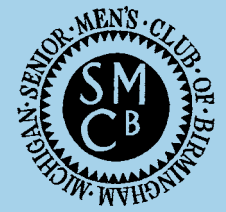


The Reminder



February 2014

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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McLaughlin Calls SMC "Magnificent and Unique"

One of the great strengths of the Senior Men's Club is the diversity of its membership. We have doctors and lawyers, educators and engineers, "car guys," and "ad guys". There is no better example of this high level diversity than the career of Dr. Jack McLaughlin.

A graduate of the University of Michigan School of Medicine, Jack went on to a distinguished career that took him to Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He then served one year of active duty in Korea with the Marines. When Jack returned, he spent two years at the Naval Hospital in Oakland, California. This was followed by a two year surgery residency at the University of Michigan before starting his own practice as a surgeon in association with Beaumont Hospital. He announced his retirement in 1995 after 38 years of service.

Jack soon became active in the Senior Men's Club where he has served in a variety of leadership positions including president in 2005. He currently chairs the Special Projects Committee.



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Sponsor: Stu Shuster

Resigned:

George E. Flintosh

Deaths:

Elson P. Spangler, joined May 2005

- Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
- Robert Beach, Database Chairman
- Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

Associates Orientation Meeting

An Associates orientation meeting will be held Friday, February 21 at 9:00AM at TCH. All Associates are invited to attend and will receive a meeting notice.

Contact John Klein at Klein60@yahoo.com or 248-363-3020 to confirm attendance plans.

—John Klein

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Jack McLaughlin

Looking forward, he sees both challenges and opportunities for the Club. "There are so many opportunities for men our age, especially in the computer age," he said. "All things considered it's a magnificent and unique organization."

Jack and his wife Lorraine are residents of Bloomfield Hills.

—Chuck Ragains

Better Hearing

A member recently reported that he had finally gotten some sorely needed, high tech and almost invisible hearing aids. His hearing was greatly improved, both in public and around the house.



A friend commented "Well, your family must be really happy that you have them." The member replied "Actually, I haven't told them yet - I do hear so much better at home, and so far, I have changed my will twice!"





Games



Winter Dome Golf



Winter practice at the Oakland Yard Dome continues every Thursday until Springdale and Lincoln Hills open up in the spring. The price is \$9 for all the balls you care to (or can) hit between 9:30 and 11:30AM.

Directions to the Oakland Yard Dome at 5328 Highland Road:

• North on Telegraph Rd. to Huron/ Highland Road (M-59.)

- Left on M-59 (Highland Rd) for approximately 4-5 miles. Just past Crescent Lake Road.
- Go past the shopping center on the right.
- Turn right just past the Subway sign.

Teaching Pro Dave Vanloozen has completed his civic duty and will be available to tidy up our swings on Thursday, January 30.

The annual chipping contest is delayed until Thursday, February 20.

Hit them high, hit them long, but hit them straight!

—The Committees

Visitation-Health Committee

This vital function of the Senior Men's Club demonstrates our concern for club members in times of accident, illness and infirmity. In their hour of need, we maintain contact with them and their families by phone or visitations to hospitals, rehabilitation and extended care facilities, and their homes. With permission, we inform our membership at each business meeting of the status of our fallen and wounded with updates on their progress. Sadly, we also report on their demise with details of visitations, services and memorials. Letters of condolence are sent on behalf of our President. The Visitation-Health chairman for each month is published in the Directory but it is suggested that health information be communicated to the Chairman of Visitation-Health, Augie Perrotta, by e-mail or phone that can be found in the Directory. Deceased members can be memorialized with a donation to the Senior Men's Club Legacy Endowment Fund for The Community House.



—Augie Perrotta

Bowling

The first half of our season is completed and team No. 1 (Ragains, Lessenthein, Jordan and Owen) emerged as our league leader, edging out team No. 4 (Dinger, Smiley, Venier and Buccini.)



We are now four weeks into the second half and a new leader has emerged - team No. 6 (Frederick, Kozak, Kamp and Moore). Of course we have a long way to go and competition is wide open.

As for individual scores of note, Phil Buccini showed off with a 223 game and a 557 series. Denny Winowiecki and Rich Volpe continue in a battle for average leadership, both at 163.

