

# The Reminder



July 2017

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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## SMC Anniversary Celebration

Our Friday meetings in May featured special speakers, innovative menus and a number of anniversary themed events.

The program on May 19 opened with special dedication ceremonies designating a TCH room as the Senior Men's Club Room. This ceremony featured remarks by President Dick Kamp who noted that we had surpassed the \$250,000 goal to dedicate this room. Anniversary chairman Dick Bradley acknowledged our long-standing and close relationship with The Community House. An array of dignitaries added



congratulatory comments, including Birmingham Mayor Mike Nickita, Representative Mike McCreedy, Senator Marty Knollenberg and Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson.

The ceremony was followed by an address by Ron Fournier of Crain's Detroit Business who noted significant changes and challenges we face including stopping terrorism while coping with the tech revolution, loss of trust in institutions and increasing negativity. He specifically mentioned rapid and far reaching changes expected in the auto industry and long-term implications for Detroit and Michigan.

The May 26 program included additional TCH room dedication ceremonies including special presentations by Rob Farr – Chairman of the BOD of TCH, and by Bill Seklar – President & CEO of TCH. Both noted the long standing and special relationship between the Senior Men's Club and The Community House. They expressed their gratitude and appreciation for our ongoing support and especially for the generosity which made renaming the TCH room possible.

Clark Durant, co-founder of Cornerstone Schools, was the featured speaker. Mr. Durant described how Cornerstone Schools started, the school focus on reading students for productive and successful lives and their objective of ensuring that school graduates are prime employment candidates.

—Dick Harper

## JULY PROGRAMS

JULY CHAIRMAN: Art Kaye

- 7 Randy Hotton, Pilot, USA Jet Airlines; Treasurer, Yankee Air Museum.....*How Detroit Saved the World - The Willow Run Story*
- 14 Angela Trepanier, Director, Genetic Counseling, Center for Molecular Medicine & Genetics.... *Hereditary Diseases*
- 21 Lynn Henning, Sports Columnist, Detroit News .....*Fall Sports, Meat and Potatoes*
- 28 William & Joseph Ward, Orthopaedic Surgeons, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.....*Knee and Hip Replacement*

## AUGUST PROGRAMS

NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

## Gala Anniversary Dinner



May 2017 will long be remembered as one of the most significant and memorable months in the history of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. As reported elsewhere, we celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with four outstanding Friday programs which featured high profile and well received speakers. In addition, we planned and conducted a highly successful anniversary celebration evening at the San Marino Club – the best attended Club event ever!

More than 400 smiling men and ladies thoroughly enjoyed this festive celebratory event. We heard opening remarks by evening chair Tim McGee, a salute to our legacy by Anniversary Chairman Dick Bradley, and overview comments by Club President Dick Kamp. A keynote address by Michigan Lt. Governor Brian Calley was followed by a well-received musical performance by featured vocalist Danny Gurwin. We were treated to a musical memory trip including well known and much loved Tony Bennett songs.

We drove home with warm and happy memories of a wonderful evening, proud of our association with such a great Club, thinking about the many friends we have in the Club and anticipating a challenging and exciting future.

—Dick Harper

## Come to Both! "Anatomy of a Murder" Combo

Something new is happening at the end of July as another feature in our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

The Classic Movie Group has collaborated with the Reading Group to add a special showing of "Anatomy of a Murder" on Monday, July 31. The Classic Movie Group will

