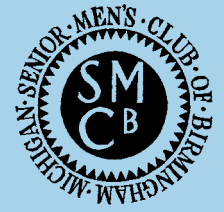


# The Reminder

December 2010

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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## Alan Mulally

Although historical SMC meeting attendance records are somewhat unclear, it is almost certain that we achieved a new high with the recent appearance of Ford President and CEO Alan Mulally.

An enthusiastic and standing room only crowd of well over 300 heard Mr. Mulally deliver an address that was both informative and humorous. He captured a rapt audience with an insider perspective on how and why Ford has improved so dramatically and without government assistance. Among topics discussed were Ford's financial status and outlook, product actions and objectives - most specifically "best in class" status, his management style, the outlook for the auto industry - both domestic and international, and his perspective on CAFE. The question and answer period was especially informative with candid and informed comments on a variety of subjects.

His presentation concluded with a rousing standing ovation. Mr. Mulally left sharing warm smiles and handshakes - clearly his appearance was a highlight of our year.



—Dick Harper

## DECEMBER PROGRAMS

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: Chuck Kirkpatrick

- 3 Michael Khoury, President ..... *Detroit Cristo Rey High School*
- 10 Marian High Melodies ..... *Holiday Music*
- 17, 24, 31 ..... **NO MEETINGS**

## JANUARY PROGRAMS

JANUARY CHAIRMAN: Jim Judge

- 7 Rich Homberg, CEO, Detroit Public Television ..... *Beyond the Light Switch: The Future of Electricity and Energy*

## DECEMBER DISCUSSIONS

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: John Reddy

- 3 Dr. Sonya Friedman, Psychologist, Television Host, Author and Columnist ..... *Mentoring Next Generations-How to Get Them to Listen*
- 10 Robert Meisner, Attorney ..... *Everything Legal You Need to Know About Condo Living*
- 17, 24, 31 ..... **NO MEETINGS**

## JANUARY DISCUSSIONS

JANUARY CHAIRMAN: Ted MacKinnon

- 7 Al Eicher, SMC Member ..... *Hot Air Balloons*

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## Deaths:

**George E. Ferber** (LOA), joined October 2004  
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—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman  
—John M. Steele, Database Chairman  
—Bill Shaffmaster and Tom Booth, Photography

## Congratulations and Thank You

The results of this year's passing of the Magic Jug for contributions to the Oakland County Childrens Village were most gratifying. The checks and cash contributed by the SMC totalled \$6002, an increase of 13% over 2009. 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 "our kids" at the Village will again have some of the support they need. Well done!

# Groups



## Classic Movie Group

The 10 classic movies for 2011 will be shown on the second Monday of each month at 1:00PM in the Hackett Room. Beginning on January 10 with the showing of the Marx Brother's "Night at the Opera," all of our classics will be shown with subtitles to make it a more enjoyable experience for those of us who are hearing impaired. The following is our lineup:



January: Marx Brother's "Night at the Opera" 1935 - Irv Poston

February: "Last Time I Saw Paris" 1954 - Chuck Kirkpatrick

March: "Laura" 1944 - Bill Spreitzer

April: "Mrs. Miniver" 1942 - Fred Leydorf

May: "Beau Geste" 1939 - Augie Perrotta

June: "Outlaw" 1943 - Dick Lindgren

July: "Strangers on a Train" 1951 - Ed Cox

September: "Road to Morocco" 1942 - Fred Leydorf

October: "African Queen" 1951 - Bob Jackson

November: "Black Swan" 1942 - Augie Perrotta

—Augie Perrotta



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, December 8 at 2:45PM, Leon La Brecque, JD, CPA, CFP, CFA will present "Year End Market, Economic and Tax Overview." Leon will discuss his perspective on the markets, the QE2, the automotive sector, taxes and politics. He has interesting ideas on Roth IRA's and Michigan Municipal Bonds. Leon has spoken several times and he comes with plenty of engaging material and energy. Don't miss it, you will like it!

Ted Chapekis, Pete Mehra and Roger Struck are tied for first place in the Stock Game with a 18.6% gain. All chose Ford 100%. Mike Clement, Bill Corba, Phil Werner, Tom Booth and Gil Livingston follow closely.

—George Miller



## Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, December 1 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing the book "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

This book is probably F. Scott Fitzgerald's greatest novel—a book that offers damning and insightful views of the American nouveau riche in the 1920s. This book is an American classic and a wonderfully evocative book.

