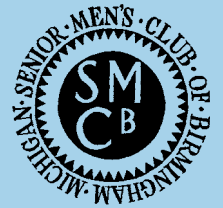


# The Reminder

April 2009

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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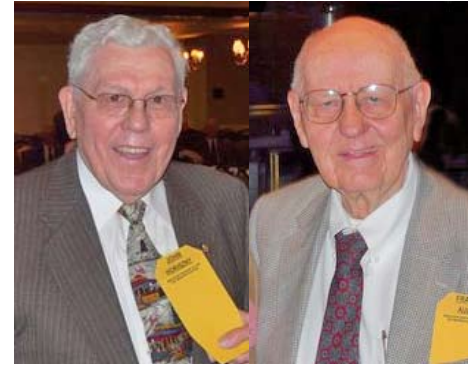
## Golden Oldies

Don Cox recently presented our prestigious "Golden Oldie" award to two most deserving members - John Horiszny and Frank Auld. Coincidentally, they both became club members in early 1999.

John is really a "GM Guy," having been raised in Lansing, attended GMI (now Kettering Inst.), and was employed at Oldsmobile. He somehow squeezed in four years with the Air Corps, including European service.

His club resume includes chairing the Sergeant at Arms Committee for six years, plus serving on the Special Events and Investment Endowment Committees. He is equally active in the community, being a long time tax advisor at BASCC, involved with Habitat for Humanity, and with multiple church activities.

Frank was born in Denver, but moved a lot, with schooling in Maryland and Tennessee plus college in New Jersey and at Yale, where he received his doctorate



John Horiszny and Frank Auld

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## Life Members:

Frank Auld

John Horiszny

Thomas J. Lahiff

## Deaths:

Thomas H. Wright (Life), joined January 1986

Richard W. Johnson (Life), joined September 1992

James T. Porter (Life), joined June 1987

L. Will Braisted (Life), joined January 1996

## Resigned:

Orland Redo (LOA)

Associate John J. Garber

## Changes:

### Change of Address

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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman  
—John M. Steele, Database Chairman  
—Bill Shaffmaster, Photography



## Bowling Report

At this writing, we have bowled 27 weeks. The two weeks remaining for points and positions will be very interesting and will include a position round. Currently, the Celtics are 1st with 68 points, 2nd, the Lakers with 63 and 3rd is the Sixers with 54 points. There are 8 points to win each week. There could be a shake-up of all three places. The winner will be decided on March 30 when the 1st half winners, the Pistons, rolloff against one of the 3 teams noted above.

The officers of the league decided to exercise a little "fiscal restraint" and not charge for the "doubles" tournament and provide the appropriate funds from the prize money. All prizes will be awarded at the banquet. This year the banquet will be on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, starting at 5:45PM for cocktails (cash bar), with a gourmet steak dinner beginning at 6:45PM. The banquet is open to all members of the SMC - call Dennis Kozak at 248-644-8934 or Less Lessenthien at 248-879-1127 re: tickets. The price is \$25. As for some individual statistics, the bar was raised for the high game by Nick Marinelli. After rolling a 186 in the first game, he proceeded to spare and then throw 10 strikes in a row and winding up with a 279 in the second game. He finished 3rd with a 200 for a new high series total of 665! Way to go Nick! The league champs will be announced in the *May Reminder*.

—Less Lessenthien

## Thursday Golf

Weather permitting Thursday Golf will begin on April 2 at Springdale. The mid-season green fees will be \$12 as a result of Birmingham raising our cost. Any early or late season discounts by Birmingham will be passed on to the players.

Note that our official time slot is 9:01AM to 12:07PM. Prior to those times anyone off the street has a right to the course. Early birds are welcome, but starting April 30 the Women's League owns the 8:00 to 9:00AM time frame.

Those with formal tee times are required to have all members of their group ready at the designated time. If your full team is not ready then a walk on will be inserted. If you wish to wait for your team mates to show up then the whole team will be held until released by the Starter.

