The Reminder

MAY 2024

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan



President's Letter

The weather is warming and baseball season is now underway. For the SMCB, bowling has just ended and the golf leagues are starting up. It also means that soon, the SMCB will move to our summer dress code for Friday meetings which will be in effect for June through September. Per the Procedure Manual, the dress code for Friday morning meetings is:

a) Shirt with collar (or turtle neck)

b) Tie (Four-in-Hand, Bow or Bolo): encouraged but optional

c)Suit or Sport Coat/Blazer with neat Slacks (no jeans)

Please remind your guests and speakers of our dress code if they are attending a Friday meeting. The summer dress

code is relaxed and a suit or sport coat/blazer is no longer required for June-September. The dress code is basically what is considered business casual in the workplace today.

This year is also an election year so I thought it would be beneficial to stress the disclaimer that we read each month for the Friday meetings.

"The presentation of today's speaker does not infer a bias or preference by the Senior Men's Club but to only provide timely information on current topics or events. SMCB values state that we respect differences in opinions and practice civility. This includes respect for the speaker and fellow members. Questions in the Q&A period should be questions of understanding, not used as a soap box or personal forum. Members should not engage in sidebar conversations with tablemates as that makes it difficult for other members to hear the speaker."

When the speaker is finished, if you have a question, please come up to the podium to ask that question. If you are on Zoom, please wait to be recognized before asking your question. We pride ourselves on the civility of the club, even with a large diversity of opinions. We have to be careful to not endorse or criticize political views or personal views on other topics. The book groups are a great example of how tough subjects can be discussed civilly with varying points of view.

Looking forward to a great spring and launch into summer!

John Maten

MAY 2024 Speakers

Speaker Chair - Ray Buratto

May 3rc	Andy Meisner, CEO and Co-Founder, Community Unity Bank "The Banking System and How to Start a New Bank in Metro Detroit"
May 10t	h Stephen Mack Jones, Award-Winning Author of Mystery/Thriller Novels <i>"The Work of a Fiction Writer</i> "
May 17th	n Paul Berrigan, Founder and President of Friends of John Paul School <i>"I Have a School in Africa"</i>
May 24th	No meeting
May 31st	t Frank Riviera , Former Microsoft, and Quicken Loans Executive <i>"A Look at Many Years Leadership at Microsoft, the World's Most Valuable Company!"</i>



MAY 3RD

Cinco de Mayo! Chips/Salsa Spanish Rice Refried Beans Cheese Quesadillas Chicken Enchiladas Dessert: Chocolate ChipCookies

MAY 17TH

Rolls & Butter Michigan Maple Salad Peas Fettuccini Alfredo Baked Cod Dessert: TBD-chef's choice

MAY 10TH

Rolls & Butter Caesar Salad Mixed Vegetables Baked Mostaccioli Rosemary Chicken Dessert: Brownies

MAY 31ST

Rolls & Butter Caesar Salad Green Beans Mac N Cheese Chicken Piccata

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SMCB Sergeant at Arms Updates

I have registered the SMCB Veterans to participate in the Celebrate Birmingham Parade on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1300. I will send out more info when the registration is returned. I urge ALL members of the SMCB to come and march/walk/stroll behind us, and possibly carry a banner. If you can't march/walk/stroll, rides will be arranged. It's a fun time, and a way to highlight the SMCB to the citizens of Birmingham. This is a short parade.

I will also be registering us to do the 4th of July parade in Clawson, which is done on the 4th of July. This is a much longer parade.

I have need for assistance in the Sergeant-at-Arms group, in the very near future. It's a great way to "schmooze" and meet people. AND, you get to wear a really nifty armband that IDs you as a Sergeant-at-Arms. You'll see me at the coffee table before the meetings and wandering around the room while doing my duties. Talk to me there, if interested.

My E-mail address is swsouthfield@aol.com phones - HOME - (248) 569-0824 CELL - (248) 310-4159

John Williams/Willy, Chairman

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Happy adventuring,

Richard Dalton LookUpDetroit.com - a nonprofit outreach of communication and service

SMCB Meetings in Florida



To keep you informed, for the past 10 years the SMCB Snowbirds have been holding regular meetings in Florida, namely January. February and March. Pictured below are Malcolm Hendy, Art Pope, Mike Clement and their wives.

