

The Reminder

July 2011

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Detroit River Cruise

Tickets for our Detroit River Cruise which will take place on Wednesday, July 20, went on sale on June 24 and received an enthusiastic initial response by the club. For those of you who are still contemplating joining us for this very special event, we encourage you to decide quickly. Our summer cruises have always been early sellouts. Tickets for this full day adventure are \$55 per person and can be purchased at our regular Friday meetings.



We have a memorable day planned. Luxury coach service to and from the event destinations, a scenic two hour cruise up the Detroit River to beautiful Belle Isle, a special lunch at the Detroit Yacht Club, and visits to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and the Belle Isle Conservatory. On the way home, we will circle the island, which

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JULY PROGRAMS

JULY CHAIRMAN: George Grove

- 1 Mark Verbrugge, Director, Chemical Sciences and Material Systems Lab, GM Research..... *Automotive Challenges, New Technologies, and an In-Depth Look at the Chevy Volt*
- 8 Honorable Victoria Roberts, Judge, U.S. Federal Court, Eastern District of Michigan *Birdseye View of the Federal Court System*
- 15 Kym L. Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor *The Work of the Peoples' Lawyer*
- 22 David R. Breuhan, VP Gregory J. Schwartz & Co., Assistant Professor, Walsh College *Current U.S. Government Policies*
- 29 Francis J. Fodale, Associate Professor of Law, Ave Maria School of Law, Naples, FL *Inventions I Wish I Had Made*

AUGUST PROGRAMS

NO MEETINGS

JULY DISCUSSIONS

JULY CHAIRMAN: Jim Karavite

- 1 Craig Schwartz, Executive Deputy Chief, DPS Police Force *Protecting Detroit Schools*
- 8 Eugene Jacoby, SMC Member, Facilitator..... *Nuclear Power*
- 15 Dr. Jaap Delevie, SMC Member *Victory and Defeat: The Struggle of the Dutch Against the Sea*
- 22 John Hante, Executive Producer, Heart of the Hills Players *Producing Senior Musicals and Variety Shows*
- 29 Jim Karavite, SMC Member..... *The Struggle for Ratification of the Constitution: Federalists vs Anti-Federalists*

AUGUST DISCUSSIONS

NO MEETINGS

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Deaths:

Frederick N. Talmers (Life), joined Nov. 1999
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C. Granville Sharpe (Life), joined May 1987

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Subliminal Message?

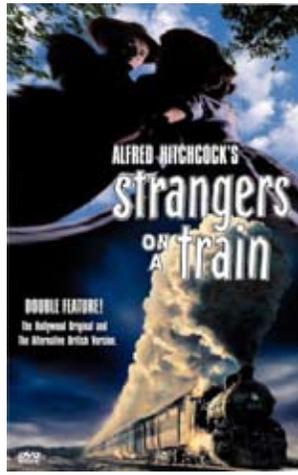
Did you ever think that those advertising messages from alcohol beverage companies suggesting that we "drink responsibly" also carry the unstated words "but often"?

Groups



Classic Movie Group

Alfred Hitchcock's psychological thriller, *Strangers on a Train*, was released exactly 60 years ago. Considered one of Hitchcock's best, he micromanaged its production and actually made a cameo appearance 11 minutes into the film. The musical score picks up on the ubiquitous theme of contrasting "doubles" right from the opening title sequence. Watch for it! Ed Cox will be showing this dark, melodramatic, suspense thriller on Monday, July 11 at 1:00PM. Be prepared for gasps of tension and sighs of relief from the audience.



—Augie Perrotta



Investment Group

The Stock Game Winner is Tom (*All Silver*) Booth with a 65.4% gain. He contributed a portion of his \$250 cash prize to the SMC Endowment Fund.

Tom Buescher (\$150 prize) finished second with a 54.6% gain. Jon Haber (\$100 prize) was third. Art Byington, George Miller, Lowell Barnett and Dave Ladd followed.

55 of 65 players had gains; the overall average gain for 7.5 months was 13.8% - a very smart group!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 14; the next stock game begins October 7. Enjoy the summer rally!

—George Miller

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Detroit River Cruise

for long time Detroiters, will bring back fond memories of family picnics, canoeing with your girlfriend, swimming, golf and other outdoor activities. Best of all you will find Belle Isle is still very beautiful! See you on the bus.

