

The Reminder



January 2020

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

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Jerry Stribbell - A Man for Others

Like his predecessor Tim McGee, incoming SMC President Jerry Stribbell is a proud U of D Jesuit High School graduate who vividly exemplifies its goal of "forming men for others."

Born on November 5, 1940 (the day FDR was elected to his third term) Jerry, together with his two sisters, was raised by his parents, both born in Canada, who instilled in him the values of caring, respect, honesty and responsibility. Following U of D Jesuit High School, Jerry attended John Carroll University in Cleveland, graduating with a BA degree in business with majors in management and marketing.

He then began serving others by volunteering in the US Army where he was stationed in Germany as a 1st Lieutenant. Following his military service, he began a successful career as an auto executive, eventually serving as VP of Sales. Afterwards, he started his own sales company before retiring in 2012.

Jerry married his wife, Jan, in 1964 and has been blessed with six children and 18 grandchildren, all living within 25 miles of his Farmington Hills home.

Jerry joined the SMC in 2013, and was elected as an officer in 2016. His 2020 goals include the following: grow our membership; encourage more members to attend meetings and participate in committees; and foster our longstanding relationship with TCH. Simply put, he wants each of us to follow the SMC principles of fellowship, shared activities and community service.

Please join me in thanking Jerry for signing up to lead us. We are in very good hands!

Maynard Timm



JANUARY PROGRAMS

JANUARY CHAIR: MAYNARD TIMM

January 10	Heather Grondin, VP Windsor Detroit Bridge Authority Gordie Howe International Bridge Update
January 17	Shannon Striebich, CEO, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland 2020 Health Care Outlook
January 24	Mari Manoogian, State Representative 40th District Michigan State House Perspectives
January 31	Mark Dziatczak, Birmingham School Superintendent Birmingham Public Schools Update

Fellowship • Shared Activities • Community Service

DUES ARE DUE

Treasurer John Marsh and his staff report that 140 active and Associate members have not paid dues, which are payable by December 31 by mail or with the coupon. As indicated, late payments are subject to a \$10 fee.

SMC 2020 DUES COUPON - \$50.00

2020 dues are payable *before* January 1, 2020. A \$10.00 late fee *must* be added for dues paid *after* January 1, 2020.

Make checks payable to SMC and pay at a meeting or by mail.

PLEASE PRINT

Please use this coupon if

paying by mail and send to:

Name _____

Senior Men's Club/Dues

Street _____

The Community House

City, State, Zip: _____

380 South Bates Street

Birmingham, MI 48009

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Life Members pay no dues, but may use the coupon to make a voluntary contribution for financial support of our club.



ASSOCIATE MEMBERS DUES

Associate Member dues are \$50 per year. Dues for the next calendar year are payable from September through December and must be paid by December 31. A \$10 late fee is imposed for dues paid on or after January 1. Payment by check is preferred and can be made in person at Friday meetings after Labor Day or sent by mail using the dues coupon found in The Reminder. Make checks payable to the Senior Men's Club, and send to:

Senior Men's Club Dues
The Community House
380 South Bates St.
Birmingham, MI 48009

Note: Dues paid by new associates welcomed after September 1st and through December 31st are credited to the next year.

Tim McGee

LIFE MEMBER DUES

Life membership continues to be a fast growing category in our Club. We clearly are living longer and better, at least in part due to active participation in Club activities.

One of the traditional benefits of reaching this much respected status is that paying annual dues is no longer required. However, a significant number of our Life Members continue to pay dues on a voluntary basis, indicating that they want to contribute to Club financial stability.

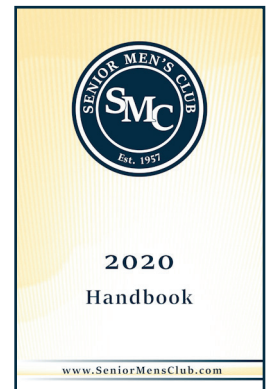
Our finance staff, headed by Bill Burnie continues to collect 2020 dues and would be more than happy to accept voluntary dues from generous Life members with many thanks.

