

The Reminder



May 2023

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

SMCB GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2022, the Rules Committee (now the Governance Committee) drafted revisions to the Club's Bylaws and Constitution reflecting our departure from The Community House and the reorganization of the Board of Directors (the Club's leadership team). Those revisions were approved by the Board and by the membership.

In 2023, the focus is on updating the club's Procedure Manual. The Procedure Manual has two parts; first several policies approved by the Board of Directors, followed by committee procedures documented by the committees themselves. The Governance Committee drafted changes to the policies reflecting the above revisions, which were approved at the April Board of Directors Meeting. In addition, the Officers and Standing Committee chairs agreed to take on the task of rewriting procedures for all standing committees, subcommittees and groups. These are to be completed in time for submission to the Board of Directors June 13 meeting, with the Procedure Manual expected to be published by June 30, 2023 and posted on the club's website shortly thereafter.

-John Steele and Ray Buratto, Governance Committee

MAY 2023 FRIDAY SPEAKERS

Speaker Chair - Dale Tucker

- May 5 **Andy Breidenich, head of Somerset Mall Security and former Troy police officer,** *"Security in Today's World"*
- May 12 **Dr. Leigh Ann Winowiecki, World Agroforestry (ICRAF),** *"Advances in soil and land health monitoring to track agricultural interventions across sub-Saharan Africa"*
- May 19 **Tina Langley, Makers Mark,** *"History and Production of Bourbon"* (tasting available following presentation)

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MAY LUNCHES AT THE IROQUOIS CLUB

MAY 5TH - CINCO DE MAYO

Chips & Salsa
Spanish Rice
Refried beans
Cheese Quesadillas Chicken
Enchiladas
Dessert: Cookies

MAY 12TH

Rolls & Butter
Caesar Salad
Green Beans
Fettucini Alfredo
Rosemary Chicken
Dessert: Brownies

MAY 19TH - VETERAN'S PROGRAM

Rolls & Butter
MI Maple Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Baked Mostaccioli
Sliced Prime Rib
Dessert: Cookies

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SMCB RESPECT AND CAMARADERIE

In a surprise move at the April 14, 2023 Friday meeting, 1st Vice President Larry Imerman introduced a segment of "SMCB Show and Tell" featuring Active Member Dr. John Paesano and Life Member Kirby Callam.

As many of us know, John is a long-time model aircraft builder. Demonstrating the Club core values of Fellowship and Friendship and inspired by our friend Kirby Callam and tales of Kirby's time as a Navy aviator during the Korean War era, Paesano built a replica of the Grumman F9-2 Panther, Kirby's aircraft, which he presented to Kirby. In his typically reserved fashion Kirby would not talk of his aerial exploits, saying only that his leg length precluded him from ever bailing out of the aircraft so he had to land it, no matter what. He finally told this writer he divided four years of service stateside at Pensacola and at Jacksonville, first as a pilot, later as a flight instructor. His proficiency ratings allowed him to ignore control tower instructions, relying on his own skills under otherwise safe conditions. The Grumman F9 was a workhorse in Korea and was the first jet aircraft employed by the Navy's "Blue Angels" precision flight squad.

A hearty SMCB 'attaboy' to both John and Kirby for this fine display of mutual respect and service to others, qualities that make SMCB members unique. Commend John for his thoughtful tribute, and give Kirby a snappy salute when next you see them.

-Ray Buratto, 2023 Recording Secretary



GRAB AND GO BINDER

After reading a recent Naples, Florida newspaper article, SMCB Member Pete Mehra asked that we include the following Grab and Go list to relieve stress and burden during a health crisis:

Checklist: Grab & Go Binder

- Living will
- Health directives
- Power of attorney
- Titles
- Deeds
- Business Succession Plan
- Location of spare house and car keys
- Medical records
- Organ donor card
- Funeral and burial arrangements
- Banking account numbers
- Location of safe deposit box
- Tax records
- Credit card account numbers
- Investment portfolio details
- Usernames and passwords for online accounts
- Health and life insurance policies
- Utility company information

-Jeffrey Muddell, CFP, is office president and wealth services advisor for The Sanibel Captiva Trust Company.

2023 SMCB BOWLING CHAMPIONS



Left to right: Maynard Timm; Tony DiMarco; Ken Beres; Randy Barnett

ASK AI — WHY JOIN SMCB?

I asked an AI program why a man should join SMCB. A "smart" machine provided reasons why a member should ask a friend to join the Club.

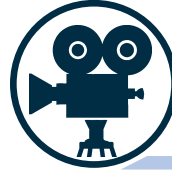
As an AI language model, I cannot make a personal recommendation for an individual to join a specific club. However, I can provide you with some information about the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham to help you make an informed decision.