—Dick Harper

Sports Quote

Knute Rockne - Notre Dame football coach - "I won't know why we lost until my barber tells me Monday."

Senior Health Matters Smoking and Lung Cancer



January 11, 2014 was the 50th anniversary of the report by Surgeon General Luther Terry, MD stating unequivocally that smoking caused lung cancer and chronic bronchitis. The report went on to assert that smoking probably caused or contributed to heart disease, emphysema and other cancers.

In 1964, more than 40% of the US population smoked compared to 18% today.

Since release of the report, an estimated 8 million fewer smoking-related deaths have occurred than would have been expected.

The progress made so far has led the Center for Disease Control to call lung cancer "a winnable battle."

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Thanks Stu

At our first meeting of 2014, outgoing President Stu Shuster received his Past President plaque from his successor John Steele, along with thanks from club members. In turn, John received the "gavel of authority" symbolizing the formal transfer of club leadership.



Stu offers these comments, "It has been my privilege to preside over the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham as President during 2013. Since our inception in 1957, our membership has increased and in partnership with The Community House, both organizations have been successful in our town.

In 1964, I moved to the Birmingham area and remember a local man who was involved in many activities. That year, Jack Bloomstrom was our president and I remember being impressed at how active he was.

Having completed our club Presidency, I hope that I can continue the same scope of interests.

I want to extend my appreciation to the Senior Men's Club Board and the host of officers that contributed to Club success last year. Best wishes to John M. Steele as the newly elected President and to his officers in 2014."

—Dick Harper



Greenfield School Choir performed December 15, 2013

At the Theater

An usher in the Birmingham Theater recently came across an old man sprawled across three seats. The usher whispered "Sir, you're only allowed one seat". All he got in response was a muffled groan. After several more attempts, the usher got his manager, who had no more success in getting the man to move.

Finally, the police were summoned. The officer surveyed the situation and asked "OK buddy, what's your name?" "Fred" was the moaned reply. The officer asked "Where are you from, Fred?" With pain in his voice and without moving a muscle, Fred replied, "The balcony."

Program Committee

The Senior Men's Club Program Committee is responsible for the recruitment



and guidance of speakers for all Friday meetings. The committee is headed by the Club's 2nd Vice President. His responsibility starts with the recruitment of Monthly Program Chairmen. To assist them, the Monthly Chairs are provided written guidance covering such subjects as

- Procedures for recruiting and supporting speakers
- Managing the administrative details of the process
- Providing publicity
- Getting the audio/visual operations right
- Sample invite and thank you letters
- Club policies regarding speakers and topics
- Potential speakers and topics
- Lists of past speakers and topics that many times suggest the timeliness of an update

We encourage members to suggest possible speakers and/or topics. We know that the long term viability of the Club depends on meeting attendance and that it increases with the name recognition of the speaker, so we try to aim high. Many times in the past we have obtained high profile speakers by going after them through someone we know, who knows someone, who knows Mr. or Ms. X. Call or email me or one of the Monthly Chairs with your suggestions.

—Gene Jacoby



Groundhog Day February 2, 2014

Groups



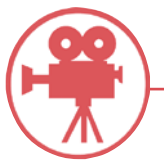
Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, February 5 at 10:30AM we will discuss "The Pied Piper" by Nevil Shute. It is the summer of 1940 and in Europe the time of Blitzkrieg. John Howard, a 70-year-old Englishman vacationing in France, cuts shorts his tour and heads for home. He agrees to take two children with him. But war closes in. Trains fail, roads clog with refugees. And if things were not difficult enough, other children join in Howard's little band. At last they reach the coast.



On Monday, February 17 at 3:00PM we will discuss "The Idea Factory" by Jon Gertner. During its 50 odd years of existence, Bell Labs was the most productive scientific laboratory on the planet. It won seven Nobel Prizes, contributed innumerable practical ideas underlying our modern way of life and, whether by accident or design, also managed to make some spectacular basic scientific discoveries that expanded our understanding of the universe. How did it possibly accomplish all this? In this authoritative and intensely engaging book, Jon Gertner tells us exactly how.

