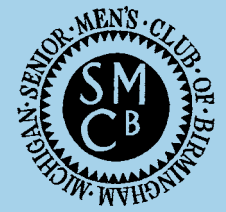


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July 2014

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Dick Hameister: A 15-Year Perspective

On June 27, the Senior Men's Club will bid farewell and say thank you to Dick Hameister, who is relocating to Franklin, Tennessee (home of one of his daughters).

As an active member for 15 years, Dick has seen profound change in virtually every aspect of our Club - membership, programming, community outreach, and more. We asked him to share his views on the Club - past, present and future.

Q: What do you consider the Club's most significant achievement over the last 15 years?

A: I think it's the consistently high quality that applies to the organization. Take programs, for example. I can say that I've gotten something out of every program I've attended.

Q: What about the changes during your years of membership?

A: I think the changes that have occurred have been gradual, smooth and good.

Q: What advice would you have for Club leaders?

A: I think they are doing an excellent job, and I would encourage them to get as much as possible out of the leadership experience.



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NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST

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To Life Member:

Theodore H. Chapekis
Dale Schairer

Resigned:

Michael W. Raleigh

Deaths:

Benjamin K. Porter, Jr. (Life), joined February 2000
William J. Hartman (Life), joined February 1999

Members Dropped:

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Lawrence A. Schaefer

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
—Robert Beach, Database Chairman
—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth
& Gene Markel, Photography





Games



Monday Golf

Monday Golf is "rippin' and roaring." Participation is increasing. There are birdies galore. We're even getting closer and closer to the pin. On Hole #2 Dick Bradley hit 7 inches on May 12 and Pete Good hit 14 inches on June 16. Medalists to date are Ralph Gartner with a 38 and Don Foehr, Tim McGee and John Perryman with 39. New faces continue to appear, now including Goldy Hullinger. Complete results are posted at every Friday meeting. John Kary continued to amaze us on June 16. Great job, John! Come on out and join us at Lincoln Hills for fun and exercise.

—The Committee



Golf Events:

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Tuesday, September 16: Annual Stonycroft Scramble. Price to be determined. Committee members will be accepting reservations in August.



Tuesday, October 28: Golf Banquet at The Community House. Price to be determined. Tickets will go on sale on October 3.



—The Committees

Bowling



Practice continues at Thunderbird Lanes, Wednesdays at 10:00AM.

Sports Quotes:

"One of the advantages bowling has over golf is that you seldom lose a bowling ball."

—Don Carter

"I regard golf as an expensive way of playing marbles."

—G.K. Chesterton

D-Day Celebration

On June 6, our Club conducted a warm and wonderful celebration recognizing the 70th anniversary of the Allied Forces landing at Normandy, France. Member Jim Bayson proposed and organized this great event. All club members who served in World War II were invited to attend with a guest and were seated as a group at separate tables. They got a free lunch, for, as Jim put it "saving the western world."

A total of 88 veterans and guests attended, many of whom we had not seen recently. Of course, they were greeted warmly. This special day included a spirited signing of "You're a Grand Old Flag," enthusiastic welcoming of the veterans, recognition of membership in each branch of service, a video of Kate Smith singing "God Bless America," and video naming of attending veterans. With total attendance of over 200, we will long remember this event. Congratulations, Jim!

—Dick Harper



New Life Members: Ted Chapekis and Dale Schairer

The club recently recognized and honored two members reaching our most prestigious category.

Ted Chapekis was born and raised in Escanaba. After graduation from high school in 1946, he enlisted in the Navy and attended radio and radar school, serving in the Atlantic on the USS Hobson, a Destroyer/Mine Sweeper.

After being discharged in 1948, Ted enrolled in the Engineering School at the University of Michigan. Later he earned an MBA from Michigan and became a Professional Engineer. Ted joined Ford Motor Company in 1953 and remained with Ford for 40 years - a real "lifer." His Ford career focused on the manufacture and assembly of engines and tractors in domestic and foreign plants. He gained a reputation for expertise in plant management, the launch of new products, quality improvement and cost reduction. Following his retirement in 1993, Ted became a consultant.

Ted joined the SMC in 2004. He is a dedicated golfer and bowler and is active with the Investment Study Group. When golfing he is a special friend of member John Kary, making sure that John gets to and around the course. Ted notes that there is no place that has the breath, depth, diversity and intimate friendships as the Senior Men's Club. Congratulations, Ted!



