

The Reminder



December 2016

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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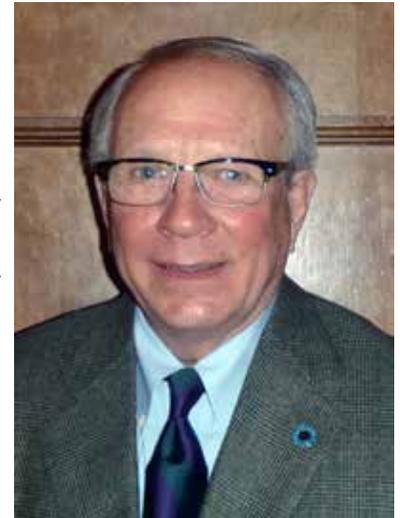
To: The Membership

From: Dick Kamp, President-Elect

When The Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Board of Directors presented its slate of officers for 2016, I was asked to identify my highest priorities as President-Elect. After a lot of thought I came up with a three-part answer: Membership, Leadership, and Community Outreach.

Membership: New members are the "life blood" of any organization. So membership will always be a high priority for our Club, and it will always be part of every member's job description. In recent years we have introduced new programs—(e.g. Genealogy Group, Walking Group)—to promote our club's activities. We continue to update our functions to keep our club relevant. Our club membership is in a competitive market that includes other men's clubs, country clubs and business associations. A key focus will be to add new and younger members to our club.

Leadership: Our club, with over 600 members, offers opportunities for its members to use their many talents. These range from speaking engagements to chairmanships of the many club activities, and from a military service color guard, to sharing investment knowledge with other members. A timely example of our leadership talent is the management team that is leading our Club's 60th anniversary celebration. As a leader,



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Committee Membership

Club groups and committees are always in the need for additional support. A long time ago, one of our oldest and most respected leaders often stated, "You will never know how much fun this Club can be and how much satisfaction you can experience until you join and are active in one of our committees."

How true this is! The question is not "Do you want to join an SMC committee?" – the question should be "Which SMC committee(s) do you want to join?"

—John Flintosh

Hostess Recognition

One of our longstanding, traditional and most respected events is the annual Hostess Recognition Party, which will be held during our last meeting of the year – on December 9. We will bring back the long tables and "mess hall" floor plan for this event.



Members are urged to attend and to show our appreciation for the friendly and courteous service these lovely ladies provide all year at Friday meetings. The ladies will receive holiday gifts as well as our warm thanks.

In addition, we all will hear wonderful Christmas music by soloist Jeanne Bourget (member Jerry Heller's daughter) and by the melodic SMC Choral Group.

—Dick Harper

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Dick Kamp

I am committed to holding true to the "core values" of the Senior Men's Club. I am also committed to our theme this year "Tradition of Excellence".

Community Outreach: The Club's Constitution calls for the "Rendering of Public Service" as one of its goals. That goal is reached on a continuing basis through support of community agencies, educational institutions and cultural attractions. We are also committed to "serving each other" within the Senior Men's Club.

The Senior Men's Club and the Birmingham Community House have been partners for many years sharing fund-raising efforts among many other things. I would encourage our membership to continue their individual outreach commitments with hospitals, churches, colleges, universities and community groups.

I am excited and look forward to serving as President of the Birmingham Senior Men's Club for 2017 and reporting on the Club's progress. Your feedback is always welcome.

Sincerely,

Dick Kamp (as reported to Chuck Ragains)

SMC 2017 Dues Coupon

2017 dues are payable before January 1, 2017. Active and Associate Member Dues are \$40. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2017. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at a meeting or by mail. Please use the coupon if paying by mail.

If paying by mail, send to:
Senior Men's Club - Dues
The Community House
380 South Bates Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Life Members pay no dues, but many use the coupon to make a voluntary contribution for financial support of our Club.

Groups



Investment Group

The Investment Study Group will meet on Wednesday, December 14 at 2:45PM. Our speaker will be a very popular and well received returnee - Leon LaBrecque of LJPR Financial Advisors in Troy.

Leon will address a very timely and appropriate subject – the impact of the recent election with his presentation “Now What? Post-Election Global Economic Analysis”.

With the election over, the real question is “Now What” – Leon will take us through the overall economic and political environment and present a variety of possible outcomes - tax changes, effects of the election on the markets, and what about the overall economy?