Malcolm Hendy



Visitation & Health Committee

Please provide information about the health and welfare of our fellow SMCB Members as follows:

Primary Contact: Monthly Chairman Louis Schwartz dpmgfc@aol.com. 248-378-0071 Secondary Contact: Chairman John N.Paesano rohrad2@gmail.com 248-931-4036



Investment Group



Thank you for those that attended the April Investment Group meeting. For the 23rd consecutive year Michael Dzialo from Managed Asset Portfolios spoke to our group. His insights into the past and future of the markets were well received by those in attendance. Anyone who

would like to see Michael'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 - Leon LaBrecque CPA, CFP, CFA. Executive Director, the Sequoia Foundation. Leon's Topic is "The Only Thing Certain is Uncertainty".

Leon has been a frequent speaker to the Investment Group, and will be with us to discuss the changing situations of 2024-2025. The topic is rife with opportunities. Leon will discuss:

•Planning for Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) expiration in 2025: What changes and what to do;

•Gold, Silver, Copper and Uranium: All that glitters might glow;

Fed and interest rates;

•Election possibilities;

•Geopolitical risks: oil, steel, currencies;

Camera Club

The Camera Club will meet again at the Apple Store in Somerset North first floor near Macy's, this time on the FOURTH Thursday, May 23 at3pm. After a brief introduction we will begin a walk about the mall and take pictures/videos, then return to the store for critiques and discussion. This is the second of three structured tutorials on iPhone camera usage by Apple educator Ryan. Bring your phone!

As of the Reminder writing, for the Stock Game, Jon Haber remains in first place with his pick of Oscar Health (OSCR), which is still up 223% since the stock game started in mid-October, 2023. Second place is Bill Halbert with his portfolio up 96%. Bill has several stocks one of which Viking Therapeutics (VKTX) is up 469%! In third place is Jay Hall with his portfolio up 74%. One of Jay's holding is Super Micro Computer (SMCI), which also has recently seen an increase of 150%.

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 April, and we will see you in person at the Baldwin Library and/ or on zoom May 9th at 2:45pm. Continued successful investing!

Mike Korsak

Jay Hall



CLASSIC MOVIE



On Monday, May 13th, at 1:00 PM, via Zoom, the Classic Movie Group will be showing the 2012 award winning historical drama thriller "ARGO".

The film (with a run time of 2 hours) was directed by and stars Ben Affleck as C.I.A. operative Tony Mendez, with strong supporting roles by Bryan Cranston, Alan Arkin and John Goodman. The film

was adapted, in part, from Mendez's memoir "The Master of Disguise". The film received seven Academy Award nominations and won three, for Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Film Editing.

The setting is the 1979-1981 Iran Hostage Crisis. Ayatollah Khomeini had recently returned to the country from exile and on November 4, 1979, Iranian extremists stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran; sixty- six of the embassy staff were taken as hostages and remained hostages for 444 days, but six avoided capture and were sheltered in the home of

Canadian Ambassador Ken Taylor. ARGO is the story of how Mendez and the C.I.A. engineered, and Mendez successfully carried out, a daring, improbable and high risk plan to extricate and send home the six American Embassy escapees. The film, in addition to being a financial success, won near unanimous critical acclaim, with reviews such as the one from influential Chicago Sun-Times critic Roger Ebert, who gave the film four out of four stars, calling it "spellbinding" and chose it as the best film of the year. This is a film you will definitely not want to miss. Even though you know the outcome, the film will keep you mesmerized, on the edge of your seat and praying that the outlandish ruse concocted by Mendez and the C.I.A. works and that the six Americans will somehow manage to escape from Iran. A preview of the film is now available on the Club's website.

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join our Group, on May 13, to watch and enjoy this fascinating thriller/action film. Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of May 12, which will be published on Friday morning May 10.

Joel Adelman – Monthly Chairman

SPECIAL EVENTS

•Thursday, May 23 ; " Age Of Aquarius ", a concert at 20 Front Street; downtown Lake Orion. Time: 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Self drive. Plenty of nice restaurants within walking distance for a late Lunch or early Supper. Tickets : \$25. Contact: David Strubler or Tom Knasel.

•Wednesday, June 12; River Cruise. A representative from the Gordie Howe Bridge Authority will be on the boat with us and share latest details on the construction.

Two Buses, departing from the First Presbyterian Church.

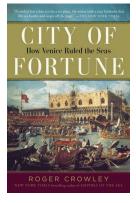
Tickets : \$60 includes boxed lunch. Contact : John Willis.





MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

In May we will discuss two books dealing in very different ways with the maritime empires of Britain and Venice. Both were New York Times Best Sellers, and The Wager continues on the Times list for the 49th week. 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, May 1, 10:30 AM: City of Fortune: How Venice Ruled the Seas by Roger Crowley (New York, Random House, 2013) Paul Lieberman will lead he discussion.

The rise and fall of Venice's empire is an irresistible story. City of Fortune charts Venice's astounding fivehundred-year voyage to the pinnacle of power in an epic story that stands unrivaled for drama, intrigue, and sheer opulent majesty. It traces the full arc of the Venetian imperial saga, from the ill-fated Fourth Crusade, which culminates in the sacking of Constantinople in 1204, to the Ottoman-Venetian War of 1499–1503, which sees the Ottoman Turks supplant the Venetians as the preeminent naval power in the Mediterranean. In between are three centuries of Venetian maritime dominance, during which a tiny city of "lagoon dwellers" grows into the richest place on earth. Crowley paints a vivid picture of this avaricious, enterprising people and the bountiful lands that came under their dominion. From the opening of the spice routes to the clash between Christianity and Islam, Venice played a leading role in

the defining conflicts of its time—the reverberations of which are still being felt today.

From the Wall Street Journal review: "Crowley chronicles the peak of Venice's past glory with Wordsworthian sympathy, supplemented by impressive learning and infectious enthusiasm."

Monday, May 20, 4 PM: The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murderby David Grann. (New York: Doubleday, 2023) Recommended by Bob Maxfield, discussion will be led by Bill Price.

From the author of Killers of the Flower Moon, a page-turning story of shipwreck, survival, and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth. The powerful narrative reveals the deeper meaning of the events on The Wager, showing that it was not only the captain and crew who ended up on trial, but the very idea of empire. This was named as A Best Book of the Year by The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The New Yorker, TIME, Smithsonian, NPR, Vulture, and Kirkus Reviews.

From Time Magazine, it is "Riveting...Reads like a thriller, tackling a multilayered history—and imperialism with gusto."

Looking ahead to June:

Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 AM: The 1619 Project: A New Origins Story by Nikole Hanna Jones (Ashok Gupta)

Monday, June 17, 3 PM: Hero of Two Worlds: The Marquis de Lafayette in the Age of Revolution by Mike Duncan (Jon Haber)

Submitted by Bob Maxfield



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Habitat For Humanity

On March 22, 2024, a check (\$10,000) was presented Hospice of Michigan by Jim Fleck of SMC Foundation and John Maten, President, SMCB to Habitat of Michigan. The funding will be directed towards the Habitat 'Critical Home Repair' program in the Tri-county area. Two Seniors will benefit. The first is gutter repair, driveway, and back patio repair/replacement to improve water intrusion and trip hazards. The second will conduct gutter and driveway replacement to repair trip hazards. Trips and falls are a significant hazard to seniors. Both Senior Men had appealed to Habitat For Humanity and the Senior Men's Club Foundation because they were unable for financial reasons to have the repairs made.

Foundation Awards Two Grants

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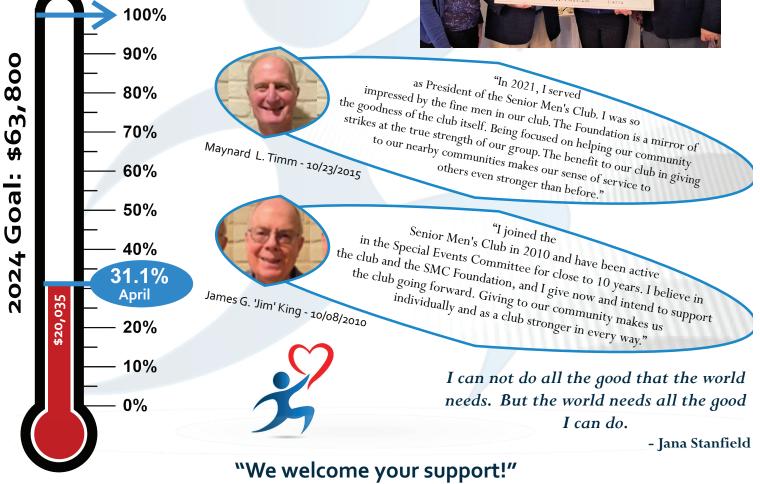
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Hospice of Michigan

