

The Reminder



February 2024

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

PASSING THE GAVEL



Outgoing President Paul Kovceses passes the gavel to incoming President John Maten



FEBRUARY LUNCHES AT THE IROQUOIS CLUB

FEBRUARY 2ND

- Rolls & Butter
- Caesar Salad
- Mixed Vegetables
- Mac N Cheese
- Chicken Picatta
- Dessert: Cookies

FEBRUARY 9TH

- (Abraham Lincoln's Bday)
- Rolls & Butter
- Garden Salad
- Roasted Redskins
- Fettuccine Alfredo
- Chicken Marsala/Fricassee (Abraham's favorite)
- Dessert: Apple Pie (Abraham's favorite)

FEBRUARY 16TH

- Rolls & Butter
- Harvest Salad
- Peas
- Baked Mostaccioli
- Sliced Prime Rib
- Dessert: Brownies

FEBRUARY 23RD:

- Rolls & Butter
- Caesar Salad
- Baby Green Beans
- Roasted Redskins
- Parmesan Cod
- Dessert: Cookies

FEBRUARY 2024 SPEAKERS

Speaker Chairs - Bo Tamarelli and Jim Hayes

- February 2, 2024 (Jim)..... **Greg Kowalski,**
Executive Director, Hamtramck Historical Museum
Hamtramck - Past and Present
- February 9, 2024 (Bo)..... **Patty Obrzut,**
Executive Director, Penrickton Center for Blind Children
Motivating Children with Vision Loss to be Active Learners
- February 16, 2024 (Jim)..... **Bruce Zellers,**
Visiting Historian, Oakland University (retired)
Immigration Conundrums
- February 23, 2024 (Bo)..... **Ana Daugherty, Ph.D.**
Assistant Professor, and Director of the Healthy Brain Aging Laboratory
Institute of Gerontology and Department of Psychology, Wayne State University
Building Resiliency to Cognitive Decline in Aging and Dementia

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NEW LUNCH REPORT

On January 12th, a new Lunch Registration Form was successfully deployed. A total of 114 members registered for the January 19th meeting. Of that number, only 8 members needed assistance yielding an adoption rate of 93%. Achieving these results in only the first week exceeded all expectations! A special shout out goes to more than 40 randomly selected members who tested the new form several weeks earlier and provided valuable insights and suggestions.

The format of the weekly RSVP Friday Meeting email remains the same. A link was added to access the new form. Rather than replying to the weekly RSVP email, the link is clicked to access the form and record lunch choices. After submission, a confirmation email is received in less than 60 seconds.

The new form has paved the way for improved efficiency in producing both deliverables. Seating and meal head counts are needed by the Iroquois Club and an attendance roster is used at the door for check ins. One added benefit is allowing members to change their original choices (e.g., cancellation) after their initial submission.

Robert Sparks stepped down as Lunch Registration Coordinator in December after serving for the better part of two years. The entire Club owes Robert a debt of gratitude for the important role he played each week in producing the deliverables. He showed himself to be diligent, reliable, and very helpful when anyone contacted him for assistance.

Associate members Larry Kramek and John Willis have been named the new Co-Coordinators. Both have demonstrated they are more than capable of managing the entire process, thus providing support for each other and backup when one is out of town or otherwise unavailable.

Tom Dahlem
Webmaster

Visitation & Health Committee Notification

*Should the need arise, contact of the V/H Committee
can always be made by phone or email contact (email preferred).*

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Every month, the only change will be the monthly chairman as every month this position changes. It would help me greatly if folks on your end will make the change for me. I have the list of appointed monthly chairs for 2024, and will forward to you. I assume the next Reminder will be for Feb. Please advise.

