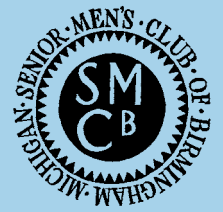


The Reminder



June 2012

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Marina Dazzles

A perfect warm spring evening awaited 280 guests arriving at TCH for Marina Arsenijevic's May 14th benefit performance. The SMC Legacy Endowment Fund increased by nearly \$8000 with the support of our members, wives, friends and the community at large. Her two hour program included selections by Chopin and Liszt plus arrangements of "Bohemian Rhapsody" and the "Rhapsody in Blue." Marina concluded the program with a stirring arrangement of "America the Beautiful." Following a standing ovation, she encored with Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Flight of the Bumblebee."

The program also included several multi-media presentations of Marina's performances which were handled perfectly, thanks to the efforts of Greg White of TCH. The evening concluded with Chairman George Miller presenting Marina with an engraved plaque thanking her for her remarkable performance. Marina was most gracious and met with patrons to autograph her CD's and event programs.



—Bill Johnson

JUNE PROGRAMS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Robert Doll

- 1 Bill Agnew, Los Alamos Scientist *The Bomb & Me*
- 8 Art Pope, SMC Member..... *The Man Behind the Legend - George Armstrong Patton*
- 15 David Felten, M.D. *Beaumont Hospital - Latest Research Projects*
- 22 David Breuhan, Assistant Professor, Walsh College *Two Visions For America*
- 29 Dennis Archer, former Mayor of Detroit..... *Detroit's Future Can Be Bright*

JULY PROGRAMS

JULY CHAIRMAN: Nandalai Bagchi

- 6 Barry Franklin, PhD..... *Recent Advances in the Prevention and Treatment of Heart Disease*

JUNE DISCUSSIONS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Jonathan Haber

- 1 Jaap Delevie, MD, SMC Member *End of Life Considerations*
- 8 Mark Roby, MD, Cancer Coach *Lifelines to Cancer Survival: Exploring the New World of Cancer Care*
- 15 John Clor, Communications Manager, Ford Performance Group..... *The Enthusiast's Role in Ford & Mustang Performance History*
- 22 The Rev. Dr. Kate Thoresen, Coordinator of Faith Communities Coalition *Some Myths About Foster Kids*
- 29 John M. Steele, SMC Member *Renewable Resources for Stationary Power Generation*

JULY DISCUSSIONS

JULY CHAIRMAN: John Perryman

- 6 George Grove, SMC Member *Roe v. Wade*

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To Leave of Absence:

Bruce D. Van Deusen

Deaths:

John B. Nicholas, joined October 2000
Robert A. Benton (Life), joined July 1999
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—Bill Shaffmaster & Tom Booth
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Senior Health Matters—Preventing Alzheimer's Disease

The early-onset inherited form of Alzheimer's disease accounts for less than 5% of the 5 million people in the US affected by this brain-wasting illness.

A trial of an experimental antibody called crenezumab will be conducted early in 2013 to determine whether memory and cognitive skills can be preserved by preventing the formation of amyloid plaques and tangles in the brain of those destined to be affected by this disease.

About 300 of 5000 extended family members in their 30s with a genetic predisposition (the presence of amyloid precursor protein gene on chromosome 21) that causes them to exhibit symptoms in their mid-40s and having advanced Alzheimer's by age 50, will be treated for 5 years. The drug targets bits of amyloid that make up the plaques and free floating soluble forms of the starch-like protein which researchers think may be the real culprit. The study will be the best test yet because it will show whether preventing the formation of amyloid in the brain interferes with the progression of Alzheimer's. The implications for the 95% of those with the non-hereditary form of Alzheimer's, if the trial is successful, are enormous. In the meantime, a Mediterranean diet, walking and weight-bearing exercise has been shown to slow its progression.



Thursday Golf

The Chinese Goddess Na has become active and the weather for Thursday Golf has improved. We have had some clear days, but she is not good at multi-tasking as the temperatures have remained low. More incantations are required to get the temperatures up by a minimum of ten (10) degrees F.

Seven weeks into the 2012 season at Springdale, the race for lowest gross score is heating up. At press time the low gross average leaders are Perry Driggs at 37.0, Kirby Callam at 41.4, and Ted Chapekis at 42.1.

Mark your calendars: Three Club Day is scheduled for June 21. The annual Thursday Golf Scrambles Tournament will be on July 19. Be sure to get your foursomes together for the Scrambles. The Committee will endeavor to place unattached golfers into Scramble foursomes.

The Big Bonus Bucks Challenge commenced on May 31 and will continue through August 16. The Payoff Pot is filled with a total of \$60. Rules are posted.

