

The Reminder



October 2012

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Stock Game is (George) Miller Time

For many members, a highlight of the Club's Friday luncheons is George Miller's report for the Investment Group. Delivered in a "now hear this" voice, the reports reflect an in-depth knowledge of the stock market, an understanding of the workings of fear and greed, and a patient, well-researched approach to investing. "The most common mistake among investors - especially the inexperienced - is one of impatience," George said. "They expect too much too soon."

One way an investor can gain experience is by participating in the Investment Group's Capital Gains Stock Game. This game is open to all members and runs from October 2012 to May 2013. Each entrant starts with \$100,000 of fictitious money and selects a portfolio in pursuit of cash prizes.

George has been involved in a number of other Senior Men's Club activities since joining in 1998. He is Chairman of the Legacy Endowment Fund, and was awarded the Outstanding Service Award in 2011. He had joined the Club following a career at



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OCTOBER PROGRAMS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: Leonard Borman

- 5 Sheryl Connelly, Ford Motor Company *Global Consumer Trends & Futuring*
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- 19 Jim Schultz, Department of Transportation.....*The State of Public Transportation*
- 26 Prof. Terry Towner, Political Science, Oakland University *Public Opinion Polling & Political Behavior*

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: Pete Mehra

- 2 Allan Gilmour, President, Wayne State University *"Is There Value in Higher Education?"*

OCTOBER DISCUSSIONS

OCTOBER CHAIRMAN: Martin Rowell

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- 19 L. Scott Grant, MD, Birmingham Medical *Executive Health Care-
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The Reach for Economy in the 1910s and the Cyclecar Craze*

NOVEMBER DISCUSSIONS

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: Ray Finocchio

- 2 Josephine Dries-Executive Liaison, LJPR, LLC *Etiquette*

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To Life Member:

Edward J. Kreitz
John D. MacInnes

Resigned:

Robert E. Meshew

Reinstated:

Wynn V. Bussmann

Deaths:

Timothy B. Springer, joined March 2011

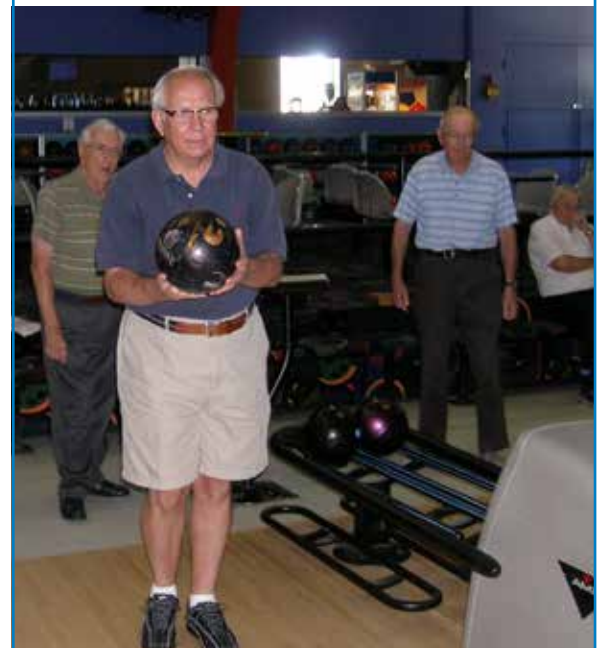
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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
—John M. Steele, Database Chairman
—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel,
Photography

E-mail or Snail Mail?



You get photos like this of our members in color if you get the e-mailed version of *The Reminder*.

Are you ready to drop conventional mail? Tell John Steele at jmsteele9027@sbcglobal.net or 248-332-0936.



