

The Reminder



July 2021

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

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SMC FOUNDATION UPDATE

Thank you for the donations received in the memory of David Key and Irv Poston. The legacy of our members will sustain us through the future challenges that await us. The Foundation is healthy and the Directors have made sound investment decisions that will provide future funds to meet the Foundation Mission to enhance the physical, spiritual and mental well-being of senior men.

*Foundation Directors
June 21, 2021*

Bob Kenning

One of our Club's best known and most respected members is Bob Kenning. Bob joined the Senior Men's Club in 1995, after a distinguished multi-faceted career in Birmingham, where he served as City Manager from 1965-1990. In that position Bob shaped the environment we appreciate every time we visit Birmingham. The City Council honored his service by naming the park at Eton and Lincoln the Robert S. Kenning Park.

Of course, Bob is well known as being a former and proud Marine - in fact, at 97, he is the oldest living Marine in Michigan. His service was perhaps highlighted on being on a troop ship off the coast of Japan in August 1945, when President Truman decided to drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This triggered the Japanese surrender and avoided a planned invasion which would have cost countless lives.

Bob has annually attended Memorial Day services at Shain Park attired in his Marine uniform as shown at this year's event. Many of us are quite envious of his being able to look so good attired as a Marine.

On behalf of the hundreds of SMC members whose lives Bob has enriched, coupled with his distinguished military service, please join me in thanking Bob for exemplifying our core values of excellence, integrity, fellowship and inclusivity.



*Semper Fi
Dick Harper*

JULY PROGRAMS

CHAIR: MALCOLM HENDY

- 02Mort Meisner, President Mort Meisner Associates
Topic: " Mastering the Media "
- 09 Dan Yessian, CEO U.S. Music Production Co.
Topic : " 50 Years of Yessian Music & An Armenian Trilogy "
- 16 Dr. Jim Mangi, Alzheimer's Association - Dementia Friendly Saline
Topic: "Introduction to Dementia"
- 23..... Tim Hoy, President Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit
Topic: " The Steinway Story "
- ** NOTE The July 23rd meeting will be held and Zoomed from the Steinway Piano Gallery (S.E. Corner of 15 Mile Rd.and M5). The Gallery can seat up to 200 people auditorium style with dining for lunch.
- 30..... Gus Mondalek, CEO Snap Terminal
Topic: " Asymmetrical Warfare"

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CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!

Jack and Faith Corey celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2012. Yes, 70 years! Jack has been an active member of the Senior Men's Club for many years, having joined in 1994. They have been Birmingham citizens since 1956, and have lived in their current home since 1972. Jack and Faith raised six wonderful children, with Jack retiring from General Motors many years ago. Faith taught at various schools over the years and was a fantastic homemaker. They have been involved at Holy Name parish and participate in many local activities. They are currently devoted bridge players, but Jack has slowed down on bowling and golf lately. Hearty congratulations Jack and Faith!

Bob Corey

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL ZOOM HOSTS!



SMC is looking for members who would like to be Hosts or Co-hosts for meetings. As we move forward with live meetings, we will be offering the Zoom option for our Friday meetings, Executive Board and potentially group meetings. In order to do this, we need to have a few people trained and capable of running the Zoom portion. We will offer a short training and then work with you to co-host a meeting. Please let John Maten know if you are interested at johncvt@aol.com or (248)251-9339. If you currently are hosting Zoom meetings and would like to learn more about some of the host controls, you are also welcome to sign up. We will set a date for training in the near future.

John Maten



SPECIAL EVENTS SUMMER 2021

The Special Events Committee will have three events this summer.

The first event is unique. **All members of the Senior Men's Club are invited to attend the Executive Committee Meeting from 10:30 to 12:00 on Tuesday, July 13 at the Iroquois Club.** There will be a luncheon after the business meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate the Iroquois Club as a possible site for our regular Friday meetings. The Iroquois Club is on the east side of Woodward Avenue just north of Square Lake Road.

