

# The Reminder



October, 2022

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

## Let Your Voice Be Heard – Vote on SMCB Constitution Changes on October 7th

The SMCB has been successful over the last 65 years, in part, because our “founding fathers” put together a Constitution and Bylaws to govern the club. The Bylaws can be changed by a vote of the Executive Board, but any change to the Constitution requires approval from the full membership. A vote has been scheduled for the October 7th Friday meeting on proposed changes to the Constitution. Our speaker on that day will be Senator Gary Peters so we hope to have a large crowd.

Now that we are in the electronic age, a recent change to the bylaws was approved by the Executive Board that updates the section on “Meetings” which states:

“A member may participate in a meeting by conference telephone or any similar communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can hear or understand each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this section constitutes presence in person at the meeting.”

With regards to the Constitution, several updates were proposed by the Governance Committee and approved by the Executive Board to take forward to the full membership for approval on Oct 7th. The changes are:

- Article IV—Eliminate Officers at Large
- Article V and VI - Rename “Executive Board” to “Board of Directors”
- Article VI—Change name of Policy Committee to Advisory Committee. Reduce composition of Advisory Committee to 3 most recent Past Presidents able and willing to serve and current President. Vacancies must be filled. Advisory Committee members are also voting members of the board.
- Article X—Quorum—Change quorum for regular meetings to 20% of active and life members from 1/3 of active members. Increase quorum for Board of Directors meetings to 60% majority. Eliminate quorum requirement for Advisory Committee.
- Article XI – Removed “Community House activities”

John Maten, Corresponding Secretary

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### October Speakers

Ras Desai – Program Chair

- October 7th..... U.S. Senator Gary Peters  
“*Delivering Results for Michigan, Washington Update on U.S Senator Gary Peters’ Work in the U.S. Senate*”
- October 14th ..... Dr. Per Rickard Braanemark MD,PhD - Founder & CEO of Integrum  
“*Improving Life for Amputees with Osseointegration Orthopedic Surgery*”
- October 21st..... John McElroy - Host, Autoline Daily  
“*Batten Down The Hatches & Get Ready For A Wild Ride*”
- October 28th ..... Karl Ludvigsen - Author, Journalist and Automotive Historian  
“*Times I've Made Trouble for Myself in the Auto World*”

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## Armed Forces Salute / Veterans Day Parade *Sunday, November 6, 2022*

I will be registering the Veterans of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham to participate in the 17th annual Metropolitan Detroit Veterans Day Parade, sponsored by the Metropolitan Detroit Veterans Coalition, on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022 in downtown Detroit. There is also a 4K run/walk included in the day's events. I am a member of the Metropolitan Detroit Veterans Coalition (MDVC).

Quick history...The parade was renewed in 2006 after a hiatus of several years. There were approximately 150 participants. Pre-pandemic, there were over 4,000 participants, which included more than 1,000 JROTC students from Detroit. The parade has been led off by 800 motorcycles. All the major Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) are in attendance along with various military vehicles. The US Coast Guard has paraded a rescue craft on a trailer along with many civic organizations.

Staging is at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 58 HQ at Trumbull and Porter, near the former Tiger Stadium area.

The parade makes a roundtrip from the IBEW Hall to Michigan Avenue, west on Michigan through the Corktown area to the former MI Central Train Depot where it turns around and comes back on Michigan Ave to the IBEW hall. No need for shuttles or walks back to where vehicles were parked. It's about a 1.6 mile route. There are plenty of vehicles with riders in the parade.

The non-veterans of the SMCB are encouraged to join the Veterans as they did in Birmingham and Clawson. A good time was had by all. For more information, check out the MDVC web site at [mdvcmi.org](http://mdvcmi.org)

If anyone has any suggestions for the SMCB Veterans group to participate in any activities, please let me know.

John Williams, Chairman, *Sergeant-at-Arms / Veterans Group*

### Senior Men's Club of Birmingham 2023 Member Dues Notice



Dues season is here! 2023 dues remain at \$70 and are payable by February 1, 2023. A \$10 late fee is required after February 1, 2023. Life members are not required to pay dues, but many send it as a donation. Please consider including a donation in your check or credit card payment. Round Up...many members "rounded up" to \$100 last year.

