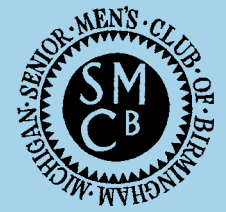


# The Reminder



January 2013

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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## Thanks and Best Regards, Chuck

The Senior Men's Club expresses its warmest thanks and congratulations to outgoing President Chuck Kirkpatrick for a job well done under trying circumstances. Chuck manfully and successfully handled the multi-faceted responsibilities of this most important club position, while contending with ongoing health problems.

Chuck initially joined our club in 2000 following his retirement from the Ford Motor Company. He quickly became very active, taking leadership roles as Editor of *The Reminder* and in the Computer and Classic Movie Groups. He also served on the Policy Committee and chaired all Executive Board meetings in 2012. Whatever the job, Chuck never considered himself too important to pitch in - as an example, continuing as part of the team proofreading this newsletter monthly. He most likely attends more club events and activities than 99% of our members.

The membership thanks Chuck for his years of service and we expect him to continue to be fully connected to the SMC. We value his experience and insights and look forward to his ongoing contributions.



—Chuck Ragains

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Gerald O. Morrison, joined January 2011

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Gerald R. Heller  
William D. Johnson  
Lynn H. Barber  
Richard C. Sneek

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman  
—John M. Steele, Database Chairman  
—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel,  
Photography



## Winter Golf

Winter Golf begins at the Oakland Yard Dome on Thursday, January 3. These winter practice sessions will continue every Thursday until Springdale and Lincoln Hills open for the 2013 season. For a \$9 fee our senior golfers can hit all the balls they wish (or can) during the time period. The time period is from 9:30 to 11:30AM. The Oakland Yard Dome will provide free coffee and donuts.

See any committee member to get your pass for this great opportunity to hone your swing skills for the competitive Monday and Thursday senior golf leagues.

After each practice, plan to join together for a lunch full of fun and fellowship at Hero's Restaurant on M-59 in Waterford. Until spring comes, just hit them in the buckets and against the dome wall.

—Chuck Travers

## Bowling

With one week to go in the first half of our season, two teams are vying for leadership - the Zebras (Ragains, Babcock, Venier and Buccini) with 64 points and the Wolverines (Vine, Mangiapane, Harper and Winowiecki) with 62 points. They meet next week in a position round. Stay tuned.

We have finally had some decent individual scoring. Our high average man - Nick Marinelli had the second best series of the season with a 558, while Dennis Winowiecki had a 545.

The most notable accomplishment was by a bowler with a lower average - Ken Brooker, averaging 111, had a great 179 game! Way to go Ken. We are not all high average bowlers - 8 of us average less than 120, but we all have fun. Come on out.

—Dennis Kozak and Dick Harper

## Outstanding Service Award



Past President Irv Poston, Chairman of the Policy Committee, announced and presented SMC Outstanding Service Awards to two club members. This award is intended to recognize long standing and multi-faceted contributions to the Senior Men's Club.

**Augie Perrotta** was recognized for his broad based role in a multitude of club activities; the Visitation-Health Committee, the Senior Health Matters column in *The Reminder*, the Discussion Group and the Moments of Interest activity. Augie brings considerable enthusiasm and

imagination to these efforts.

**Dick Harper** was recognized for multiple contributions, having served as President in 2004, as chairman of the club's 50th anniversary celebration, and on *The Reminder* staff for 14 years, including the last 5 years as editor. He also chaired the development of our new club promotional brochure. Congratulations Augie and Dick!



## Inside Chrysler Corporation

Our featured speaker on December 7 was Dr. Charles Hyde who discussed Chrysler Corporation's contribution to defense production during World War II. Chrysler's Chairman, K.T. Keller, was a strong willed and dynamic leader with definite opinions on things automotive. Chrysler's post war automotive products were more conservative styled than those of competition, being taller, and somewhat more boxy. Dr. Hyde reported that when asked about this, Keller, who almost always wore a large hat, reportedly commented that car models should be high enough so that men and ladies could enter comfortably.

—Dick Harper



## New Life Members



Two members were recently recognized and admitted to the most prestigious club category - Life Membership. **Jerry Heller**, who has been a member since 2001, was born and raised in Milwaukee. He served in the Army Air Corps, including time as a cryptographic technician in Germany. Returning to college, he graduated with a business degree from Marquette, followed by a varied business career with Miller Brewing and Manpower, Inc.