Monday golfers will have to play Thursday at Springdale a minimum of four (4) times during the season to qualify for a second raffle ticket at the Banquet Dinner.

We will have no patience with golfers who spent the winter as couch potatoes and are slowing play because of aching muscles, tight fitting golf clothing and an inability to remember which end of the club to grip!

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

—Chuck Travers

## Associates Monday Golf

Hooray! The Monday 2009 Golf Season begins April 27 at Lincoln Hills and continues until August 17 (sixteen weeks) with tee times from 7:30 to 9:30AM. Birmingham Recreation has raised their rates. This year the fees will be \$14 for "regulars" (paid for the year in advance) and \$15 a round for "walk-on's." Regulars have the advantage of a team assignment and a fixed starting time. Walk-on's are welcomed and will be assigned to openings on a first come, first served basis. Power carts are available at \$7; pull carts at \$3.

A sign-up sheet was posted at the regular Friday meetings beginning March 13. Please talk to your partners (especially any "snowbirds") and sign up as quickly as you can. For our league to be eligible to play we must field at least 25% Birmingham Leisure Pass holders. Please mark any Leisure Pass Holders with an asterisk. The DEADLINE for sign-up is APRIL 4.

Regulars are requested to send a check for \$224 (\$14 a round x 16 rounds) made out to SMC, Bill Spreitzer at 22663 N. Nottingham Drive, Beverly Hills, MI 48025-3524. New Associate Members are especially encouraged to join us as regulars and can be assigned to existing foursomes or may form their own groups of two to four.

—The Committee: Bill Spreitzer, Ed Jones, Tom Waffan and Fran DeGrande

## Amendments to By-Laws

At the SMC Executive Board meeting of March 10, 2009, the Board adopted two amendments to the Club's By-Laws: Key:[deleted text]; *new text*.

### By-Laws: Section 4 - Attendance at Meetings

[Active members shall be required to attend a minimum of ten (10) meetings each calendar year or membership in the Club will be terminated upon notification. The Executive Board, at its discretion, may overrule this requirement under extenuating circumstances. New members admitted during the year shall be required to attend at least the equivalent of once a month for the remainder of the year.]

*Active members while not required to do so, shall be encouraged to attend any or all of the Club's regular meetings at their option. Associate members shall be required to attend an Associate Member Orientation Meeting and shall be present at the meeting scheduled for their induction.*

### By-Laws: Section 5 - Dues and Fees

Dues for active members *and Associates* shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35) for the calendar year.

[Dues for Associate members shall be twenty dollars (\$20) for the calendar year.]

**These amendments are effective immediately. Please note, however, that the Club will continue to record attendance at check-in for administrative purposes.**

## April Programs

April Program Chairman Dennis Kozak wraps a varied array of informative and entertaining programs around the Easter holiday. Phil Power, founder and chairman of The Center for Michigan, leads off with a discussion of the complex challenges facing the state and a common ground vision for Michigan's transformation to a new era of prosperity.

Lynn Henning follows the Easter break with fresh insights into the sports scene in and around Detroit. Lynn's perspective and anecdotes always inspire some interesting questions from his audience. Finally, Jeanne Heller Bourget, always a treat, lifts our spirits with a medley of musical selections for spring. Join us for the full array of April programs.

—John Flintosh



## A Great Railroad Outing



All aboard! Fifty six of your fellow members, their spouses and friends heard the proverbial call of the railroad conductor and had a wonderful day on February 12.

The group toured two model railroad facilities; the Chi-Town Union Station in Commerce Township, and the Detroit Model Railroad Club in Holly, located in the old downtown theatre building. We were able to relive our past as kids and also see the creativity and 21st Century technology that has come into being in model railroading. Squeezed between the two railroad venues was a wonderfully delicious Victorian lunch presented to us at the historic Holly Hotel on Battle Alley in the town of Holly.

The day's tour concluded with a somber, yet very moving experience through the Great Lakes National Cemetery, located five miles north of Holly on 500 acres of pristine land. Dr. Dave Dinger, along with the government manager of the property, provided an excellent commentary on this new resting place for deceased military veterans and their spouses living in the Michigan area.

