NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: Riggs Miller

- 4 Brenda Donaldson, MD-Corporate Director of Acupuncture Services, Beaumont Hospital *Integrative Medicine and Acupuncture Therapy*

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Groups



Classic Movie Group

"African Queen" is the 1951 film classic to be shown by Bob Jackson at 1:00PM in the Hackett Room on Monday, October 3. Note this is a change to the first Monday of the month. The film stars Humphrey Bogart (who won the Academy Award for best actor) and Katharine Hepburn. The setting for this marvelous film of romance, adventure, love and human character, is German East Africa in 1914 during WW I. Our DVD is a complete Technicolor version that was just digitally restored in March of 2010. Bring your spouse, friends and potential recruits to the SMC for this blockbuster.



—Augie Perrotta



Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, October 19 at 3:00PM. The speaker and subject will be announced soon.

—Bob Chandler



Investment Group

On Wednesday, October 5 at 2:45PM Hedley Williams, Chief Investment Officer and Al Mahimiuk, CFO, Agree Realty will present "How to Operate Successfully in a Difficult Retail Real Estate Environment." They will review the national and Michigan commercial real estate markets and discuss Agree's successful strategies. Agree Realty (ADC) is a local company that pays a 7.5% dividend.

The Stock Game will begin at the market close on Friday, October 7. Rules are unchanged. Do not forget the \$10 option; Tom Booth won \$250 last year. Give your stock picks to Bob Bazzell or myself

—George Miller



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, October 5 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing the book "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. In late May 1943, the B-24 carrying the 26-year-old Zamperini went down over the Pacific. For nearly seven weeks (longer, Hillenbrand believes, than any other such instance in recorded history) Zamperini and his pilot managed to survive on a fragile raft. They traveled 2,000 miles, only to land in a series of Japanese prison camps, where, for the next two years, Zamperini underwent a whole new set of tortures. His is one of the most spectacular odysseys of this or any other war, and "odyssey" is the right word, for with its tempests and furies and monsters, many of them human, Zamperini's saga is something out of Greek mythology.

On Monday, October 17 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing the book "The Conquerors" by M. Beschloss. "The Conquerors" describes the politics surrounding World War II rather than the military campaigns and propaganda that are typically written about and featured in documentaries. The purpose of this book can be summed up in one sentence: The actions and strategies of first Franklin Roosevelt and then Harry Truman directly resulted in a peaceful and stable Germany today. They knew that to punish the German people harshly would bring about either the creation of another Hitler, thriving on the bitterness and dissent of the people, or an alliance with the Russians and therefore Communism. A quote by Dwight Eisenhower at the beginning of the book puts it best. "The success of this occupation can only be judged fifty years from now if the Germans have a stable, prosperous democracy, then we shall have succeeded."

—Ted Chapekis



Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, October 11 at 2:00PM. Our speaker will be Don Hite from Hite Photo and Frame who will discuss how to scan and organize your old photos, slides and prints. This is a great subject for those of us seniors who have many old pictures, which we would like to organize for our children and grandchildren. No commercialism will be involved in this presentation.

—Jaap B. Delevie



Monday Golf

The official 2011 season ended September 12, but Lincoln Hills has invited continued play until the course closes. They are holding the Monday starting hours (7:30 to 9:30AM) and will honor Senior Men's Club rates -- \$13 for SMC Members and \$9.50 for Leisure Pass Holders. Just pay the counter staff but call in for a tee time if you have a foursome. Individual players can just walk-on during the assigned times.

The annual Monday Scramble on August 28 was a roaring success. Twenty-three of the 34 players were money winners and the proceeds have been distributed. If you have not seen your share, speak to your golf partners and you will find that one of them will have your award. Congratulations to all.

Thanks to all of the players. Special thanks to our starters, statisticians, kibitzers and staff. At Lincoln Hills, thanks to Andy and Rich for accommodating our needs, absorbing our gripes and keeping us on the straight and narrow (the fairways).

There will be at least one more monthly report with the annual league statistics and "awards".