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SMC FOUNDATION UPDATE



NO LONGER CHASING WINDMILLS



After the highly successful fundraising campaign for The Community House (TCH) during our 60th Anniversary raising in excess of \$250,000 and the subsequent naming of a room in honor of the Senior Men's Club contributions and partnership, issues arose that troubled the senior management and membership of the Club

First, the naming of the room was changed from the agreed "Senior Men's Club Room" to just "The Club Room" with a sign installed to indicate our contributions to TCH this was construed as a slight to the club as there were 13 other "Clubs" meeting at TCH. Secondly, we discovered that the 65th Anniversary fundraising money was spent without any communication from TCH personnel to SMC senior management as it was our understanding that we would have some influence on the disposition of these funds. Thirdly, the "SMC - TCH Endowment Fund" that was established during our 50th Anniversary was no longer in existence as TCH management spent

the funds without notice to SMC senior management despite a signed agreement. Additionally, the services that were supplied to us by TCH changed...no longer did we enjoy the business services that performed the layout and printing of The Reminder, Special Events ticketing, copying and they increased cost for our meeting lunches. And finally a very disrespectful response by TCH senior management at a monthly SMC Board of Directors meeting led some of us to sit back and reconsider our relationship and "partnership" with TCH.

Accordingly, Jerry Stribbell, Larry Imerman, Jay Kafarski and myself set off to chase windmills...the Don Quixote's of the SMC. We reviewed other "social/fraternal" organizations bylaws that had established a non-profit organization status with the IRS. We wrote, rewrote and rewrote the original bylaws and with tacit approval, we applied for Articles of Corporation with the State of Michigan in March 2020 subsequently to the IRS for approval as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. It was a gamble we needed to take as we wanted transparency and better collaborative direction for our members donations.

Then along came the COVID Era that has transformed the Club today in many aspects causing us to pack our bags. The move was slow, but methodically successful as the Club fought their visions of windmills. Then on May 6, 2020 the IRS determined that we met the qualifications of non-profit 501(c)3 cooperation and the first Board of Directors and Officers were established.

We raised \$41,336 in 2021 with the major donation of \$5,000 from Elizabeth Key in memory of David Key. Then we raised \$42,540 in 2022 with the major donation of \$10,000 from the Vanguard Charitable Trust; and then in 2023 we raised \$47,320 with major donations of \$5,000 each from Maynard Timm and Alan Huberty. To date we have raised in excess of \$166,000 and awarded grants in the amount of \$45,000 setting aside \$50,000 into an endowment 'corpus' account. All of these donations in the past would have been applied to our Annual Giving Initiative to TCH, but now the Foundation determines the direction of these funds that support the mission of the Foundation:

Mission

The Senior Men's Club Foundation is dedicated to the support of initiatives enhancing the well-being of senior men within the Greater Detroit Metropolitan area of the State of Michigan. The Foundation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes serving senior men and their spouses/significant others in accordance with Section 501(c)3 of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code.

My time as President of the Foundation has come to a close and I'm off to chase new windmills. On January 23rd the Foundation elected a new Board of Directors and a new President. I am pleased to report the new Foundation Board of Directors...Richard McGee, John Rusche, Maynard Timm, James Fleck and Mike Korsak and the Officers...Dick Bradley (President), Jay Kafarski (VP), Gary Milikian (Treasurer) and Mike Bica (Secretary). Please give them the support that you have given me in the past.

We have established the Gene Jacoby Legacy Circle comprised of donors that give \$1,000 or more to the Foundation to advise the directors and officers as to worthy organizations needing our support. But the Foundation needs your counsel and support as well. Let the Foundation know of any organizations that need support...they will follow-up and make a determination...trust me! Of course, your continued monetary donations will ensure that support.

Jerry Stribbell and I were Jesuit educated to be "Men for Others!" I am pleased to accept Larry Imerman and Jay Kafarski as honorary MFOs and thank them for their initial and continued dedication and support to the Foundation....and Jerry: Rest in Peace my friend...no more windmills!