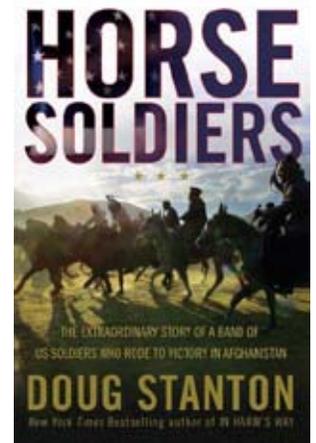
—Event co-chairs: Bob Gualdoni, Riggs Miller, Howard Maichen and Gil Livingston



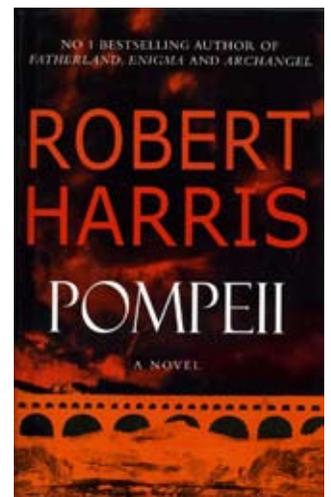
Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, July 6 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing the book "Horse

Soldiers" by Doug Stanton. During his tenure as George W. Bush's defense secretary, Rumsfeld championed a mode of warfare that relied on limited numbers of soldiers armed with high-tech equipment and backed by precise, devastating air power. The Rumsfeld doctrine clashed with the Colin Powell doctrine that wars are best won with overwhelming ground forces. In late 2001, small units of elite Special Forces soldiers, working with the C.I.A. and Air Force bombers, joined forces with Afghanistan's Northern Alliance to defeat the country's ruling Taliban. They rode into battle on horses. Rumsfeld carried the day, and has left us in a hell of a fix in Afghanistan which is currently being determined today.



On Monday, July 18 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing the book "Pompeii" by Robert Harris. The cataclysmic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in southern Italy in 79AD obliterated the Roman city of Pompeii and snuffed out the lives of thousands of people, most of them in a 30-second thermal blast. The volcano made a devastating debut -- raising a deadly cloud of stones, ash and fumes to a height of 20.5 miles, spewing molten rock and pulverized pumice at the rate of 1.5 million tons per second, ultimately releasing a hundred thousand times the thermal energy released by the Hiroshima bombing. Wow!



—Ted Chapekis

Senior Health Matters - Prescription Medicine Safety Tips

- Share all the medications you are taking with your health care providers including prescriptions, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements.
- Keep a copy of the list of all medications you are taking at home and another in your wallet to take along to your doctors' appointments.
- Use only one pharmacy or pharmacy chain for prescription medications. This enables the pharmacist to monitor your medications for possible interactions.
- Take all your medications exactly as prescribed. Do not store unused medications for future use and never try to stretch out your prescription by cutting the pills in half or missing doses to economize.
- Have your pharmacist verify the instructions with you when picking up the prescription.
- Carefully read all the information that comes with your medications especially the sections on precautions, adverse events and toxicity. Timing, relationship to meals and compatibility with other medicines or food are important.
- The only liquid to take with your medications is water-not coffee, tea, or carbonated beverages.
- When swallowing your capsules or pills, tuck your chin down toward your chest. Do not raise it. They will go down easier.
- Use a pill organizer that separates pills by the day of the week and time of day if you take a number of pills daily.
- If you feel ill, fail to improve or suffer side effects while taking a medication, consult with your physician.
- Do not mix alcohol with drugs-prescription or otherwise.
- Keep medications away from children and drugs that can be abused, especially narcotic painkillers, from your adult children (unless they are your caregiver) or grandchildren. Keep your medicines in a safe and secure place. Your medicine cabinet is not secure.



—Augustine L. Perrotta, D.O.

Member Honors



Andy Huebner

Two SMC members recently received noteworthy honors:

In early June, SMC Member Andy Huebner was presented the prestigious Heritage Award by the Friends of the Birmingham Historical Museum and Park at its annual picnic. The Heritage Award recognizes Andy's commitment to volunteer work for the museum and park, where he has volunteered since 2001.

Andy, a Ford Motor Company retiree, is featured in the June 19, 2011 Birmingham *Eccentric*, which also provides a history of the Heritage Award. He became a member of the Senior Men's Club in November 2009, and he serves on the Finance Committee and the Guests Committee.