—The Golf Committee

Ed Jones, Bill Spreitzer and Tom Waffan



B O W L I N G

After two weeks of bowling, no clear leading team has emerged. Three teams are tied for first place - Angels, Diamondbacks and Mariners - each with 12 points. Last week, our Chairman - Tom Venier - was like a one man wrecking crew for the Mariners. He had a great 252 game - an unbelievable 107 pins over average, and a 591 series. Both scores, of course, were high for the year.

Unfortunately, Tom didn't enter the over-average jackpot. Jack Corey, who would have won the first week, didn't make the same mistake again. He rolled a 208 game - 65 pins over average, and won this pot.

You can tell we are getting into the swing of bowling after our summer layoff. We look for good scores to come. Stay tuned.

Golf

The annual Golf Banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 25 in the Wallace Ballroom of The Community House. The price is the same as last year at \$35 for each ticket. Tickets went on sale starting on Friday, September 23. See any committee member to make your purchase. Entree choices are roast beef or chicken. A cash bar will be available. Agenda:

- 6:00PM: Attitude readjustment hour
- 6:45PM: Dinner
- 7:30PM: Awards and prizes

The annual Tournament for Thursday Golf was held on August 18, 25, and September 1. Prizes will be awarded at the Banquet. The winners were:

Low Gross: (Two rounds total)

First Place:	Chuck Torner@	76
Second Place:	Kirby Callam@	77
Third Place:	Ed Dilworth@	81

Championship Flight: (Average of 45 and below)

First Place:	Rich Wehling@	-2.5
Second Place:	Joe Schulenberg@	-2.2
Third Place:	Ted Chapekis@	-1.4

Flight #1: (Average of 45.1 to 50.0)

First Place:	Jack Shea@	-4.4
Second Place:	Cliff Bath@	-3.4
Third Place:	Bill Wagoner@	-2.3

Flight#2: (Average above 50.0)

First Place:	Byron Converse@	-5.8
Second Place:	Jack Corey@	-4.3
Third Place:	Bill Johnson@	-2.7

The annual Stonycroft Scramble was held on Tuesday, September 13. The weather was nearly perfect as were the competition and food. Scores were close. The winning team at an even score of 35 was Kirby Callam, Joe Schulenberg, Bob Munn, and Jon Haber. Closest to the pin on hole #9 was Bill Spreitzer. Each won a \$25 gift certificate to the Pro Shop.

Hit them high, hit them long, and hit them straight.

—The Golf Committees

Improving the SMC



The Discussion Group meeting held on September 16 was directed at developing member suggestions as to how to improve our Club. As such, it was one of the most important and potentially significant Club meetings held in some time. It was most likely the best attended Discussion Group session ever held, with more than 60 thoughtful and articulate members contributing to the dialogue.

Facilitator John Reddy opened the meeting, indicating that our purpose was the gathering of member opinions about the operations of our Club, both in terms of what is working well today and what potential improvements and changes should be considered for the future. He stressed that any and all contributions were welcome, but noted that this was not a decision-making meeting, but the first step in an ongoing process of improvement.

As a starter, Reddy asked attendees what they liked most about the Club. Principal mentions, drawn from the discussion summary compiled by Augie Perrotta, included:

- Club well organized and run, frequency of meetings
- Impressive variety of activities, especially special events, group meetings and sports
- Camaraderie and socialization

Then Reddy asked what could be improved or changed--some aspects of the Club received both positive **and** negative comments, including:

- Meeting attendance requirements
- Quality of Friday speakers (largely positive)
- Dress code options
- Lunch and seating arrangements

From the quality and range of comments received, it is clear that members are keenly interested in the ongoing success of our Club, and that resistance to change is minimal.

Continuing dialogue with members on this vital subject is anticipated. To that end, members are encouraged to provide additional input on potential improvements, including written submissions, to John Reddy. It is anticipated that another Discussion Group meeting on this subject will take place in the near future and that one or more committees may be formed to explore specific suggestions for ultimate review and evaluation by the Executive Board.

Please know that member input is welcomed and appreciated. Meanwhile, the discussion summary is posted on the website and available on request from Recording Secretary, George Stern. We achieved a great start on a most important subject!

—Dick Harper

E-Mail Address Changes

The Club uses the Google group SMCBirmingham as a bulk mailer to send e-mail, including the electronic version of *The Reminder* to members with e-mail. In the past, I could directly add new and revised e-mail addresses to the list. Google has changed the rules.