—Ted Chapekis



Classic Movie Group

Fred Hansz will present the 1942 Bogart classic film "All Through the Night" on Monday, February 10, at 1:00PM. This Warner Brothers feature is one of the few comedy/mystery films that Humphrey Bogart made during his career. He is the leader of a good hearted gang of Broadway gamblers who stumble upon a Nazi spy ring that has set in place a sinister plan of destruction in New York City. Bogie, and his pals William Demarest, Jackie Gleason and Phil Silvers, take on the job of foiling the Nazi plan with lots of laughs, action and suspense along the way. Please join us to enjoy this highly entertaining Bogart feature film.



—Fred Hansz



Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, February 11 at 2:00PM. Our presenter will be Tom Booth, SMC member and camera buff. His presentation title will be "Rescuing a Photo." Tom's presentation will acknowledge that there are times when:

- The photograph doesn't come out as well as it could.
- You have to work with photos from long ago.
- You have someone else's photo which needs work.

These are situations that arise for anyone who takes photos. Photo editing programs are available to help fix problems, but we should be clear that editing should not alter the journalistic content or change the photo to look like something else.

Come and get some solid advice on solving these typical problems and share your own insights.

—John Slocum



Computer Group

There will not be a meeting of the Computer Group in February.

—Ron Denton



Investment Group

On Wednesday, February 12 at 2:45PM Alan D. Miller, CPA, PFS, Tax Director at LJPR Tax Services, LLC, with offices in Troy and Warren, will speak about "Individual Tax Issues: What Will Affect Your Tax Return." Alan is a CPA and Personal Financial Specialist with 30 years of tax experience guiding individuals, families and small business owners to overcome unnecessary tax burdens with personalized and tested planning strategies.

Bob Rossi has "sprinted" into first place with an impressive 54.3% gain in the Stock Game and has "cashed out." Dick Harper is second with a 37.6% gain followed by John O'Leary, Bob Bazzell and John Reddy. Although John Reddy's portfolio increased \$4,000 he slipped from first place to fifth place. Forty-five of 69 players have gains. Stay tuned for more changes.

—George Miller

Special Events

Dinner and Theater Night

A fabulous dinner/theater event is planned for Thursday, February 27 in Royal Oak. We will start with a 6:00PM dinner at Lily's Seafood Grill & Brewery located at 410 South Washington Avenue in downtown Royal Oak. The restaurant is three blocks south of 11 Mile Road. Dinner will include soup or salad and one of four entrees: Mesquite grilled salmon; cracker crusted Great Lakes whitefish; Vermont maple mustard chicken; or sesame crusted chicken salad. A selection from three desserts is included, as are non-alcohol drinks. Alcohol drinks may be purchased.

Next we will attend an 8:00PM presentation of "Ain't Misbehavin'," at the historic Baldwin Theatre, located at 415 South Lafayette Avenue just around the corner from the restaurant. This red hot, sizzling musical review celebrates the musical wit and genius of legendary Harlem musician Fats Waller. One of the most popular composers and performers of his day, Waller wrote scores of soulful and swingin' songs at the height of the Jazz Age. This rhythmical romp will have you dancing in your seats. There will be an on-stage nightclub setting. Featured songs include "Honeysuckle Rose," "The Joint is Jumpin'," and "Jitterbug Waltz."

The total cost for dinner, taxes, gratuity, and theater ticket is \$40. This is a self drive event. Parking (\$3/car) is available in a parking structure located at Fifth Street and South Lafayette Avenue across from the Baldwin Theatre. Fifty-six tickets have been reserved for our group. Ticket sales will continue through February 24, as available.

—Joe Samyn and Jerry Stribbell

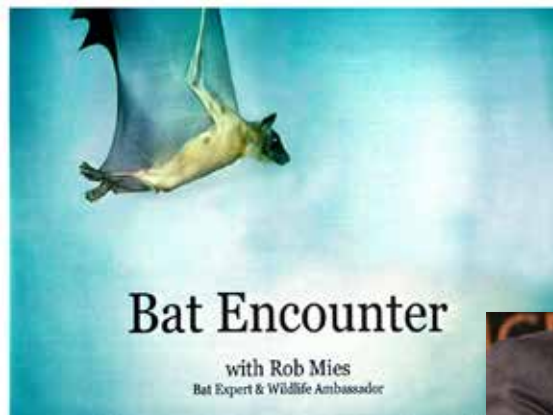


"Bats Are Beautiful"