The Senior Men's Club of Birmingham is a social organization for men over the age of 55. The club offers a variety of activities and events for members to participate in, including golf outings, trips to cultural attractions, guest speakers, and social gatherings.

Joining the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham can provide several benefits for seniors, such as opportunities to make new friends, stay socially active, and engage in meaningful activities. Additionally, the club offers a supportive community for men to connect with others who are going through similar life stages and experiences.

If you are a senior man living in Birmingham, joining the Senior Men's Club can be an excellent way to stay engaged with the community, learn new things, and enjoy the company of like-minded individuals. However, ultimately, the decision to join any club or organization is a personal one and should be based on your individual interests, goals, and priorities.

-Larry Imerman



CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP

On Monday, May 8th at 1:00 PM, via Zoom, the Classic Movie Group will be showing the 1990 award winning film *GOODFELLAS* (2 hours / 26 minutes) directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci, Lorraine Bracco and Paul Sorvino. *Goodfellas* is based on the lives of the notorious gangsters: Henry Hill, played by Liotta, James Conway, played by De Niro, and Tommy DeVito, played by Pesci, and on one of the most daring robberies in American history.

Many film critics consider *Goodfellas* the ultimate, definitive, and very best mob movie. The film is not for the prudish or the faint of heart: at the time of its release, it set the record for the most profanity of any movie in history and it contains numerous depictions of extreme violence and bloodletting.

The film was nominated for seven Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor and Best Supporting Actress, and Joe Pesci won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor. The film won the Golden Globe Awards for Best Picture and Best Director. Unless you are prudish and faint of heart (which is unlikely since you are a member of the SMCB, a group of Alpha males!), you will not want to miss this masterpiece.

A preview of the movie is now available by pressing the Movie Preview Button on the Club's Homepage.

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join us on May 8, to watch this crime drama classic.

Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of May 7, which will be published on May 5.

Looking forward to seeing you on May 8.

— Joel Adelman / Monthly Chairman





MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

The two books being discussed in May focus on two very different women, each of whom played an important role in 20th century history. The first is historical fiction that provides insight into the early labor movement and the history of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. (This discussion has been rescheduled from last October.) The second is a memoir written by a little-known female aviation pioneer. Her book was described by Ernest Hemingway as follows: "Written so well, and marvelously well, that I was completely ashamed of myself as a writer. [Markham] can write rings around all of us who consider ourselves as writers...it really is a bloody wonderful book."

Thanks to those of you who submitted recommendations and voted for the next round of first Wednesday books. The schedule will be out soon.

Note: Both Groups will continue to meet via Zoom using the new "activity groups" Zoom link.

Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 AM: *The Women of Copper Country* by Mary Doria Russell. (New York: Atria Books, 2019)

This is an engrossing historical novel that tells the story of the 1913 copper miners' strike in Calumet Michigan. It is told from the perspective of Annie Clements, the 25-year-old woman who organized the forces that led to a strike involving thousands of workers. She became known as America's Joan of Arc. It provides important insights into the evolution of the labor movement in the early 20th century.

The Kirkus Review described the book as "historical fiction that feels uncomfortably relevant today".

Paul Lieberman will lead this discussion.

Monday, May 15, 3 PM: *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham. New York: North Point Press, Second Edition, 2013)

This book was first published in 1942 and received little interest. However, when it was republished in 1983, it became a best-seller and is now regarded as a classic of aviation history.

From Amazon's description: "Beryl Markham (1902-1986) was a racehorse trainer and breeder, aviator, and author.

She grew up on her father's horse ranch in Kenya, learning Swahili, Nandi, and Masai, and spear hunting with the local Nandi Murani tribe. In 1933 she became the first woman in Kenya to become a commercial pilot. In 1936 Markham, who was already a well-known figure among in aviation circles, made international news when she became the first woman to make a non-stop solo transatlantic flight from Europe to North America. After a stint in Hollywood, Markham returned to Kenya and trained horses until her death in 1983."

This discussion will be led by John Skubik

-Bob Maxfield

...LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE...

June 7: *Retooling America's Alliances to Manage the China Challenge & The Future of US Policy Toward China* by Lindsay Ford, James Golgeier, Ryan Hass, Ryan McElyeen and Robert D. Williams. These are two policy analyses from the Brookings Institute. (Roger Timm)

June 19: *War and Peace: FDR's Final Odyssey* by Nigel Hamilton (Roger Timm)



Investment Group

Please join us at our next Investment Group meeting being held on Thursday May 11, 2023 at 2:45PM. The in-person and Zoom meeting will be held in the basement level of the Baldwin Public Library. Our popular SMC speaker will be Rick Bloom, Bloom Advisors, Southfield, MI.