Jerry recently celebrated 62 years of marriage with wife Mary - a union which produced three daughters and three grandchildren. His daughter, Jeanne has sung for us at Friday meetings. He has been a very active member as a song leader, on the Finance staff, with the Moments of Interest and as a bowler and golfer. Congratulations, Jerry!



**Bill Johnson**, who has been a member since 1999, grew up in Detroit, where he became an Eagle Scout, then leaving for high school at St. John's Military Academy in Wisconsin. He completed his education with an engineering degree from the University of Michigan. Bill launched an impressive business career with five years at Vickers, followed by 37 years in engineering and sales

with Stant. Inc. - the world's largest manufacturer of automotive closure caps.

He married his college sweetheart, Dolly, and they recently celebrated their 60th anniversary with three children, six grandchildren and a multitude of friends. Bill has been a Beaumont Hospital volunteer for 18 years and has served in numerous leadership positions at Westminster Church in Detroit.

Bill of course, was an SMC President in 2007 and has been active in the Investment Study Group, the Legacy Endowment Committee and the Golf League. He credits his good health to his lifestyle, family interests, and active involvement in the Senior Men's Club.

— Dick Harper

## Welcome Chairmen!

The Club extends a warm welcome to our new and continuing Committee and Group Chairmen for 2013. We appreciate their willingness to play a leading role in our club and to encourage their teammates to share their time and talent as well. Committee chairmen are also members of the Executive Board which meets monthly at 9:30AM on the second Tuesday. Board meetings generally conclude in 90 minutes or less. Regular attendance at Board meetings is encouraged for all committee chairmen or, when necessary, by a designated representative. We look forward to a productive and interesting new year.

—Stu Shuster

## In Memoriam

The Senior Men's Club lost 38 vital and respected members last year. Viewing this list makes us realize how precious life is, as well as recognizing the many contributions they made to our club.

George B. Bauer  
Robert A. Benton  
J. R. Bohn  
John J. Cooney  
Edmund J. Dilworth  
James J. Doyle  
Clarence L. Frank  
Russell B. Frye  
John R. Gnau  
Phillip W. Griffin  
Fred D. Hendrick  
John W. Jickling  
Frederick H. Kaehler  
James R. Leese  
Robert J. Mahr  
Robert F. Mandy  
John E. McCabe  
Alan C. McManus  
Gerald O. Morrison  
William E. Mosher Jr.  
E. Bruce Mumford  
Carl Neppach  
John B. Nicholas  
Laurence H. Pate  
George C. Peters  
Howard J. Pridmore  
Thomas W. Roberts  
Frederick J. Shaw  
David Sheren  
Timothy B. Springer  
Harold S. Stanton  
Fletcher D. Street, Jr.  
John A. Thurber  
Bruce D. Van Deusen  
Steven G. Vandebrook  
L. Al Wagner  
John C. Zabriskie  
Walter R. Zojac

# Groups



## Classic Movie Group

Join us on Monday, January 14 at 1:00PM for Ed Burke's selection of "North by Northwest." The 1959 thriller was directed by Alfred Hitchcock and stars Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint and James Mason. This movie is considered a masterpiece for its themes of deception, mistaken identity and moral relativism in the Cold War era. The film has been referred to as "the first James Bond film" due to its similarities with splashy and colorful settings, secret agents, and an elegant, daring, wisecracking leading man opposite a sinister yet strangely charming villain. All our movies are shown with English subtitles for the hearing impaired.



—Augie Perrotta



## Camera Group

The Camera Group will next meet on Tuesday, January 8 at 2:00PM. Chairman Jaap Delevie will present a commercially enhanced video of a European boat trip he took. The trip starts in northern areas of The Netherlands where we will see small villages and inland lakes. Travel via Amsterdam to the tourist island of Marken, past the Belgian coast through Bruges to the English Channel and the south coast of England. The scenes are unusual and will show what this portion of the world was like before high rises. You will enjoy!

—Jaap Delevie



## Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Wednesday, January 23 at 3:00PM at TCH. The guest speaker will be Rodger Gach of Rod's Computers. His topic will be "What's So Great About Windows 8." He will demonstrate the features of Microsoft's newest operating system and discuss the pros and cons of updating a computer to it. Rodger will also recommend the latest available free software for keeping computers running free of problems. There will be time for Q & A. All are welcome at this meeting.