MUSIC TO DELIGHT AT MEADOW BROOK

March 6, 2024 Meadowbrook Performance—Save the Date

On March 6, 2024, SMCB will arrange for members and guests to see the Michigan Premier of the new musical, *A Little More Alive*. In this heartfelt and original folk-pop musical, two estranged brothers reunite at their childhood home after their mother's funeral. An unexpected revelation distorts every memory they have, and as they uncover secrets that had been hiding in plain sight their whole lives, Nate and Jeremy find that no one is exempt from the gray area between right and wrong. 2PM performance, tickets \$30, self drive, ticket sales in January.



Contact John Brice (248-961-0450) for additional details or information".



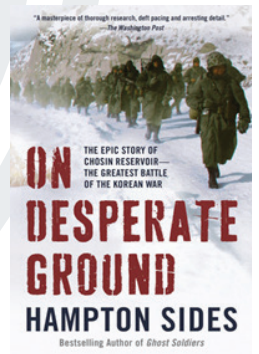
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

February gives us the opportunity to discuss two books which deal with little known aspects of American History. The first is set in the Korean War and tells the heroic story of the Marines at the Chosin reservoir, and the second provides an important perspective on events leading up to the Civil War.

Both groups will continue to meet via Zoom. Please let Roger Timm or Bob Maxfield know if you would like to be added to our distribution list.

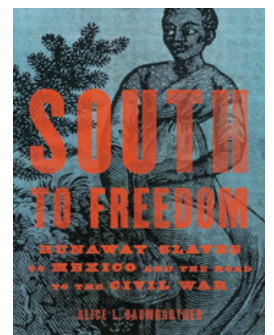
Wednesday, February 7, 10:30AM: On *Desperate Ground: The Marines at The Reservoir, the Korean War's Greatest Battle* by Hampton Sides (New York: Anchor Books, 2019) This discussion will be led by Roger Timm

On October 15, 1950, General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander of UN troops in Korea, convinced President Harry Truman that the Communist forces of Kim Il-sung would be utterly defeated by Thanksgiving. The Chinese, he said with near certainty, would not intervene in the war. As he was speaking, 300,000 Red Chinese soldiers began secretly crossing the Manchurian border. Led by some 20,000 men of the First Marine Division, the Americans moved deep into the snowy mountains of North Korea, toward the trap Mao had set for the vainglorious MacArthur along the frozen shores of the Chosin Reservoir. What followed was one of the most heroic--and harrowing--operations in American military history, and one of the classic battles of all time. The Washington Post reviewer called it "Superb...a masterpiece of thorough research, deft pacing and arresting detail".



Monday, February 18, 3 PM: *South to Freedom: Runaway Slaves to Mexico and the Road to the Civil War* by Alice L. Baumgartner (New York: Basic Books, 2022). Don Haffner will lead this discussion.

The Underground Railroad to the North promised salvation to many American slaves before the Civil War. But thousands of people in the south-central United States escaped slavery not by heading north but by crossing the southern border into Mexico, where slavery was abolished in 1837. The book describes why Mexico abolished slavery and how its increasingly radical anti-slavery policies fueled the sectional crisis in the U.S. From the Wall Street Journal's review: "Gripping and poignant...Ms. Baumgartner describes, with skill and great sensitivity, the experiences of those enslaved men and women who, in resisting their oppression, bravely quit the United States altogether."





CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP

The Classic Movie Group presentation for February is Platoon. Robert Sparks is our chairman for this month. Released in 1986, with a runningtime of two hours, this movie portrays the Vietnam War as it really was --mean, ferocious, deadly, and real. In the hands of filmmaker and Vietnam combat veteran Oliver Stone, it is an unforgettable movie experience, a landmark of battle authenticity seen from the viewpoint of ordinary foot soldiers — the "grunts."