Rick has been a prior guest speaker to our group, and will share his insights of the market. Rick started his business in 1984, has been a radio host for WXYT business show, wrote weekly articles for the Detroit News and his firm is a rated a top RIA firm by Investment News. Rick will be providing perspective of the economy versus the stock market. He will help explain the economic news we gear and read about and how sometimes that information does and does not translate to the stock market.

As of the Reminder writing deadline the stock game, has 88 positive out of 127 total stocks. The game is ending soon and there remains buying opportunities out there! Bill Halbert is in first place with a 71% return; Randy Barnett is in second place with a 56% return followed by Faye Miller with a 54% return. John Murray, Gerd Keuffel and Vikas Shah are close behind. At the moment, the top stock continues to be Madrigal Pharmaceuticals (MDGL) at \$289.32, which is down from its 52 week high of \$315.45 a few months ago.

If you are having any questions reading or printing the stock game on your PC, please do not hesitate to email or call me at 248-990-0305. We can set-up a Zoom meeting and help you read and print the report. Also, we are looking for a few volunteers who want to test the stock game on a website that has been created. This website is safe and secure, and will allow players to further understand stocks and make changes to their stock game choices when they want.

Happy Investing!

-Mike Korsak

VISITATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE CORNER

IS IT NOT TIME TO THANK OUR MONTHLY CHAIRS FOR THE START OF HIGH QUALITY HEALTH REPORTING IN 2023!

Humorous Dennis Winowiecki in February doing Double Duty (in addition to Games Committee on Fridays)! He has the unique ability to interject his wit, charm and fun into his weekly reports but also, and more importantly, his ministerial approach in serious matters of health during his calls to sick members! Think of the time spent in preparation each week.

Then in March, we witnessed Tom December's meticulous nature and witty style (I call it crazy because I don't know how else to describe it)! Thanks Tom for your hard work and time commitment!

We have several matters come before us that will be part of the agenda for discussions on September 5 that our annual meeting. We would appreciate you sending us your questions, comments etc. for discussion at this meeting. While the agenda will be circulated 2 weeks ahead of the meeting, I hope you

will save this date. Details of the time and place of the meeting will be in our next report in June's Reminder.

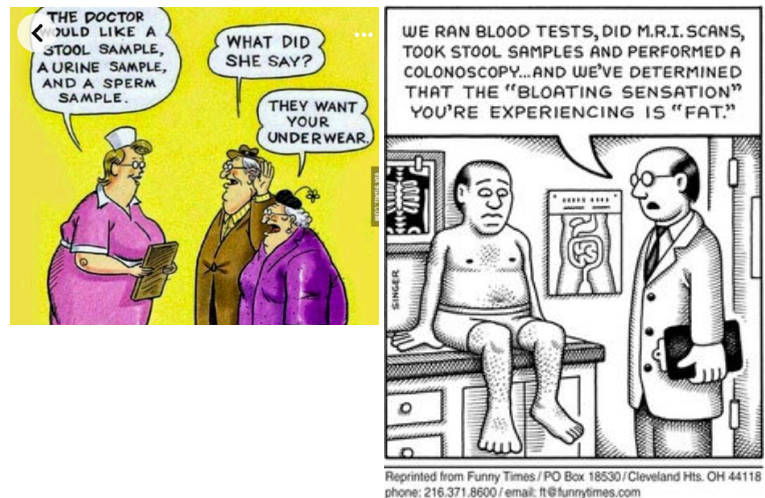
Donations in our Blue DMF box placed at the Registration Desk have nearly stopped after collecting 800 dollars (having met our target of \$750.00 for 2023). We continue to donate 50 dollars to charities in honor of our members, many of whom are life members.

So I say again, "May we be worthy of the legacy of those who have come before us and may we honor them in all that we do."