Currently, they are providing burial services at the rate of nine per day. The grounds have all the appearance of Arlington National Cemetery and our visit was a fitting conclusion to another successful trip by the Special Events Committee.

—Jim Judge

## Juggling Act

*A trooper pulled a car over and asked the driver why he was speeding. The driver said he was a magician and juggler and was on his way to do a show and he didn't want to be late.*

*The trooper told the driver he was fascinated by juggling and asked if the driver would do a little juggling for him and then he wouldn't give him a ticket. The driver told the trooper that he had sent his equipment ahead and didn't have anything to juggle.*

*The trooper said he had some flares in the trunk and asked if he could juggle them. The juggler said he could, so the trooper got 5 flares, lit them and handed them to him.*

*While the man was juggling, a car pulled in behind the patrol car. A drunken good old boy got out, watched the performance, then went over to the patrol car, opened the rear door and got in.*

*The trooper observed him and went over to the patrol car, opened the door asking the drunk what he thought he was doing.*

*The drunk replied, "You might as well take me to jail, 'cause there ain't no way I can pass that test."*

# Special Events

## Automation Alley Tour

During recent years, L. Brooks Patterson has championed the unique companies which comprise Automation Alley in Oakland County. In his recent "State of the County" address, he noted the success of these Automation Alley firms as well as the arrival of new emerging sectors - the bioscience and motion picture industries.

On Wednesday, May 20 at 8:45AM, our tour bus will leave the Birmingham Presbyterian Church parking lot and head to Automation Alley Headquarters in Troy for a brief orientation. From there, our bus will follow a planned circle tour covering a number of these interesting companies. We plan to make one or more in-house tours.

By noon, we will arrive in the Lake Orion area and make a luncheon stop at beautiful Indianwood Golf and Country Club. L. Brooks Patterson will join us there and give us further insight on the importance of the area covered by the tour.

After lunch, we will head south to complete the circle tour and return to our cars in Birmingham. Mark your calendars and watch for further details.

—Mike Clement, John Horiszny and Jack Howell

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## Golden Oldies

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in psychology.

Before completing college he joined the Army, served in Europe where he managed to be captured at the Battle of the Bulge. The Third Army under General Patton effected his release.

He had a lengthy and impressive college teaching career - 8 years at his alma mater Yale, 8 years at Wayne State, 3 years at the University of Detroit and 20 years at the University of Windsor.

He claims his main objective with the SMC is to become proficient enough at bridge to one day top Kirby Callam.

Congratulations to these two stalwarts and well known members!

—Dick Harper

## Gems of Old Detroit Churches

Mark your calendar! Wednesday, April 22, 2009 is the day when our members and their wives or significant others are invited to tour four remarkable



gems of old Detroit churches:

- Little Rock Baptist Church
- St. John's Episcopal
- Cass Community Methodist
- Sweetest Heart of Mary Catholic

These unique churches are significant not only for their stunning architectural beauty but also for their character and special niche in Detroit cultural history throughout present day. Docents at each church will elaborate on the special features of each. The experienced tour escort, Marian Randall, will be with us on the motorcoach with her insightful commentary.

You can choose among five delicious entrees at the Traffic Jam & Snug restaurant for lunch. The value price of \$40 per person is all inclusive for deluxe motorcoach transportation, tours and luncheon.

As a special treat, home-made authentic Polish perogis prepared by the ladies of Sweetest Heart of Mary will be available to those who wish to take some home. You can choose among three fillings: cheese, sauerkraut or potato. Cost is six for \$3.50.

Tickets go on sale on Friday, March 27, on a first come first served basis as always. For a good seat selection, you will be able to board the coach at 8:45AM in the rear parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church on Maple. We depart at 9:15AM sharp. There will be one motorcoach. Make your plans early. It looks like another sellout.