If you want to attend the meeting and the luncheon, please contact Mike Clement or Ras Desai and tell them your choice of lunch from among Jerk Pasta & Vegetables (vegetarian), Black Angus Berger with Steak Fries, and Rosemary Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans. The price is \$20 and you must contact Mike or Ras by noon on Friday, July 6. You can pay in cash or check to SMC at the Iroquois Club.

The second event will be the Annual Picnic (our only stag event) on Wednesday, July 18. Contact Bob Stevenson or Martin Rowell by email for reservations and details. The price of \$20 includes a box lunch. There will be games and entertainment.

The third event will be a tour of the Holocaust Museum in Farmington Hills on Tuesday, September 14. Contact Malcolm Hendy by email for reservations and details. Tickets will also be available at the Picnic. The price is \$10, there is no lunch and it is a self-drive event.

Mike Clement

Groups



Reading Groups

In July we will be reading two books, one fiction and the other non-fiction, which will surely lead to lively, provocative discussions at a time when American citizens are struggling to come to grips with the many issues related to our racial history and its implications for our life today.

These sessions are open to all members and guests, even if they haven't read the books but are interested in exploring topics related to racism and social justice.

As always, we are grateful to Roger Timm for serving as Zoom master for both book groups.

Wednesday, July 7, at 10:30 AM: *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. New York: Riverhead Books, 2020.

This award-winning novel follows the lives of two twin girls, both light-skinned Black girls, who run away from home at the age of sixteen. Desiree marries a dark-skinned Black man and has a child, while Stella lives her life passing as white. The book tracks their lives across generations, as their lives branch away from each other and yet remain intertwined. It's a story that explores the intricacies of identity, family and race in a provocative but compassionate way.

Swarn Rajpal will lead this discussion.

Monday, July 19, at 3 PM: *So, You Want to Talk about Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. New York: Seal Press, 2019.

This is one of the many books on race in America that made it to best seller lists after the killing of George Floyd. Here's an excerpt from the review in the National Review of Books: "This book is for everyone — white or black or any color in between. If you are white, it will make you see nuances of racism that you were probably not aware of, including within yourself, your loved ones, and coworkers. If you are a person of color, it will give you ways to respond calmly, rationally, and intelligently, even when dealing with the well-meaning "I'm not racist" white friend or coworker. Each chapter is framed as a question which Oluo unpacks thoroughly and rationally. These are questions that typically come up in daily interactions..."

Posh Golati will lead this discussion.

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST:

Wednesday, August 4, 10:30 AM: *The Long Fix: Solving America's Health Care Crisis with Strategies that Work for Everyone* by Vivian S. Lee. Led by Perry Driggs

Monday, August 16, 3 PM: *The Life and Death of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan. Led by Bob Stevenson

Bob Maxwell



Investment Study Group

The next Investment Group meeting will be Wednesday September 8 at 2:45 PM. Speaker TBD.

Jerry Peck, Bob Veres, and Mike Clement tripled their money in the stock game which ended May 31. The overall group average gain was 31%. The market gain was 21%. Record year.

The next stock game will start Friday October 15. Have a greedy summer.

George Miller



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, July 12, at 1:00 PM, Fred Hansz will present, via Zoom, one of his favorite films, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (2000) (1 hour and 47 minutes). This outstanding adventure-comedy was written, produced, co-edited and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen, and stars George Clooney, John Turturro and Tim Blake Nelson and John Goodman, Holly Hunter and Charles Durning in supporting roles.

The film is set in 1937 rural Mississippi during the Great Depression and is based on Homer's epic Greek poem *The Odyssey*. The riotous adventure begins as three convicts escape from the chain gang and, while trying to find their way back home, meet and become involved with an assortment of unusual characters, including a blind soothsayer, enticing sirens and a one-eyed Bible salesman. They also become entangled with Baby Face Nelson, a young Robert Johnson (cutting a hit record with him) and a very angry Ku Klux Klan.