On Monday, December 20 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing the book "War of the Rats" by David Robbins. This book grimly recounts the merciless determination of the German and Soviet combatants in the battle of Stalingrad. Drawing from real events, Robbins tells the story of one of the battle's most pivotal contests: the famous sniper duel between Russian and German combatants. This novel reveals the shrewd savagery in human nature.

—Ted Chapekis

## SMC Officers for 2011

The most important annual election of officers who will lead our club in 2011 was held on November 12. The following candidates were recommended by Nominating Committee Chairman Bill Johnson and were unanimously elected by the membership:

President - John S. Flintosh

First Vice President - Charles B. Kirkpatrick

Second Vice President - David A. Schwartz

Recording Secretary - Dennis J. Kozak

Corresponding Secretary - John D. Slocum

Treasurer - William L. Sprague

Assistant Treasurer - Richard E. Shirley

Officer at Large - Clifford Wagoner

Officer at Large - John F. McCleary

## Getting Better

We are getting better at remembering our meeting schedule. In October, more than a dozen members arrived for a non-meeting on the 15th. Only three showed up on November 19.

# Games

## Winter Golf

Winter golf at the Oakland Yard Dome will begin on Thursday, January 6 and continue weekly until the 2011 season opens at Lincoln Hills and Springdale.



The cost continues to be \$8 for all the balls you can hit between 9:30 and 11:30AM. The Dome management will again provide coffee and donuts for the attendees.

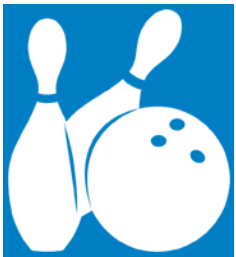
Notice to all golfers who are members of the Senior Mens Club: You are invited to attend whether or not you participated in the Monday and Thursday programs. All are welcome to this program.

After the golf practice we join together for lunch at Hero's Bar and Grill where we receive a 20% discount on the total bill. Please note that there will be one rule at the luncheon: There will be a five (5) minute time limit to any discussions of past, present, or future medical conditions. After which the members can then move on to old war stories, romantic encounters, and other boastful memories.

For a required special pass see any member of the committee during the December meetings.

—The Golf Committees

## Bowling



We are now one third through the bowling season and the Cardinals are in first place with 52 points (Upward, Doty, Buchanan and Schrift). Second place is held by the Reds with 48 points (Freeberg, Maichen, Barnes and Beach). In third place are the Rockies at 46 points (Brooker, Johnson, Klein and Byington).

Tom Schrift set a new Hi Series score with a three game total of 560 which included a 226 game. Phil Buccini had a 547 series. John Wargelin had two games at 150 and one at 165, missing a "Triplicate" by 15 pins. The first half will be over on December 20, but there is still lots of time for good scoring and position changes.

Good luck to all the teams!

—Less Lessenthien

## Elections 2011

Last month our country held national elections and many new leaders were selected. The Senior Men's Club also held an election and selected John S. Flintosh as president, along with a new slate of officers. Changes are inevitable, but we naturally wonder how changes will affect our club. Our concerns can be put to rest, as our club will be in capable hands.



John S. Flintosh, our 2011 president, is a native Detroiter, a graduate of MacKenzie High School, the University of Michigan with a bachelors in economics, and an MBA from Michigan State University.

Between 1960-1962, he served as U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Director, San Francisco Air Defense Sector, responsible for tactical coordination of air defense missile units in northern California.

John joined Ford Motor Company in 1962, and had assignments in finance, sales, marketing and customer service, including consumer affairs manager. Prior to retirement in 1999, after 37 years with Ford Motor Division, John was the regulatory compliance manager at Ford Customer Service Division in Dearborn.

He is past chairman of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals in Business International and is the recipient of SOCAP's Esther Shapiro Award for Leadership in Consumer Affairs in 1998. He also served as a director of the Better Business Bureau of Detroit and southeastern Michigan.

Once again the goldmine of talented leaders has been tapped.

—Bill Reilly

## Dues are Due

Warren Spatz of the Finance Committee reports that as of November 12, a low 62% of SMC active members have paid annual dues for 2011, which means that about 160 have yet to pay. Even lower percentages of Associate and Leave of Absence members have paid.

Tempus fugit! Only two meetings are scheduled in December. Dues can be paid at these meetings or by mail using the coupon on page 5. Checks dated prior to January 1, 2011 will be considered on time. Payments after that date will be subject to a \$10 late fee for all member categories.