Thursday Golf

The annual Thursday Golf Tournament concluded its three weeks of competition. Each player competed against his personal handicap. Although the tournament lasted three weeks, only the first two consecutive rounds were scored. Prizes will be awarded at the Golf Banquet. The Winners were:

Championship Flight: (Averages 45.0 and below)

1st place: Chuck Torner (-2.5), **2nd place:** Frank Bujold (-2.2), **3rd place:** Jim Doyle (-2.0)

Flight Number One: (Averages 45.1 to 50)

1st place: Jack Shea (-3.3), **2nd place:** Ed Sharples (-3.0), **3rd place:** Cliff Bath (-2.4)

Flight Number Two: (Averages 50.1 and above)

1st place: Roger Spry (-4.7), **2nd place:** Tom Venier (-4.1), **3rd place:** Ken Brooker (-3.5)

After producing a full summer of disappointing rain outs for Thursday Golf, the Goddess NA tried to make up for her lousy performance by producing a perfect weather day for the Stonycroft Scramble. The weather was clear, warm, and the wind calm for this annual classic.

The annual Scramble was held on September 11 at Stonycroft Hills Golf Club. Thirty six guest Senior Men's Club golfers joined nine members to establish five man teams. The Committee wishes they could report that stiff competition forced a playoff. But, alas, the Team of Kirby Callam, Dick Judy, Roger Spry, Dennis Currier, and Eldon Crawfis ripped through the course the way General Sheridan ripped through the Shenandoah Valley and won by four strokes over the nearest team. Although all team members made significant contributions to this complete thrashing, it was highlighted by Callam holing a 70 yard chip shot and the dead eye putting of Judy.

This one great weather performance by NA may not save her job, as the Committee will spend the off season searching for a Weather Goddess with more consistent performances.

The Annual Golf Banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 23 at The Community House. Tickets remain the same as last year at \$35. See any Committee Member to purchase tickets for this outstanding event. The deadline for purchasing a ticket is at the weekly meeting on Friday, October 19.

Hit them high, hit them long, and hit them straight.

—The Golf Committees

Bowling

After the first two weeks of bowling, an early leading team has emerged - team #2 - the Badgers - comprised of Don Upward, Dennis Kozak, Tony DiMarco and Nick Marinelli. Of course, we have a long way to go, so expect lots of changes.

The lanes have really proved to be very difficult so far (or are we just getting older?) Most individual averages are down, no 500 series have been recorded and only one 200 game - 210 by Denny Winowiecki. Our biggest need is more bowlers - how about you? You will fit in, and more importantly, have fun! Mondays at 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes on Maple - east of Crooks.

—Dick Harper



George Miller

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Chrysler that spanned 34 years, and included senior management positions in Product Planning, Engineering and Finance.

George was born in 1936 on his family's farm in central Pennsylvania - a facility that lacked electricity and running water until he was in 8th grade. A few years later - while he was in college - George dug a 20 foot well by hand.

George's formal education includes: a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University; a Master's degree in Automotive Engineering from Chrysler Institute, and an MBA from the University of Detroit.

Married 49 years, George and his wife Barbara have two children. They reside in Birmingham.

—Chuck Ragains

Senior Health Matters

Egg Yolks and Carotid Artery Plaques

In the August issue of the journal, *Atherosclerosis*, three of Canada's leading experts in stroke prevention report that lifelong consumption of egg yolks is correlated to development of carotid artery plaques and should be avoided by anyone at risk for cardiovascular disease.



Their results show carotid artery plaque areas increased linearly with age after 40, but increased exponentially with both pack years of smoking and egg-yolk years.

A single egg yolk contains 215 to 275 mg of cholesterol, more than the 200mg daily recommended by the American Heart Association.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Here Cum da Magic Jug

On October 19 we will begin our annual contribution campaign in support of the Oakland County Children's Village. Mr. Greg Alessi, Administrator, OCCV, will give a brief presentation on the mission, programs, services and facilities of this non-profit organization. This is the only non-Community House organization supported by the Senior Men's Club and we have been doing it for over 30 years.