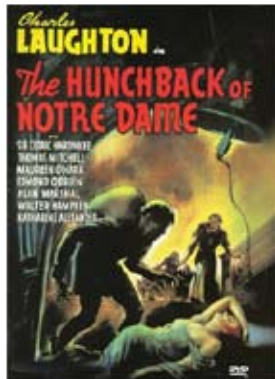
—Larry Smith, John Wargelin and John J. O'Brien

# Groups



## Classic Movie Group

There have been five films and one Disney animation of Victor Hugo's celebrated classic, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" made for the English speaking world. The 1939 adaptation starring Charles Laughton as Quasimodo and Maureen O'Hara as Esmeralda the lovely gypsy dancer, is the finest. It is visually stunning and technically ahead of its time with memorable casting and powerful direction creating a historical drama that overshadows all the others.



The plot is well known to you. Quasimodo and Esmeralda are the focal point for religious and political issues of the day when ignorance, cruelty and superstition pervade France of the 15th Century.

This was the American screen debut for Maureen O'Hara, who was the discovery of Charles Laughton, and pushed for her to play the part of Esmeralda. Details about the cast, their roles and their performances will unfold during the SMC meetings prior to the 116 minutes of film viewing on Monday, April 13 at 1:00PM in the Hackett Room.

—Augie Perrotta



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, April 8 at 2:45PM. Michael Dzialo, founder and CEO, Managed Asset Portfolios will present "The Sky is NOT Falling." Future inflation, erosion of the middle class, the market outlook and stocks with significant upside potential will be discussed. Mr. Dzialo is a popular repeat speaker to the Investment Group with a number of SMC member clients.

Jerry Peck is the new Stock Game leader with a 13% gain. Tom Buescher slipped to 2nd place with a 6% gain. Joe Samyn is third. Dick Shirley moved from 58th to 4th place. The past month was ugly, 60 participants have losses. But, spring is coming, stay tuned.

—George Miller



## Camera Group

The next Camera Group meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14 beginning at 2:00PM. Presenter John Stunz will use digital pictures as he takes us on a trip to the French Riviera and Provence. We will visit Monaco and see beautiful villas and mountain vistas. We will see relics of the early occupation of France by the Romans at Arles and Pont du Gard and have a visit to a very early Christian church at Aix en Provence and the residence of the Catholic popes in the 13th Century at Avignon. We will also visit St. Remy en Provence, a place that Princess Diana and Princess Caroline like to visit as well as the favorite places of Vincent Van Gogh and Paul Cezanne. As always, friends and spouses are invited.

—Roger Garvelink



## Computer Group

There will be no meeting of the Computer Group during April. Our next meeting will be May 20 at 3:00PM.

—George Nordenholt



## Reading Groups

This month both Reading Groups will be reading and discussing the same book. I am sure we will find new perspectives as a result of the discussions.

We had a few new people drop in last month. All are welcome whether you have read the book or not. Feel free to join either group this month.

The April schedule is:

Wednesday, April 1 at 10:30AM. We will be discussing "Exile" by Richard North Paterson. This book is a love story set in Israel about an American Jew and a Palestinian from the West's refugee camps. The core of the novel is about a fact-finding mission to Israel and the occupied territories. The book is well researched, illuminating the reader as to the all but hopeless state of Israeli/Palestinian relations.

Monday, April 13 at 3:00PM. See above.

The meetings last about one hour and a half.

—Ted Chapekis

## Member Award

*The Reminder* has learned that a club Associate Member recently received a most notable award. Michael Rokosz was selected as the recipient of the University of Detroit Mercy Science Alumnus award for 2009. This prestigious honor was presented at the annual UDM Slide Rule dinner dance at Cobo in late March. Congratulations, Michael!

Please let *The Reminder* know of any other member or associate achievement, award or contribution to the community. We are proud to recognize our own.

—Dick Harper



## Wallace is Looped

Did you know that the Wallace Ballroom at the Community House - where we hold our Friday meetings - is equipped with what is called an "Induction Loop System" directed at improving hearing aid performance in that large room.