Fasten your seatbelts and come to this engaging event!

We have a clear leader in our Capital Stock Game-Randy Barnett who sold the market short and is up 23%. Four other contestants, Jon Haber, Carl Fischer, Lowell Barnett and George Miller have small gains to date. Stay tuned-we have a long way to go!

—George Miller and Dick Harper



Reading Groups

Chuck Torner will lead Reading Group A in the discussion of Neal Bascomb’s “The Winter Fortress: The Epic Mission to Sabotage Hitler’s Atomic Bomb” on Wednesday, December 7 at 10:30AM. Bascomb tells how Leif Tronstad, a Norwegian physics professor who had figured out how to make “heavy water”—that is, water in which deuterium (an element like hydrogen but with a proton and a neutron in its nucleus) has replaced ordinary hydrogen—kept the Germans from making heavy water in the plant that they had built for doing that. Heavy water was needed to develop an atomic bomb.

David Rensin’s “The Mail Room” shows that many movers and shakers in Hollywood, men who recruited talent and represented these talented people to television networks, night clubs, and theaters, got their start in the business by working in the mailroom. Group B will discuss this book on Monday, December 19 at 3:00PM, led by Frank Snower.

—Frank Auld



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, December 12, Fred Hansz will present one of his favorite holiday films, “It Happened On Fifth Avenue” (1947), at 1:00PM. In this heartwarming Christmas

comedy about the post WW II housing shortage, a snowbird family – Charlie Ruggles, Ann Harding and Gale Storm - have their vacant Midtown New York City mansion taken over by a group of good hearted homeless GI’s, including Don DeFore, and a kindly hobo – Victor Moore. Happy surprises ensue when the owners



unexpectedly return at Christmastime, but go “under cover” to observe the joyful action in their home, while Gale and Don start a fine romance. Ultimately, things work out well for the parents, the GI families, the young lovers and for the hobo. Please plan to attend with family and friends to enjoy this most enjoyable Christmas classic.

Classic Movie Schedule for 2017

We have a great line up of member-requested films for the coming year that include: American Graffiti, Gran Torino, It Started With Eve, Murder My Sweet, MASH, The Count of Monte Cristo, Runaway Train, Ball of Fire, Oklahoma, High Noon and The Bishop’s Wife. Please visit our Web Page for complete details and a printable “Schedule of Films” for 2017.

—Fred Hansz

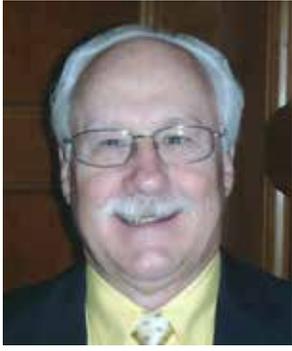


Computer Group

The Computer Group will next meet on Wednesday, December 21 at 3:00PM. Group Chairman Tom Allen will discuss a timely and appropriate subject “ How to Buy Technology and Not Get Taken”. Christmas shopping, both before and after the holiday, can benefit from Tom’s expertise.

—Tom Allen

Tim McGee: Key Player in Anniversary Planning



As members of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham celebrate the Club's 60th Anniversary, they take special pride in a "tradition of active men who are devoted to the promotion of fellowship, cultural interests, and the rendering of community service." The Club's membership includes leading figures in industry, government, health care, education, advertising and more. Tim McGee, the Club's recording secretary, is a good example of how members volunteer their time, expertise and energy to a variety of causes.

Tim has been very active on the Special Events Committee, planning activities for the Senior Men's Club 60th Anniversary. Two of the events he has helped organize are the evening at the Village Players Theater and a Spring Gala.

The Senior Men's Club keeps Tim very busy. He bowls, golfs, and plays bridge. He is part of the Spinning group and the Walking group at Somerset Mall.

In a working career that spanned 50 years, he has held such diverse positions as a Marine in Vietnam, a manager of warehouse/wholesale operations with the Wheel and Brake Division of the Budd Company, and Theater Technical Director for the Bloomfield School District. At Andover High School, he was responsible for all activities in the performing arts including designing, constructing and teaching the basics of set, sound and lighting design.

Tim's resume is equally impressive when it comes to community service organizations with which he has served. The Boy Scouts of America, Village Players of Birmingham, and several Marine Corps associations are just a few ways he volunteers in the communities he serves.