Bring your contribution, either cash or check payable to OCCV, next October 19 and help fill the jug. Remember, the jug will hold just as many large bills and checks as small ones, so be prepared to give generously. Your contribution is tax deductible if you itemize. Our goal is that everyone participate.

—Jim Schaefer

SMC Bulletin Board

Member Dave Dinger has accepted responsibility for organizing and monitoring notices about club events and activities on the bulletin board displayed at Friday meetings.

Dave has established four categories for information to be displayed - Administration, Membership, Groups and Games. Members posting notices should follow these guidelines and should remove old or outdated information.

—Dick Harper

New Life Members

The SMC recently recognized two additions to Life Membership - our most prestigious category - Edward Kreitz and John MacInnes.

Ed Kreitz was born and raised in Pennsylvania, graduated from Bloomsburg State University and obtained a Masters Degree from NYU. He spent his entire business career with S.S. Kresge, retiring as Advertising Director after 39 years.



Ed Kreitz

He has been married for 57 years to Lynne, a union which produced three children and seven grandchildren. He and his wife have attended the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham for 35 years. Ed has been an SMC member since 1996 and recently spoke at a Discussion Group meeting on (guess what) the Kresge Corporation.



John MacInnes

John MacInnes was born in Syracuse, New York, and graduated from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. He then felt a call to the ministry, attended Princeton Theological Seminary and served as a Presbyterian minister in several locations, eventually in Detroit, where he retired in 1991.

He and his first wife had three children, one grand child and three great grandchildren. He has been very active in retirement, volunteering with Oakland Housing and the Bloomfield Twp. Public Library. More recently, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and has been involved with the Alzheimer's Association.

Congratulations and a hearty welcome to Ed Kreitz and John MacInnes.

—Dave Schwartz

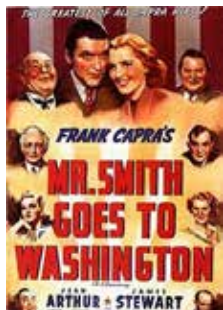
Groups



Classic Movie Group

"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" (1939) will be shown on Monday, October 1 (note: this is a change to the first Monday of the month) from 1:00-3:00PM.

It is considered producer/director Frank Capra's greatest achievement in film. Starring James Stewart and Jean Arthur, this comedy-drama portrays the powerful forces of America's freedom, democracy and morality overcoming evil and oppression. This film is timeless in its call for traditional American values of patriotism and the fight against political corruption. A national treasure, is also timely in this hyperpolitical season. Naturally, it enjoyed a backlash from politicians of the day and was banned in Europe at the start of WW II. Don't miss this nominee for 11 Academy Awards winning Best Original Story.



—Augie Perrotta



Camera Group

The Camera Group will next meet on Tuesday, October 9 at 2:00PM. Our presenter will be member John Stunz who went to Japan in July with a great new camera. Come to see a most interesting presentation - and, if any member has photos, slides or a video of interest, please consider sharing and contact your chairman. Your audience is waiting!

—Jaap Delevie



Computer Group

On Wednesday, October 17 at 3:00PM, the Computer Group will meet. Christine Sharkas and Blake Mooney of Wireless Advocates will address the topic "What You Can Do with Your Smartphone." Hands-on demonstrations will show you how to take full advantage of your Smartphone because it is so much more than just a cellphone. Bring your Smartphone to follow along.

—Ron Denton



Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, October 3 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing "American Icon" by Bruce Hoffman. At the end of 2008, Ford Motor Company was just months away from running out of cash. With the auto industry careening toward ruin, Congress offered all three Detroit automakers a bailout. General Motors and Chrysler grabbed the taxpayer lifeline, but Ford decided to save itself. Under the leadership of charismatic CEO Alan Mulally, Ford had already put together a bold plan to unify its divided global operations, transform its lackluster product lineup, and overcome a dysfunctional culture of infighting, backstabbing, and excuses. It was an extraordinary risk, but it was the only way the Ford family-America's last great industrial dynasty-could hold on to their company.