Dick Harper

2020 HANDBOOK AVAILABILITY

The Handbook Committee will be distributing the new 2020 Handbooks at all Friday meetings starting January 10. Please look for our table and our smiling faces to pick up your new handbook, which you can reference all year.

John Zarek & Jack Burns



THE MAGIC JUG

The Senior Men's Club continuing interest in and support of the Oakland County Children's Village is alive and well. Once again the passing of the Magic Jug was most successful, with contributions from generous members exceeding \$4000 and bettering last year.

Congratulations to contributors and especially to Dick Halsted who once again led this effort, supported by Bob Parker in passing the Jug. Once again, the "kids" at the Village will benefit from the support they have received from our Club for more than 30 years.

Dick Harper

SPECIAL EVENTS PARKING

Please use Pleasant Street - just east of the First Presbyterian Church - when meeting the bus for Special Events and park south of the bus. This will preclude driving through the parking lot from Maple when many children are walking and running through the parking lot.

THANK YOU!

Mike Clement

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR 2019



President Tim McGee has announced that John Groves is the recipient of the Club's President Award for 2019. John played a leading role in the first time development of a formal Club budget which will be a bench mark for tracking our finance performance during 2020. In addition, John has served as Club Treasurer for a number of years as well as

heading up the Improvement Committee

Tim McGee

FRIDAY MEETING LUNCHESES

The Lunch Ticket committee offers a selection of lunches each Friday. At 10:30AM, a lunch count is made and given to the kitchen to ensure that the proper number of lunches are prepared. However, it has come to our attention that some members are coming in after the cutoff time demanding a lunch offering.

As much as the Lunch Ticket Committee has tried to accommodate these requests, they can no longer fulfill these type of transactions. It is the member's responsibility to arrive prior to the scheduled start time to check-in for attendance and to purchase a lunch ticket...either check-in on time or arrange for another member to purchase your lunch ticket if arriving late.

Furthermore, it has been reported that some members have been bringing their lunches due to dietary needs or personal preference. Even though we discourage this practice, it is permissible; however, any member doing so should not partake in the cake and ice cream that has been paid for by others. If you desire to bring your own lunch and consume the cake and ice cream, then a payment of \$5.00 to the lunch committee would be appropriate.

Tim O'Brien

2020 LUNCHESES

Next year TCH will offer a hot buffet lunch each month, for just \$15. On January 10, we will enjoy chicken piccata, green beans and rice pilaf. Beginning in February, the buffets will be served the last Friday of each month. They will include shrimp Alfredo, meatloaf, trout, pork loin, and chicken Florentine. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be offered in June and September, corned beef and cabbage in March, and turkey for our year-end Holiday Celebration. On other Fridays, members can choose from a tuna or chicken salad sandwich or the very popular Michigan cherry chicken salad. As always, vegetarian options will be available every week. Please make a New Year's Resolution to stay after Friday meetings and savor these delicacies.

Maynard Timm



John Wargelin



Mike Clement

2019 OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARDS

Our Outstanding Service Award represents the most prestigious recognition given members for multiple and longstanding contributions to our Club.

Nominations are considered and awardees selected by the Policy Committee, chaired by Past President Dick Kamp. For 2019, two members were honored, as announced by Past President Kamp.

Mike Clement has been a member since 2005 and has always been one of our most active participants, contributing to a broad array of Club responsibilities.

His major formal role has been as long time chairman of the Special Events Committee, where his leadership and imagination produce continuing and well received Club activities – our Special Events continue to be the most popular and best attended Club programs.

On a less formal basis, Mike is recognized for the enthusiasm and imagination he brings to Club ongoing decision making, particularly as a member of the Executive Board. Mike is always challenging us with new ideas and solutions to Club problems and asking us to be willing to change.

Congratulations, Mike!

John Wargelin was also recognized with the OSA, having been a member since 1994. John probably epitomizes members who function "behind the scene", but who make significant and ongoing contributions to our Club. John develops the story boards for all Special Event programs. These imaginative and professionally developed boards promote these events and contribute importantly to member interest and participation. Chairman Clement credits John with playing a big part in the success of these events. To recognize this, a selection of these attractive boards was displayed at our annual Holiday party.

