

The Reminder



APRIL 2024

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

President's Letter



It's hard to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through 2024! It is much easier to lead an organization when you have such great support in so many areas. The weekly Friday presentations have continued the SMCB tradition of excellence. The variety and quality of the speakers have been outstanding. The Iroquois Club welcomes us every week and keeps providing amazing meals every week. A new registration for the Friday programs was instituted nearly seamlessly due to the hard work of several people. We have had other members stand up to take over some key positions in the club such as John Paesano for V&H and Ras Desai for Special Events.

At the same time, we have also suffered the loss of several long-time members and wonderful gentlemen over the last few months. I am so proud of the way that the SMCB shares their condolences while helping to provide some comfort to the families. We have received several thank you letters for the donations made to the deceased members charities from the program that Posh Gulati established.

I even joined our newest activity, Pickleball, for the first-time last week. My legs are still telling me that I am getting older from that experience. The actual games are one thing but one of the other highlights of Pickleball is the informal meeting held at the Moose Preserve afterward where we solve all of the world's problems. I encourage everyone to look at all of our activities and try them out. One of our oldest activities, the bridge group, is always looking for new players.

As we move into spring, we continue to have great speakers lined up and bowling season will soon give way to golf season. Remember to check your coat when leaving Friday meetings to make sure that you have the right one! Let's make the second quarter of 2024 as great as the first one.

John Maten
President

APRIL 2024 Speakers

Speaker Chair - Ray Buratto

- April 5th **William "Bill" Price**, PhD, Retired Professor of Education
"The Iran Hostage Crisis Revisited: A Retrospective Lesson for America"
- April 12th **The Honorable Tim Greimel, Mayor**, The City of Pontiac
"My Vision for Pontiac and Where it Fits in Southeast Michigan"
- April 19th **Donald B. Taylor, PhD**, President, University of Detroit Mercy
"Growing the University of Detroit Mercy and its Role in Southeast Michigan"
- April 26th **John McElroy**, President, Blue Sky Productions
"The Detroit 3 in the Aftermath of the 2023 UAW Strike"



APRIL LUNCHES AT THE IROQUOIS CLUB

APRIL 5TH

- Rolls & Butter
- Caesar Salad
- Green Beans
- Mac N Cheese
- Ham with honey glaze
- Dessert: Chocolate Chip Cookies

APRIL 12TH

- Rolls & Butter
- Michigan Maple Salad
- Mixed Vegetables
- Baked Mostaccioli
- Rosemary Chicken
- Dessert: Brownies

APRIL 19TH

- Rolls & Butter
- Garden Salad
- Peas Baked
- Mostaccioli Sliced Prime Rib
- Dessert: Chocolate Chip Cookies

APRIL 26TH

- Rolls & Butter
- Caesar Salad
- Mixed Vegetables
- Fettuccini Alfredo
- Baked Cod
- Dessert: Carrot Cake

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Visitation and Health Committee

The April Monthly Chair is Tom December. Please contact Tom at 248.318.0089 if you have any health related information about SMCB Members.

John Paesano

Community Service

May 2 Habitat for Humanity Rock the Block Clean Up

We are pleased to announce our second year of Community Engagement with Habitat for Humanity. We will be doing an area clean up this year so the skill and physical level will not be as demanding as our project last year (building a porch in Pontiac). We will most likely be in Southfield from 8 - 3 pm. Wear your work clothes and gloves. Enjoy a shared fellowship experience with other SMCB members.

We have room for 10 - 5 have signed up so far. Email Dave Strubler at strubler@oakland.edu. 248-221-8915

Camera Club

Robert Sparks will continue his travelogue of "down under" with their excursion to lush, picturesque, and vibrant New Zealand. We will meet at the Baldwin Library's board room on April 18, 2024 at 3 pm. Zoom worked for us last time, but the big screen is better!

Jay Hall



Investment Group



Thank you for attending the March Investment Group meeting. Matt Kives of America Century certainly helped provide information on how to have a sound Investment strategy along with how to diversify our portfolios. Anyone that would like to see Matt's presentation please send me an email

(mjk7805@yahoo.com) for the information, and will send the presentation to you.