**Please make your \$70 check payable to the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham or SMCB and mail to:**

**Senior Men's Club of Birmingham / Dues**  
**PO Box 1149**  
**Birmingham MI 48012**

*Or, to pay by credit card (Wix is the service provider),  
go to the SMCB website and click on "Pay Dues by Credit Card".*

George Dilgard, *Dues Chairman*



## SMCB HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

### December 13, 2022



We will hold our annual Senior Men's Club of Birmingham Holiday Dinner Dance on Tuesday, December 13, at the San Marino Club in Troy, located on the north side of Big Beaver Road between Rochester and John R. Roads. As usual, our evening will begin with a social reception at 5:30 PM featuring an antipasto table of chips, cheese, and crackers with veggie dip and punch. We will be seated at 6:45 PM for announcements and introductions, followed by dinner at 7 PM and dancing thereafter until 10:15 PM. Free valet parking service will be provided.

Tickets for this event are \$65 per person and will be on sale at our Friday meetings from November 11 through December 9. Tickets are also available directly from Tony DiMarco at 248-643-7368. Reserved group tables are available upon request, and we will be happy to arrange seating for couples and/or singles as well. Tables will accommodate a maximum of 8 persons for COVID distancing reasons. Table reservation forms will be available at the Special Events table beginning November 4.

We have invited the members of NEXT and the Women's Club to join us. Please consider inviting friends and relatives to join you! We ask that groups reserving tables please designate ONE person to collect the ticket fees for the group and make one payment for the table. Note any special dietary requests on the reservation form.

Dinner will be served family style (all you can eat), with entrées passed around at each table. The menu will include Farfalle Alfredo and a mixed green salad with all entrées. Dinner entrées will include Tenderloin of Beef with mushrooms, Chicken Piccata with capers and artichoke hearts, or baked Orange Roughy with lemon garnish; along with side dishes of peas with mushrooms and buttered redskin potatoes. Dinner will conclude with a raspberry sundae dessert. Gluten-free and vegetarian alternative entrées will be available upon prior request.

A cash bar will be available throughout the evening, with cocktails at \$8, wine at \$6, beer at \$4, and free soft drinks/coffee/tea. The San Marino Club will be festively decorated in a Christmas motif with flowers and candles at each table. Dave Tatrow's four-piece stringed instruments group The Waifs (with a vocalist) will entertain us through the evening, opening with a salute to the Armed Forces, followed by a sing-along and seasonal favorites for our listening and dancing pleasure, and the SMCB Chorus will serenade us with songs of the season.

This is one of the most popular and successful annual SMCB events, so please save the date and make your reservation plans early!

Jim King, *Special Events*



*Happy Holidays*



Marines representing the Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Marine Corps League Detachment will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Annual Toys for Tots! at the Holiday Dinner Dance. Please bring a toy to brighten a young child on Christmas morning!



## MEDICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TEAM



BE PREPARED! Now available at the Birmingham Fire Department are more frequent opportunities to learn and to remain comfortable in the Life Saving skill of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

FREE monthly, 2nd Wednesday, training classes of limited size are designed to make the community's citizens aware of the importance these learned skills can make in the outcome of a medical emergency.

The quarterly, 4th Saturday, AHA Certification CPR/AED training classes are still available at the Birmingham Fire Department. Please contact me for more information and your desire to pre-register for one of these opportunities.

Dave Dinger, *Chairman*

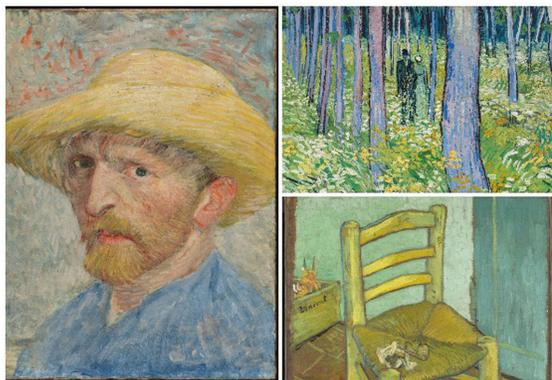
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## VAN GOGH IN AMERICA



We have the unique opportunity to see the largest collection of Van Gogh original paintings collected from galleries around the world.