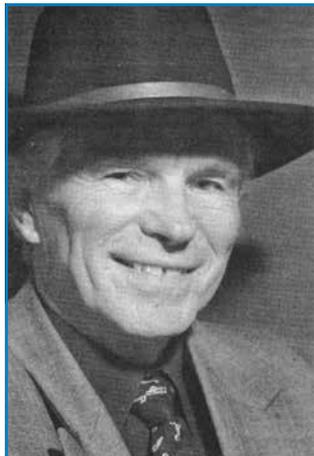
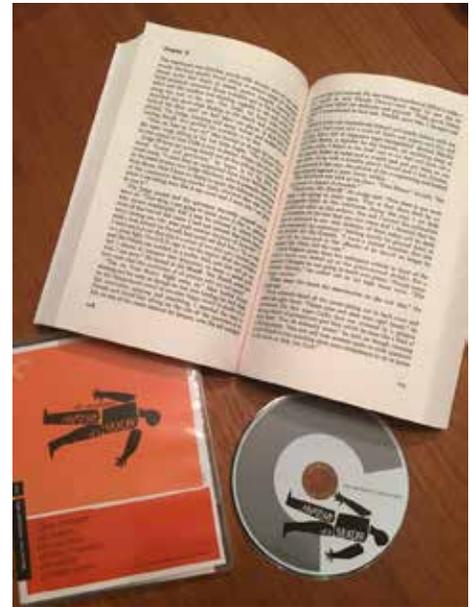
show the 1958 Otto Preminger's award winning film starring Jimmy Stewart, and the Reading Group will be discussing Robert Traver's number one best selling novel two days later.

This courtroom thriller takes place in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and many familiar references are made.

The movie will be projected on a big screen and is a new Blu-Ray high quality widescreen restoration. The music score is by Duke Ellington. Some people say the book is better than the movie, and vice-versa. Actually, they are both great!

Even if you haven't read the book, plan to come to both. Monday, July 31 at 1:00PM and Wednesday, August 2 at 10:30AM.

—Irv Poston



## Boogie Woogie is Back

Long time Club member and boogie woogie master Bob Seeley will once again perform at the annual Michigan Jazz Festival. Particulars are:

Date & Time: Sunday, July 16, 4:00PM

Place: Schoolcraft Community College

Price: FREE!

Bob will be coming north from Florida for this appearance. Schoolcraft College is on Haggerty Road in Livonia –just south of 7 Mile Road. Many other performers are also scheduled for this all day event.

# Groups



## Investment Group

Ralph Schick won first place in the SMC Stock Game with an impressive 91% gain and won first place money of \$190, since he invested \$10, while Ralph Cowie was second with a 75% gain. Irv Poston was third, with a 72% gain. Bob Veres was fourth and won \$110. Ralph Cowie also had the best single stock and won \$25 with NVIDIA up a dynamite 116%! 50 of the 57 entries had gains, with an overall average of 17%, beating market averages.

We will meet next on September 13 and the Stock Game will start October 13. Stay tuned and remember fear, greed, homework and timing are investment fundamentals. Have a profitable summer!

—George Miller



## Computer Group

The next computer group meeting will be sometime in July. We will send out an email when arrangements are finalized.

We are making arrangements with Microsoft to have a field trip to their store. The Microsoft store is located in Somerset Mall North on the second floor.

—Tom Allen



## Camera Group

On Tuesday, July 11 at 2:00PM, the Camera Group will deliver an intimate view of China and Tibet. Member Martin Rowell and his wife Christel recently completed an extensive tour by land and sea. They will be sharing images of the famous Terracotta Army, a collection of sculptures depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China along with brilliant landscapes of the countryside. Information on China's education, housing, infrastructure, etc. will also be part of the presentation.

It's a "must see" opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Martin and Christel as they work their way through China and Tibet during their three week excursion. I can hardly wait, so we will provide a sneak preview at one of the Senior Men's Club meetings beforehand.

—Harry Bloom



## Classic Movie Group

In honor of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year, Ralph Schick will present one of his favorite films from 1957 – "Funny Face" on Monday, July 10 at 1:00PM. Director Stanley Donen's stylist musical tells the entertaining story about a fashion photographer, Fred Astaire, who turns a book store clerk, Audrey Hepburn, into a chic Paris high fashion model. The outstanding supporting cast includes the talented Kay Thompson as the "Vogue" Fashion Magazine Editor. Filmed on location in Paris, with a lively Gershwin score and many famous songs, this movie will be sure to please all fans of iconic classic musicals. In addition to screening the film, Ralph will also give a short presentation on the Great Films of the 50's.