Gino Saliccioli

SMC Member Gino Saliccioli, M.D., was named president of the Wayne State University School of Medicine Alumni Association for the next year. Saliccioli is clinical professor emeritus of orthopedic surgery for the Wayne State School of Medicine. He is a past president of the Detroit Receiving Hospital medical staff and now is a member of the hospital's Board of Trustees. Dr. Saliccioli joined the Senior Men's Club in March 2006.

Annual Picnic at the Yacht Club

The Senior Men's Club annual picnic will be at the Pontiac Yacht Club on Tuesday, August 23. We moved the date forward from the end of August to accommodate the members who take vacations over the Labor Day holiday.

The festivities start at 10:30AM with a special interest car display and games including golf challenges, bocce and lawn darts. There will be prizes for the winners and the only guarantee is that everyone who plays will have a good time!

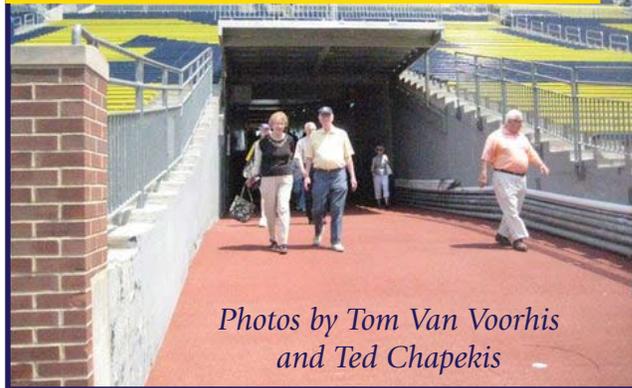
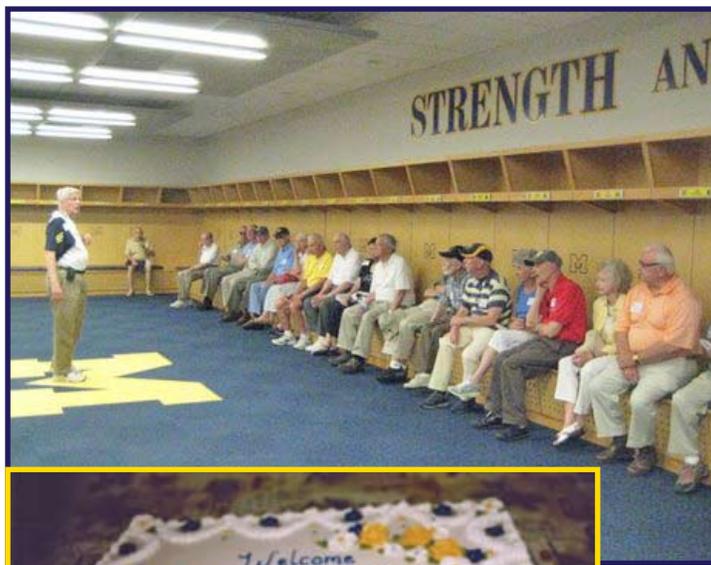
Lunch will be at 12:00PM (noon,) and as last year, we are having a pig roast prepared by D.J.'s Meats, one of the area's premier picnic food vendors. Grilled chicken will also be available for those whose prefer chicken. Sides will include baked beans, a variety of salads, bread, drinks, and of course, ice cream.

The Straw Hat Band will provide the entertainment starting at 1:00PM. They know the music we all like and they perform it well. Whether you are singing along or just tapping your feet, you will enjoy the Straw Hat Band!

Following the entertainment there will be a drawing for prizes: discounts at local restaurants. All in all, the annual picnic is a great way to end the summer with good friends from the Men's Club. Tickets will go on sale on July 8. The price is \$16, a real bargain for all you get!

Maps with directions to the Pontiac Yacht Club in Keego Harbor will be available. If possible, share a ride to conserve parking spaces. Bridge players are welcome to use the tables and chairs at the Yacht Club or you can provide your own. The annual picnic is one of our Club's best attended events. Don't miss it! See you on August 23.