This event Van Gogh in America will be on show at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) for 4 months and we have arranged for a group of at least 60 members and friends to visit the Exhibition on Tuesday, November 15th. Tickets will be on sale starting Friday, September 30th. This is a high demand tour, unfortunately sales will end November 1st at which time we commit to the DIA our final attendee details.

So be ready for the rush or give Malcolm Hendy ( 248 343 5611 ) a call to be in line.



## OCTOBER LUNCHESES AT THE IROQUOIS CLUB:

Following are the lunch offerings to consider when making your reservations to attend the October in person meetings at The Iroquois Club.

### OCTOBER 7th 2022

Rolls & Butter, Garden Salad,  
German Potato Salad, Chicken  
Schnitzel and Sauerkraut,  
DESSERT: Apple Pie

### OCTOBER 14th 2022

Rolls & Butter, Caesar Salad  
Green Beans, Mac N Cheese,  
Parmesan Cod,  
DESSERT: Chocolate Chip Cookies

### OCTOBER 21st 2022

"Diwali"  
Garden Salad, Veggie Samosas,  
Wild Rice, Skewered Chicken,  
DESSERT: Brownies

### OCTOBER 28th 2022

Rolls & Butter, Michigan  
Maple Salad Peas, Fettuccini  
Alfredo, Chicken Marsala  
DESSERT: Carrot Cake

### NO CHARGE LUNCH PROGRAM FOR GUESTS NOW EXTENDED

As you know, our club was offering No –charge Lunch for all guests for a three month trial period of March, April and May of 2022. This was conditional upon review of the results after this period. At the Executive Board meeting of June 14, 2022 the results were presented and reviewed by the Board. We had 18 guests and 16 of them have already become members. The Board has agreed to continue this incentive for the rest of the year to support and encourage our efforts of building up a substantial number of new members.

This would not have been possible without your enthusiastic support and soliciting potential members. Please, take full advantage of this incentive and continue inviting qualified individuals to our Friday meetings.

On behalf of the entire membership committee I extend my sincere thanks to you all.

Rasesh Desai, *Chair Membership Committee*



## SMCofB Leisure Wear - 2022 Autumn / Winter Sale

It is time to refresh your Wardrobe, clear out the old worn and faded items.

On October 3rd, we will open on-line the Fall selection of SMCofB Leisure Wear including our new Club Logo. We plan to have over a dozen items, ranging from Golf Shirts, short sleeve shirts, sweatshirt, dress shirts, fleece lined Jackets, vests and a variety of caps all in various colors and sizes. Excellent Quality in manufacturing and materials.

The website for the on-line purchasing of the leisure wear is: <https://smc22.itemorder.com>. The on-line store will be open through October 16th and we expect delivery in mid-November in time for Thanksgiving and the Holidays. You are always welcome to visit The Varsity Store at 623 S. Adams Road. to view the items.

Quarterly, Wear Your Club Logo Friday meetings are in the planning stages...so don't get caught with nothing to wear.

Alert wives, sons, daughter, family and friends of your wishes and expectations or just get on-line and round out your wardrobe with the new Senior Men's Club of Birmingham logo items!

Malcolm Hendy & Marc Secontine

## GAMES

Summer has faded and the leaves have begun to fall to remind us that cold, blustery winds are upon us as 30 golfers experienced on the last day of the golf season for SMC at Springdale Golf Course. The clubs will soon be stored, but not until after October 11th when we compete in the 4th Annual SMC Golf Scramble with the year-end banquet to follow at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. Chef Jacqui will wine and dine us with a turkey dinner and all of the trimmings as we take a break before returning to the dome in January to find that perfect swing!