For the next Investment Group meeting we will hear from our long time presenter - Michael Dzialo from Managed Asset Portfolios, LLC - <http://www.managedassetportfolios.com> who will speak to us on the topic of Beyond the Headlines: A Logical Approach to Today's Markets.

As of the Reminder writing, for the Stock Game, John Haber remains in first place with his pick of Oscar Health (OSCR), which is still up 180% since the stock game started in mid-October,

2023. Second place is Bill Halbert who has several stocks one of which Viking Therapeutics (VKTX) that is up 528% in the past few weeks! In third place is Jay Hall who also has several holdings as well, one holding is Super Micro Computer (SMCI), which also has recently seen an increase by 240%.

Please call me (248-990-0305) or email (mjk7805@yahoo.com) if you would like to see a full stock game report.

Thanks again for attending the Investment Group in March, and we will see you in person at the Baldwin Library and/or on zoom April 11th at 2:45pm.

Continued successful investing!

Mike Korsak



Special Events

Bizarre Detroit Bus Tour

Bizzare Detroit Bus Tour, April 30 from 11AM - 2:30PM, custom pick up/drop off at the First Presbyterian Church, lunch at the Polish Village Cafe, \$70 per person contact John Brice. Tour description from the Detroit History Club : " Jump on our Bizzare Detroit bus tour and learn the secret places, back alleys, crazy sports, and true oddities that are only found here ".

Lake Orion Concert

You and your significant other are invited to the aesthetic and acoustically-perfect 20 Front Street - named one of the best listening rooms in America. Our concert is on Thursday, May 23 from 4 - 5:30 pm (doors open at 3:30 pm). There are plenty of wonderful restaurants and parking immediately around the building in charming downtown Lake Orion. Just google restaurants in Lake Orion.

Be sure to make reservations in advance for late lunch before the show or 6 pm dinner after the show.

Our musical show is pure nostalgia - The Age of Aquarius from Traverse City performed by the Doc and Donna Duo with the familiar tunes of the 60s and 70s that we know and love.

We are pleased to announce that we will be mixing with new friends from the Rochester Older Persons Center.

Tickets are available at Friday SMCB meetings each week in April. Cost is \$25 per person for the concert. Dinner is on your own.

Get your tickets fast - limited to 40 seats.

Special Events Help Wanted

Planning, organizing and executing regular monthly events require that certain processes and people continue taking required steps on a consistent basis. Over the years you have got to see who is the Chairman of the committee or who are the leaders and team members of these events because you see them at Friday meetings or selling tickets or accompanying you on the bus. But there are two unsung veterans who have been carrying out a couple of key tasks that are so vital to these events.

One is Tim McGee. Most of you know him since he was a past President, leader of SMCB Foundation and Golf activities. But do you know that over the years he has been single handedly producing and providing the Tickets we use for all these events ?

Another is John Wargelin. Those beautiful posters and graphics you see in front of the ticket selling desk and in Reminder or e-blasts for each of our events are his artistic creations.

At our last monthly meeting it was emphasized that we assure continuity in all our processes and beef up our teams wherever necessary. Gentlemen, so I am appealing to you to reach out and help us in finding individuals to support these two important areas. These are your monthly events and our success depends upon your participation.

HELP WANTED:

1. An individual with decent Computer and up to date Software and willingness to help and learn the skills from Tim McGee.
2. An individual with artistic ability or background in Graphic Arts or Advertising with willingness to help and learn from John Wargelin.

If you want to volunteer or know someone who meets the above criteria, please contact me.

Ras Desai



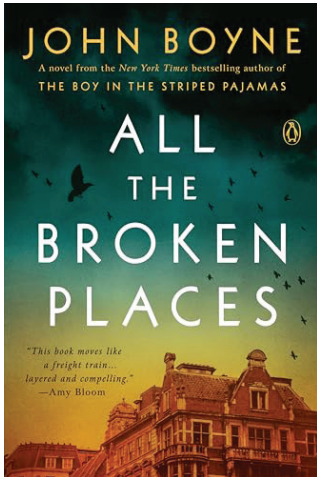
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

Our April discussions will focus on two very different books. The first is a novel continuing the story begun in John Boyle's *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*. It is sure to promote serious discussion of the Holocaust and its impact on the characters in the book (and, in a sense, on all of us). The second is a concise work by Paul Sheard building on his widely respected views of the global economy.

