

The Reminder



May 2021

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

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SMC Speakers Receive High Marks

Your comments were heard. Four years ago, members remarked on the need to improve the quality and variety of speakers coming to Friday morning meetings. Under Swarn Rajpal's leadership, speakers started to be scored, and the speaker program analyzed in detail. Monthly chairmen redoubled their efforts to bring the best speakers before the Club membership.

The current speaker lineup is more varied and speakers receive consistently high marks. However, the Program Committee is not content sitting on its laurels. We need your suggestions.

Zoom allows us to bring in speakers from as far West as Hawaii and as far East as Helsinki, Vienna or Cape Town. Are there speakers residing outside the Detroit metro area whose presentation you feel may both attract attendees to a Friday meeting, and whose presentation might be of interest or educational to our members?

Are there faculty at your undergraduate, graduate or professional college or university whose research you think the group might find enlightening? Or have you heard a fascinating lecture by a faculty member, government official, association or think tank staff member who you believe the Club membership would "tune in" to hear and who has a worthwhile lecture.

Have you heard speakers at SOAR, OLLI, the OCC Lifelong Education Program or other groups that you think should speak at the Club? Perhaps you've read in Crain's about a local business leader who you believe should be brought to the Club.

If you have speaker ideas, please contact either the current year Program Chair, Paul Kovceses, or the 2022 Program Chair, Larry Imerman. Larry has begun to recruit monthly Speaker Chairmen for 2022. Should you be interested, and willing to arrange speakers for a month, be sure to contact Larry. Contact info for Paul and Larry is in the Club Directory.

Larry Imerman

SMC FOUNDATION NEWS

The following donations arrived after our publication in last month's *Reminder* of the initial *Foundation Founding Contributors*:

- John Flintosh
- Ben Mangiapane
- Greg McComas
- Jim Suhay
- Dennis Winowiecki

The Foundation thanks these gentlemen for their support.
Tim McGee

MAY PROGRAMS

CHAIR: MARTIN ROWELL

- 07 **Martin Lavelle**, Business Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Detroit Branch
Topic: "An Update on Michigan's Economy"
- 14..... **David E. Cole**, chair AutoHarvest, Chair Emeritus, Center for Automotive Research
Topic: "The Auto Future: Fast, Furious & Uncertain"
- 21..... **John Bellow**, President & CEO, The Center For Michigan & Bridge
Topic: "The Bridge: Journalism in National Politics, Social Reckoning & the Pandemic"
- 28 TBD

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GAMES REPORT

Bowling: The season ended in a nail biter as two teams fought it out on the last day for the championship. The second place team comprised of Tim McGee, John Wargelin, Randy Barnett and Tom Obear, had to win all four games to claim victory, but short 7 pins in the second game, losing 597 to 590, they settled for second place. Congratulations to the championship team of Chuck Robinson, Dick Rappleye, Marv Dery and Swarn Rajpal on a thrilling victory.

Golf Season Opener: It was a great day for the season opening at Lincoln Hills for the 40 golfers who played. The temps started at 50 and warmed to 65. The low round for the day at 38 was scored by George Eschelmann and Birdies were recorded on Hole #8 by Chuck Robinson and #2 by Kirby Callam.

Remember to turn your scorecard into the clubhouse in the cigar box and new rule this year only record 3 shots over par on any hole in order to speed-up play. Also, make sure you are ready to tee up at your stated tee time as we just barely got the last group off at 9:00 am and that's with 19 No Shows.

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| Maynard Timm 41 | Walt Kowal 50 | Gino Saliccioli 56 |
| Marv Dery 48 | Geoff Morganstern 57 | Paul Lieberman 52 |
| Jim Hayes 52 | Tim McGee 45 | Ray Buratto 44 |
| Joe Schulenberg 43 | Chuck Robinson 44 | John Wensky 55 |
| John Perryman 40 | Tom DeCorte 44 | Dick Bradley 45 |
| George Stern 42 | Dennis Winowiecki 58 | Ray Bohienstiehl 44 |
| Barry Nienberg 45 | George Eschelmann 38 | Michael Lieb 60 |
| Bob Smith 57 | Tom Waffan 50 | Paul Aljuni 52 |
| Jim Suhay 52 | Kirby Callam 41 | Frank Mei 48 |
| Doug Richman 53 | Tom Ernst 48 | Gregary Ford 43 |
| Vikas Shah 49 | Tony DiMarco 58 | Roger Melton 56 |
| Jay Reynolds 44 | Dan Bonbrisco 47 | Tom Fogarty 53 |
| Marc Schumacher 47 | Phil Buccinni 59 | Gary Millikian 42 |

There's still room for you to slip in and play on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00am at a cost of \$15. Come on out and enjoy the landscape as you chase that little ball into the rabbit hole! We have plenty of tournaments planned for the year and a long awaited return of the Grosse Pointe Men's Club Grudge Match.

Spinning: Cycling at the Beverly Hills Club on Wednesdays at noon is on tap with SMC Member Joe Schulenberg leading a hearty bunch of cyclists. Join them for a good workout for the cost of \$10 for non-member guests.

Walking: If golfing and cycling are not your cup of tea, then join the walking group for coffee (or tea) after a 45-60 minute walk around Shain Park or Barnum on Tuesday and Thursday mornings respectively at 8:00am. Contact Larry Imerman for more information.

Tim McGee

NEW LIFE MEMBER

As the acting first Vice President of the Senior Men's Club, it is my honor to induct Tyler Perkins as a new Life Member.

This is a recognition of any active member who has reached eighty-five years of age and has been a member for 10 consecutive years. The life member is no longer required to pay dues however many continue to do so.