Dale Schairer was born in Chelsea, Michigan in 1929. He grew up and worked on a family farm west of Ann Arbor. He attended a one room grade school, Ann Arbor High (1947), spent two years at the University of Michigan, then transferred to MSU to complete a BS degree in Agricultural Education. He later earned a Master's degree and served as an instructor in agricultural engineering at MSU.

He began a career at Ford Motor Company as a Service Engineer in sales of farm equipment, moved up to a Senior Service Engineer position responsible for service training and then to Design Engineer for farm and garden products. He retired in 1989 after a 30 year multi-faceted Ford career.

Dale volunteered at the Henry Ford on the Firestone Farm where he assisted in the restoration of vintage machinery to operating condition. He has been an SMC member since 1999. With children scattered across the country, he enjoys traveling to see his eight grandchildren. He also spends time in woodworking, gardening and church volunteering. Congratulations, Dale!



—George Stern and Dick Harper



Irv Poston Honored

Member and Past President **Irv Poston** recently was honored by the Society of Plastic Engineers for his "groundbreaking accomplishments in developing and implementing plastics for automotive applications." This award noted that Irv, who is a Professional Engineer, "is highly regarded in the automotive community for his leadership at General Motors which enabled the increased growth of plastics in large volume body panel and structural applications." Congratulations, Irv!



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Dick Hameister:

Q: What do you see as the Club's greatest challenge?

A: It has to be maintaining and expanding our membership. We are competing for members with a variety of organizations. We need to get more involved with local senior groups. There also are opportunities for organizations such as ours to get involved with young people.

Q: Any parting words?

A: I have thoroughly enjoyed my membership in the Club. It's amazing how your time fills when you stay active and involved in your community.

—Chuck Ragains

Groups

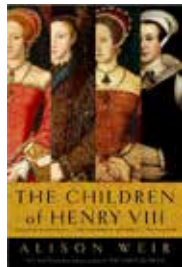


Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, July 2 at 10:30AM we will discuss "The God of Small Things" by Arundhati Roy. In her first novel, award-winning Indian screenwriter Arundhati Roy conjures a whoosh of wordplay that rises from the pages like a brilliant jazz improvisation. "The God of Small Things" is nominally the story of young twins Rahel and Estha and the rest of their family, but the book feels like a million stories spinning out indefinitely. It is the product of a genius child-mind that takes everything in and transforms it in an alchemy of poetry. "The God of Small Things" is at once exotic and familiar to the Western reader, written in English that's completely new and invigorated by the Asian Indian influences of culture and language.



On Monday, July 21 at 3:00PM we will discuss "The Children of Henry the VIII" by Alison Weir. The royal family may have its problems these days, but as Alison Weir reminds us in this cohesive and impeccably researched book, the nobility of old England could be both loveless and ruthless. Weir, an expert in the period and author of a book on Henry's VIII wives, focuses on his children who reigned successively after his death in 1547: Edward VI, Mary I ("Bloody Mary") and Elizabeth I. The three shared little--living in separate homes--except for a familial legacy of blood and terror. This is exciting history and fascinating reading about a family of mythic proportions.



—Ted Chapekis



Camera Group

There will not be a Camera Group meeting in either July or August.

—John Slocum



Computer Group

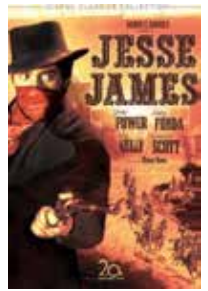
There will not be a Computer Group meeting in either July or August.

—Ron Denton



Classic Movie Group

Movie mogul, Charlie Blank, brings us "Jesse James" on Monday, July 14 from 1:00-3:00PM. Starring Tyrone Power, Henry Fonda and Randolph Scott, it was a smash hit and the fourth largest-grossing film in 1939, competing against "Gone with the Wind," "The Wizard of Oz" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Jesse James is one of the most compelling and realistic of Hollywood Westerns despite being very loosely based on the life of the farmer turned outlaw. It was shot in the very recently developed Technicolor. Bring your pals for a great slice of nostalgia. Even the supporting actors are legendary, including John Carradine, Lon Chaney, Jr. and Brian Donlevy.



—Augie Perrotta



Investment Group

The stock game ended on May 30 and Bob Rossi, who led most of the contest period after moving to all cash, finished first with a 54.3% gain and won prize money of \$280. Joe Samyn was second with a 45.7% gain (worth \$168), with Ralph Cowie third with a 35.5% gain (\$112 prize). John Reddy, Dick Harper and Charlie Blank were close behind. Overall, 42 of the 69 players had gains - the overall gain was 5.47%.

Looking forward to the fall, we will next meet on Wednesday, September 10 and the new stock game will start October 17. Get in the game and win some money.