The changing of the seasons also means a return to the Escape Bowling

lanes as we once again attempt to keep the ball on the lane and out of the gutter! The season has just started but John Maten has started the season with a bang rolling out a 225 game and a 500+ series to state his claim to retain the winning trophy. Swarn Rajpal has shown us that he has improved his game as he converted a very difficult 7-6-10 split! Come join the men on Monday mornings at 10:00am.

Soon the cold weather will chase the SMC Walkers inside to Somerset North on Tuesday and Wednesday and the bicyclists will continue their cycling at the Beverly Hills Club on Thursdays. But a new venture awaits us as the club has started the first SMC Pickleball activity on Wednesdays at 1:00pm...contact Dave Anderson for more information. I prefer to eat my pickles rather than play with them, but who am I to judge!



And don't forget to venture to the Baldwin Library on Friday after the meeting for a fun afternoon of waging your card skills at Duplicate Bridge!

Tim McGee, *Games Chairman*





## MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

The discussions of the two October books should be lively and informative. The First is a historical novel about the copper miners' strike in Calumet Michigan in 1913, and the second provides an alternate look at Watergate and the events that led to Richard Nixon's resignation.

As noted in a recent eBlast, members are invited to join either or both of the reading groups. Please let Roger Timm or Bob Maxfield know if you would like to be included in the distribution list for both groups.

The annual schedules for both the Monday and Wednesday groups are posted on the club's website. Both Groups will continue to meet via Zoom.

**Wednesday, October 5 at 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, October 17 at 3 PM:** *The Nixon Conspiracy: Watergate and the Plot to Remove the President* by Geoff Shephard (*New York: Bombardier Books, 2021*)

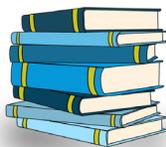
From one of the on-line reviews: "Geoff Shephard--who served in the Nixon administration as a young lawyer--has been indefatigable in uncovering, obtaining, and analyzing documents that shed new light on Watergate. His two previous books examined the roles played by Kennedy loyalists in ending Nixon's presidency and the unethical conduct by Judge Sirica and prosecutors that denied due process to many of the Watergate defendants. In Shephard's latest book, he synthesizes the findings in the two earlier works with materials that he has unearthed more recently, to tell the story of Watergate from the point of view of White House staff."

*This discussion will be led by Jim Zyla*

### Looking ahead to November:

• **November 2 at 10:30 AM:** *Thunder Below* by Eugene Fluckey, Jr. (Roger Timm)

• **November 21 at 3 PM:** *1941: The Year Germany Lost the War* by Andrew Nagorski (Roger Timm)



## CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP

On Monday, October 10, at 1:00PM, Waller Harris will present, via Zoom, the outstanding war/adventure film, **The Sand Pebbles** (1966) (3 hours/16 minutes). In 1926, the USS San Pablo, called Sand Pebble by the crew (who also call themselves sand pebbles), patrols the Yangtze River during the many clashes between Chiang Kai-shek's communists and Chinese warlords. Eight-year veteran machinist Jake Holman (Steve McQueen), new to the crew, immediately draws suspicion due to his independent streak. Ordered to protect Americans, including schoolteacher Shirley Eckhart (Candice Bergen), Jake and the gunboat crew are unwittingly drawn into a bitter nationalistic feud that holds grim consequences for all concerned.

Directed and produced by the legendary Robert Wise, the film was a critical and commercial success. It was one of the highest grossing films for 1966 and was nominated for eight Academy Awards and eight Golden Globe Awards.

In addition to presenting the film and leading the discussion after the showing, Waller will share some historical family background with respect to the Yangtze River just before and during WWII.

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join us on October 10, to watch this outstanding motion picture and to listen to Waller's excellent presentation.

As a reminder, you can watch the trailer of this film by pushing the Movie Preview Button on the SMC Homepage. Also, watch for our access information in the Weekly eBlast for the week of October 9. Looking forward to seeing you on October 10.

Fred Hansz, *Chairman*

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### Classic Movie Group Annual Meeting

The Classic Movie Group will hold our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 11th from 1 to 3 PM via Zoom to select the films to be shown during the coming year. If you enjoy movies and would like to make some suggestions, or possibly sponsor one of your favorite films for presentation next year, please plan to join us. You can also let any member of our Group know of any films that you would like to have presented in 2023. Watch for the meeting access information to appear in the Weekly eBlast for the week of October 9th. We hope to see all interested film buffs at our October 11th meeting.