—Fred Hansz



## Reading Groups

Plan now to join the Wednesday Reading Group on July 5 at 10:30AM to discuss Isabel Wilkerson's book "The Warmth of Other Suns." This book is a highly acclaimed historical study of an under-reported mass migration within this country: the exodus of African-Americans from the South to the major cities of the North, in search of a better life. Isabel Wilkerson provides both amazing case studies and a major overall assessment. Detroit has been greatly influenced by this historical migration. John Paesano will lead the Wednesday Reading Group discussion.

The Monday Reading Group will meet on July 17 at 3:00PM, to discuss "Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America," by John Barry. Called the greatest American natural disaster ever, the Mississippi flood of 1927 inundated the homes of nearly one million Americans. This story of the flood, events leading up to it, and its aftermath, combines politics, race, science, honor, and high society to present a sweeping epic of America past and present. The flood helped elect Huey Long Governor of Louisiana and Herbert Hoover, President. George Stern will lead the discussion.

—Frank Snower

## Who is a “Good Fit” for the Birmingham Senior Men’s Club?

What are the qualities of the man who I think makes a good fit for our club and whom I would sponsor for membership? After all, the reputation and status of a club are closely linked and often depend on the reputation and image of the individual members.

The good fit for the Senior Men’s Club is one who will volunteer freely for duties that benefit his fellow members with no expectation of reciprocation. He believes in the role, function and purpose of the Club so strongly that he will do a great deal to make it work.

The good fit is capable of loyalty. When you have loyalty towards something, you view it as yours. You feel fine when it prospers, shame when it declines and anger or indignation when it is harmed. That loyalty may be based on pride in the reputation of the Club or gratitude for providing its members with social interaction, intellectual stimulation and physical fitness, to name but a few of its roles.

The good fit has a sense of purpose and commitment to something more than himself by putting the good of others above self. I draw your attention to Charlie Blank’s description of our members on the back page of the May 17<sup>th</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Celebration’s program. He described our membership not only as ‘Men on the Go’ but, more importantly, ‘Men for Others.’ In the June *Reminder*, Maynard Timm describes our members as “men who strive to make each other’s lives more meaningful and rewarding.” Bob Kenning told us last month that first on his list of reasons he belonged to the Senior Men’s Club was he “wanted to belong to a club whose most important goal is to provide benefit to its members.”

The perfect fit for the Senior Men’s Club is he who adheres to Ronald Reagan’s mantra: “There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don’t care who gets the credit.”

To prospective members: I am immensely proud of our Club and invite you to join the finest group of men I have ever met. This club has grown bigger and better over the last 60 years by serving one another. If you fit my description of a member of the Senior Men’s Club, please join us.

—Augie Perrotta (Member since 2003)

## Randy Barnett: Active New Member

New members to the Senior Men’s Club are always encouraged to become as active as possible in the Club – in addition to attending Friday meetings, to join and participate in Club committees and groups. Randy Barnett epitomizes such activity and participation. Randy has been a member for less



than two years, but has become active in many areas. He attends Computer and Investment Group meetings and participates in golf and bowling.

More importantly, he was especially enthused about participating in helping the Club prepare for its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. He served as a banquet team captain, was on the call committee for the anniversary meetings and assisted the guest committee.

When Randy joined the SMC in January 2016, he could look back on a distinguished career in the fields of robotics and automotive engineering. His final work was coordinating sales of pneumatic components to GM, for factory automation.

Randy was born in Quincy, Illinois but grew up in Vicksburg, Mississippi and Alexandria, Virginia. (You can detect a southern accent). He moved to Birmingham just in time to graduate from Seaholm High School. He continued his education at Michigan State University, earning a BS in Construction Management. He was employed in that field with several firms before continuing his education with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Colorado. He then spent four years in Denver, before returning to Michigan to work in robotics with automotive applications.