—The Committee

Monday Golf

AT LAST! After three consecutive Mondays of dreadful weather, the Monday Golf League finally opened on May 14. It was a gorgeous day for golf. Over thirty golfers took part and nine shot 45 or better. Ted Chapekis and Don Foehr led with 41. Chuck Torner shot 42. Al Nealley, Jim Doyle and Tony Parrottino had 43. John Perryman and George Stern came in with 44. Dave Zimmer had 45. Birdies were made by Ted Chapekis on #8, Don Foehr on #4 (Don owns this hole), John Perryman on #5 (and John aced this hole a while back) and Bill Schwartz on #5 (and Bill once broke an iron on this hole – not in anger or frustration, but with his sheer strength).

This delayed start means the 16-week season at Lincoln Hills is now extended until the second Monday in September. This assumes no further postponements during the summer. Please plan accordingly.

Hint to Early Risers: There are openings in the tee times before 7:30AM.

—The Committee

Augie Perrotta: Distinguished Doctor, Active Member

If you ask Augustine "Augie" Perrotta why the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham is so important to him, his answer will be enthusiastic and to the point. "I love the organization," he will say. "There is no club in this area that can compare. We are especially well known for the intellectual stimulation our programs provide, which benefit both individual members and the club as a whole."



Referring to himself as a "worker bee," Augie has served on a variety of club groups and committees -- the Discussion Group for six years and the Classic Movie Group for five years. In 2009 he received the prestigious President's Award.

Before joining the SMC in 2005, he had a distinguished medical career including service with hospitals, medical centers and universities. Detroit-area institutions on his resume include Michigan State University, Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, BiCounty Community Hospital, and Henry Ford Health System.

Another measure of his stature in the medical profession is the long list of "firsts" he has accomplished, including first fellowship-trained hematologist in the osteopathic profession, first in the profession to be certified by the American Osteopathic Association in hematology, first Doctor of Osteopathy inducted in the American Society of Hematology, first D.O. to serve a fellowship in Medical Oncology at Sloan Kettering in New York.

Augie's educational background includes a D.O. degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine; a degree in Biochemical Genetics from the New York University Graduate School, and a B.A. degree in Biology from Fordham University.

He and his wife Dorothy have three children and twin grandsons. They are long-time residents of Bloomfield Hills.

—Chuck Ragains

Summer Dress Code

President Chuck Kirkpatrick has announced that our summer dress code will be in effect at Friday meetings during June and July. Coats as well as ties will be optional, but we want to maintain our reputation as the best dressed men in Birmingham.

Special Events

Cranbrook House and Gardens

How long has it been since you have visited the beautiful and historic Cranbrook House and Gardens? Well, it's time to do it again and you can do so on Thursday, June 14.

Your Special Events Committee has organized a memorable day at Cranbrook for you and your lady, which will include these attractive scheduled activities:

- 10:15-10:30 AM Arrival at Christ Church Cranbrook for shuttles to Cranbrook House
- 10:30-noon Indoor Cranbrook tours with House docents
- Noon Elegant luncheon in a special dining room featuring teriyaki chicken (vegetarian or special diet also available)
- 1:00-1:45PM Outdoor garden tours with House docents
- 1:45-2:00PM Shuttle return to cars

Ticket availability will be limited to 50 lucky people, priced at only \$30, which will be on sale starting Friday, May 18. Don't miss this outstanding event.

—Mike Clement, Jack Howell, Bob Pullar

St. Clair Dinner Cruise

We have scheduled an outstanding summer event which features a St. Clair river cruise, a fabulous River Crab dinner and a sunset return to Port Huron.

On Wednesday, July 11 we will depart by luxury coach from the First Presbyterian Church at 2:00PM bound for Port Huron and the dock of our chartered cruise ship - the Huron Lady II. We depart at 4:00PM for a leisurely cruise to the River Crab restaurant.

Dinner will be served in a special dining room and include your choice of chowder or soup, followed by one of six entrees - shrimp scampi, Maryland crab cakes, Great Lake whitefish, salmon, chicken or steak. On our return sunset cruise to Port Huron, a light dessert of Key Lime Diamonds will be served. A cash bar will be available on the Huron Lady and at the River Crab.

The total cost of this exciting event - including the coach, cruise, dinner and all gratuities is only \$60. Tickets will go on sale Friday, June 15 at 9:00AM, with a ship capacity of 100. Don't miss this one!

—Bob Gualdoni, Riggs Miller & Bob Stevenson

Picnic Coming – August 24

Mark your calendars: the annual picnic will be Friday, August 24 at the Pontiac Yacht Club. Food, friends, fun, and festivities make for perfect day. Don't miss it!