—Ron Denton



## Book Reading Groups

Wednesday, January 2 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing "Keynes-Hayek" by N. Wapshott. As the stock market crash of 1929 plunged the world into turmoil, two men emerged with competing claims on how to restore balance to economies gone awry. John Maynard Keynes, the mercurial Cambridge economist, believed that government had a duty to spend when others would not. He met his opposite in a little-known Austrian economics professor, Frederick Hayek, who considered attempts to intervene both pointless and potentially dangerous. The battle lines thus drawn, Keynesian economics would dominate for decades.

Monday, January 21 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing "Price of Inequality" by J.E. Stiglitz. The top one percent of Americans control 40 percent of the nation's wealth. And, as Joseph E. Stiglitz explains, "While those at the top enjoy the best health care, education, and benefits of wealth, they fail to realize that their fate is bound up with how the other 99 percent live." Stiglitz draws on his deep understanding of economics to show that growing inequality is not inevitable: moneyed interests compound their wealth by stifling true, dynamic capitalism. The result: a divided society that cannot tackle its most pressing problems. He closes with a plan for a more just and prosperous future.

—Ted Chapekis



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, January 9 at 2:45PM, Mike Alioto, Senior VP UBS Financial and SMC member, will present "Life in Retirement-Making Your Income Last." Mike has extensive financial management experience and has spoken to the SMC several times. He has good ideas and advice. Learn how to profit from the fiscal cliff!

Stock game update - Kirby Callam continues in first place with a gain of 28.7%. Ed Cox is second - up 24.8%, while Dave Ladd jumped from 29th to 3rd - up 18.5%. Of the 59 participants, 21 are in the black.

— George Miller

# Special Events

## The Detroit Auto Show

If you haven't yet bought your ticket for our Thursday, January 24, 2013 bus trip to the Detroit Auto Show, don't delay – this event sells out quickly. Tickets for the bus ride are \$15; admission to the show is \$6 for Seniors and \$12 for those under 65. (Local auto dealers may donate tickets, in which case admission will be free.) See you on the bus!



## Detroit Pistons Basketball

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 6, 2013 to attend the New York Knicks-Detroit Pistons Basketball game at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Thirty reserved \$55 seats will be made available at the group rate of \$45.



The New York Knicks are one of the premier teams in the NBA and feature 2 Gold Medal winners in Carmelo Anthony and Tyson Chandler.

The Detroit Pistons are a team on its way back under new head coach, Lawrence Frank. The team is led by veterans Tayshaun Prince and Rodney Stuckey with outstanding play by recent draft picks Brandon Knight (Kentucky) and Greg Monroe (Georgetown). This year's new players are Andre Drummond (Connecticut) and Kyle Singler (Duke), both receiving considerable playing time.

Ticket sales for the limited seats will begin on Friday, January 25, 2013. This will be a self drive event (no bus). Handicap parking and an elevator to the seating level are available.



## Christmas Dinner Party

Each December, the Special Events Committee takes on a considerable challenge - planning and conducting a club Christmas Party which at least equals the previous year's event. And guess what, they did it again! The annual party held at the San Marino Club was warm and wonderful, with the many smiling faces testimony to how successful the party was.

Event Chair Tony DiMarco deserves full credit for a perfect evening, which was enjoyed by 245 members, spouses and guests. Tony launched the program with introductory comments, followed by a welcome by outgoing President Chuck Kirkpatrick, a few "groaners" by Special Events Chair Mike Clement and a solemn invocation by Ken Brooker.

A sumptuous meal followed, with the Pros Big Band providing appropriate seasonal background music. After dinner, a surprising number of nimble footed dancers took to the floor as the band played the classic "Moonlight Serenade" and other favorites.

We then recognized the seasonal theme of the party with the traditional Christmas sing-along, and we reflected on how great life can be and how important club membership is when enjoyed with such friends.

Congratulations to Mike Clement and his team for such a great evening. We can't wait for next year!

— Dick Harper

## Two Members Honored

Two club members were recently honored for their community activities. **Gordon Fox** was recognized for 40 years of membership and service to the National Association of Realtors with the "Realtor Emeritus" award.

**George Mosher**, co-founder of Oakland Community College, received the "People/Quality County" award from L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, for his multiple contributions to Oakland County. Members giving back! Congratulations, Gordon and George.



## President's Award

The President's Award is intended to recognize a significant and noteworthy contribution to the Senior Men's Club by a selected individual member. Past President **John Flintosh** received this award for 2012 from outgoing President Chuck Kirkpatrick for his year long outstanding efforts in supporting our President as well as the Past Presidents who served as substitute meeting chairmen during the year. John's role in this regard ensured organized and smooth running meetings during the year. Congratulations, John!



