

The Reminder

March 2017

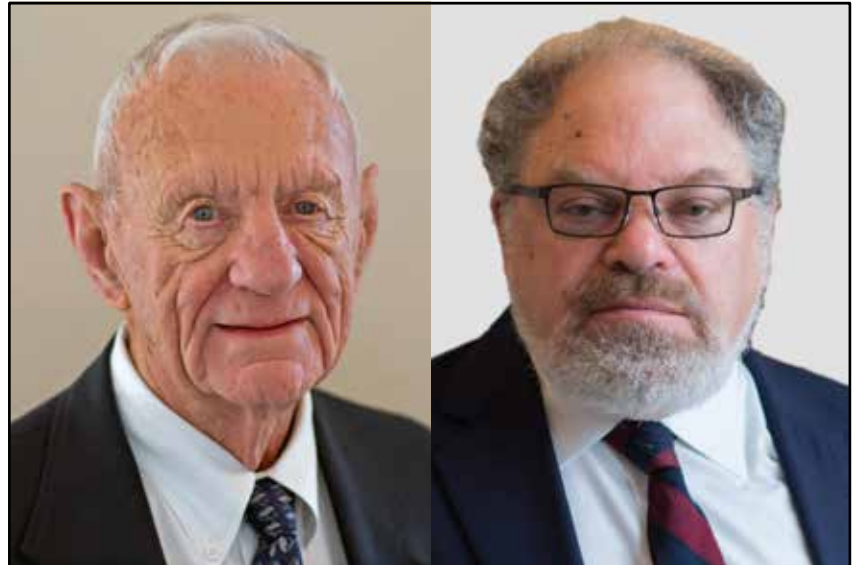
Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Officers at Large



Dick Judy

Larry Imerman

Each year we elect two members to an important Club position – Officer at Large. Club by-laws indicate that these officers “serve as advocates for the general membership and present to the Executive Board any requests for audience, petition or ideas”. In simpler terms, they are the communication bridge between members and the Board. They attend Board meetings and report any member issues, questions or suggestions (or even complaints) for appropriate action or resolution. Members serving in this capacity for 2017 are Dick Judy and Larry Imerman. Both are very active and well known and have served the Club in multiple capacities. They attend most Friday meetings and, of course, will welcome member comments or suggestions.

—Dick Harper

MARCH PROGRAMS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Martin Rowell

- 3 Philip Power, Founder, The Center for Michigan *A Citizen's Agenda for a Better Michigan*
- 10 John McElroy, Host “Automotive Daily” – WWJ *Hang On! Our Automotive Industry Is About To Go Upside Down*
- 17 Oliver Thiot, Sr. Vice President, Kelly Services, Inc. *BOTS (aka Robots): The Next Labor Disruption*
- 24 David Cole, Chair, Auto Harvest..... *The Auto Future: Fast, Furious and Uncertain*
- 31 Susan Tompor, Business Columnist, Detroit Free Press..... *Follow the Money: Latest Washington and Wall Street News with Some Local Scams*

APRIL PROGRAMS

APRIL CHAIRMAN: Roger Timm

- 7 Captain Chan H. Shin, Commanding Officer NOSC Detroit *Navy Operational Support Center*

**Keynote
Speaker
Lt. Governor
Brian Calley**



Honorable Brian Calley was elected as Lt. Governor in 2010. Calley has worked with Gov. Rick Snyder and played an integral role in Michigan's comeback using skills acquired in the financial services industry. Calley has been recognized by the SBA of Michigan, Special Olympics of Michigan, the Michigan Manufacturers Association and the Mental Health Association. He and his wife Julie live in Portland with their three children.

**Performance by
Danny Gurwin**



Danny Gurwin was hailed by the Chicago Sun-Times for his "thrilling voice". He has been performing on and off-Broadway for the last 20 years. As a renowned director, teacher & guest artist Danny has coordinated and taught at The University of Michigan, UCLA, Western Michigan University, and Youngstown University. He is currently Head of Musical Theater at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

**Evening of Music
by Mitchell Miller**



Mitchell Miller is a renowned 18-year-old composer from Clarkston, Michigan. With proficient skills developing in playing piano for 14 years and composing his specialty of music for 8 years. From a young age he has collaborated with successful artists and partnered with major companies such as Sizzer Amsterdam.