John also is involved with other Club activities, particularly as a long time, competitive bowler and as a member of our Medical Emergency Preparedness Team. Well done and congratulations, John.

Dick Harper

IN MEMORIAM

The Senior Men's Club lost 25 members since our last report. Viewing this list of departed men makes us realize how precious life is, as well as reminding us of the many contributions these men made to our Club!

Mahesh Bhatt
Frank P. Biondo
W. Robert Chandler
John T. Dickson
Paul J. Dizik
Charles R. Gates
Richard H. Gregory

Thomas A. Halsted
Arthur L. Held
Richard E. Henne
Eugene E. Hess
Kenneth F. Madigan
Harry R. Mitchell

Richard P. Mueller
Augustine L. Perrotta
Bryant H. Price
Mark A. Richards
William Rolf
Thomas H. Sandercock

Thomas D. Sellers
Stuart B. Shuster
Richard C. Snee
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William M. Spreitzer
Richard J. Thomas Jr.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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LIFE MEMBER

Sean C. O'Keefe

Noel L. Peterson

Thomas K. Tabor

Charles J. Travers

Dave Ehlen

Groups



Reading Groups

As the new year begins, both groups will continue to host lively discussions on an amazing variety of books. While participation has grown in the past year, both groups continue to welcome new participants.

This group wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation to Swarn Rajpal who in December completed his distinguished service as coordinator of the Wednesday group. Swarn did a great job of engaging members in selection of books, developing a format for productive discussions and providing weekly questions and thoughts to ponder about upcoming discussions. Kudos on a job well done.

Beginning this month, Roger Timm will assume the Wednesday coordinator role.

Wednesday, January 8, 10:30AM

Richard Schreck will lead the discussion of *Thinking Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman. (New York: McMillan, 2011)

Daniel Kahneman, holder of a Nobel Prize in Economics, summarizes a distinguished lifetime of research on cognitive biases, prospect theory and happiness. He distinguishes between two modes of thought: instinctive and emotional v. deliberative and logical. The book reflects his work with the Israel Defense Forces. It was selected by the NY Times as one of the ten best books of 2011.

Monday, January 20, 3:00PM

Bill Price will lead the discussion of *Ticker: The Quest to Create an Artificial Heart* by Mimi Swartz. (New York: Broadway Books, 2018)

Award winning author Mimi Swartz has written a book that is part investigative journalism and part medical mystery. It is the story of fifty years of false starts, disappointing failures and huge triumphs, as experienced by one of the world's great heart surgeons, O.H. "Bud" Frazer, who has given his life to saving the un-savable.

Bob Maxfield

"Ah, how good it is to be among people who are reading."

- Rainer Maria Rilke



Investment Group

The next meeting will be Wednesday February 12. The January meeting is CANCELED.

Jerry Peck continues to lead the Stock Game with a 39% gain in 2 months. Dave Ehlen is second with a 26% gain. Dr Charles Main, Dave Ladd and Bill Halbert follow. 62 players had gains. The best stock (Teva Pharma) had a 44% gain and 11 stocks had gains over 30%. It has been a good time to be greedy. Bring a friend to meetings.

George Miller



Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet at 9:00AM on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the Apple Store on the north side of Somerset Mall, first floor, to meet with Benjamin Karl, creative pro, for a discussion of cell phone photography with the Apple iPhones (all models), and attachments there of.

Bob Frank



Classic Movie Group

For our first film of the year, Tom Booth will present one of Clint Eastwood's most famous the man with no name westerns "High Plains Drifter" (1973) (1 hour and 45 minutes) on Monday, January 13 at 1:00 PM. In this moody but compelling story, Director Eastwood plays a drifter hired by a small town to protect them from a band of vengeful outlaws that has just been released from prison. But there is more to the story than initially meets the eye with a blazing climax that reveals the ultimate truth. We will show a beautiful new restoration print of this movie with subtitles on our large eight-foot wide screen. If you are looking for a classic western full of action and suspense then this film is for you to enjoy. In addition, Tom will bring plenty of fresh popcorn to make the movie going experience complete for you, your family and friends.