On Monday, October 15 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing "It's Even Worse Than it Looks" by Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein. More than any time in our lifetime, the United States is challenged at home and so is our place in the world. When Mann and Ornstein get together to sound a loud alarm about the way our political system is being torn apart, it's time to listen-and listen hard. Then the tough part-how do we restore some sense of common purpose, of working together to make our government work?

—Ted Chapekis



Investment Group

On Wednesday, October 3 at 2:45PM, a week earlier than usual, Carlos Rangel, Portfolio Manager of the Kellogg Foundation will present "An Institutional Approach to Achieve an 8% Return." Carlos manages assets and selects Investment Managers to invest the eight billion dollars of Kellogg's assets. He has a global viewpoint. From first hand experience, Carlos has excellent investment advice. Be there and bring a friend or spouse.

The Stock Game will begin at the market close on Friday, October 5. Bob Bazzell won \$450 last year. Get your stock picks ready.

—George Miller

Special Events

Grand Rapids Tour

The Club's trip to two fine destinations in Grand Rapids is approaching. On Wednesday, October 17, participants will start boarding the bus at 7:30AM to ensure a prompt 8:00AM departure from the Presbyterian Church.

Brochures will be distributed and video presentations made on the bus, to provide impressions of what you can expect to see.

After a welcome at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, our busy day starts with a 1 hour narrated Tram-Tour of the extensive Park and Gardens, followed by lunch in the stylish "Taste of the Gardens" Cafe. As the lunch break ends, individual groups will gather for the second part of the program, a 45 minute guided-tour of the colorful Arboretum & Arid Gardens.

Finally the bus departs at 2:20PM for the Ford Library in the Grand Rapids town-center, where we will be welcomed with a presentation and film in their theatre. Then a self-guided museum tour takes one back to the Ford years, with time to browse in the gift shop before departing for home at 3:30PM.

Tickets cost \$37: comfortable shoes and seasonal clothing are recommended.

We are sure that memories of this very varied day will remain, long after our return to Birmingham at approximately 6:30PM.

—Martin Rowell, Bob Stevenson, Mike Clement

Festive Frankenmuth

Mark your calendars for a memorable trip to Frankenmuth on Wednesday, November 14.

- Deluxe tour bus departs Birmingham Presbyterian Church at 8:30AM with a short rest stop en route.
- Shopping at Bronners - The World's Largest Christmas Store. Facility includes shopping carts, coffee shop, etc.
- Delicious noon luncheon at the Bavarian Inn Crest Room featuring their famous "family styled chicken dinner" with all the trimmings.
- Free time to browse the Bavarian Inn and other nearby points of interest.
- Tour bus departs Frankenmuth at 3:30PM with a short rest stop en route, arriving in Birmingham at approximately 6:00PM.

Tickets for up to 56 lucky people will be on sale Friday, October 19 for \$48. A stand-by wait list will be maintained to handle late changes.

Christmas Party— December 5

One of the highlights of the year is always our annual Christmas party, when we share holiday fun and cheer with warm club friends. So save the date - December 5, and watch for details next month.

—Special Events Committee

Michigan Football Lottery

Once again, a special lottery benefitting the SMC Endowment Fund will be held in October.

The prize will be a fabulous football day in Ann Arbor, including:

- Two tickets to the Michigan - Illinois game on October 13 (with great color in Ann Arbor)
- A wonderful pre-game indoor tailgate party, featuring Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman
- A ride to and from the Big House

Sound too good to be true? All you have to do is bring your wallet to upcoming club meetings, buy lottery tickets from George Miller or Bill Johnson and be the lucky winner.

The drawing will be held October 5 and you don't have to be present to win. Note that the tickets would be a great gift for someone, if you can't attend this exciting event. Go Blue and go Denard Robinson!



Local Restaurants Support Annual SMC Picnic

Once again many of our local restaurants have supported our picnic special event with some great prizes. Most of the door prizes were for "dinner for two" averaging about \$50 per certificate. The lucky winners have an enjoyable evening of fine dining ahead.

