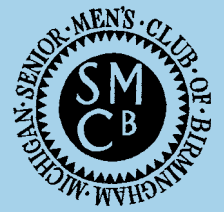


The Reminder



December 2012

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Stuart Shuster - SMC President

Stuart Shuster has been elected the 57th President of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. The gavel will officially be passed to him at the first membership meeting in January.

Stu, who succeeds Chuck Kirkpatrick, brings to his new position an impressive resume of experience. During his three years of membership, he has held leadership roles both within and outside the Club. Positions within the Club include Second Vice President and Program Chairman, Recording Secretary and Special Events Committee responsibilities.

In the community, Stu's areas of involvement are wide-ranging, extending from the Birmingham Historical Museum and Park, to the Great Lakes Scout Council. In addition, he is a prominent participant in model railroading, a passion which, Stu says, has filled his garage.

Stu's professional career was equally diverse and distinguished. He worked in a variety of capacities at General Motors including the Corporate Identity Group, the Industrial Design Department, and as an Educational Relations Consultant.

Stu has three children and lives in Birmingham. When asked about the goals of his presidency, Stu said, "Growing our membership is always important, but I believe it's essential to get members involved in the Club. Whether it's holding a leadership position, serving on a committee, or simply enjoying a special event, the Club has a rich variety of ways to get involved."



—Chuck Ragains

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Deaths:

Fletcher D. Street, Jr. (Life), joined January 1975
Steven G. Vandebrook, joined January 2002
Fredric H. Kaehler, joined March 2007
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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
—John M. Steele, Database Chairman
—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel,
Photography

Dues are Due

The Finance Committee reports that member dues payments are running behind last year's rate. Dues can be paid at a Friday meeting - note that only two December meetings are scheduled - or by mail using the coupon on page 7. Checks dated prior to January 1, 2013 will be considered on time payments. After that date, dues are late and are subject to a \$10 late fee.



Games



Winter Golf

Once again, winter golf will be held at the Oakland Yard Dome starting Thursday, January 3 and continue until our local courses open. The cost will be the same at \$9 for all the balls you can hit between 9:30 and 11:30AM.

All SMC members are invited even if you didn't participate at Lincoln Hills or Springdale. After golf, we join together at Hero's Bar and Grille, and get a 15% discount on the total bill.

A required pass for the Dome is available from any member of the golf committee.

—Chuck Travers

Bowling

Our season is one-third over (so soon?), and two teams have emerged as leaders - the Zebras (Ragains, Babcock, Venier and Buccini) are in first place. The Badgers (Upward, Kozak, DiMarco and Marinelli) are a close second.

We finally had some good individual scores. Nick Marinelli had seven strikes in a row, for a 218 game and a 530 series. Phil Buccini had a 212 game and a 500 series. It's no surprise that their teams top our league standings.

We practice bowl Wednesdays at Thunderbird Lanes. To encourage new bowlers, we offer free bowling any Wednesday during January. Please contact Dennis Kozak (248-644-8934) for details. We guarantee fun!

—Dennis Kozak and Dick Harper

The Magic Jug



The result of this year's passing of the Magic Jug for contributions to the Oakland County Children's Village was gratifying. The amount contributed by the Club totaled \$4,577, a decrease of nearly 12% from 2011. It seems evident that the spirit of giving

is alive and well within our Club even in troubling economic times.

The Executive Board and the Special Projects Committee want to thank all participants for their efforts and generosity. We are especially thankful to John Horiszny and Sherwin Vine for handling the passing of the jugs and counting the proceeds.

"Our Kids" at the Village will again have some of the support they need and have received from our Club for over 30 years. Well done!

—Jim Schaefer

Barbara Said

Barbara Walters once reported asking an Afghan woman why they continued to accept walking behind their husbands in Taliban territory. The woman's reply was quite brief - "Land mines!"

Senior Health Matters Parkinson Disease

Parkinson disease (PD) affects more than 1 million people in North America most of whom are older than 60 years. That number is predicted to more than double by 2030 as the population ages. Certain nerve cells in the brain make a chemical called dopamine which helps to control movement. By the time that Parkinson symptoms appear, 50 to 60% of dopamine producing brain cells are damaged or gone. When medications are no longer effective in controlling the signs and symptoms of the disease, two approaches are available. In the first, a pacemaker-like device called a neurostimulator is implanted in the brain which delivers electrical stimulation to the regions of the brain responsible for controlling movement (the subthalamus and basal ganglia). A positive result allows the patient to cut back on medication and helps to halt progression of the disease. An experimental approach was reported a year and a half ago that benefitted half of the treated patients, and benefits continue to date. It involves injection of a virus that carries a gene into the area of the brain that controls movement. The gene influences (actually inhibits) a neurotransmitter. The search for effective molecular-genetic and biochemical biomarkers for diagnosis and surveillance of PD continues.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO.