—Picnic Committee: Mike Clement, Tony DiMarco, Roger Struck, Riggs Miller, John Wargelin, John Horiszny, Gil Livingston, Howie Maichen, Bob Jordan, Frank Barnes, and John Zabriskie (weather)



Photos by Tom Van Voorhis and Ted Chapekis



Color Guard Presentation

Our meeting on May 27, 2011 opened with a solemn ceremony honoring all veterans of our armed forces, including club members who served.

A color guard from Disabled American Veterans Post 19, including club members Sherwin Vine and Les Lessentien initiated the meeting with a ceremonial presentation of the US and Post flags, followed by a stirring and emotional recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. A number of club veterans wore their service caps - not all eyes were dry.

—Dick Harper

U of M Tour a Winner!

The lucky 54 SMC members and their wives who participated in the recent U of M tour:

- experienced a first hand viewing of the all new and high-tech press box at the Big House
- visited the renovated stadium training facilities and locker room plus the fabled tunnel
- heard Athletic Director Dave Brandon provide an update on the football program
- had a great meal at the U of M golf clubhouse
- viewed other areas of both the Athletic Complex and the North Campus
- relearned the words to "The Victors"



Congratulations to Chairman John Zabriskie and his Special Events team for another great trip!

—Dick Harper

Member Award

Past President Bob Pullar recently received a most significant honor in recognition of his outstanding and multi-faceted efforts in making a difference in our community.



Bob's contributions were recognized with an award coincidentally called the Golden Oldies Award which was presented to him by Shelley Roberts, President and CEO of The Community House. This honor is co-sponsored by the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Detroit Rotary Club.

Bob was cited as a "tireless 30 year volunteer at the Bloomfield Township Library, the St. James Episcopal Church and The Community House." Congratulations, Bob! You so exemplify the rendering of the service element in the SMC mission statement.

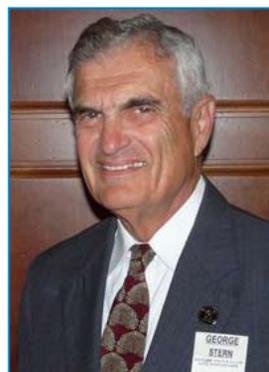
—Dick Harper

New SMC Officers

The nominees for two open SMC officer positions selected by the Nominating Committee were presented to the membership and unanimously elected at the meeting held on May 27. They will serve in these positions for the remainder of 2011.

Congratulations to Recording Secretary George L. Stern and Corresponding Secretary Stuart L. Shuster. Once again, our membership ranks provide well qualified candidates for our leadership roles.

—Dick Harper



George Stern



Stu Shuster



Monday Golf

We finally had some great golf weather. May 23 served up 36 golfers. Joe Schulenberg was closest to the pin at 5'5". John Perryman was medalist at 40. Ted Chapekis had 41, Rich Wehling 43 and John Kary 44. Ted Chapekis and Bill Schwartz birdied #2 and John Perryman had an eagle on #5.

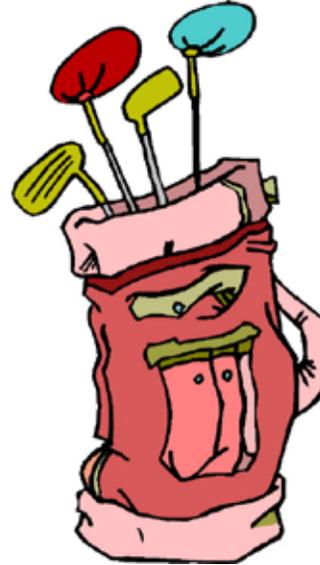
June 6 had 42 golfers. Tony Parrottino was low scorer at 38. John Perryman and Chuck Torner shot 40. Jim Doyle was at 41 and Dave Key at 42. Eldon Crawfis, Bob Hinytzke and Alan Nealley posted 43. Ted Chapekis, Roger Hammer and Joe Schulenberg were at 44 and Phil (Griff) Griffin hit 45. Dave Key was closest to the pin at 2'7". There were birdies galore. Cliff Dean, Don Foehr and John Perryman on #2; Jim Doyle on #1, Bob Hinytzke on #7 and Tony Parrottino on #6. A great day of golf for all. Congratulations.