—George Miller



Special Events

2014 Detroit River Cruise

Tickets for our Wednesday, July 23 River Cruise went on sale on Friday, June 27 and are selling briskly. If you intend to join us, please purchase your tickets soon as our river cruises are usually an early sellout.



Our buses will leave the First Presbyterian Church at 9:15AM for downtown Detroit where we board the cruise ship Diamond Queen. Once underway, we will pass the Detroit/Windsor downtown area and cruise up-river past the Grosse Pointes into Lake St. Clair. We will then reverse course and dock at the Detroit Yacht Club on beautiful Belle Isle.

Lunch will be in the second floor Fountain Room which has a beautiful view of the DYC Harbor and the Detroit River. Lunch will include salad, sides and your choice of chickenpicatta, filet of whitefish, or beef tenderloin. Dessert will be your choice of chocolate or raspberry Mousse. A cash bar will be available on the ship and at the club.

Following lunch, we will receive a tour of the club facilities and highlights of its 100 plus year history. On our way home, we will cruise by the island. For long-time Detroiters this should bring back memories of picnics, canoeing, swimming and golf. Belle Isle is still beautiful. We will arrive back at the church around 4:00PM.

We have arranged two busses for this event. The all-inclusive price for the event is \$55. See you on the bus.

—River Cruise Committee

SMC Goes to the Big House Save the Date

The magic day is Saturday, September 27, when the SMC will travel by bus to see a fall football classic. The University of Michigan will play the Golden Gophers of Minnesota for the Little Brown Jug. Tickets will be on sale starting with our meeting on September 5. Save the date and watch for full details in the September *Reminder* and GO BLUE!



—Dick Harper

Annual Picnic & Car Show

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 8. Although the record winter may still be fresh in our minds, it's time to plan for our annual summer picnic and car show. This traditional event will be held on Friday, August 8 from 10:30AM to 2:30PM at the Beverly Park, conveniently located on Beverly Road, just west of Southfield.



We will enjoy the Club's traditional fellowship, along with food, entertainment, games, prizes, and memorable music, along with a great collection of cars. The summer buffet will include pulled pork, chicken, coleslaw, beans and sweet corn.

Members with vehicles to display should register them at the SMC Special Events table when ticket sales start on July 1. We are looking for an increase over the 16 fine cars shown last year.

—Martin Rowell

Senior Health Matters Colon/Rectal Cancer Screening Cost-Effective in Older Adults

In the June 3 issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the first study of its kind to look at the health benefits and cost-effectiveness of colorectal cancer (CRC) screening in people older than 75 years without prior screening has concluded that those:

- Without comorbid conditions (two diseases which occur together) are cost effective to age 86 with colonoscopy up to age 83; sigmoidoscopy at age 84 and fecal immunochemical test (FIT) at ages 85 and 86.
- With moderate comorbidities are cost-effective to age 83 with colonoscopy up to age 80; sigmoidoscopy at age 81; and FIT at ages 82 and 83.
- With severe comorbidities are cost effective up to age 80 with colonoscopy up to age 80; sigmoidoscopy at age 78 and FIT at age 79 and 80.

The authors note that those age 76 and older without prior screening have a prevalence of CRC that is 10 times greater than those who had negative screening colonoscopy at ages 50, 60 and 70.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Attendance Research Report

Attendance Chairman Dave Dinger recently reported to the Executive Board that 167 of our members did not attend any meetings last year. This finding triggered much discussion and resulted in a phone survey conducted by the Committee asking a sample of 72 of these absent members why they didn't attend. These results were presented to the Board.



16 - members indicated they had other interests, activities, or commitments which prevented them from attending meetings

13 - indicated they were out of town a lot and/or were snowbirds

11 - reported health issues - their own or family

6 - indicated transportation or parking problems (often health related)

8 - indicated "problem" with meetings - speakers or content (business portion). It should be noted that these were prompted responses - not free - they said yes, when asked about item

18 - no information - calls not answered or returned despite multiple attempts

Conclusions:

• We have a significant number of "checkbook members" - men who want to continue membership even though they may remain relatively inactive. Many comments received about liking the Club, but are having trouble attending. Several indicated they had attended some meetings this year.

• No indication of any changes the Club could or should make that would increase attendance.

—Dick Harper

Grosse Pointe SMC Visit



A team of leaders from the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club attended our regular meeting on Friday, June 13 completing an exchange of club visits, where each club had the opportunity of viewing how the other conducts these meetings. In addition, and more importantly, we hope to establish an ongoing mutually productive relationship between our clubs.