Both groups will continue to meet via Zoom. These sessions are open to all members (and significant others) even if they haven't read the book but are interested in the subject being discussed. Please let Roger Timm or Bob Maxfield know if you would like to be added to our distribution list.

Wednesday, April 3, 1030 AM: *All the Broken Places* by John Boyle (New York: Penguin Books, 2023). Bob Maxfield will lead this discussion.

Ninety-one-year-old Gretel Fernsby has lived in the same well-to-do mansion block in London for decades. She lives a quiet, comfortable life, despite her deeply disturbing, dark past. She doesn't talk about her escape from Nazi Germany at age 12. She doesn't talk about the grim post-war years in France with her mother. Most of all, she doesn't talk about her father, who was the commandant of one of the Reich's most notorious extermination camps.

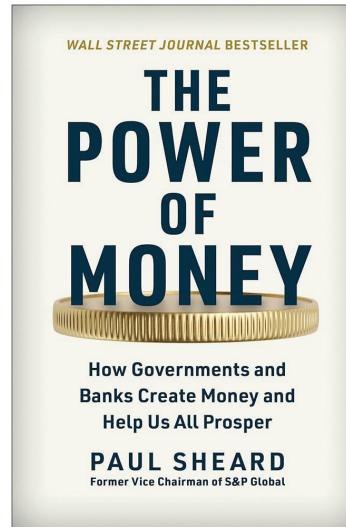


All The Broken Places moves back and forth in time between Gretel's girlhood in Germany and Poland during World War II; to Paris immediately after the war; to Australia where she lives for several months and finally to present-day London, where she has been living for decades. Throughout, she is a woman whose life has been haunted by the past. Now, Gretel faces a similar crossroads to one she encountered long ago.

From the Guardian: "A powerful novel about secrets and atonement after Auschwitz... *All the Broken Places* is a

defense of literature's need to shine a light on the darkest aspects of human nature; and it does so with a novelist's skill, precision and power."

Monday, April 15, 3 PM: *The Power of Money: How Governments and Banks Create Money and Help us all Prosper* by Paul Sheard (Dallas: Matt Holt Books, 2023). Gordon Allardyce will lead this discussion.



This book distills what money is, how it comes into existence, and how it interacts with the real economy. It provides a comprehensive foundation of knowledge to help us feel better informed as you follow and engage in economic and financial affairs and policy debates.

For financial enthusiasts and now-specialists alike. Sheard empowers readers to become better-informed economic citizens by providing context for some of the biggest questions surrounding money.

From Lawrence H. Summers, former Secretary of U.S. Treasury and Harvard professor.

"In many ways, money makes the world go round, never more than now. Paul Sheard's *The Power of Money* provides provocative and interesting perspectives for anyone concerned with our monetary future."

Looking ahead to May:

Wednesday, May 1, 10:30 AM: *City of Fortune: How Venice Ruled the Seas* by Roger Crowley (Paul Lieberman)

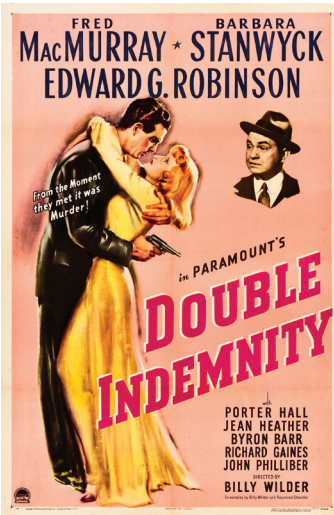
Monday, May 20, 4 PM: *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann

(Recommended by Bob Maxfield, discussion will be led by Bill Price)



CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP

On Monday, April 8th at 1:00 PM, Waller Harris will present, via Zoom, the outstanding noir/crime classic “Double Indemnity” (1944) (1 hour / 47 minutes).



Directed by Billy Wilder and adapted from a James M Cain novel by Wilder and Raymond Chandler, Double Indemnity represents the high-water mark of 1940's film noir urban crime dramas in which a man is seduced and trapped by an evil woman amidst the dark shadows and expressionist lighting of modern cities.