Improvement Committee Report

John Flintosh presented a progress report and an insight into future plans of the Improvement Committee to the Executive Board. He highlighted initiatives implemented to date, including an updated dress code, with ties optional, elimination of attendance requirements, the use of round tables for Friday meetings, improved appreciation gifts for speakers, monthly Mix and Match plus "parliamentarian style" seating for Discussions without speakers.

Additional initiatives under consideration include a significant expansion of club publicity efforts, development of a "Men on the Go" trifold to attract expanded membership, and revisiting the Leave of Absence category.

—George Stern

Song Leaders Welcome

The loss of Jim Leese has created a vacancy in our group of song leaders for the Friday morning meetings. If you enjoy singing, we will gladly welcome you to the Master of Ceremonies Committee to share in the privilege of leading songs for our group. Please contact Mike Albright, janandmike@gmail.com or 248-649-6063.

Email Reminder

Those of you receiving *The Reminder* by email will notice an attached expanded array of photos of club activities - the benefit performance by Marina Arsenijevic, our special baseball day in Toledo, plus other club personalities - all in glorious color. Members with email addresses, but still receiving *The Reminder* by conventional mail, might want to convert.

—Dick Harper

Groups



Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet Wednesday, June 20 at 3:00PM. The guest speaker will be Dr. Joseph W. Stern. His topic will be "Medicine and the Internet." There will ample opportunity for questions at this meeting.

—Ron Denton



Investment Group

On Wednesday, June 13 at 2:45PM, our Stock Game winners and other successful SMC investors will share their investment strategies. Ideas to improve the Investment Group meetings will also be most welcome.

Bob Bazzell (he keeps the books) is still #1 with a 73% gain. Dick Harper is second with a 58.4% gain. With the market turmoil in May, other leaders could emerge. Tom Booth won last year with a 65.4% gain. The game ends May 31.

—George Miller



Classic Movie Group

Please join Dan McNulty on Monday, June 11 at 1:00PM in the Hackett Room when he premieres the 1959 film classic, "On the Beach." Starring Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner, Fred Astaire and pre-Psycho Anthony Perkins, this drama is about a nuclear



holocaust set in a future 1964 in the months following WWII. The conflict has polluted the Northern Hemisphere with nuclear fallout, killing all life. The only survivors are in Australia where the government provides suicide pills and injections so the inhabitants can end their lives before there is prolonged suffering from radiation sickness. This is a film about how people react to the knowledge that their world and their lives will soon come to an end. See if you identify with any of the characters.

—Augie Perrotta



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, June 6 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing the book "1984" by George Orwell. Written in 1948, "1984" was George Orwell's chilling prophecy about the future. And while 1984 has come and gone, Orwell's narrative is timelier than ever. "1984" presents a startling and haunting vision of the world, so powerful that it is completely convincing from start to finish. No one can deny the power of this novel, its hold on the imagination of multiple generations of readers, or the resiliency of its admonitions, a legacy that seems only to grow with the passage of time.

On Monday, June 18 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing the book "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly. The anchor of *The O'Reilly Factor* recounts one of the most dramatic stories in American history—how one gunshot changed the country forever. In the spring of 1865, the bloody saga of America's Civil War finally comes to an end after a series of increasingly harrowing battles. President Abraham Lincoln's generous terms for Robert E. Lee's surrender are devised to fulfill Lincoln's dream of healing a divided nation, with the former Confederates allowed to reintegrate into American society. But one man and his band of murderous accomplices, perhaps reaching into the highest ranks of the U.S. government, are not appeased.

—Ted Chapekis

SMC Bulletin Board

Based on a recommendation by the Improvement Committee, member Dave Dinger has accepted responsibility for organizing and monitoring club notices about club events and activities on the club bulletin board at Friday meetings.

Dave has established these board categories for club information to be displayed - Administration, Membership, Groups and Games. Our objective is to organize and improve communication of club activities for members. Those interested in displaying information should contact Dave Dinger.

—Dick Harper

Mystery Lyrics

Last month we asked readers if they could remember the composer, the song and the Broadway show which contained these unusual rhymes - "coliseum" with "Louvre Museum" and "Mahatma Ghandi" with "Napoleon Brandy." Only Cole Porter could have written such lines. The song is "You're The Top" and the show was "Anything Goes" from 1934.

Two regular contributors - Chuck O'Connell and Jack Howell - had all three answers. So did Paul and Margaret Pentecost-welcome back Paul! Hearty congratulations! Midge (Roger) Gettel and Clay Gordon knew it was Porter and had the song title, while Isabel (Chuck) Himelhoch also had Porter as the composer.

This month, we have a more straight forward challenge for you. Can you remember the name of the romantic ballad which contains these lines?

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

Can you name that tune?