To that end, SMC officers and selected committee chairman met with the GPSMC team after the formal meeting to discuss a variety of subjects, including:

- sources and recruitment of meeting speakers
- publicity and visibility in the community
- membership trends and recruitment
- meeting attendance
- club groups and activities (investment, camera, computer, movie, bowling, golf, etc.)
- special event types and activities
- membership communication - newsletters, electronic, etc.

Individual chairmen of various club activities met their counterparts and agreed to establish ongoing contacts and an exchange of information and ideas. We will ensure that each club receives the others newsletters. In addition, the possibility of annual golf and bowling challenges between our clubs was discussed. Committee chairs will co-ordinate.

—Dick Harper

Nominating Committee

President John Steele has appointed a SMC Nominating Committee with the most important responsibility of selecting candidates for Club Officers for 2015. Committee members are Past President John Flintosh, Chairman, Past Presidents Irv Poston and Stu Shuster plus members Augie Perrotta and Tom Schrift.

Per our constitution, nominations and the election of officers will take place during the first two weeks in November. Members with officer candidate suggestions are encouraged to contact any committee member.



—John Steele

Mystery Lyrics

Only eight readers remembered the name of the great tune by Mama Cass Elliot which contains this lyric line:



*"Night breezes seem to
whisper I love you"*

Congratulations to Chuck O'Connell, Ed Proctor (a first-timer), Stan Rogell, Madge Woodward (Omer Petti), Joan (Nick) Marinelli, Maxine (Bruce) Smiley (another first-timer), Tom McNally and as always, Clay Gordon. - they all knew the song is "Dream a Little Dream of Me." Do yourself a favor and catch Mama Cass singing this song on YouTube - such a beautiful almost little girl voice.

This month we have another romantic ballad for you, which includes this line:

*"You can tell at a glance, what a
swell night this is for romance"*

Can you name that tune?

Sports Trivia

We almost "stumped the panel" last month with this one. We asked you to fill in the blank in the following famous sports line "___ is moving like a tremendous machine." We apparently don't have a lot of horse racing fans among us because only Ed Pustelak, Al Bosley and Dick Smith knew this was the great horse Secretariat. The track announcer voiced these words as Secretariat moved to a 30 length victory in the 1973 Belmont, and broke the track record by an astounding 2 and 3/5 seconds. If you watched the Belmont this year, you might have seen this race, although the film quality is really bad. It's on YouTube.

We're going a way back on you for this month's challenge. Who were the "Mad Magicians?" Extra credit if you can name any of them.

—Dick Harper

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 8 at 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, August 15

Games

Bowling: Wednesday, 10:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes (Practice)

Bridge: Tuesdays at 9:00AM and Friday after lunch

Monday Golf: 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills

Thursday Golf: 7:00-9:00AM at Springdale

Special Events

Detroit River Cruise: Wednesday, July 23 at 9:15AM

Annual Picnic: Friday, August 8 from 10:30AM -2:30PM Beverly Park

U of M Football Game: Saturday, September 27

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, July 2 at 10:30AM

Group B: Monday, July 21 at 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, July 14 at 1:00PM

Camera Group: NO MEETINGS in July or August

Computer Group: NO MEETINGS in July or August

Investment Group: Wednesday, September 10 at 2:45PM

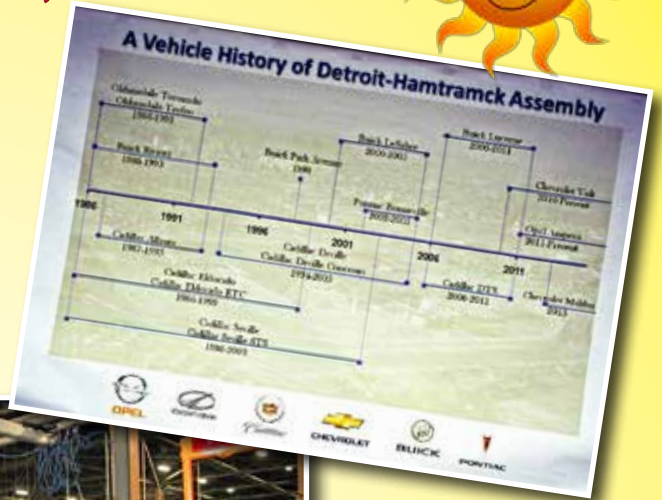
All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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SMC Visits The Volt Assembly Plant and the Dakota Inn Tuesday, June 3, 2014



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D-DAY LUNCHEON

Honoring those who served in WWII

Friday, June 6, 2014



Thank you for saving the free world

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