Phyllis Dietrichson (Barbara Stanwyck) seduces insurance agent Walter Neff (Fred MacMurray) into murdering her husband to collect on his double indemnity accidental death insurance policy. The murder goes as planned, but after the couple's passion cools, each becomes suspicious of the other's motives. Their plans are further complicated when Neff's boss Barton Keyes (Edward G Robinson), a brilliant insurance investigator, begins to review the claim. Told in flashbacks from Neff's perspective, the film moves with ruthless determinism as Walter and Phyllis meet their fates.

The film was an immediate hit with both the public and critics when released and did well financially. It was nominated for several Academy Awards without any wins but did receive many other awards. The movie is now regarded as one of the top ten film noirs of all time. It currently enjoys a Rotten Tomatoes Rating of 97% and an IMDb Rating 8.3/10.

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

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join Waller, and the rest of our Group, on April 8, to watch and enjoy this fascinating film from Hollywood's golden age of movie making.

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

Looking forward to seeing you on April 8. / Fred Hansz / Chairman



Campaign 2024 Goal - \$63,800

The **Senior Men's Club Foundation** is on solid footing and growing. It reflects well the spirit and values of the Senior Men's Club. The Senior Men's Club Foundation stands on the shoulders of the fine men in our Club. The Foundation reflects these special men of integrity, honor, fellowship, and friendship. Giving back to our community is at the heart and soul of the Senior Men's Club.

Our mission is to enhance the physical, spiritual, and mental well-being of senior men in the tri-county area. This month Foundation grants are being given to **Hospice of Michigan and Habitat for Humanity**. A few months ago, a grant was made to support prostate cancer. The goal is to reach into our community to impact the daily lives of senior men.

We need your help and ask for your contribution supporting the Senior Men's Club Foundation. As a registered 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization, donations are tax-deductible. You have our commitment that your contribution will lead to maximum impact in our community.

Charles R. Dick Bradley
President, Senior Men's Club Foundation



Joel S. Adelman
Member since 2014

"I have supported the Senior Men's Club Foundation since it began a few short years ago. The Mission of the Foundation is to help senior men in the tri-county area. In the end, I want to help those who need help. Our Club is a beacon in our community and the Foundation makes that light even brighter."



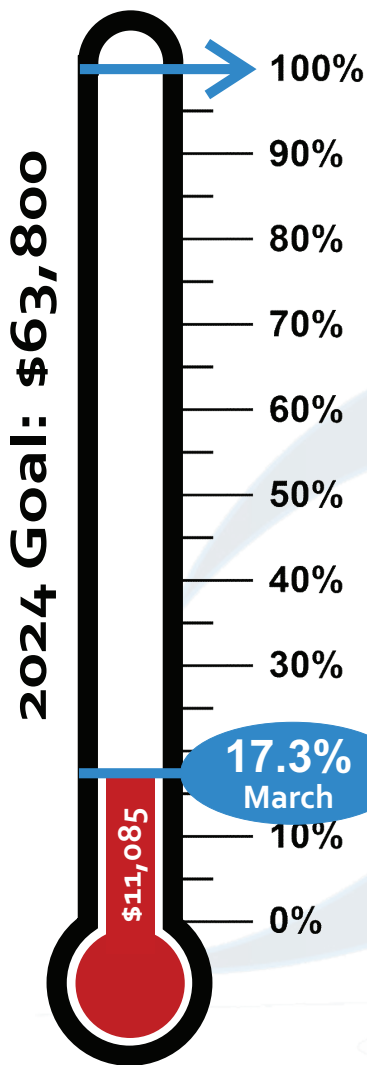
James M. Fleck
Member since 2024

"I am a new member of the Senior Men's Club. I enjoy Friday meetings, bowling, and pickle ball. I have experience awarding grants and help the SMC Foundation to do this. The giving spirit of the Senior Men's Club is impressive. The desire to help others is a top priority for both the Foundation and me personally."



George L. Stern
Member since 2008

"I am pleased to be a member of the Gene Jacoby Leadership Circle within the Senior Men's Club Foundation. Gene was a friend and a champion of our club. I give at this level because I believe in the work of the SMC Foundation. Helping those in our community who are less fortunate makes us stronger."



"We welcome your support!"