Tim and his wife, Julie, live in Troy, Michigan. They raised two children and have five grandchildren, ranging in age from first grade to high school. They enjoy traveling and attending over 30 community and professional theater performances in a year.

—Chuck Ragains



*Front row: Treasurer John P. Groves, Officer at Large Larry R. Imerman, President Richard A. Kamp, First Vice President Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, Second Vice President Timothy S. McGee
Back row: Officer at Large Richard W. Judy, Assistant Treasurer James E. Bayson, Corresponding Secretary Roger K. Timm, Recording Secretary Gerald W. Stribbell*

Two New Life Members



Two Club members were recently inducted into our most prestigious membership category – Life Membership.

Fred Leydorf has been a Club member since 2003. He graduated from Cooley High School where he not only captained the cross country team, but also met his future wife, Sue. He spent two years as a signal officer through ROTC, principally in Colorado, while married. After his service, he returned to Ann Arbor to complete his Bachelor's Degree.

His business career started in engine design work at American Motors, where he was assigned to manage development of a unique rotary engine concept in collaboration with Renault. His next assignment was as Manager of Engine Design, and he contributed importantly to the Society of Automotive Engineers. This continued after Fred moved to Ford Motor Company in engine research. Fred also served in responsible positions with SAE, including a term on the BOD.

His automotive background and interests led to the ownership of several Ferrari models, and to extensive involvement with the Ferrari Club of America, which culminated in two terms as Chairman. After retirement from Ford, Fred's automotive interests expanded to include Porsche as an owner and enthusiast, which continues today.

Fred and Sue have two daughters and families, including triplet grandsons. They celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2013.

Warm congratulations, Fred!

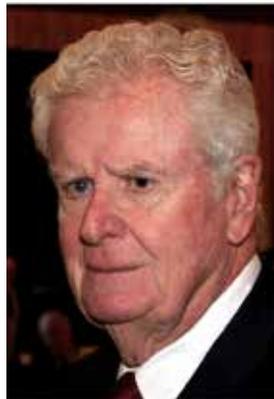
New Life Member **Charles Kirby Callam** was born and raised in Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada. As the third of four boys, Kirby spent summers on the water or on playing field, working on Bob-Lo Island or cruising the Great Lakes with his father, who was a lake freighter Captain.

Although his high school basketball team consisted of only six players, it won the Essex County championship and went to the All-Catholic finals. He then went to Assumption College in Windsor for two years, and transferred to the University of Detroit. At U of D he completed a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree and promptly joined the U.S. Navy as a flight student, earning his wings as a Navy jet fighter pilot.

During his military career, he met and married Mary – a most happy union which produce five girls and three boys. Kirby is most likely our Club's most accomplished bridge expert, serving as an instructor and leading our bridge activities.

Congratulations, Kirby!

—Dick Kamp and Dick Harper



Discussion Group Suspended

The Executive Board has been concerned for some time about the status of Discussion Group. Attendance at the Friday after-lunch discussions has been declining for some time, despite efforts to motivate member interest. This evidence of lesser interest, combined with some difficulty in scheduling attractive speakers led the Board to decide to suspend Discussion Group programs starting in January, 2017.

It is hoped that this action will enable us to successfully focus on speaker recruitment for our main Friday programs. Several Board members commented that arranging for 80 speakers each year is most challenging. It was noted that we could retain the option of carrying main speakers over after lunch for extended Q & A, assuming speaker availability.

—Dick Harper

The Magic Jug

Congratulations and thank you generous members. Once again, the results of the passing of the Magic Jug for contributions to the Oakland County Children's Village was a success. Our generous members contributed checks and cash totaling more than \$3800. It is evident that our traditional spirit of giving to the one outside charity we support is alive and well!

The Executive Board and the Special Projects Committee wish to thank all participants for their generosity.

Members Dick Halsted and John Horiszny especially deserve recognition for the passing of the Jug. The "kids" at the Village will once again get the support they have received from the Club for over 30 years. Well done!

Special Events

Christmas Dinner Dance

Strong ticket sales have started for our most popular and best attended Club event – our annual Christmas party. This wonderful evening will be held at the San Marino Club on Big Beaver on Tuesday, December 13. We will start with a social reception at 5:30PM, followed by dinner at 7:00PM, with dancing and a singalong to follow.