New Member Contributions

The life blood of any organization is an influx of and the active contributions of new members. This, of course, is why new members are encouraged to participate in club activities as much as possible, to attend events and to join working groups and committees. As one time president and much respected club leader Art Burgott always said "The more you participate in SMC activities, the more you will appreciate and enjoy the club."

Several of our newer members did not know Art Burgott, but they are following his creed. Chuck Ragains joined the bowling group, is making a solid contribution as a *Reminder* staff writer and recently accepted the Vice Chairman position of the Publicity Committee. Dick Kamp and Frank Gordon joined the club this year, and are already very involved. Dick bowls, has joined the Publicity Committee and is submitting photos for *The Reminder*. Frank used his marketing expertise to contribute to the development of our new promotional brochure and to ongoing publicity activities. Nandalal Bagchi joined last December, and almost immediately served as a Friday program chairman and as a monthly Visitation - Health representative.

These efforts epitomize what new members can accomplish, and they are having fun! How about you?

—Dick Harper

SMC Brochure

Members attending recent Friday meetings have received our new colorful brochure describing the activities and appeals of our Club. This brochure was developed with several objectives - increasing community awareness about the SMC, expanding membership consideration and contributing to Friday speaker recruitment.

The first phase of the distribution of the brochure has been launched with copies provided at meetings. The second phase - community distribution - is now underway, and is heavily dependant on member involvement and support. All of us have interests and activities outside of the SMC. We attend church services, we belong to other clubs and organizations, we patronize businesses, we go to libraries, senior centers, we belong to Kiwanis, the Lions, Rotary, Masons, Veterans groups, etc. In doing all this, we meet and know lots of men who could and likely should belong to our club.

Hence, for this expanded distribution, we are asking members to take 5-10-20 brochures home and think about potential prospects. Please note that this phase is not a short term activity - it will be ongoing, stretching well into 2013 and beyond. Our initial print run was 2000 brochures. If a mere 5% motivate new members, we would add 100 to our ranks!

Brochures will be available at all Friday meetings as well at the TCH front desk and in information racks. We would like to see them all over town and to keep Membership Chairman Pete Kass very busy.

—Dick Harper

SMC Fitness Walking Program



Cliff Wagoner presenting a Skywalker Card to SMC member Dick Kamp

Last month we reported that our fitness walkers had moved to the Somerset Collection for the winter. Club member Cliff Wagoner heads the Somerset Skywalkers Group and recently reported our arrival in their newsletter. He also observed that our members "would happily tell other walkers about membership in their club."

Thanks, Cliff! Wait until other walkers and shoppers see us with our new logo embossed attire.

—Dick Harper

Visitation - Health Committee

An update for committed volunteers (thank you) and those who are still pondering. We had a good response but opportunities remain for a few more good men. If you feel you may be able to join the team for one month, please let me know ASAP as we need complete our submission for the 2013 Handbook.

Further, we may have some flexibility on monthly scheduling, especially late in the year. We would also welcome a few volunteers willing to serve as "backup" in the event one of our regulars encounters an emergency. Please give that some thought as well and let me know how you can help the cause for the SMC. Thanks again.

—John S. Flintosh

Groups



Classic Movie Group

No meeting for the Classic Movie Group in December.

2013 Classic Movie Schedule:

January: "North by Northwest" - Ed Burke

February: "Three Coins in the Fountain" - Irv Poston

March: "Calamity Jane" - Fred Leydorf

April: "Manchurian Candidate" - Ed Burke

May: "Black Swan" - Augie Perrotta

June: "Anything Goes" - Irv Poston

July: "Some Like it Hot" - Jon Haber

September: "That's Entertainment" - Irv Poston

October: "Love Me or Leave Me" - Fred Leydorf

November: "Paths of Glory" - Dick Kamp

If any of the above are found to not have English subtitles we will substitute from the following list:

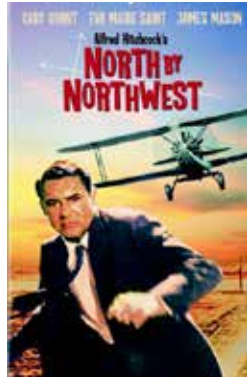
"The Fugitive Kind" with Marlon Brando, Anna Magnani and Joanne Woodward