APRIL 2024 CALENDER -AT A GLANCE



APR 2024 Calendar at a Glance

as of:

Friday, March 15, 2024

Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	Apr 1	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
First Monday	Apr 1	2:00 PM	Genealogy Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	John Maten (acting)	(248) 251-9339
Tuesday	Apr 2	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
First Tuesday	Apr 2	10:00 AM	Special Events Committee	Zoom	Ras Desai	(248) 722-4411
Tuesday	Apr 2	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
First Wednesday	Apr 3	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	Apr 3	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Apr 4	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Apr 4	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills \$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Friday	Apr 5	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Apr 5	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 2						
Monday	Apr 8	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Second Monday	Apr 8	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	Apr 9	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	Apr 9	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Tuesday	Apr 9	11:30 AM	Associate Orientation Training	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	John R. Klein	(248) 363-3020
Tuesday	Apr 9	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Apr 10	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Second Wednesday	Apr 10	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher Must Pre-Register	Birmingham Fire Station- Adams Rd/248-530-1906	David Dinger	(248) 310-4583
Thursday	Apr 11	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Second Thursday	Apr 11	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library- Donor Room + Zoom	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	Apr 12	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Apr 12	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 3						
Third Monday	Apr 15	10:30 AM	SCORE Mentor Group/Comm. Engrm	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room + Zoom	David Strubler	(248) 221-8915
Third Monday	Apr 15	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	Apr 16	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Apr 16	10:00 AM	Friday Speakers Program Meeting	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Tuesday	Apr 16	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Apr 17	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Apr 18	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Third Thursday	Apr 18	3:00 PM	Camera Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Jay Hall	(248) 644-1455
Friday	Apr 19	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Apr 19	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Third Friday	Apr 19	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com	Maynard Timm	(248) 303-5490
Week 4						
Monday	Apr 22	7:00 AM	Golf- Lincoln Hills	2666 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Tuesday	Apr 23	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Apr 23	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Apr 24	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Wednesday	Apr 24	4:00 PM	Bowling Banquet	Escape Lanes, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Thursday	Apr 25	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	Apr 25	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	Apr 26	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Apr 26	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 5						
Monday	Apr 29	7:00 AM	Golf- Lincoln Hills	2666 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Tuesday	Apr 30	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Apr 30	11:00 AM	The Bizarre History Bus Tour Detroit	Bus leaves from 1st Presbyterian Church/Maple Rd	John Brice	(248) 961-0450
Tuesday	Apr 30	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.

APRIL BIRTHDAY'S

April 1	Oz Forrester	April 11	Al Nealley	April 22	John Meehan
	a Jim Peil	April 12	Tom Booth		Ralph Schick
April 2	Al Hemmert		Joel Milinsky	April 23	Bruce MacDonald
	a Jim McCarroll	April 13	Randy Barnett	April 24	Denny Herrick
April 3	* Tom King III		Bob Lusardi	April 26	Bob Corey
	Marty McClure	April 14	Larry Kramek		* Jim Holden
	a Dr. Dr Pearlman	April 16	Joe Buese		a Barney Mehta
	Julian Prince		a Dr. Patel		Dave Wind
April 4	* Cliff Bath	April 17	* Gary Williams	April 27	Mark Chmielewski
	Pete Mehra	April 18	Roger L'Heureux		Keith Termaat
April 8	Jon Reed		a John O'Hara	April 28	a Om Bhasin
April 9	Eric Hill	April 19	Dr. Vinay Duggal		Steve Hall
	Jim Noble	April 20	Jim King		a Martin Kamber
	* Ed Sharples		Don Magee		* Art Lewry
		April 21	* Dr. Dave Dinger	April 29	Al Huberty
			Don Lucas	April 30	Pete Hollinshead
					Barry Nienberg
					Joe Pallischeck
					Jim Smallwood



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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 2024 are:

- President, John Maten;
- First Vice President, Ray Buratto;
- Second Vice President, John Rusche;
- Recording Secretary, Jim Hayes;
- Corresponding Secretary, Bo Tamarelli;
- Treasurer, Rich McGee;
- Assistant Treasurer, George Dilgard

THE REMINDER Team:

- Tom Dahlem, Publisher;
- Maynard Timm, Co-Editor
- Tim McGee, Co-Editor
- Tom Dahlem & Tom Booth, Photography.

**The Reminder Deadline for articles is April 19, 2024*

**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.*



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