Fred Hansz, *Chairman*



## CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club will meet the **Third Thursday** at **3:00pm**, October 20, 2022 at the Birmingham Public Library's Board room on the second floor. SMC member Don Haffner will present *MUKHO MEMORIES, A Peace Corps/Korea Memoir*. These black and white photos are of his time from 1972 through 1975, while he taught English as a Second Language in Korea while falling in love with the country and its people. We will try to Zoom the presentation, but nothing beats the big screen; and we have had some difficulty getting the system to work correctly, so in person should be stellar.

### NAME TAGS

The Iroquois Club is unable to store the boxes containing our Blue, White, Gold, and Green Name Tags. And having members search for their tags at the sign-in desk is too cumbersome. The request was made to the membership to take their cards home with them at the end of our Friday meetings, returning with their cards for each meeting. That process was unreliable: members returning from absences have not had their tags or they got damaged, left in the wrong place, etc.

A small group of members got together at the Executive Board's (EB) approval to address an alternate from our current Name Tags. The Tags needed to have the following features:

1. Can be worn with Jackets or Polo shirts,
2. Much more durable than cardboard stock,
3. Easily available in various colors to distinguish Associates, Life Members etc. etc.
4. Look very professional, enhancing the image of our club,
5. Puts the ownership back to the members (no storing and displaying required by the club).
6. Easy to create with rapid turnaround time, and
7. Reasonable cost.

A sample was passed around the EB meeting in September, and the EB approved some funding to start the process. We anticipate the first 200 will be ready by the first Friday meeting in November. Guests will be accommodated with single use adhesive tags.



## INVESTMENT CLUB

The next Investment Group meeting will be held Thursday October 13, 2022 at 2:45 PM within the Baldwin Library lower level.

Who else is tired about hearing from the Fed? The Fed's battle against inflation using higher interest rates is important; however, many believe we need a break. So the number of challenges facing investors continues, and the majority of portfolios are down, the question is how much? Compare the decreases (hopefully few) to benchmarks, and ask questions to your Financial Advisors as the portfolios are certainly being stressed tested over the last several months.

To help other club members we will be starting the Investment Group Stock Game again this year. Energy stocks were the winners last year. Which stock can be the winner this year? Not as easy as in the past to pick a winner; however, this group is very capable of finding the diamonds in the rough, similar to a misplaced golf ball on the course.

If you would like to participate in the stock game, please go to the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdymbH9fi1zpjUlpKX-3ko2\\_IhZX878PMYxXx3qgKxcFD8Iaw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdymbH9fi1zpjUlpKX-3ko2_IhZX878PMYxXx3qgKxcFD8Iaw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Or send an email to Carl Fischer - [carl.fischer.iii@gmail.com](mailto:carl.fischer.iii@gmail.com) or Mike Korsak - [mjk7805@yahoo.com](mailto:mjk7805@yahoo.com) for the stock game form. Also, the form will be available at the Friday Iroquois meetings, please return the form to Carl or Mike. Additionally, for those that are on the Investment Group email list watch for the form being emailed out. If you are not on the email list, please email Mike Korsak - [mjk7805@yahoo.com](mailto:mjk7805@yahoo.com) to be added. Deadline for the Stock Game entry is October 17th.

As of the Reminder writing we are coordinating a speaker to help us understand what to do next in this market, Patience is a virtue in life and investing.

Mike Korsak





## President's Message

Our Club now has a working affiliate to carry out one of its important missions: Charity.

It is the Senior Men's Club Foundation, activated by the club in March 2020. It was created to enhance the position of the Club in the community by supporting appropriate charitable activities. It has a separate non-profit charitable IRS tax identity and is registered with the State of Michigan for solicitation of funds.

The Club (SMCB) and Foundation (SMCF) are two independent legal entities. The Club is a non-profit social organization with IRS tax status defined by 501c7 of the internal revenue code, while the Foundation is a non-profit tax-exempt charitable organization with the IRS tax status of 501c3.