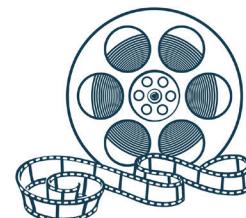
Much of the outstanding music in the film is period folk music, some of which goes back to the 1920's, and the soundtrack won a Grammy Award for Album of the Year in 2002. The country and folk musicians heard in film include John Hartford, Alison Krauss, Dan Tyminski, Emmylou Harris, Patty Loveless, and others.

The movie was well received when released and received Academy Award Nominations for Best Screenplay and Best Cinematography.

So, if you appreciate great comedy, with some suspenseful moments, along with outstanding bluegrass and folk music then this movie is one for you to enjoy.

Watch for our eBlast with the Zoom Link as we approach the show date,

Fred Hansz





MYSTERY LYRICS

Last month's lyric challenge proved to be difficult. We asked if you could name the song with these lines:

"Yesterdays kisses are still on my lips, I've had a lifetime of heaven at my fingertips"

The song is "Gone With The Wind" and only two regular contributors - Joel Adelman and Ray Buratto - knew this one. Congratulations.

Let's try a country and western classic this month, including these lyric lines:

"Listen to the jingle, the rumble and the roar as she glides along the woodlands, though the hills and by the shore"

Hint: think Roy Acuff.

Can you name that tune?

SPORTS TRIVIA

The June Sports Trivia item was also challenging. We reminded you that Bobby Layne was not the only Texan on the Lions during his career and asked how many other Texans you could name. We received a variety of answers – Dave Ladd remembered only Doak Walker, while Ray Buratto, with an encyclopedic memory came up with ten names, including Walker, Yale Lary, Harley Sewell, Tobin Rote, Cloyce Box and five others. Joel Adelman, Tom DeCorte and Julian Prince each had three of these Texans. Joel reported fond memories of having season tickets back in the "good old days" with the Lions.

Let's try an ice hockey challenge this month. Many of us remember when Saturday night was "Hockey Night in Canada". If you were a hockey fan, like many Detroiters, you could first listen to and then watch games from Toronto (Maple Leaf Gardens) or Montreal (the Forum).

And most importantly, you could hear two great long time broadcasters (remember the gondola at the Gardens?). *Can you remember either or both of these announcers?*

Dick Harper

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A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club, which meets Fridays at 10:30 AM via ZOOM during the stay-at-home orders.

Officers for 2021 are: President, Maynard Timm; First Vice President, Swarn Rajpal; Second Vice President, Paul Kovceses; Recording Secretary, Larry Imerman; Corresponding Secretary, John Maten; Treasurer, Jim Suhay; Assistant Treasurer, John Skubik; Officers at Large: Ras Desai, Dennis Winowiecki.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, Editor Emeritus; Jay Kafarski, Publisher; Maynard Timm, Co-Editor; Tim McGee, Co-Editor; Tom Booth, Gene Markel and Roger Timm, Photography.

CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP SCHEDULE FOR 2021:

- July 12 Fred Hansz - *Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?* (2000) 107 min
- Aug. 9 *Avatar* (2009) 162 min. Host TBD
- Sept. 13 John Maten - *Mr Majestyk* (1974) 103 min
- Oct. 11 *Chicago* (2002) 113 min. Host TBD
- Nov. 8 Fred Hansz - *Saving Private Ryan* (1998) 169 min
- Dec. 13 Waller Harris - *Holiday Inn* (1942) 104 min

All Shows are presented via ZOOM at 1:00 PM

Club Dates to Remember

ALL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 6 at 9:30 AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, July 23

Reading Group A: Wednesday, July 7 at 10:30 AM

Investment Group: No meetings during summer. Next meeting Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 2:45 PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, July 12 at 1:00 PM

Reading Group B: Monday, July 19 at 3:00 PM

MEETING RESPONSIBLY IN PERSON:

Walking Group: Tuesdays-Barnum Park & Thursdays-Shain Park; 8:00 AM. For more information, contact Larry Imerman, 248-642-9432

Golf: Lincoln Hills on Mondays and Springdale on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00AM; \$15.00

Spinning: Beverly Hills Club on Wednesdays at noon. \$10 for non-member guests. Contact Joe Schulenberg for info.

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