Truly a Gala Celebration!

What is a Table Captain?

This is a Senior Men's club member who will serve as host for the evening. There are 40 Table Captains for this event. They are in the process of completing the lists of their tables. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. The Table Captains will welcome you and ask you to join their table.

Please contact any of the following Table Captains to reserve your tickets for the 60th Anniversary Gala Celebration on May 17, 2017:

Sven Anden, Randy Barnett, Jim Bayson, Charlie Blank, Mike Clement, Lynn Evans, Frank Gordon, Malcolm Hendy, Gene Jacoby, Bob Jordan, John Marsh, George Miller, John Perryman, Chuck Ragains, Swarn Rajpal, Tom Rankin, Joe Schlunberg, Stu Shuster, Bob Stevenson, Roger Timm, David Underdown, Dennis Winowiecki, John Zarek or Jack Burns

Don't delay or you will miss out on the event of the decade!

May 17, 2017
Tickets go on
Sale March 10

Groups



Investment Group

The Trump "honeymoon rally" appears to be continuing – but for how long? Come to the Investment Group meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 2:45PM to hear our speaker, Julie Hollinshead, portfolio manager with DeRoy & Devereaux Investment Counsel. She will note that market sentiment is currently high with stocks selling at the higher end of most valuation measures. Will we benefit from the new administration's attempt to implement a more pro-growth economic program? . Ralph Schick continues to be the clear leader of the Stock Game with a dynamic 76% gain, followed by Ralph Cowie – up 42% and George Miller – up 40%.

—Dick Harper and George Miller



Camera Group

Member Ed Proctor's work will be the featured presentation for the March 14th Camera Group meeting at 2:00PM. A world traveler and outdoorsman, Ed will share a self narrated video which he made during a fly fishing trip on the Amazon. His daughter, Mollie Proctor, has lovingly provided a great overview of how his photographic journeys began. So, join us for this special event and learn how Ed combined a suitcase of film into a memorable travelogue of adventure. Bring your spouse and friends as we take a dive deep into the jungle with Ed Proctor.

—Harry Bloom



Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, March 6, 2016 at 2:00PM. Once people get involved in finding their ancestors, an often asked question "Are there any kings or queens in our family heritage?" In genealogy, if there are members of royalty in your blood line, they are called a Gateway Ancestor. The meeting's discussion will be about the process of researching for the Gateway Ancestor. There are publications that exist since the 1200's called steerage books that track royal descendants. We will review the history of these publications and how you can use them in your research.

—Dave Bakos



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, March 13, Irv Poston will present the delightful romantic comedy, "It Started with Eve" (1941), at 1:00PM. In this hilarious adventure of love and romance, a young adventurer, Bob Cummings, returns home to his wealthy dying father, Charles Laughton, who only wants to meet his son's new fiancé before he passes on. But the future bride-to-be is not available, so Bob hires a night club hat-check girl, Deanna Durbin, as a stand in. Trouble starts the next morning but eventually, everything turns out fine for the new couple.

—Fred Hansz



Reading Groups

The Wednesday Reading Group meets on Wednesday, March 1 at 10:30AM to discuss the classic American novel "The Grapes of Wrath", by John Steinbeck. Published in 1939, Steinbeck's story vividly describes a poor tenant farmer family fleeing the Oklahoma dustbowl and destined for California. Maynard Timm will lead this discussion. On Monday, March 20, at 3:00PM the Monday Reading Group will discuss Ron Chernow's "Alexander Hamilton", the fascinating and thought-provoking biography of Alexander Hamilton that inspired the exciting musical "Hamilton". Alexander Hamilton is credited with establishing the foundations for American capitalism, including the First Bank of the United States, public credit, and stock and commodity exchanges. Roger Timm will lead this discussion.

—Frank Snower



Computer Group

At the next Computer Group meeting, on Wednesday, March 15 at 3:00PM, Jason Bellanti from Spire Integrated Systems will speak.

—Tom Allen

Special Events

Ford's Piquette Assembly Plant

On April 26 we will visit this world-famous Automotive Heritage site, built in 1904 at Milwaukee Junction, at that time the bustling industrial heart of Automobile manufacturing in Detroit.

Model-N production had started at Piquette, Henry's first purpose-built 3-story light-filled factory. Using the Model-N as a platform, Model-T development began in January 1907, and only 8 months later in late September, the first Model-T left the factory .