Randy’s father, Lowell, has been a long time Club member. Randy and wife Christine live in Bloomfield Hills. Christine is a lawyer serving as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources for the Bloomfield High School.

Randy indicates he enjoys Club membership and feels fortunate to have joined at such an exciting time, noting that “The Anniversary Committee gave me the opportunity to meet many members and actively serve the Club.” Your Club really appreciates your contributions and example, Randy!

—Chuck Ragains

# Special Events



## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic & Car Show

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 13 for our traditional picnic, once again at Beverly Park on Beverly Road, west of Southfield. We will enjoy:

- an outstanding buffet lunch featuring pulled pork, chicken, sweet corn and all the sides
- a great display of classic cars (car owners – please contact Stu Shuster)
- a performance by the Men’s Club Chorus
- ample time to socialize, view cars, play bocce ball or just kick back
- the usual warm Club camaraderie

Ticket sales, priced at \$20, will start on July 14. Join us as we continue to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

—Special Events Committee



## Pewabic Pottery Tour

A full day is planned for Wednesday, July 19 departing at 8:30AM from the First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple.

Our tour is to the Pewabic Pottery to see our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Tile being manufactured and a tour of production, museum and gift shop. Our tile will be available to purchase on our coach en route.

Lunch will be served at the famous Bayview Yacht Club, after which we travel along Lakeshore Drive to the world famous Edsel and Eleanor Ford House where we will be met for a guided tour of the house and grounds.

Ticket cost still only \$45. Get your tickets now as they are selling fast.

See Malcolm Hendy, Martin Rowell or Art Pope.

## Clinton River Cruise

We are planning an exciting and scenic cruise on the Clinton River. The date is Wednesday, August 16, and we will have a three hour trip aboard the Clinton Friendship, including a buffet lunch.

The price is a modest \$50 and ticket sales will start July 7. Our bus will depart the First Presbyterian Church at 10:00AM. Join us for fun in the sun (but wear a hat!)

—Special Events Committee





## Senior Health Matters Dehydration

The earliest symptoms of excessive fluid loss are:

- Feeling thirsty
- Urinating less often or having dark yellow or brown urine
- Dry mouth or cracked lips
- Feeling tired or confused
- Feeling dizzy or light-headed especially when bending down or standing up
- Eyes that look sunken in the face
- Muscle cramps
- Dry armpits and groin

Unlike younger individuals, the elderly have a greater proportion of fat relative to lean muscle mass. Since there is less water in fat than in muscle, older individuals have lower total body water relative to their weight. Therefore, for any degree of water loss, they will have a greater reduction in water outside what is circulating in their blood vessels.

Older individuals are especially prone to dehydration because of impaired thirst mechanisms and an inability to increase water intake due to compromised mobility and/or swallowing ability.

The only effective treatment for dehydration is to replace fluids and lost electrolytes. Severe dehydration should be treated by emergency personnel in an ambulance or in a hospital emergency room. Mild to moderate dehydration in the older adult can be treated with sports drinks such as Gatorade or Powerade. Prevention is important if you are working or exercising outdoors during hot or humid weather. Drink even if you are not thirsty. Cold water is your best bet.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, D.O.

## Important Notice from the Medical Emergency Preparedness Team

The next opportunity to take the CPR/AED training from the Birmingham Fire Department will be July 22, 2017. The skills you will learn will help to make you feel comfortable should you ever encounter a medical emergency. Your fellow Club members, and your family will especially be grateful.

Those members of the team who were certified two years ago (October 31, 2015) should be thinking about renewing their certification which expires this year in late October. Contact me by e-mail or phone to register for a future training class. The first available opportunity will be October 28, 2017.

—Dave Dinger

## Can Deer Read?



The Village of Beverly Hills has a number of deer crossing signs at busy locations - one on 13 Mile Road near Lahser. A local resident recently approached the Village clerk with a complaint about this sign, saying "It's just not safe for deer to cross there - there's too much traffic".