Platoon is the story of Chris Taylor (Charlie Sheen) a young, naive American who, upon his arrival in Vietnam, quickly discovers that he must do battle not only with the Viet Cong, but also with the gnawing fear, physical exhaustion and intense anger growing within him. While his two commanding non-commissioned officers (Tom Berenger and Willem Dafoe) draw a fine line between the war they wage against the enemy and the one they fight with each other, the conflict, chaos, and hatred permeate Taylor, suffocating his realities and numbing his feelings to man's highest value...life.

Ground zero for the troops of Bravo Company is near the Cambodian border in the year 1967. There, they patrol, they fight, they bleed, and some die. And in all the shrapnel-filled chaos, the men — mostly from poor, uneducated U.S. families — encounter an additional enemy they didn't expect, themselves. Conflicts of leadership and the nonstop stresses of combat have a dehumanizing impact on some of the men, creating an ominous divide between those turned into merciless killers...and those who still cling to what's left of their compassion and humanity.

Embraced by critics and the public alike, Platoon rose to #2 on Variety's list of 1987's top box-office hits. The film's enormous success - including winning the 1986 Best Picture Oscar and the Best Picture honors from the Golden Globes, British Academy Awards, and Independent Spirit Awards—was a personal vindication for Stone, who had tried for nearly a decade to get his screenplay made.

Produced for a minuscule budget of \$6 million, Platoon became one of the most successful films of the 1980s, grossing \$138 million. Today, the film's Rotten Tomatoes score is 89% and the IMDb rating is 8.1/10.

Please join The Classic Movie Group on Monday, February 12 at 1 pm via Zoom for our presentation of Platoon.

Robert Sparks – Monthly Chairman



Investment Group

Thank you for attending the January Investment Group meeting. We all learned a lot about AI, semi-conductors and where that industry is headed. Glad those that attended enjoyed Rick Neaton from Rivershore Investment Research.

We look forward to you being at the Baldwin Library lower level on February 8th at 2:45pm in person or on Zoom as the legal and tax experts from the firm Schluter & Hughes - <https://www.schluterhugheslaw.com/> who will speak to the Group about the upcoming tax season. Ideally we all made money and have a tax problem in 2023! We will hear the tax experts insights on the latest tax rule changes and strategies to consider. Dawn Schluter, JD, LLM, Simina Tyrian, CPA MT and Elyse Germack, JD, CPA will be presenting the information to the group, and answer any of our questions.

As of the Reminder writing, for the Stock Game, John Haber remains in first place with his pick of Oscar Health (OSCR), which is now up 123% since the stock game started in mid-October, 2023. Note last month OSCR was up 61% since mid-October, 2023. Second place is Joe Schulenberg with Elanco Animal Health (ELAN), which is up 65% since the start of the stock game. Note last month ELAN was up 38% since mid-October. A new name is on the leaderboard, Carl Fischer! as he holds Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), which is up 57% since mid-October of last year.

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 January, and we will see you in person at the Baldwin Library lower level and/or on zoom February 8th.

Hears to making more money in 2024 from stock investments, which we can then use for various worthy causes!

Mike Korsak



FEBRUARY 2024 BIRTHDAYS



Date	Name	Date	Name	Date	Name
February 1	Keith Deyer	February 11	a Frank MacDonell	February 21	Don Duncan
	* Frank Meida		Greg McComas		Mike Leib
February 2	Al Reynolds		John Stevens		John Maten, President
February 3	Jay Kafarski	February 13	a Dr. Bob Lesser		* Walker Mayhew
	Dale Tucker		Bill Murray	February 22	Jim Lamb
February 4	* Dr. Lalit Shah		a Dr. Rafique Tai	February 23	* Byron Warner
	Tom Utter	February 14	Fr Richard Dalton		Charlie Warren
February 5	Dr. Paul Gold		* Tony DiMarco	February 24	Tom Obear
	* Jack Ray	February 15	* Bernie Arca	February 25	Ken Beres
	a George Stager	February 16	Bob Siewert	February 26	Carroll DeWeese
February 6	a Jack Baker		Jim Suhay		* Chuck O'Connell
	Gerry Danner	February 19	a Bob Alpiner	February 27	* Walt Denison
	Dexter Snyder		* Dick Halstead		Gene Dixon
February 7	a Jennings French	February 20	* Cliff Prew		a Dr. Ghalib Talia
	John Kamins			February 28	Carl Fischer
	a Bob Rosen				
	John Schaffer				
February 9	Mohinder Diwan				
	* Cal Hudson				
February 10	Jay Sim				