With each car team-built, demand fast outgrew Piquette's capacity, resulting in a move in 1910 to the much larger Highland Park Plant and the first real application of the assembly line. By the time Model-T production ceased in 1927, 15 million had been sold!

During the visit we will learn the history of this remarkable building, covering just 400 x 56 feet. Volunteer staff will answer questions, such as parts supply and how cars were shipped. The tour is "senior-friendly" with an elevator and many photos and memorabilia on display.

The bus will take us to a convivial lunch at the popular Traffic Jam & Snug on West Canfield in Detroit and we should be back in Birmingham mid-afternoon.

The bus will depart from First Presbyterian Church as usual. Cost is \$45 and tickets go on sale on March 10.

—Art Pope and Malcolm Hendy

(Hailing a Hit!) "Altar Boyz" at Meadow Brook Theatre

Opening night playgoers for the musical comedy "Altar Boyz" loudly expressed their pleasure of the performance, said one veteran reviewer of shows at the Meadow Brook Theatre.

On Wednesday, March 1, a group from our Senior Men's Club will no doubt echo this feeling at the 2:00PM matinee on the campus of Oakland University. More than 40 tickets already have been bought from our total allotment of 56.

"Altar Boyz" is a foot-stomping, rafter-raising family show about a fictitious Christian boy-band. Five dancing and singing performers are spreading the good word of the Lord.

Cost for this special event, including charter bus transportation from the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, is only \$35. We depart at 1:00PM; returning around 5:00PM.

—Larry Price

Hold the Date...June 11 USPBL Baseball!

On Sunday, June 8, we will gather at Jimmy John's Field in Utica to enjoy a baseball battle between the Utica Unicorns and the East Side Diamond Hoppers of the United Shore Professional Baseball League. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, May 19 at \$35 each, which include admission, a picnic lunch, and two beverage vouchers. This is a self-drive event; the game begins at 1:30PM and should be over by about 4:00PM. Bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon of baseball and fellowship!

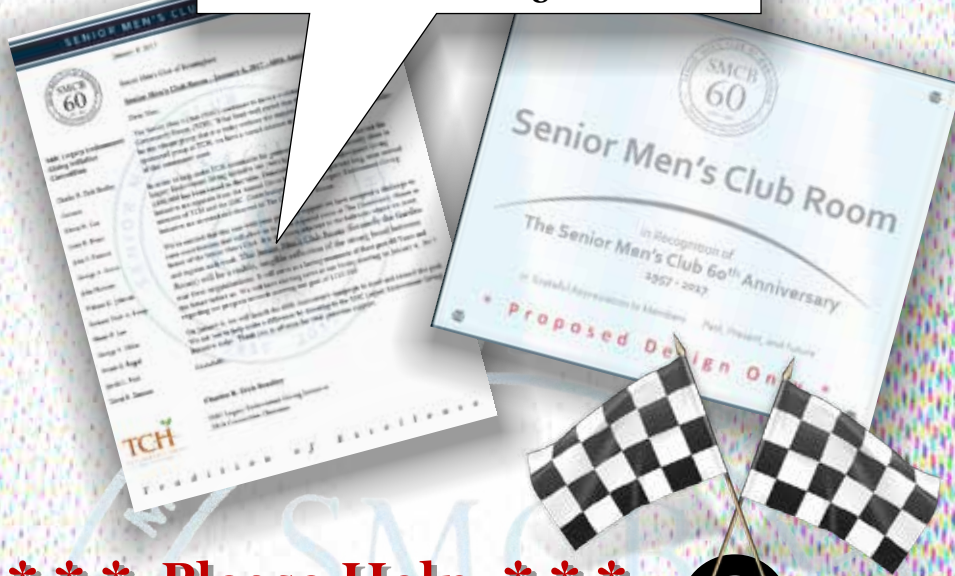
—Jim King

Yes, we were at the Auto Show and viewed many models...some with wheels and tires.