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Subhash C Gulati, MD

VAHC Chair



SMCB GOLFERS BRAVE FREEZING TEMPERATURES: 33° SPRINDALE, APRIL 27, 2023





SMC MAY CALENDAR 2023

May 2023 Calendar at a Glance as of: Sunday, April 23, 2023

Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Notes	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	May 1	7:00-9:00am	GOLF Lincoln Hills	Lincoln Hills Golf Course		Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
First Monday	May 1	2:00 PM	Genealogy Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm+ZOOM	Screen and OWL	Jack Withrow	(248) 797-7070
Tuesday	May 2	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Contact Larry I. for where to meet		Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
First Tuesday	May 2	10:00 AM	Special Events Committee	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm+Zoom	Screen and OWL	Mike Clement	(248) 644-4963
First Tuesday	May 2	11:00 AM	SMCB Foundation	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm+Zoom	Screen and OWL	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
First Wednesday	May 3	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom		Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	May 3	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	May 4	7:00-9:00am	GOLF Springdale	Springdale Golf Course		Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	May 4	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Contact Larry I. for where to meet		Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Friday	May 5	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom		John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Friday	May 5	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 2							
Monday	May 8	7:00-9:00am	GOLF Lincoln Hills	Lincoln Hills Golf Course		Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Second Monday	May 8	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom		Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	May 9	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Contact Larry I. for where to meet		Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Second Tuesday	May 9	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib - Rotary Rm.	Conference Style+OWL	Paul Kovceses	(248) 255-2042
Wednesday	May 10	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	May 11	7:00-9:00am	GOLF Springdale	Springdale Golf Course		Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	May 11	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Contact Larry I. for where to meet		Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Second Thursday	May 11	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library- Rotary&Donor Rms.	Theater Style	Mike Korsack	(248) 990-0305
Friday	May 12	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom		John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Friday	May 12	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 3							
Monday	May 15	7:00-9:00am	LINCOLN HILLS GOLF Starts	Lincoln Hills Golf Course		Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Third Monday	May 15	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom		Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	May 16	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Contact Larry I. for where to meet		Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Wednesday	May 17	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	May 18	7:00-9:00am	SPRINGDALE GOLF Starts	Springdale Golf Course		Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	May 18	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Contact Larry I. for where to meet		Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Third Thursday	May 18	3:00 PM	Camera Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm+ZOOM	Screen + OWL	Jay Hall	(248) 644-1454
Friday	May 19	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom		John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Friday	May 19	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Third Friday	May 19	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com		Maynard Timm	(248) 303-5490
Week 4							
Monday	May 22	7:00-9:00am	GOLF Lincoln Hills	Lincoln Hills Golf Course		Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Tuesday	May 23	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Contact Larry I. for where to meet		Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Wednesday	May 24	11:00 a.m.	SPEC EVENT-Felonies&Misdemrns.	BUS TRIP-Lvs. Bham Presbytrn Ch.		John Brice	(248) 961-0450
Wednesday	May 24	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	May 25	7:00-9:00am	GOLF Springdale	Springdale Golf Course		Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	May 25	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Contact Larry I. for where to meet		Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Friday	May 26	NO MTG	Weekly Friday Mtg	Memorial Day Observed		John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Friday	May 26	NO MTG	Bridge Group	Memorial Day Observed		Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 5							
Monday	May 29	NO GOLF	NO GOLF Lincoln Hills	Memorial Day Observed		Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Tuesday	May 30	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North		Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Wednesday	May 31	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194

Note: Due to potential fluctuation in venue availability (staffing or operating hours) or schedule, revisions to this calendar are possible. Please watch your email and www.seniormensclub.com for updates or potential cancellations.



MAY 2023 BIRTHDAY LIST

MAY 1	Dr. B Bhogaonker Geno Markel		MAY 15	Gary Ford
MAY 2	Mike Bica John Burpee Jr. Tom December Bill Seng		MAY 17	Tom Rankin
MAY 3	Jim Feiten		MAY 18	Pete Cwik Dr. Tom Varbedian
MAY 4	Jim Cleary Jim Slosberg		MAY 20	Cliff Snedeker Dave Tennent
MAY 6	Gil Livingston		MAY 21	Kevin Heintz Roger Pryor
MAY 7	Bob Storen		MAY 25	Mark Elliott Lon Kolakowski Chuck Tholen
MAY 8	Jim Behrendt Steve Kaplan Tom Knasel Dr. John Mills		MAY 26	Dan Sula
MAY 9	Eugene Meso		MAY 28	Rafic Jordan Dr. John Schmitt
MAY 10	Lew Buckley Dr. Bob McDonald		MAY 29	Joe Murphy Jr
MAY 11	Tom Thoresen		MAY 30	Ras Desai Dr. Kurt Neumann Dr. Pat Quigley
MAY 14	Waller Harris Dr. Ed Prokopp		MAY 31	Lou Paull Dennis Wade

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A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club, which meets Friday at 10:30 AM at the Iroquois Club* in Bloomfield Hills.

Officers for 2023 are:

- President, Paul Kovceses;
- First Vice President, Larry Imerman;
- Second Vice President, John Maten;
- Recording Secretary, Ray Buratto;
- Corresponding Secretary, John Rusche;
- Treasurer, Rich McGee;
- Assistant Treasurer, George Dilgard

THE REMINDER Team:

- Dick Harper, Editor Emeritus;
- Jay Kafarski, Publisher;
- Maynard Timm, Co-Editor
- Tim McGee, Co-Editor
- Tom Booth, Photography

**The Iroquois Club is located on the east side of Woodward Avenue, just north of Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. The meeting is also accessible via ZOOM for those not able to attend in person.*



"No, this isn't the year 1972. I think you spent way too much time looking for your ball in those woods."

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