I can now only have Google send you an invitation. You must accept the invitation by clicking on the link in the message or your e-mail will not be added to the list. Please notify me of all new and revised e-mail addresses.

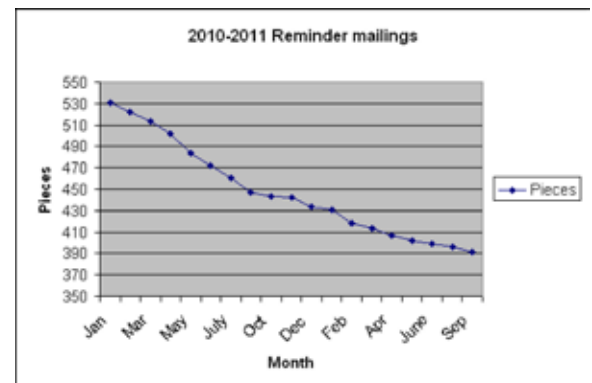
—John M. Steele, SMC Database Chairman

No Hard Copy

The number of printed *Reminders* mailed each month continues to decline as shown in the graph below as members enroll in the “no hard copy” program. All members with e-mail receive the electronic version of *The Reminder* automatically. However, those who wish to discontinue their hard copy must notify the Database Chairman, John M. Steele.

A total of 286 men have discontinued their hard copy saving the Club printing and postage expense. However, of men with e-mail, 204 are still receiving both electronic and hard copy versions of *The Reminder*. The electronic version arrives a week earlier and is printed in color. Please consider whether you are ready to say “No Hard Copy.”

—John M. Steele, SMC Database Chairman



Local Restaurants Support Picnic

Once again many of our local restaurants have supported our picnic with some great prizes. Most of the door prizes were for "dinner for two" averaging about \$50 per certificate. The lucky winners have an enjoyable evening of fine dining ahead.

Contributing restaurants were:

- Beau Jack's---Extra generous with FOUR gift certificates
- Somerset Inn Chef's Table Restaurant
- Peabody's
- Streetside Seafood
- 220 Merrill
- Sweet Lorraines Café & Bar
- The Community House
- Mitchell's Fish Market
- Original Pancake House
- Ocean Prime

We urge all members and associates of the Senior Men's Club to patronize these fine restaurants to show our appreciation---and to identify yourself to the management and give them your personal thanks.

We also received a very generous contribution from the Heathers Golf Club of Bloomfield - a one year weekday golf membership including full dining room privileges at the clubhouse. They also deserve our thanks.

Plus thanks to one of our favorite pianists and vocalists, Marina Arsenijevic, who donated a CD and a DVD of her performance at West Point.

—Your Picnic Committee

Outstanding Service Award

Each year, the Senior Men's Club considers selecting a member to receive an Outstanding Service Award. This prestigious honor is intended to recognize long standing and meritorious service to the club by a selected honoree. Our Policy Committee is authorized to determine the member (or members) to be honored. Awards, if made, are usually presented at the end of a calendar year.

Any club member or associate can recommend a candidate for consideration for this award. Recommendations should include brief supportive rationale and can be delivered to any member of the Policy Committee - Chairman Bob Pullar, Irv Poston, Frank Barnes, Bill Johnson, John Flintosh or Ken Urwiller.

—Dick Harper

Mark Your Calendars!

Bob Lutz, former Vice-Chairman of General Motors, will be our Program Speaker on Friday, October 21. If you have a copy of Bob's book, "Car Guys vs. Bean Counters," Bob will be happy to sign it after lunch. No books will be sold at the meeting.

—David Schwartz

Calling All Car Guys



Photo Credit: Simon Clay © Courtesy of RM Auctions

The November Special Event will really be special; we're going to visit what is widely viewed as perhaps the premier car restoration museum and shop in all of North America. It's simply called RM Auctions, and it's out in a cornfield near Chatham, Ontario, of all places. Jay Leno gets work done there, and they show and sell at such venues as Pebble Beach, MeadowBrook, and Amelia Island.