Fred Hansz

SAVE THE DATE: SENIOR MEN'S CLUB TOUR
STAHL'S AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM AND COLLECTION

LUNCH AT DIMITRI'S OPA! RESTAURANT - CHESTERFIELD, MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

In place of the usual January trip to the North American International Auto Show to see the latest vehicles and concepts, the Senior Men's Club will travel back into the history of the industry with a first-ever Club visit to **Stahl's Automobile Collection at Stahl's Automotive Museum** in Chesterfield, Michigan.

Highlights of this significant car collection include a 1948 Tucker, a 1934 Duesenberg and other pre-World War II classics, early race cars, vintage trucks, significant 1950's cars and 1960's muscle cars, and the only Meisenhelder car in existence. Stahl's also features period diner and gas station fixtures and signs, vintage road signs, and an amazing array of working, ornate organs, jukeboxes, player pianos, and other vintage automated music machines.

Before touring Stahl's, Club members will have **lunch at the nearby Dimitri's Opa! Restaurant** at 50875 Gratiot in Chesterfield. The restaurant is known locally for serving good food in a friendly, casual atmosphere. For lunch, a choice can be made from a fixed lunch entrée selection including gyro pita, reuben sandwich, half-pound cheeseburger, chicken breast sandwich, fish sandwich, and Greek salad, with soup, salad or fries and soft drinks.

Travel to and from Stahl's and Dimitri's will be in a familiar Carr's motor coach which will transport the SMC participants to and from the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church at 1669 West Maple Road in Birmingham.

The \$40 ticket price includes lunch and transport. (Museum admission is free.)

Departure time is 11:00AM Arrival back at the church will be at approximately 5:00PM.

All SMC members and guests are welcome.

For additional information, contact Pete Hollinshead at 248.835.6657.

Pete Hollinshead

THE OLD MADE NEW:

The Renovation of Historic Buildings for the 21st Century Office

In our "Old Made New" trip, we explore the re-purposing of space to design new work areas in downtown Detroit and in Dearborn.

We start with a two hour walking tour of the Quicken Loans complex covering multiple buildings. The buildings showcase the renovation of historic structures in addition to creatively designed work spaces.

We lunch at a Middle Eastern restaurant in Dearborn. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian options will be available (a non-alcoholic beverage is included with the meal).

In the afternoon, we hear from the Ford Motor Land Development's design staff regarding plans for the Michigan Central Station and the refurbishing of older buildings on the Ford campus.

The \$40 a ticket price includes bus transportation, lunch, and gratuities.

We will depart from the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, February 25, from 9:00AM to around 4:00PM. Tickets for this unique experience will not be sold after February 8 as a list of those attending must be provided to both Quicken Loan and Ford Motor Land Development security personnel.



Larry Imerman



HOLIDAY PARTY 2019 REMARKS



Members, wives and guests... Welcome to the Annual Senior Men's Club Holiday Party!

Twelve months ago the members had the faith to elect me as your President for our 62nd year and to continue our emphasis on SMC core values of integrity, responsibility and fellowship with special emphasis on promoting our membership as *Men on the Go!* in the community!

It was an awesome responsibility, which was compounded immediately from the start when The Community House announced the end of the Business Services they provided for us and 13 other non-profit groups that meet at the house on Bates Street!

We were faced with a challenge that evolved into an opportunity for us to look forward and strengthen the Senior Men's Club for future generations. I am happy to report that we are financially stable, administratively strong and planning to implement more internal structures that will ensure another 62 years for the club. Next year we plan to implement a new data base system that will enhance our communications and financial operations...and to initiate a Senior Men's Club Foundation as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

It is well known that we benefit greatly from the opportunity to meet and use the many rooms of the Community House...for 62 years! This year we used over 350 rooms for Friday general meetings, committee meetings, movies, bridge games, etc.