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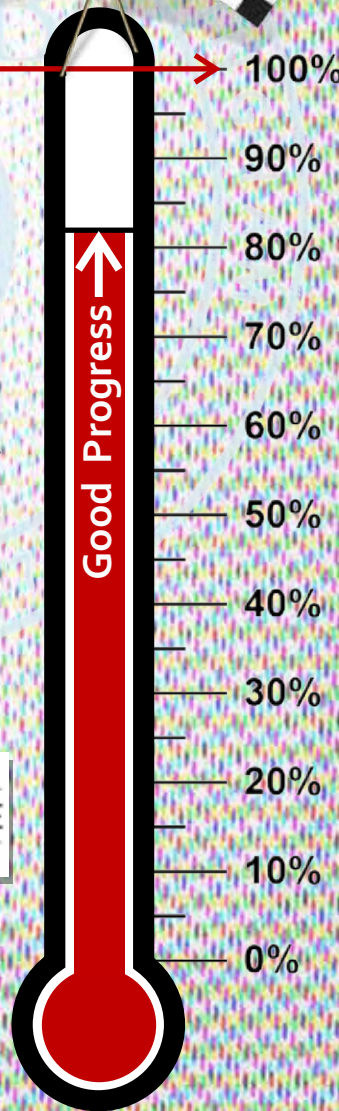
*This Senior Men's Club Room
(formerly the Garden Room)
will be a visible, tangible
reflection of the strong bond
between our two organizations.*



***** Please Help *****
*We need your contribution
to get to the finish line!*

60TH ANNIVERSARY LEGACY CHALLENGE

THE
COMMUNITY HOUSE
BIRMINGHAM



Medical Emergency Preparedness Team

The "Team" added ten new members on January 28, 2017 after they were trained and Certified by the Birmingham Fire Department. We now number fifty-two (52) Club members who have volunteered to take this training and are dedicated to react for our benefit should a medical emergency occur at one of our activities or meetings. The new additions are: Alan Amendt; Randy Barnett; Lynn Evans; Bob Klein; Norm Morrell; Ralph Postler; Martin Rowell; Robert Sparks; Tom Venier and Tim McGee. The next opportunity for training in CPR/AED will be April 29, 2017. Please see me for details and to register for this important training.

—Dave Dinger

60th Anniversary Packages

Distribution of the package of Club information covering the ongoing celebration of our 60th anniversary is continuing – an expanded and greatly improved directory, a special video depicting our history plus information about a special endowment fund campaign. Members attending Friday meetings are receiving this package and we have distributed nearly 400.

However, a good number of members have not received their package. We are asking members to view the list of such members maintained by John Zarek and Jack Burns of the Handbook Committee. If you see names you know and/or could contact, please pick up a package for them. We would greatly appreciate your help in this campaign.

—John Zarek and Dick Bradley

Tradition of Excellence

Games

Maturity Triggers Success

Since joining the SMC Bowling League a little over a year ago, I have observed that our more mature members often times are our best bowlers. For example, Jack Corey, at 92, has a very good average of 135. More importantly, his posture, approach and hurl are outstanding and his energy and enthusiasm are unmatched. Marv Dery, a newcomer at 82, just rolled a 191 last week to improve his average to 114. Like me, Marv prefers golf and bowls to enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of his fellow SMC members. As I become Medicare eligible this year, I pray that I will be able to emulate both Jack and Marv when I reach their levels of maturity.

With eight weeks left in the season, the standings continue to be very tight. The Furies (Bob Beach, Marv Dery and Chair Rich Volpe) have 20 points, followed closely by the High Rollers (Pete Kass, Bruce Smiley, Dennis Winowiecki) with 19. Tied for third with 15 points are the Strikers (Dick Kamp, Bob Klein, Nick Marinelli) and the Spartans (Chuck Ragains, Bob Jordan and Phil Buccini).

We have recently welcomed newcomers John Bergeron and Brian Haw to the League. Please consider joining them any Monday morning at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes, located at Square Lake and John R. You will be amazed to see how age actually improves your bowling skills.

—Maynard Timm

Winter Golf

Winter golf practice at the Oakland Yard Dome continues on Thursdays. Cost is \$10 for all the balls you care to hit between 9:30-11:30AM. Lunch follows at Hero's Restaurant.

And don't forget to join us on March 9 when your swing and grip will be reviewed by Edgewood Country Club golf pro, Dave Vanloozen and the Annual Chipping Contest on March 2 and the Annual Putting Contest on March 23. The Chipping and Putting Contests have a \$3 entrance fee and the league will contribute \$2. The fees will be split 50%/30%/20% to the first top 3 winners.