The Club is governed by officers elected annually by its members and runs with a committee structure.

The Foundation is a directorship with no individual members. The Board of the Foundation is composed of the six elected Officers of the Club and the President of the Foundation, and can elect up to an additional five for a total of eleven. The Foundation Board appoints the four officers of the Foundation annually. The business, property and affairs of the Foundation are managed by its Board.

Donations to the Club in addition to the annual dues are necessary to fund its operations and activities. Donations to the Foundation by Club members and others are used for charitable purposes only and cannot be used to defray Club expenses. Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible, but donations to the Club are not.

We envision the Club and Foundation, together, will provide synergy for the betterment of the community. We all are working together in the service of our constituents.

Swarn Rajpal, President

## SMCB Community Engagement

I was very pleased and privileged upon joining this fine club of men to be asked to lead our new strategic initiative of community engagement. I was impressed that such a prominent social club would embark on and see the need to collectively engage its members in service to our community. I was even more impressed when I discovered that Dr. Ashok Gupta and Dr. Thomas Kimble, who are well-known for their voluntary leadership service to dozens of charitable organizations and service clubs, were also members of SMCB. For the past five months, we have been meeting regularly to search out community service opportunities for our club. About two months ago, Dr. Bob Maxfield (my former dean) offered to meet with us to brainstorm a list of potential service opportunities. Like Ashok and Tom, Bob is well-known as a community engagement leader. As for me, I am a professor at Oakland University. You may not know that, besides teaching and research, we are charged with the responsibility of community engagement. It is also interesting to note that Ashok, Tom, Bob and I have all given a large share of our community time to the city of Pontiac, just north of this building on Woodward.

As you may know, I'm a professor, so let's start class by defining community engagement. According to the Center for Disease Control (groan) community engagement is...

“the process of working collaboratively with and through groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, special interest, or similar situations to address issues affecting the well-being of those people.”

It often involves partnerships and coalitions that help mobilize resources and influence systems, change relationships among partners, and serve as catalysts for changing policies, programs, and practices (CDC, 1997).

'Community engagement' is therefore a strategic process.



## SMCB Community Engagement *cont.*

When our team met recently with Bob Maxfield, we discussed many opportunities for club engagement and settled on one as a starting point because many of you are experts in business. We decided that this year, we would work with a prominent national business organization called SCORE. For over fifty years, and now with 10,000 members nationally, SCORE is on a mission to help small businesses succeed by engaging local experts like our members.

There are several opportunities for our members to help small businesses start, grow, and achieve new levels of success. For example, you may want to:

- share your wisdom as a one-on-one regular mentor with an entrepreneur, a new start up, or even an established business that wants to strategically expand or pitch in as needed as subject matter expert
- lead a seminar or workshop a few times per year
- help with marketing, fundraising, or administrative support.

These options can be done in person, on the phone, or even online.

Locally, we have the Southeast Michigan Chapter of SCORE led by Mr. Tom Garner, a retired executive formerly with General Motors and EDS. Tom presented to the SMCB board meeting this past month and we received their support to start the community service journey with SCORE. In the very near future, I have asked Tom to visit our club as our guest, bring his SCORE brochures, and be available during lunch to talk to any of you who might have interest in engaging the community through SCORE. Also, watch for this notice in the October newsletter.

Many thanks to Swarn, Tom, Ashok, Bob and our SMCB board for this opportunity to share with you my passion of community engagement. If you are interested in learning more about SCORE, please call or text me at 248-221-8915. Or write me at [strubler@oakland.edu](mailto:strubler@oakland.edu).

Dave Strubler, *Presented at the September 23, 2022 Membership Meeting at the Iroquois Club.*

## SMC of Birmingham Communications – Website Initiatives and Opportunities

The Club website plays an important role in communications and facilitating interactions among members. There are several initiatives underway to improve efficiency. An improved Friday lunch reservation system is in the works. The Wix platform supports the booking of recurring classes. Two classes will allow members to register for the Friday meetings with and without lunch. There is a fee for the former while the latter is free. Each week members will sign up for the class of their choice. A related option to be explored is credit card payment.