June 13 continued the good turnout. There were 41 golfers with many good scores. There were birdies by Byron Converse on #2 and #5 and Don Foehr on #6. Byron Converse was closest to the pin at 5'4". The Honor Roll included Pete Kass, Alan Nealley, Tom Waffen and Rich Wehling at 45. Bob Hinytzke and Dave Key shot 44. Ted Chapekis, Byron Converse and Roger Hammer had 43. John Perryman was at 41. Don Foehr rang up 40. The best of the best was Jim Doyle with a 39.

Lincoln Hills is in great shape but playing tougher with at least a three-inch rough along all of the fairways. Please join us for all of the enjoyment and companionship.

—The Committee

Thursday Golf



Inclement weather continues to plague the Thursday Golf League. Rain and storms have limited the senior golfer's participation. After eight weeks of competition the leaders are Perry Driggs (36), Bob Hinytzke (39), and Kirby Callam (40.8).

Thursday Golf Scrambles will be held on July 14. Put your scramble team together. Give the team information to the Committee before July 7. Those wishing to play will be placed in teams

by the Committee. Handicaps will be used.

The Thursday Golf Tournament will be held on August 18 & 25 and September 1. There will be three Flights. Prizes awarded at the Golf Banquet to the top three winners of each Flight. Scores will be based on the best two consecutive rounds of the three. Handicaps from either Lincoln Hills or Springdale may be used.

Mark your calendars. The Stonycroft Scramble will be held on Tuesday, September 13. Details will be available in August at Springdale, Lincoln Hills, and in the September *Reminder*.

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

—The Committee

Endowment Fund



Shelley Roberts, President and CEO of The Community House, recently accepted a check for \$4200 for the SMC Endowment Fund. The presentation was made by Past President Bill Johnson and the endowment fund head George Miller, and represented the proceeds from the highly successful special performance of "The Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" at the Village Players.

Shelley expressed warm thanks for this event, our ongoing support for the Endowment Fund and for the continuing close supportive relationship between the Senior Men's Club and The Community House.

—Dick Harper

Mystery Lyrics

We came close to “stumping the panel” with last month’s mystery lyrics, which as predicted, proved to be very challenging. Only three readers - Tom and Rose Marie Venier, Stan Rogell and Dick and Norma Secrest recognized that these lyric lines:

*Like a circle in a spiral
Like a wheel within a wheel*

are from “The Windmills of Your Mind.” As noted, this was the Oscar-winning song in 1968 from the Steve McQueen movie “The Thomas Crown Affair.” Unfortunately, the Baldwin Library doesn’t have this movie and the 1999 remake with Pierce Brosnan, like many redo’s, is not very good. Congratulations Tom, Rose Marie, Stan, Dick and Norma!

Our big band challenge proved to be almost as difficult - only four readers remembered that Woody Herman was originally billed as “The Band That Plays The Blues,” used Blue Flame as a theme and later evolved into the loud and brassy “Third Herd.” Well done Bob Seeley, Russ Frye, Donna (Mark) Kelly and Stan Rogell.

This month’s mystery lyrics might be a little easier. A number of male quartets were popular in the 50’s and 60’s. One of them was originally from Toronto and had a big hit which contained these lines:

*Brother you can’t go to jail for what you’re
thinkin’*

Or for the woo look in your eye

Can you name that tune? (I still have a 45 rpm version of this one.)

Finally, here is another big band memory challenge (hopefully not too easy). This band was billed as “The Band of Renown,” used “Leap Frog” as a theme, and had a gal singer whose initials were D.D. Who led that band and who was the singer?

—Dick Harper



CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Reminder Deadline: Friday, August 19

Games

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

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

Golf: Monday, 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills
Thursday, 9:00AM at Springdale

Special Events

Detroit River Cruise, Wednesday, July 20, 8:30AM

SMC Annual Picnic at Pontiac Yacht Club, Tuesday, August 23

Group Meetings

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

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

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

Camera Group: NO MEETING in July

Investment Group: Wednesday, September 14, 2:45PM

Computer Group: NO MEETING in July

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC on the Web:

<http://www.communityhouse.com/getInvolved/interestGroups/SeniorMensClub.html>

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

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Officers for 2011 are: John S. Flintosh, president; Charles B. Kirkpatrick, first vice president; David A. Schwartz, second vice president; George L. Stern, recording secretary; Stuart B. Shuster, corresponding secretary; William L. Sprague, treasurer; Richard E. Shirley, assistant treasurer; David H. Dinger and John F. McCleary, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

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