"The Woman in the Window" with Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett and Raymond Massey

"Red River" (Western) with John Wayne, Montgomery Clift and Walter Brennan

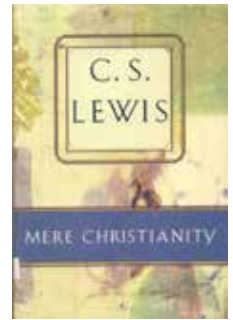
"Dance with Me Henry" with Bud Abbott and Lou Costello

—Augie Perrotta

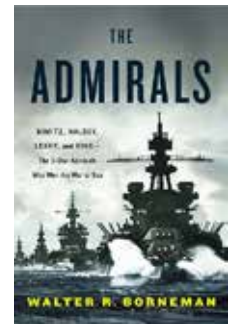


Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, December 5 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing "Mere Christianity" by C.S. Lewis. In 1941 England, when all hope was threatened by the inhumanity of war, C.S. Lewis was invited to give a series of radio lectures addressing the central issues of Christianity. First heard as informal radio broadcasts on the BBC, the lectures were published as three books and subsequently combined as "Mere Christianity."



On Monday, December 17 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing "The Admirals: Nimitz, Halsey, Leahy, and King--The 5-Star Admirals Who Won the War at Sea" by Walter Borneman. A story of the only four men in American history to achieve the rank of Fleet Admiral. Together they transformed the American Navy with aircraft carriers and submarines and won World War II.



—Ted Chapekis



Investment Group

On Wednesday, December 12 at 2:45PM, Leon Labrecque, LJPR, LLC, a private investment firm in Troy will present "The Perfect Storm, Sailing off the Edge of the Cliff." The potential expiration of the Bush era tax cuts affects virtually every individual taxpayer, corporation and non-profit organization. On December 31, 2012, the current tax law reverts to the 2001 law, which means increased taxes for all taxpayers. A major component of the law is the Estate & Gift Tax section that will significantly increase taxes on estates over one million. Leon will provide planning ideas in the areas of gift and estate planning should the Bush era tax cuts expire.

The Stock Game leader is Kirby Callam with a 19.5% gain in 4 weeks. Ed Cox, Ted Chapekis and Bob Rossi follow closely.

—George Miller



Camera Group

No meeting for the Camera Group in December.

—Jaap Delevie



Computer Group

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

—Ron Denton

Special Events

Christmas Dinner Dance



Friday, November 30 will be your last opportunity to buy tickets for this year's SMC Dinner Dance, which will be held on Wednesday, December 5 at the San Marino Club in Troy.

Following a reception from 6:00-6:45PM, dinner will be served in the ballroom. The festive menu will include your choice of three entrees plus soup, salad and dessert. "The Pros" dance band will provide music for listening and dancing. The price for this memorable evening is \$43 per person. A limited number of non-members will be welcome to attend. Join us for a great evening of Christmas good cheer - always the high point of our Club year.

—Jim King



The Detroit Auto Show

Save the date, Thursday, January 24, 2013, for our annual bus trip to the Detroit Auto Show. Remember the conveniences of no driving, no parking, no coat check needed, and if we are lucky again, no admission fee (assuming we can scare up enough complimentary tickets from our local friendly auto dealers - sorry, we can't promise this, but we are trying!)

Tickets for the bus ride are \$15. As stated above, this does not include admission to the show, which will be \$6 for Seniors and \$12 for those under 65. Our bus leaves the First Presbyterian Church parking lot (1669 W. Maple) at 9:30AM, departs the Auto Show at 2:30PM, and returns to the church at about 3:15PM. We will start selling tickets at the December 14 meeting and sales will continue on January 4, 11, and 18. This event has always been a sellout, so buy your tickets early. Hope to see you on the bus!

Russ Frye Memorials

On the recent passing of Russ Frye, his wife Nancy, suggested that memorial tributes could be made in his name to the SMC. Nancy's father, Geoffrey Whitaker, served as SMC president in 1970, so Nancy knew first hand the pleasures and satisfaction the club gave to both her father and husband.

Tributes to Russ received to date total \$815. In order to establish these gifts as a permanent memorial, the Executive Board moved to transfer these monies to the Legacy Endowment Fund. In addition, the phrase "In memory of Russell B. Frye" will be added to the list of club members who have made contributions to this fund over the past five years.