## Parking News

For those tech-savvy SMC members, the city parking structures used by members for parking on Friday mornings have been outfitted with the same payment systems installed at the Chester Street Parking structure for the past few months.

The new equipment provides real-time information on parking availability, which is now posted to Birmingham's home page. A member can log on to bhamgov.org from his web browser or mobile phone to determine those parking structures nearing capacity and those still with plenty of spaces in which to park. The parking information icon is at the top right corner of the opening page. Clicking "parking" results in a display listing spaces available at each of the city structures.

—Larry Imerman

## New Members:



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## To Life Member:

Richard P. Mueller  
Riggs S. Miller

## Deaths:

Lynn H. Barber, (Life) joined June, 1999  
Richard W. Smith, (Life) joined January, 1995

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman  
—Frank Snower, Database Chairman  
—Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, Photography

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## Dropped:

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John Mills  
Herbert J. Robb  
Stanley M. Rogell  
Charles A. White  
Floyd F. Yeager  
Associate Alex C. Alkidas  
Associate John P. Bower  
Associate John M. Connaughton  
Associate Edmund W. Flynn  
Associate William B. Johnson  
Associate Robert J. Kendell  
Associate John M. Kokubo  
Associate Earl G. Lampi  
Associate David A. Lindsay  
Associate Raymond Shapiro  
Associate Carl S. Shullman  
Associate Larry O. Smith  
Associate Wesley D. VanHouten

## Mystery Lyrics



Only five responders recognized the mystery song with these lyrics:

*Let's take a trip  
to Niagara,*

*this time we'll look at the falls*

Congratulations to regulars Fred Hansz, Midge (Roger) Gettel and Fred Leydorf and to first time contributors Cliff Worthy and John Dueweke who knew the song is "Let's Get Away From It All." This month, we ask you to remember a song from a movie with these mystery lyrics:

*Where have you gone Joe DiMaggio,  
our nation turns it's lonely eyes to you*

Can you name that song and maybe the movie?

## Sports Trivia

Last month we challenged you to remember two great outfield catches in World Series games – the Brooklyn Dodgers against NY Yankees and the NY Giants against the Cleveland Indians.

In 1947, Dodger Al Gionfriddo stole a hit from Joe DiMaggio and in 1954, Willie Mays caught a Vic Wertz drive near the Polo Grounds center field wall.

Only Pete Kass remembered all these names and catches, Ben Mangiapane had the Mays/Wertz play and Jack McLaughlin had the fielders, but not the hitters – but that was all we received.

Are you ready for a weird memory test? We recently reported that Maynard Timm achieved a great 34 score at Springdale. OK – let's change sports but keep that number – what all-time great NFL running back wore the number 34?

—Dick Harper

## THE REMINDER

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, July 11, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, August 11 (September issue)

**Bowling:** Wednesdays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes (practice)

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

**Golf:** Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills, 7:30AM

Thursday Golf at Springdale, 7:30AM

### Special Events

**Pewabic Pottery & Ford House Tour:** Wednesday, July 19, 8:30AM

**St. Clair River Cruise:** Wednesday, August 16, 10:00AM

**Annual Picnic & Car Show:** Wednesday, September 13

### Group Meetings

**Genealogy Group:** No meeting in July

**Book Reading Group A:** Wednesday, July 5, 10:30AM

Wednesday, August 2, 10:30AM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, July 10, 1:00PM

Monday, July 31, 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, July 11, 2:00PM

**Investment Group:** No meeting in July

**Book Reading Group B:** Monday, July 17, 3:00PM

**Computer Group:** TBA

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

### SMC ON THE WEB:

[www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com](http://www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com)

[www.communityhouse.com/supported-groups-nonprofits/senior-mens-club/](http://www.communityhouse.com/supported-groups-nonprofits/senior-mens-club/)