The “Pros” dance band will once again entertain us during dinner and for our dancing pleasure. We will hear a salute to the Armed Forces, plus nostalgic and seasonal favorites as we share warm memories of Club membership and camaraderie.

Reservation information will include meal choices and seating arrangements with the assistance of your Special Events Committee. The price for this great evening has been held at \$45. Make your ticket purchase now!

—Special Events Committee

The 2017 Detroit Auto Show

On Thursday, January 19, 2017, we will make our annual excursion to the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall. This year’s show promises to be another great one, with many new production models and design concept vehicles on display. This event offers the conveniences of no driving, no parking, no coat check needed, and (thanks to Dean Sellers Ford) no admission fee!

Tickets for the bus ride are \$15. Our buses will leave the First Presbyterian Church parking lot (1669 W. Maple) at 9:30AM, depart the Auto Show at 2:30PM, and return to the church at about 3:30PM. We will begin selling tickets at the Friday, December 2 meeting and sales will continue on December 9, January 6, and January 13. We are planning to charter two buses again this year, so we will be able to accommodate wives and significant others. Invite a friend and/or a prospective member!

This event has generally been a sellout, so buy your tickets early!

Mug and Tumbler Set

For a number of years, the Club has awarded a mug/tumbler set to featured Friday speakers as a token of our appreciation. The Executive Board has recently decided to offer a new gift in 2017.

Remaining mug sets are available to any interested member or associate. Please see Past President George Stern – the price is \$25.

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM



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Kick-off Event



The Village Players
of Birmingham
Production of
MAME

November 9, 2016

*Thank you for making
the 'Kick Off' to our
60th Anniversary a
fantastic start and
a great success!*



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George F. Leydorf, Jr.

Merrill C. Miller

Roger H. Hammer

Resigned:

Sidney Kelly (Life)

Donald G. Speyer (Life)

Donald F. Kosch

Associate Bert Whitehead

Deaths:

Ben E. Ewing, (Life) joined March 1994

William E. Ritter, joined October 2014

Richard R. Melcher, (Life) joined Nov. 1997

George C. Nordenholt, (Life) joined Jan. 2000

Andrew C. Huebner, joined Nov. 2009

Wilbur S. Shaffmaster, joined March 2007

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Frank Snower, Database Chairman

—Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

Mystery Lyrics



Last month's mystery lyrics proved to be most challenging. Despite the fact that we had used other lines from

this great song before, only three readers recognized that these lyrics:

We'd have been aware that our love affair was too hot not to cool down

are from the Cole Porter classic "Just One of Those Things".

Hearty congratulations to Fred Hansz, Dave and Mary Schwartz and Midge (Roger) Gettel. Midge asked why we haven't used more Irving Berlin lyrics – so here's the first lines of a good one.

There may be trouble ahead, but while there's music and moonlight and love and romance

Can you name that tune?

Sports Trivia

We didn't think last month's sports trivia challenge was that difficult, but boy, were we wrong!



You were asked to name the pro football players with these nicknames – "Mad Duck" and "Sweetness". We almost "stumped the panel". Not one reader remembered that our own Alec Karas was the "Mad Duck" (can you picture how he walked?). "Sweetness" was almost as difficult – only Pete Kass recalled that this was Walter Peyton of the Chicago Bears. (Hard to think that any Bear could be considered sweet!)

Tom McNally suggests this month's sports trivia. Who was the first "player of color" with the Detroit Tigers?

—Dick Harper

THE REMINDER

A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which meets on Fridays at 10:30AM at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2016 are: Eugene P. Jacoby, president; Richard A. Kamp, first vice president; Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, second vice president; Timothy S. McGee, recording secretary; Gerald W. Stribbell, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. Bayson, assistant treasurer; Robert I. Hayes and Theodore J. Schuster, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

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

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, December 2

Bowling: Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes
Wednesdays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes (practice)

Bridge: Tuesdays at 9:00AM; Fridays after lunch

Golf: Begins January 5, 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Dome

Special Events

Christmas Party at San Marino Club: Tuesday, December 13, 5:30PM

Detroit Auto Show: Thursday, January 19, 2017, 9:30AM

Group Meetings

Camera Group: No meeting in December

Book Reading Group A: Wednesday, December 7, 10:30AM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, December 12, 1:00PM

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

Book Reading Group B: Monday, December 19, 3:00PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, December 21, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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www.tchserves.org/outreach-and-clubs/clubs/senior-mens-club-of-birmingham