On March 22, The Senior Men's Club Foundation presented a check to Hospice of Michigan \$10,000 by Jim Fleck of SMC Foundation and John Maten, President of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham to Hospice of Michigan. Hospice works with 5,000 patients, 4,500 care givers and 14,000 family members each year. Each Senior Men's Club of Birmingham member has been touched in their lives by the benefits of Hospice care. Hospice of Michigan is well-established in the Tri-county area. This grant specifically addresses Veterans who represent 35% of all Seniors with a pinning ceremony. Hospice representatives will go to recipients in many cases at their bedside and nearing end of life to say "thank you" to those who have served their country with a special ceremony.





MAY 2024 CALENDER - AT A GLANCE



			ir at a Glance as of:	Friday, April 19, 2024		
Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Numbe
First Wednesday	May 1	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Vednesday	May 1	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
hursday	May 2	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	May 2	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
riday	May 3	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	May 3	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 2						
Monday	May 6	7:00 AM	Golf- Lincoln Hills	2666 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Monday	May 6	NOON	SMCB Finance Committee	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Rich McGee	(248) 703-7231
First Monday	May 6	2:00 PM	Genealogy Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	John Maten (acting)	(248) 251-9339
Tuesday	May 7	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
First Tuesday	May 7	10:00 AM	Special Events Committee	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room + Zoom	Ras Desai	(248) 722-4411
luesday	May 7		Cycle For Life (Spinning)	NO CLASS TODAY	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	May 8	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Second Wednesday	May 8	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher Must Pre-Registe	Birmingham Fire Station- Adams Rd/248-530-1906	David Dinger	(248) 310-4583
Thursday	May 9	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	May 9	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Second Thursday	May 9	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library- Donor Room + Zoom	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	May 10	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	May 10	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 3			·	· ·		•
Monday	May 13	7:00 AM	Golf- Lincoln Hills	2666 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Second Monday	May 13	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Fuesday	May 14	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	May 14	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Fuesday	May 14	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	May 15	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	May 16	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd. Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	May 16	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Third Thursday	May 16	3:00 PM	Camera Group	Apple Store- Somerset North (Lower Level)	Jay Hall	(248) 644-1455
Friday	May 17	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	May 17	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Third Friday	May 17	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com	Maynard Timm	(248) 303-5490
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Monday	May 20	7:00 AM	Golf- Lincoln Hills	2666 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Third Monday	May 20	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	May 20	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	May 21	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	May 22	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	May 23	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	May 23	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	May 23	4:00 PM	SPECIAL EVENT- "Age of Aquarius"	20 Front St, Lake Orion (Self Drive)	Ras Desai	(248) 722-4411
Friday	May 24	4.00 FIVI	No Weekly Friday Mtg	Memorial Day Week-end	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
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Tuesday	May 28		Walking Group Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Shain Park Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Wei Feng Joe Schulenberg	(248) 935-0426 (248) 885-6194
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Fuesday Wednesday	May 29	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
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MAY BIRTHDAY'S

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
May 1	Dr. Dr. B Bhogaonker	May 9	Eugene Meso	May 22	a Robert Dempster
May 2	Mike Bica	May 10	* Lew Buckley		a Dr. Jim Larkin
			* Dr. Bob McDonald		
	John Burpee Jr.		* Dr. Bob McDonald	May 23	Rick Paul
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		May			
	Bill Seng	14	Waller Harris	May 24	Denny Winowiecki
May 3	a Bruce Annett		a Dr. Ed Prokopp	May 25	a Mark Elliott
		May			
	* Jim Feiten	15	Gary Ford		Lon Kolakowski
May 4	Jim Cleary		a Ed Steepe		* Chuck Tholen
		May			
	* Jim Slosberg	17	Tom Rankin	May 26	<u>a Dan</u> Sula
		May			
May 5	Jim Page	18	Pete Cwik	May 28	a Rafic Jordan
May 6	Gil Livingston		Dr. Tom Varbedian		a Dr. John Schmitt
		May			
May 7	Bob Storen	21	Kevin Heintz	May 30	Ras Desai
May 8	a_Jim Behrendt		Roger Pryor		Dr. Kurt Neumann
	a Steve Kaplan		Roger Timm		Dr. Pat Quigley
	Tom Knasel		a Matt Vorce	May 31	Lou Paull
	Dr. John Mills				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 2024 are:

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

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- 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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