FEB 2024 Calendar at a Glance

as of:

Friday, January 19, 2024

Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Thursday	Feb 1	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Feb 1	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills \$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Friday	Feb 2	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Feb 2	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 2						
Monday	Feb 5	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
First Monday	Feb 5	2:00 PM	Genealogy Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	John Maten (acting)	(248) 251-9339
Tuesday	Feb 6	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Feb 6	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
First Tuesday	Feb 6	10:00 AM	Special Events Committee	Zoom	Ras Desai	(248) 722-4411
Wednesday	Feb 7	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
First Wednesday	Feb 7	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Thursday	Feb 8	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Feb 8	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills \$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Second Thursday	Feb 8	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library- Donor Room + Zoom	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	Feb 9	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Feb 9	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 3						
Monday	Feb 12	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Second Monday	Feb 12	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	Feb 13	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	Feb 13	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Tuesday	Feb 13	11:30 AM	Associate Orientation	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	John R. Klein	(248) 363-3020
Wednesday	Feb 14	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Second Wednesday	Feb 14	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher Must Pre-Register	Birmingham Fire Station- Adams Rd/248-530-1906	David Dinger	(248) 210-4583
Thursday	Feb 15	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Feb 15	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills \$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Third Thursday	Feb 15	3:00 PM	Camera Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Jay Hall	(248) 644-1455
Friday	Feb 16	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Feb 16	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Third Friday	Feb 16	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcreminder@gmail.com	Maynard Timm	(248) 303-5490
Week 4						
Monday	Feb 19	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Third Monday	Feb 19	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	Feb 20	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Feb 20	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Third Wednesday	Feb 21	10:00 AM	SCORE Mentor Group/Comm. Engmnt.	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	David Strubler	(248) 221-8915
Wednesday	Feb 21	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Feb 22	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Feb 22	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills \$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Friday	Feb 23	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Feb 23	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 5						
Monday	Feb 26	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	Feb 27	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Feb 27	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Feb 28	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Feb 29	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Feb 29	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills \$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971

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.

..... LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH

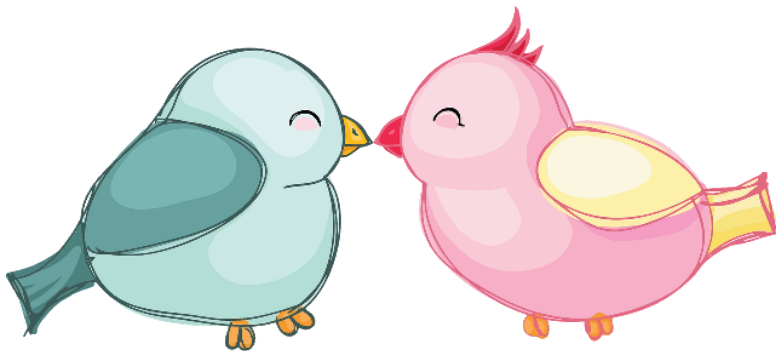
Wednesday, March 6
Monday, March 18

The Ambassador: Joseph P. Kennedy at the Court of St. James's 1938-1940 by Susan Ronald (Fred Freeman)

A Clearing in the Distance: Frederick Law-Olmstead and America in the Nineteenth Century by Witold Rybczyki (Tom Booth)

Submitted by Bob Maxfield

♥ HAPPY Valentine's DAY ♥



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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 Burrato;
- 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 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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