The date is Saturday, November 12, and the all-inclusive cost is only \$40 for bus transportation, lunch at the locally famous St. Joachim Diner, a guided tour of the RM Auto Museum AND the ability to actually walk the floor of the restoration workshop itself, a rare and unique opportunity. You'll see everything from Duesenbergs to Ferraris to Buick Grand Nationals being worked on in dozens of stalls. Then on the way home, we'll stop in again at the St. Joachim Diner for included ice cream and coffee. So whether you're a former car company exec, a collector, a want-to-be race driver, or just a car buff, don't miss this chance to see some of the greatest cars in the world up close.

Tickets will go sale at 9:00AM on Friday, October 21.

—John Wargelin, Mike Clement, Stu Shuster

Here Cum Da Magic Jug

On Friday, October 7 we will begin our annual contribution campaign in support of the Oakland County Children's Village. Greg Alessi, Administrator, OCCV, will give a brief presentation on the mission, programs, services and facilities of this non-profit organization. This is the only non-Community House organization supported by the Senior Men's Club - and we have been doing it for over 30 years.

Bring your contribution, either cash or check payable to OCCV, next October 7 and help fill the jug. Remember, the jug will hold just as many large bills and checks as small ones, so be prepared to give generously.

—Jim Schaefer

The Reminder apologizes to two new members whose pictures were reversed last month.

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Michigan Football Lottery

Once again, a special lottery benefitting the SMC Endowment Fund will be held in October, with the prize being a fabulous football day in Ann Arbor. The lottery winner will receive two tickets to the noon Michigan - Purdue game on October 29, will attend a wonderful pre-game indoor tailgate featuring Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman, will be driven to and from Ann Arbor and park close to the stadium.



Sound too good to be true? All you have to do is bring your wallet to club meetings in October, buy lottery tickets from George Miller or Dick Harper and be the lucky winner.

The drawing will be held October 21 and you don't have to be present to win. Note that the tickets would make a great gift for someone if you can't attend this exciting event. Go Blue and go Denard Robinson!

—Dick Harper

Attendance

Time is rapidly running out for members to satisfy the 10 meeting requirement for 2011. Only eight meetings remain on the schedule for October - December.

If you are uncertain as to where you stand in this respect, check at the attendance registration desk ASAP. Or, you can contact Dale Parker (DKParker@wowway.com) or call (248-645-2761) Don't wait until the last minute and run out of time.

—Dale Parker, Chairman, Attendance Committee

SMC 2012 Dues Coupon

2012 Dues are payable before January 1, 2012. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2012. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at the 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
- \$20 Member on Leave

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

Mystery Lyrics

We had mixed results with last month's challenges. The mystery lyrics were recognized by nine readers, who recognized that these lines:

*There's none so classy as this fair lassie
Holy Moses, what a chassis*

are from the old sing-along song "If you knew Susie (like I know Susie)". So hearty congratulations to Mary (John) Slocum, Dave and Mary Schwartz, Jack Howell, Tom and Myrna Hitchman, Clarke and Shirley Thornton, Bud Hardenbrook, Frank Meida, Dick and Norma Secrest and Sherwin Vine.

We also gave you a non-musical challenge, which turned out to be very tough. A TV detective show of the late 40's and early 50's always ended with these lines:

*There are eight million stories in _____
_____. This has been one of them*

The only readers to remember that this show was "The Naked City" were Roger and Midge Gettel. Great work! The Schwartz's and Jack Howell knew the show was sited in NYC, but didn't have the name.

This month we will challenge you with an old Ella Fitzgerald song. Ella sang all kinds of music in her long career - jazz, Gershwin and Porter ballads, plus scat singing. Very early in her career she recorded a novelty song which became a surprising big hit, in which, she sang about "A little yellow basket" Can you name that tune?

Lastly, here's another nickname challenge for your memory bank. Who was the great baritone singer of the 50's who was called "Mister B".

—Dick Harper



CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, October 21

Games

Bowling: Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lane

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

Golf: Monday, 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills
Thursday, 9:00AM at Springdale

Special Events

Fall Color Tour, Wednesday, October 12, 8:30AM

RM Auctions, Saturday, November 12

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, October 5, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, October 17, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, October 3, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, October 11, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, October 5, 2:45PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, October 19, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC on the Web:

<http://www.communityhouse.com/getInvolved/interestGroups/SeniorMensClub.html>

Google Group: <http://groups.google.com/group/SMCBirmingham>

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