## Christmas Dinner Dance



Friday, December 3 will be your last opportunity to buy your tickets for the SMC Christmas Dinner Dance, which will be held on Wednesday, December 8. The party venue is the San Marino Club at 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy.

The party begins with a Social Hour at 6:00PM. Dinner will be served at 7:00PM and it will include soup, salad, one of three dinner entries (Veal, Chicken or Fish), and dessert. Following dinner, "The Pros Dance Band" will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure.

The price for this special evening is \$40. Join us for a great evening of Christmas good cheer, fine dining and dancing.

—Special Events, Christmas Party Committee

## Endowment Fund

A raffle of a "Romantic Encounter at The Townsend Hotel" will be held on December 3 and 10. The winner will be determined on December 10, you need not be present to win.

Your contributions to the fund are greatly appreciated by The Community House. Keep the checks coming and we will reach our goal of \$15,000 for 2010.

—George Miller

## The Auto World is Coming to Detroit in January!

We are planning to join this global extravaganza. The North American International Auto Show will be in our town and the SMC will be well represented--by the bus load! This annual wonder has been faithfully showing the world's finest vehicles for 93 years. Your club has been sponsoring a bus trip to the show for the last 12 years---and this January we will be doing it again. The date is Thursday, January 20, 2011.

The bus will be leaving the First Presbyterian Church (1669 West Maple) parking lot at 9:30AM and returning about 3:00PM. The bus will drop us off at the door to Cobo Hall. Again you can leave your coat on the bus. The cost for this great convenience is \$12 per ticket. Senior admission to the show is \$6, but, as in past years, we are trying to obtain enough complimentary admission tickets to the show to avoid this added expense. Perhaps you have your own source for a complimentary ticket to the show. We will start selling tickets on Friday, December 10, 2010, since Friday sale-days in December and January are limited. Mark this date---we usually sell out on the first day.

Forget your driving, parking, coat check worries and expenses, and join us with fellowship and door-to-door service. See you on the bus!

—Mike Clement, Tony DiMarco and Roger Struck



## SMC 2011 Dues Coupon

2011 Dues are payable before January 1, 2011. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2011. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at the 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
- \$20 Member on Leave of Absence

*Life Members are not required to pay dues, but may use the coupon to make a voluntary contribution for financial support of our Club.*

# Mystery Lyrics

Last month's musical challenges proved to be a little more difficult for readers. Only seven recognized that these lines:

*The sleepless nights - the daily fights  
The quick toboggan when  
you reach the heights*

are from the Rodgers and Hart song "I Wish I Were In Love Again" (yes, were, not was). Congratulations to Madge Woodward (Omar Petti), TCH front desk gal Janet Crandell, Isabel (Chuck) Himelhoch, Sherwin Vine, Ralph Bowen, Jeanne (Merrill) Miller and Clay Gordon. Note that four of the seven are ladies.

The second challenge was even more elusive. We asked if you knew the pianist and composer who wrote the tune "Misty" featured in the Clint Eastwood movie "Play Misty For Me." Five readers remembered that it was Erroll Garner. But we also got several incorrect guesses on this - two thought it was Hoagy Carmichael, while others came up with Duke Ellington or Oscar Peterson. Congratulations to Bob Seeley, Mary Lou (John) Sullivan, Isabel Himelhoch, Ralph Bowen and Dennis Kozak.

This month's mystery lyrics are from an old (1955) Four Freshmen tune:

*There isn't any end to my devotion  
It's deeper dear by far than any ocean*

Can you name that tune?

Here's one more memory test. Can you name any of the four members of the popular but short-lived vocal group of the 60's - the Mama's and the Papa's? You would be most likely to remember the rotund gal with the beautiful voice, who sang "Dream a Little Dream Of Me."

(No googling, please).

—Dick Harper



## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, December 14, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, December 10

### Games

**Bowling:** Monday, 9:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes

Wednesday, 9:30AM at Thunderbird Lanes (practice)

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

**Golf:** Thursday, 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Athletics (starts Jan. 6)

### Special Events

**Christmas Dinner Dance at San Marino Club,** Wednesday, December 8

**Detroit Auto Show,** Thursday, January 20, 9:30AM

### Group Meetings

**Book Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, December 1, 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, December 20, 3:00PM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, January 10, 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, January 11, 2:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, December 8, 2:45PM

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, January 19, 3:00PM

*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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