Presented at the January 3, 2014 SMC meeting
by Rob Mies, Executive Director,
Cranbrook Bat Conservatory



Above: Eva Meade holding a Malayan Flying Fox Bat



Right: A Rodrigues Fruit Bat from the Rodrigues Island in the Indian Ocean



Rob Mies and Eva Meade



2013 Attendance Champions

Attendance Committee records indicate that the following members were club attendance champions in 2013. Congratulations to:

40 Meetings	39 Meetings	38 Meetings	37 Meetings
Dick Harper	Chuck Basch	Mike Albright	Bob Babcock
Dick Kamp	Jim Peters	Tom Schrift	Ken Brooker
Dick W. Smith	John M. Steele	John Flintosh	John Horiszny
			Geno Markel
			Jim Slosberg

On a less positive note, 167 club members did not attend a single meeting last year!

—Dave Dinger, Chairman, Attendance Committee

Snail Mail

Chairman Bob Beach of the Data Base Committee recently contacted the 160 SMC members who receive *The Reminder* two ways - by email and by postal delivery (snail mail.)



Bob urged these members to save their Club *Reminder* development expense, reporting that printing and mailing costs amount to about \$1 per copy. He also noted that the emailed version arrives a week before postal delivery.

To date, 14 of those contacted have agreed we can discontinue their snail mail copy. Any more out there? Contact Bob at RCBeacher@wowway.com.

—Dick Harper

2014 Handbook Updates

Subsequent to publication of our 2014 Handbook, the Handbook Committee received updated information on the member composition of several Club Committees and Groups. The updates are listed on the insert included with this issue of *The Reminder*.



Handbooks will continue to be available at Friday meetings through February. It is suggested that members consolidate the updated information with their copies of the Handbook.

—John Zarek, Jack Burns and Dick Harper



SMC 2014 Dues Coupon

2014 dues are payable before January 1, 2014. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2014. 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

Dues:

- \$40 Active Member
- \$40 Associate Member
- \$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

Last month we learned two things about the mystery lyrics - they may have gotten too easy, and our ladies really know the romantic ballads. No fewer than 12 readers recognized that these lyric lines:



*Things are blending now,
I see a rainbow ending now*

are from "Taking a Chance on Love". We thought we should especially recognize the ladies, so congratulations to Judy (Ben) Ewing, Mary (Dave) Schwartz, Mary (John) Slocum, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Madge Woodward (Omer Petti), Mary Jane (John) O'Brien and Dolly (Bill) Johnson.

We hope you are more challenged this month - especially jazz fans. These lyrics are the last lines of the mystery song:

*Don't give your right
name, No, No No!*

Can you name that tune? Hint: Think of this month's special event.

Sports Trivia

The usual contingent of our Club baseball aficionados had the answer to our last baseball trivia challenge, recognizing that "Say It Ain't So, Joe" referenced "Shoeless" Joe Jackson of the 1919 Chicago Black Sox and the supposed thrown World Series. We can't fool Rogell, Mangiapane, Schwartz, Borman, McLaughlin, Kass, Dick Smith, Johnson, McNally, Evans and Dolly Johnson.



This month we have a historical (but hopefully less well known) baseball malapropism. What famous big league manager faced his new team the first day of spring training and reportedly said "OK, let's line up alphabetically by height." Confusion reigned supreme!

—Dick Harper

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, February 14

Games

Bowling: Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

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

Thursday Golf: 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Dome

Special Events

"Ain't Misbehavin'", Thursday, February 27, 6:00PM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, February 5, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, February 17, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, February 10, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, February 11, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, February 12, 2:45PM

Computer Group: No meeting in February

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC on the Web: <http://www.tchserves.org/subpage/senior-mens-club/>;

Google Group: <http://groups.google.com/group/SMCBirmingham/>; and
www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com.

2014 SMC Handbook Updates

The Handbook Committee is providing the following updates to the handbook including information not available at time of printing. Members are urged to consolidate these changes with their copies of the handbook.

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Apr....John H. McLaughlin	Sept...Clifford O. Bath	

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Monday Reading Group B: Robert C. Bazzell

2013 Hostess Luncheon