I am pleased to report that our relations have never been stronger with the TCH staff as evidenced recently by our successful coproduction of An Elegant Evening with *Alexander Zonjic & Friends* last month that realized a contribution toward our Annual Giving Initiative of \$90,000 to support the general operations of TCH. We are very close to reaching our goal and it's not too late for you to make a donation before the end of the year!

Tonight and every Friday meeting, I look out from behind the dais and I see men that are active and leading their lives that I hope to emulate. Age is not a barrier...oh sure, we ache and moan as the joints don't lubricate like they did in our younger days, but I see men golfing, bowling, walking, swimming and cycling at ages far beyond the expected normal. And I see men engaging in lively discussions, waging competitiveness at the bridge table and seeking out new inspirations and passions for life working together as a team reaching compromises and acceptance regardless of religion, race or political persuasion.

Many of you have been my mentors and guided me through the past 12 months. I realize how lucky I am to be alive and able to share a laugh...a cry...and a hug with you. We have lost some of our members this past year, but their strength and will lives on within each and every one of us. We have not lived quite enough and we will not end our lives alone!

The past twelve months have certainly been eventful, but with the support of all of you, we were able to meet every challenge we faced...again, I thank you! Now I'm going to step down and hand over the reins to Jerry Stribbell and I ask that you give him even greater support for the year ahead.

Thank you and enjoy your families and friends this holiday season and look forward to a Happy New Year for the Men on the Go!

Tim McGee



MYSTERY LYRICS

Apparently we went too far back in time with last month's lyric challenge.

We asked if you could recognize an old Louis Armstrong song (possibly too old) containing these lines:

"Just because my hair is curly, just because my teeth are pearly"

As suggested, this was a very early Armstrong recording which was titled "Shine" – possibly politically incorrect today. Two regulars - Ray Buratto and Joel Adelman plus Fred Hansz and Clay Gordon remembered this one.

Let's hope more readers have the right answer this month. The mystery lyrics are:

"You're no exception to the rule

I'm irresistible, you fool"

Can you name that tune?

Dick Harper

SPORTS TRIVIA

Last month's sports trivia challenge was also difficult. We asked if you could remember the American League pitcher who had the most unusual record one season of only 5 wins and 19 losses, but had two no-hitters and two one-hitters in his wins. The answer is Virgil "Fire" Trucks and the year was 1952.

Ray Buratto and Joel Adelman (per usual) plus Ben Mangiapane, Ken Beres, Jack McLaughlin and Clay Gordon knew this one.

Joel has a good challenge for you this month: *Can you name the major league player who had degrees from two Ivy League colleges (Princeton and Columbia) and was a spy for the US during World War Two?* Joel tells us he was considered a genius and spoke 12 languages.

Dick Harper

The Reminder

A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club, which meets at 10:30AM at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Officers for 2020 are: Jerry Stribbell, President; Maynard Timm, First Vice President; Swarn Rajpal, Second Vice President; Paul Kovceses, Recording Secretary; Larry Imerman, Corresponding Secretary; Leonard Borman, Treasurer; Posh Gulati and Martin Rowell, Officers at Large.

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

Senior Men's Club

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Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, January 10

Bowling: Mondays, 10:00AM at Escape Lanes

Wednesdays, 10:00AM at Escape Lanes (practice)

Golf: Thursdays, 9:30AM (begin January 9) at Oakland Yard Dome

Bridge: Fridays after lunch

Special Events:

Stahl's Auto Museum & Collection Tour: Tuesday, January 21

Old Made New Tour: Tuesday, February 24

Reading Group A: Wednesday, January 8, 10:30AM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, January 13, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, January 14, 9:00AM (Somerset Apple Store)

Reading Group B: Monday, January 20, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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HOLIDAY PARTY 2019



SMC Chorus



Chris & Peter Daley and Joe & Fran Schulenburg



Lynda & Tom DeCort



Barry King



Fred & Sue Leydorf and Art & Sally Pope



Rose Marie Battey & John Marsh



Roger & Barbara Timm



Lois Booth with Helen Cook & Tom King

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HOLIDAY PARTY 2019 continued



The McGees



The Myers

The Morians



Holiday Band



The Smiths



The Winowieckis



Don Lucas & Marion Hawkins