—Dick Harper

## Life Member Dues

One of the perks of Life Membership in the Senior Men's Club is that payment of dues is no longer required. However, an increasing number of this honored group decide to pay dues to help keep our club financially viable. So much thanks to 29 generous members, who voluntarily contributed more than \$1,100. Our Finance staff would be more than happy to accept additional optional dues payments, even into 2013.

|                  |                 |                |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Alex Gherlan Jr. | Roy Halmhuber   | Al Roberts     |
| Roy Albert       | Dick Harper     | Al Shrobre     |
| Lynn Barber      | Harold Jackson  | Louise Simpson |
| Frank Barnes     | William Jackson | (Russ Frye)    |
| Lowell Barnett   | John Lavrakas   | Larry O Smith  |
| Jack Casement    | Jack Ledingham  | R.E. Snee      |
| Ed Cox           | Richard Melcher | John O. Steele |
| Harry Cyphers    | Bill Munro      | Clark Thornton |
| Francis DeGrande | Jim Peters      | John Villa     |
| Ben Ewing        | Mark Richards   | Amos Winsand   |

## Senior Health Matters

At the 2012 World Cancer Congress of the Union for International Cancer Control, it was reported that lifestyle behavior interventions could prevent a large proportion of cancers in 15-20 years if widely applied.

If **Smoking** is reduced to 11%, the US could see a 75% reduction in smoking related cancers in 10-20 years.

**Obesity or Being Overweight** causes 20% of cancers. A healthy Body Mass Index (BMI) from 21-23 kg/m<sup>2</sup> could reduce cancer incidence by 50% in 2-20 years.

**Poor Diet and Lack of Exercise** are associated with about 5% of all cancers. Improvement in diet could reduce cancer incidence by 50%, an increase in physical activity could reduce cancer incidence by as much as 85% in 5-20 years.

**Eradicating the 3 main viruses associated with cancer-** human papilloma virus and hepatitis B and C, through vaccination, could lead to a 100% reduction in viral related cancer incidence in 20-40 years.

Twenty years of follow-up has shown that **aspirin** is associated with a 40% reduction in mortality from colon cancer. Screening for colorectal cancer has a similar magnitude of mortality reduction of 30-40%.

— Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

## SMC 2013 Dues Coupon

2013 Dues are payable before January 1, 2013. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2013. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at the meeting or by mail. Please use the coupon if paying by mail.

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- \$40 Active Member
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- \$0 Life Member\*

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

# Mystery Lyrics



We thought last month's mystery lyrics might be difficult, since they are from an old (1943) song. But

14 readers recognized that these lines:

*When I come home at night  
she will be waiting*

are from the Mills Brothers hit "Paper Doll," which sold 8 million copies (remember 78 rpm records?). Congratulations to Bill Sprague, Pete Good, Dave and Mary Schwartz, Clarke and Shirley Thornton, Jack Howell, Dick Smith, Sherwin Vine, Chuck O'Connell, Stan Rogell, Chuck Himelhoch, Dick Secrest, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Clay Gordon and Tom McNally.

This month's challenge might be too easy, but it is a favorite, so these are the lyrics:

*Are the stars out tonight  
I don't know if it's cloudy or bright*

Can you name that tune? Hint - a big hit for the Flamingos and was a song featured in *American Graffiti*.

## Baseball Trivia

Our baseball trivia item proved to be somewhat elusive. We asked you to remember the Tiger pitcher who in one season had only 5 wins and 19 losses, but two of his wins were no-hitters. Only 7 readers remembered that this was Virgil "Fire" Trucks in 1952.

Congratulations to Pete Good, Lynn Evans, Dick Smith, Stan Rogell, Tom McNally, Ben Magniapane and Clay Gordon.



This month we are asking if you can recognize the ball player in this old photo, provided by Chuck Ragains.

—Dick Harper

## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, January 8, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, January 18

### Games

**Bowling:** Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

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

**Golf:** Thursday, 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Dome (starting Jan. 3)

### Special Events

**Detroit Auto Show,** Thursday, January 24, 9:30AM

**Detroit Pistons Basketball,** Wednesday, March 6

### Group Meetings

**Book Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, January 2, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, January 21, 3:00PM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, January 14, 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, January 8, 2:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, January 9, 2:45PM

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, January 23, 3:00PM

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

### SMC on the Web:

<http://www.tchserve.org/getInvolved/interestGroups/SeniorMensClub.html>

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

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