Contributing restaurants were:

- Somerset Inn-Chef's Table Restaurant
- Peabody's
- Streetside Seafood
- 220 Merrill Street
- Sweet Lorraine's Café & Bar
- The Community House
- Flemings
- Original Pancake House
- The Gallery Restaurant (3 prizes)



We again urge all members and associates of the Senior Men's Club to patronize these fine restaurants to show our appreciation---and to identify yourself to the management and give them your personal thanks.

We also received a very generous contribution from the Heathers Golf Club of Bloomfield. The Heathers donated a one-year weekday golf membership including full dining room privileges at the clubhouse. They also deserve our thanks and support.

—Your Picnic Committee

Outstanding Service Award

Each year, the Senior Men's Club considers selecting a member to receive an Outstanding Service Award.

This prestigious honor is intended to recognize long standing and meritorious service to our club by a selected honoree.

The Policy Committee is authorized to determine the member (or members) to be honored. Awards, if made, are usually presented at the end of a calendar year.

Any club member or associate can recommend a candidate for this award. Nominations should include brief supportive rationale and can be delivered to any member of the Policy Committee - Chairman Irv Poston, John Flintosh, Bill Johnson, Chuck Kirkpatrick, Bob Pullar or Ken Urwiller.

—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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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



We have many knowledgeable music fans among our readers. Last month, we asked you to remember songs starting with the word "Somewhere." We had two in mind - the Judy Garland classic "Over the Rainbow" and the Bobby Darin hit "Beyond the Sea." Eight readers got both (Catherine White, Mike Clement, Chuck O'Connell, Midge Gettel, Pete Kass, Tom McNally, Stan Rogell and Dick Smith). Five others remembered the Garland song (Bill Sprague, Bob Seeley, Mark Kelley, Sherm Vine and Tom Venier), while Clay Gordon had the Darin tune.

This month's challenge might be difficult - this song played during the closing scene and credits of a 1964 movie. Some of the lyrics are:

*Keep smiling through,
just like you always do*

A hint - Peter Sellers fans might remember this.

—Dick Harper

Tiger Trivia

We also have a lot of long time Tiger fans in our club. We thought few would remember the Tiger who got the last hit in old Tiger Stadium, but seven readers recalled that it was part time player Robert Fick, who hit a grand slam. Two - Pete Good and Ben Mangiapane were at the game! Others who had the answer were Lynn Evans, Pete Kass, Tom McNally, Dick Smith and Clay Gordon.

This month, you are challenged to remember two Tiger nicknames - first (and easiest), who was the "Yankee Killer" and secondly, who was the "Hitless Wonder." Getting both would be fantastic!

—Dick Harper

CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, October 19

Games

Bowling: Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

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

Monday Golf: 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills

Thursday Golf: 9:00AM at Springdale

Special Events

Grand Rapids Tour, Wednesday, October 17, 8:00AM

Frankenmuth Outing, Wednesday November 14, 8:30AM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, October 3, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, October 15, 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, October 1, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, October 9, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, October 3, 2:45PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, October 17, 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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Officers for 2012 are: Charles B. Kirkpatrick, president; David A. Schwartz, first vice president; Stuart B. Shuster, second vice president; George L. Stern, recording secretary; Eugene P. Jacoby, corresponding secretary; James E. Bayson, treasurer; Richard E. Shirley, assistant treasurer; Jack E. Ledingham and Pradeep Mehra, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

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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The SMC Endowment Fund continues to attract member support. Since its inception, the fund has received contributions totaling more than \$130,000 from 133 members. Congratulations and thanks to these generous contributors.

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Roger Gettel	John Perryman	Marina Arsenijevic
Al Gladner	James Peters	
Fred Gluckson		

*deceased



2012 Annual SMC Picnic



Stoneycroft Scramble



Bowling