Note that gifts to the SMC Legacy Endowment Fund are tax deductible. It is not too late to consider a year end gift. In addition, you can establish a future gift in your will or trust agreement.

—George Miller and Bill Johnson

Dues from Life Members

The fastest growing segment of the SMC is the Life Member category, with more than 150 members having achieved this respected Club status. We continue to live longer and better.

One of the traditional benefits of reaching this status is that payment of dues is no longer required. However, an increasing number of Life Members continue to pay dues on a voluntary basis, telling us they want to contribute to the financial viability of their Club. More specifically, they indicate they want to offset development and distribution expenses of *The Reminder*.

Our finance staff is collecting dues for 2013, and would be more than happy to accept voluntary dues from Life Members.

—Dick Harper

Hostess Recognition Party

You don't want to miss the Hostess Recognition Party at our December 14 meeting. We are bringing back the long tables and "mess hall" layout for this end-of-year meeting. Come and show your appreciation for the ladies' friendly and courteous service at all of our Friday luncheons. You will also hear some great Christmas music.

—Dave Schwartz



2013 SMC Officers

The important annual election of officers who will lead our club in 2013 was held on November 9.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Past President John Flintosh, presented a proposed slate of candidates for membership consideration. These men were unanimously elected to the indicated positions by an appropriate quorum. They will serve our club starting with the first meeting in January, 2013.

President - **Stuart B. Shuster**

First Vice President - **John M. Steele**

Second Vice President - **George L. Stern**

Recording Secretary - **Eugene P. Jacoby**

Corresponding Secretary - **Edward J. Burke**

Treasurer - **James E. Bayson**

Assistant Treasurer - **Richard E. Shirley** (*not pictured*)

Officer at Large - **David A. Schwartz**

Officer at Large - **Clifford O. Bath**

—Dick Harper

Speakers Needed

Experience tells us that attendance at Friday meetings is almost directly related to the quality and appeal of our principal speaker. In addition, interesting speakers and subjects motivate members to attend our Discussion Group programs.

For 2013, the responsibilities for scheduling speakers will be under the direction of 2nd Vice President George Stern, while John Perryman will chair the Discussion Group. While George and John will each have eleven monthly chairmen, both are most interested in getting member suggestions for Friday speakers and Discussion Group programs.

We know that the wide range of Club member interests and activities provides ideas and access to many potential speakers and presenters. Don't hesitate to suggest them to George and John.

—Dick Harper

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



Last month's mystery lyrics were not a mystery to our readers. We asked if you could recognize these lines:

*While my heart is young and eager to fly
I'll give my heart a try*

We did provide a hint - this was a big hit for Eydie Gorme early in her career. But only nine readers remembered that Eydie sang "I'll Take Romance". Congratulations to Chuck O'Connell, Bill Sprague, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Clarke & Shirley Thornton, Isabel Himelhoch, Norma (Dick) Secrest, Clay Gordon, Stan Rogell and Tom McNally. This month the mystery lyrics are from a song that was a big hit for a male quartet. The lines are:

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

Can you name that tune?

Baseball Trivia

We continue to learn that we have many baseball fans with long memories in our club. We asked if you could fill in the blanks and name the team whose pitching rotation was once described as: "_____ and _____, and pray for rain." No fewer than 13 readers knew that the pitchers were (Warren) Spahn and (Johnny) Sain and that the team was the Boston Braves of the late 40's. Sain later was a Tiger pitching coach. Congratulations to Chuck Ragains, Stan Rogell, Lynn Evans, Jack McLaughlin, Bob Bazzell, Dick Smith, Chuck Himelhoch, Pete Kass, Clay Gordon, Jack Frye, John Lavrakas, Tom McNally and Bill Corba.

Tiger trivia challenge: A number of years ago, a Detroit pitcher had a very unusual record - he won only 5 games while losing 19. But among his wins, he had two no-hitters. Who was he?

—Dick Harper

CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Reminder Deadline: Friday, December 7

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

Christmas Dinner Dance, Wednesday, December 5, 6:00PM

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

Group Meetings

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

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

Classic Movie Group: No meeting in December

Camera Group: No meeting in December

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

Computer Group: No meeting in December

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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THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, editor; Chuck Kirkpatrick, Chuck Ragains and John Reddy, associate editors; Tom Booth, Bill Shaffmaster, and Geno Markel, photography; Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bob Jordan, mailing.

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