When the soon-to-be published Handbook becomes available, a site wide refresh will be performed to ensure the website is synchronized with the Handbook. The long term goal is to reduce the number of printed copies by making the information available online. One example is the photo directory. This directory is currently updated annually when the Handbook is published with no further way to update throughout the year. New members are not added and existing members are not updated. There will always be printed copies available for those members who desire one.

The Board recently approved a new Club logo moving 1957 to the inner circle and adding city and state. We are working with a graphic designer to create new banners and headers. Once completed, the new logo will be rolled out to the website, eBlasts, Reminder, letterhead and anywhere else the logo is used.

New opportunities on the website include usability improvements for new members. It can be challenging for new members who are unfamiliar with the organization to reach Activity Chairmen, sign up for Activity groups or obtain Zoom link information for meetings of interest. Topics are being collected for a FAQ implementation. Two examples are: “What is the summer dress code?” and “Where can I find the link for Friday Zoom meetings?” We are also taking a look at creating short “How To” videos covering various topics on website usage.

At the current time, the Wix platform supporting the Club’s website and eBlast distribution is deemed suitable for satisfying the initiatives and opportunities outlined above. The Wix 24/7 support and Help facility including videos has proven beneficial. There is no compelling reason to move to another provider at this time.

Tom Dahlem, *Webmaster*



## VISITATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE (VAHC) CORNER

The VAHC of Senior Men's Club Birmingham (SMCB) has been in existence since the very inception of the organization approximately 65 years ago. Its sole purpose is to provide comfort, care and support to members and their families during health issues/crises confronting our senior fellow members.

Through these columns we wish to have a dialogue between our membership and VAHC Monthly Chairs (MC)/officers so we may improve the quality and timeliness of notifications, reports and services. For more details on the functioning, please refer to page 31 of the 2022 handbook where names of the monthly chairs are also listed.

This month, we will concentrate on one of the important functions of VAHC. And that is, WHAT IT PERFORMS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF A FELLOW MEMBER. Here is the list:

1. It pays a tribute to its fellow member friends by: Reporting obituaries and member attributes to the entire membership by Eblasts,
2. Attending Visitations and Funeral Services. (Often Senior EC Members of SMCB are found in attendance),
3. Conveying heartfelt condolences to families by cards, emails, phone calls etc.,
4. Offering help to wives during the grieving period and beyond, and
5. Observing a moment of silence and reciting important attributes, roles and contributions in SMCB and the community at the Friday Business Meetings.

All this is done irrespective of the Class of Membership (Associate, Active or Life). In addition, all this is also done with dignity and class.

The VAHC has long considered sending flowers or contributions to the charity of the member or its family's choice. But no official action has ever been undertaken. This matter was last discussed at its Annual Meeting held on September 6, 2022.

HERE ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE MOTION THAT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY after much discussion of the current trends expressed by members and newspapers. That trend is for donations to charities of family or donors choice, in lieu of flowers.

Joel Adelman made the following motion supported by John Skubic.

Starting in Jan 2023, upon death of associates, active or life members of SMCB, we may start the practice of donating \$50 to the charity of a member or family's choice. Under certain circumstances, when there is no known method for disposition of a matter, the chair of this committee may make a final decision after consultation with other committee members. Based on an average of 40-55 SMCB Member deaths per year, the committee needs to raise \$2,750 for this worthy cause in the upcoming year. The motion passed unanimously.

Such a practice is long overdue. Everyone expressed their approval.

Lastly I urge you, should you or your family wish to avail of the services, please contact us directly either through monthly chairs or me for a timely notification. This will improve the quality and the timeliness of the work this committee performs.