—Dick Harper

Tiger Trivia

Last month we asked if readers could remember the Tiger who was baseball's first Bonus Baby. Five real fans - Lynn Evans, Bill Stuart, Clay Gordon, Chuck Ragains and Dick Smith - knew this was Dick Wakefield. He signed in 1941 for the grand total of \$52,000 - a lot of money in those days. Although Wakefield had a career average of .293, he never really developed and would have fared better as a designated hitter.

OK Tiger fans - here's another challenge. What Tiger won an AL batting title with a .361 average, but never hit .300 before or after that?

—Dick Harper

CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, June 15

Games

Bowling: Wednesday, 10:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes (practice)

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

Monday Golf: 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills

Thursday Golf: 9:00AM at Springdale

Special Events

Cranbrook House & Gardens, Thursday, June 14, 10:15AM

St. Clair Dinner Cruise, Wednesday, July 11, 2:00PM

SMC Picnic, Friday, August 24

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, June 6, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, June 18, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, June 11, 1:00PM

Camera Group: No meeting in June

Investment Group: Wednesday, June 13, 2:45PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, June 20, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC on the Web:

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

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

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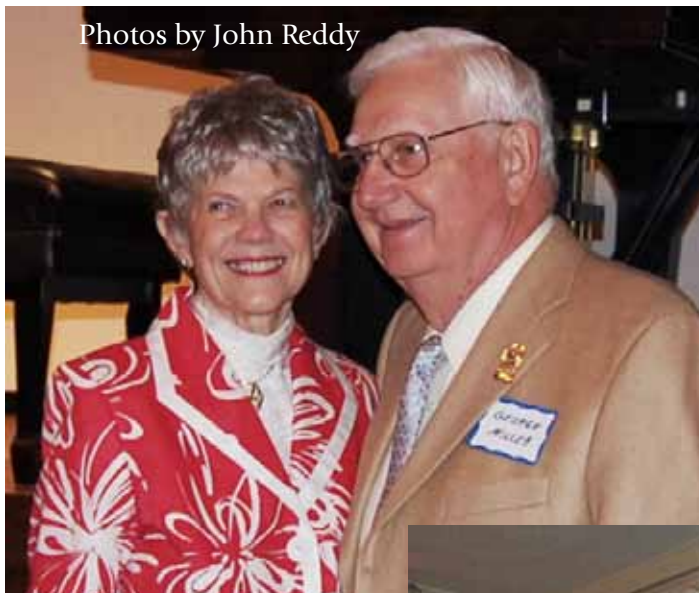


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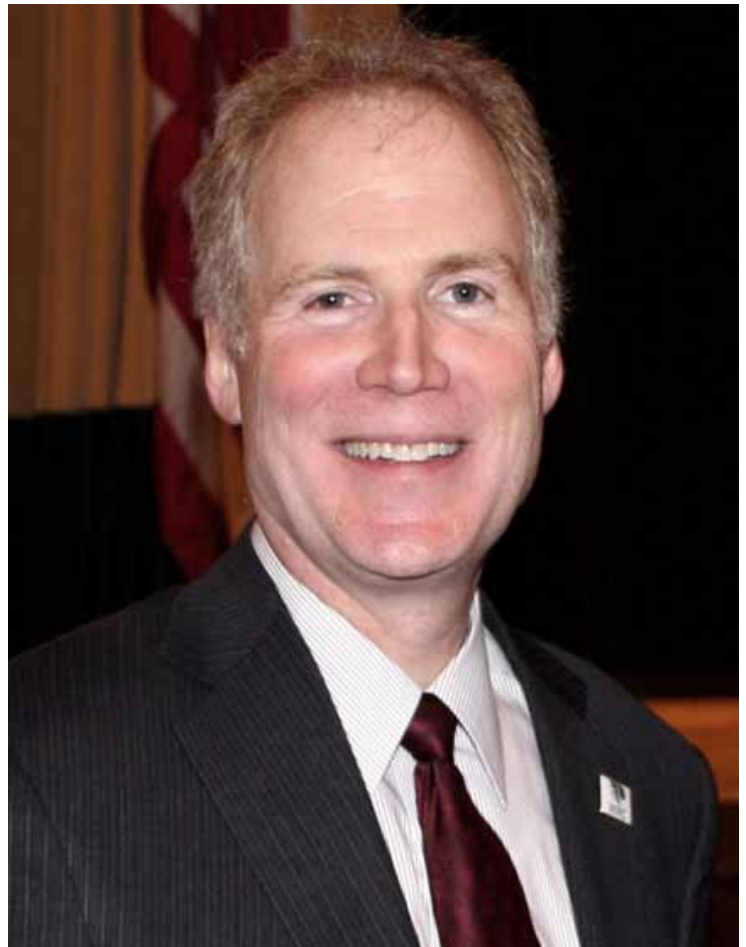
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