The sign-up sheets for Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills will be posted March 3 for those golfers that want a secure tee time. The season starts April 24! The cost for the season (16 weeks) has been adjusted as follows:

- Birmingham Season Pass Members - \$192 (\$12/day x 16 weeks)
- Non-Members - \$224 (\$14/day x 16 weeks)
- The walk-on weekly fees will be:
 - Birmingham Season Pass Members - \$13/day
 - Non-Members - \$15/day

Thursday Golf at Springdale is scheduled to start Thursday, April 6 weather permitting. The cost per round remains \$12.

Life Member Dues

The generosity of our members and their love of our Club is evidenced by this list of Life Members who have paid 2017 dues, even though no longer required to do so. Our Finance staff reports we have heard from these 62 Life Members. More would be welcome!

Frank Barnes*	Walt Denison	John Horiszny	Jack McCleary	Tom Sandercock
Lowell Barnett	Ferd Doll	Gene Jacoby	Reid McCulloch	John Schaefer
Cliff Bath	John Ellis	Lloyd Jones	Jack McLaughlin	Bill Schwartz
Lou Baughman	Maurice Elvekrog*	Bill Johnson	Dan McNulty	John Slocum
George Benko	Don Foehr	Bob Jordan	Bob Munn	Jim Slosberg
Al Bosley	Chip Forbes	Dick Judy	Bill Munro	Bruce Smiley
Lou Buckley	Bob Gardner	Bob Kenning	Jim Nordlie*	Bob H. Smith
Tom Buescher	Alex Gherlan	John Lavrakas	Nick Oancea	Andy Spencer
Kirby Callam	Clay Gordon	Less Lessenthien Jr.	Don Overy	Rich Wehling
Paul Cicchini	Dick Hameister	Dick Lindgren	Carl Pacacha	Jack Wells Jr.
Bob Cooper	Roger Hammer	Bob Loesch	Jack Ray	Amos Winsand
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	Jerry Heller	Walter Mayhew	Al Roberts Jr	

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Kenneth C. Bugis

Deaths:

Peter Badalamenti, (Life) joined April 1991
Oliver A. Green, Jr., (Life) joined March 2000

SMC 2017 Dues Coupon

2017 dues were payable before January 1, 2017. Active and Associate Member Dues are \$40. A \$10 late fee must be added for dues paid after January 1, 2017. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at a 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

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

Mystery Lyrics



Last month our lyric challenge really lived up to the mystery term. We asked if you could identify the song with

these opening lines;

*He's not very handsome,
he's not very tall*

And in the smart set, he's nothing at all

Maybe we went back too far, this is a World War II song recorded in 1942 by Harry James & Helen Forrest – “That Soldier of Mine”. Hearty congratulations to Roger and Barbara Timm – the only respondents with the answer!

Hopefully this month’s challenge won’t be as difficult. Can you remember the song containing these lines:

*How else can I explain-
those rainbows when there is no rain*

Hint: think Doris Day.

Sports Trivia

On the other hand, the sports trivia challenge was much too easy. We asked if you could remember the football players nicknamed “The Fridge” and “White Shoes”. We received more than a dozen correct answers - William Perry and Billy Johnson, so let’s recognize and congratulate these less frequent responders – Julian Prince, John Perryman, Tom Buescher, Ken Beres and the Timm brothers.

We think we have a good one for you this month. Can you name the only pro athlete who played in both the All-Star baseball game and the NFL Pro Bowl? (Incidentally, we are always looking for trivia challenge ideas from readers).

—Dick Harper

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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, March 14, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, March 10

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

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

Golf: Thursdays at 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Dome

Special Events

"Altar Boyz" at Meadow Brook: Wednesday, March 1, 1:00PM

Ford Piquette Assembly Plant: Wednesday, April 26

Group Meetings

Book Reading Group A: Wednesday, March 1, 10:30AM

Genealogy Group: Monday, March 6, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, March 8, 2:45PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, March 13, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, March 14, 2:00PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, March 15, 3:00PM

Book Reading Group B: Monday, March 20, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC ON THE WEB:

www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com

www.tchserves.org/outreach-and-clubs/clubs/senior-mens-club-of-birmingham

2017 DETROIT AUTO SHOW TRIP

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