Subhash Posh Gulati, MD, FRCPC  
*Chair, VAHC and Medical Advisor*



# OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR - AT A GLANCE

as of September 23, 2022

	Day	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Library Rooms	Notes	Contact	Phone Number	
Week 1	Monday	Monday, Oct. 3, 2022	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy			Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626	
	First Monday	Monday, Oct. 3, 2022	2:00 PM	Genealogy	Baldwin Public Library + Zoom	Delos Board Room	Screen and Owl Camera	Jack Withrow	(248)797-7070	
	Tuesday	Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432	
	First Tuesday	Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022	10:00 AM	Special Events	Baldwin Public Library	Delos Board Room		Mike Clement	(248) 644-4963	
	First Wednesday	Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom			Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050	
	Wednesday	Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022	1:00 PM	Pickleball	Oakland Fieldhouse, Rochester Hills			Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096	
	Thursday	Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432	
	Thursday	Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022	12 Noon	Cycle for Life	Beverly Hills Club			Joe Schulenburg	(248) 885-6195	
	Friday	Friday, Oct. 7, 2022	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom					
Friday	Friday, Oct. 7, 2022	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	Rotary & Donor	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938		
Week 2	Monday	Monday, Oct. 10, 2022	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy			Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626	
	Second Monday	Monday, Oct. 10, 2022	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom			Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105	
	Tuesday	Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432	
	Second Tuesday	Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022	10:00 AM	Executive Board	Baldwin Public Library + Zoom	Rotary & Donor	Conference Style	Swarn Rajpal	(248) 792-1112	
	Tuesday	Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022	11:30 AM	Associates Orientation	Baldwin Public Library	Rotary & Donor	Conference Style	John Klein		
	Annual	Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022	1:00 PM	Annual Meeting / Classic Movie Group	Zoom			Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105	
	Wednesday	Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022	1:00 PM	Pickleball	Oakland Fieldhouse, Rochester Hills			Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096	
	Wednesday	Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2022	1:30 PM	Living and Learning Enrichment Center	Northville		Meet there at 1:30 PM	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791	
	Thursday	Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432	
	Thursday	Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022	12 Noon	Cycle for Life	Beverly Hills Club			Joe Schulenburg	(248) 885-6195	
	Second Thursday	Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Public Library + Zoom	Rotary & Donor	Theater Style	Mike Korsack	(248) 990-0305	
	Friday	Friday, Oct. 14, 2022	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom					
	Friday	Friday, Oct. 14, 2022	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	Rotary & Donor	Card Table Set Up			
Week 3	Monday	Monday, Oct. 17, 2022	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy			Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626	
	Third Monday	Monday, Oct. 17, 2022	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom			Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791	
	Tuesday	Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432	
	Third Wednesday	Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022	1:00 PM	Computer Group	Zoom			Tom Allen	(248) 288-6125	
	Wednesday	Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022	1:00 PM	Pickleball	Oakland Fieldhouse, Rochester Hills			Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096	
	Thursday	Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432	
	Thursday	Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022	12 Noon	Cycle for Life	Beverly Hills Club			Joe Schulenburg	(248) 885-6195	
	Third Thursday	Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022	3:00 PM	Camera Group	Baldwin Public Library + Zoom	Delos Board Room		Jay Hall	(248) 644-1454	
	Friday	Friday, Oct. 21, 2022	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom					
	Friday	Friday, Oct. 21, 2022	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	Rotary & Donor	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938	
	Third Friday	Friday, Oct. 21, 2022	5:00 PM	Reminder Newsletter Deadline	<a href="mailto:seniormensclub@gmail.com">seniormensclub@gmail.com</a>					
	Week 4	Monday	Monday, Oct. 24, 2022	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy			Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
		Tuesday	Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432
Wednesday		Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022	1:00 PM	Pickleball	Oakland Fieldhouse, Rochester Hills			Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096	
Thursday		Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432	
Thursday		Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022	12 Noon	Cycle for Life	Beverly Hills Club			Joe Schulenburg	(248) 885-6195	
Friday		Friday, Oct. 28, 2022	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom					
Friday		Friday, Oct. 28, 2022	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	Rotary & Donor	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938	
Monday		Monday, Oct. 31, 2022	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy			Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626	

## November REMINDER Deadline: October 21st

*NOTE: Due to potential fluxuations in venue location (staffing or operating hours) or schedule, revisions to this calendar are possible. Please watch your email and [www.seniormensclub.com](http://www.seniormensclub.com) for updates or potential cancellations.*



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*\*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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