If your aids are equipped with a "telecoil," you can experience clear, customized sound in the ballroom. Digital aids often have the T-coil as one of the programs. Analog aid users can set aids to the "T" position.

—Dick Harper

## Wars of Our Generation



Occasionally we receive a query as to the availability of copies of our 2004 publication "The Wars of Our Generation." This most successful book is included in the SMC listing on The Community

House website, producing such inquiries.

Unfortunately, our "Wars" publication has been sold out for some time, with no reprint planned. Maybe you have more than one copy or no longer need the one you own. If so, please consider contributing it to the club. Any such extra copies could be left at the associate check-in location at a Friday meeting.

—Dick Harper

## Executive Board Actions

The Executive Board took several actions to amend by-laws at the meeting held March 10, 2009 as follows:

- approved a modification of our dress code. Effective immediately, the former requirement of "jacket and tie" has been relaxed to allow a sport coat with a turtleneck, mock turtleneck, collared sport shirt or dress shirt. Ties, of course, can be worn if preferred. Our summer dress code remains unchanged and will be announced by the president. Note that "casual attire" such as jeans, shorts and t-shirts are not permitted.
- adopted a motion to eliminate attendance requirements for both active and associate members.

These actions are intended to broaden SMC appeal to new member prospects (especially those of the "casual Friday" generation) and of equal importance, to motivate men to attend meetings for our outstanding programs and club comraderie rather than to merely satisfy attendance requirements.

The Board also voted to increase Associate dues to \$35, the same as for Active members.

The elimination of attendance requirements and the dues increase necessitate formal by-law amendments, which are detailed elsewhere in this issue. It should be noted that membership action taken at the club meeting of January 9, 2009, authorized the Executive Board to amend SMC by-laws by majority vote.

Last, but by no means least, the Board is considering how to tighten the business portion of Friday meetings. The Board is aware that attendees typically are more interested in speaker presentations than in hearing committee and group reports. Our objective is to achieve better discipline in elements of the business reports and limit this portion to about 30 minutes to ensure adequate time for the speaker presentation and for member involved Q & A. More to come on this.

Members, as always, are invited to provide comments on any board actions or club items to our Officers at Large - Dennis Kozak or Tom Schrift.

—Dick Harper

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## Flubbed Headlines

*New housing for elderly not yet dead*

*Shouting match ends teacher's hearing*

*Federal agents raid gun shop, find weapons*

*April slated as Child Abuse month*

# Mystery Lyrics

Apparently, there aren't many country music fans among *Reminder* readers, Only seven recognized that this lyric line:

*How's about cookin'  
somethin' up with me*

is from the 1951 Hank Williams best seller *Hey Good Lookin'*. They were regulars Dale Parker, Jack Howell, Lloyd Jones, Stan Rogell and Mary (Tom) Sandercock and first time responders Tom Booth and Bert Swanson. Williams also wrote country classics like *Your Cheatin' Heart* and *Jambalya*.

Our big band theme song challenge proved even more difficult - only Lloyd Jones remembered that Bobby Sherwood's theme was "The Elks Parade." (Don't tell me you never heard of Sherwood).

OK, now for an easier one. Romantic ballads typically result in the most correct answers. So here are some lyrics from a great old song by C.P.

*We'd be so grand at the game.  
So carefree together that  
it does seem a shame*

Can you name that tune?

This month's big band theme song should be also be easier - a great song still heard often-the theme of Count Basie. Do you remember? (No - not *April in Paris*).

—Dick Harper



## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, April 14, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, April 17

### Games

**Bowling:** Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes (through March 30)  
Wednesday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes (practice)

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

**Golf:** Thursday, 9:00AM at Springdale, starting April 2  
Monday, 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills, starting April 27

### Special Events

Gems of Old Detroit Churches, Wednesday, April 22, 9:15AM

Automation Alley Tour, Wednesday, May 20, 8:45AM

### Group Meetings

**Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, April 1, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, April 13, 3:00PM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, April 13, 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, April 14, 2:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, April 8, 2:45PM

**Computer Group:** NO MEETING IN APRIL

*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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