TYLER PERKINS

Tyler (Ty) Perkins was inducted as a SMC Life Member on April 9, 2021.

Ty was born October 6, 1927 in Detroit Michigan. He has been a SMC member since March 18, 2011.

Ty attended high school in Redford and then attended Michigan State University.

He was in the Navy's Pacific Fleet during 1945 and 1946.

He was the proud owner of R. Tyler Perkins Jr., Inc., a representative to the food service industry.

Ty has been married to his wife Ann for 67 years and resides in Troy. He has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He belongs to The First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

He loves to sing solos and with the SMC choir.

Ty plays golf with the SMC group, volunteers for the American Cancer Society, and has been a member of the Village Players since 1962, making he and Ann the oldest living members of the group.

Ty feels his "claim to fame" is that he and John Reddy recruited past president Tim McGee to join our Club.

Congratulations to Ty on his change of status.

Paul A. Kovceses

TENTATIVE 2021 SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events Committee has planned events starting in **August of 2021** on the expectation that it will be safe to begin meeting again this summer. It all depends on stopping and reversing the current surge of the virus in Michigan and clearance for us to meet. Assuming all this happens, our plans are:

Annual Picnic on Wednesday, August 18 at Beverly Park
Tour of the Holocaust Museum or the African-American Museum in early September

The Pontiac Auto Show and the Pontiac Airport in late September

Dinner at Schoolcraft College in October

Tour of Meadowbrook Hall and Lunch on Tuesday, November 30

Holiday Party at the San Marino Club on Tuesday, December 14

Mike Clement

Groups



Reading Groups

Please plan to participate in one or both of the book groups in May when we will discuss two important non-fiction works. The first is a provocative analysis of our current environmental crisis and the second is a study of the destruction brought about by the East India Company.

These sessions are open to all members and guests, even if they haven't read the books but are interested in the topic.

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

Wednesday, May 5, at 10:30 AM: *Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All* by Michael Schellenberger. New York: Harper, 2020.

In reviewing this book, Steve McCormick, the former CEO of the Nature Conservancy writes, "We environmentalists condemn those with antithetical views of being ignorant of science and susceptible to confirmation bias. But too often we are guilty of the same. Shellenberger offers 'tough love:' a challenge to entrenched orthodoxies and rigid, self-defeating mindsets. *Apocalypse Never* serves up occasionally stinging, but always well-crafted, evidence-based points of view that will help develop the 'mental muscle' we need to envision and design not only a hopeful, but an attainable, future."

This book is sure to promote a lively discussion.

Gordon Allardyce will lead this session.

Monday, May 17, at 3:00 PM: *The Anarchy: The East India Company, Corporate Violence and the Pillage of an Empire* by William Dalrymple. London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019.

This important book was cited as a best book of the year by NPR and The Wall Street Journal. The Wall Street Journal reviewer wrote, "As William Dalrymple shows in his rampaging, brilliant, passionate history the East India Co. was the most advanced capitalist organization in the world . . . Mr. Dalrymple gives us every sword-slash, every scam, every groan and battle cry. He has no rival as a narrative historian of the British in India. 'The Anarchy' is not simply a gripping tale of bloodshed and deceit, of unimaginable opulence and intolerable starvation. It is shot through with an unappeasable moral passion."

This discussion will be led Anant Bhogaonker

Looking ahead to June:

Wednesday, June 2, 10:30 AM: *The Mantle of Command: FDR at War, 1941-1942* by Nigel Hamilton (Roger Timm)

Monday, June 21, 3 PM: *The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz* by Eric Larson (John Haber)

Bob Maxwell



Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will have a Zoom meeting on Monday, May 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

We will discuss the History of Census Taking. The Census is one of the most treasured resources for Genealogists as it is a direct link to your ancestors and a path to verifying your family history. Of course, it's real purpose is for governments to gather information about their population for basically collecting taxes and in the United States for proportioning state representatives to serve their State.

Each 10- year Census is released to the public every 72 years which makes the 1950 Census available in 2022.

The Zoom address for the meeting will be shared through eblast the last week of the month.

Dave Bakos

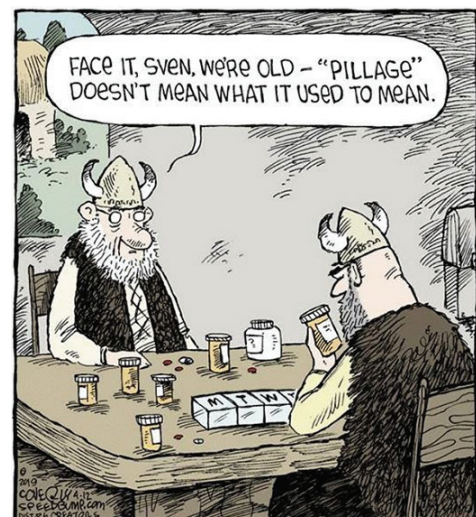


Investment Study Group

The next Investment Group meeting will be on Wednesday, May 12 at 2:45 PM. Bill Halbert, Senior VP, Morgan Stanley and SMC member will be our speaker for the 35th straight year. His topic Morgan Stanley: On the Markets "RUNNING with the BULLS is TRICKY." Although equity markets have continued to advance, sharp rotations have left many investors upside down. Bill is an excellent speaker and always has very good advice based on his extensive investment experience.

Jerry Peck continues to lead the Stock Game with a 235% gain. Mike Clement is second with a 111% gain. George Miller, Bob Veres, Art Lewry, and Joe Schulenberg follow. Jerry Peck is in cash so he may be caught and passed like last year. Stay tuned. The Game ends May 31. All are welcome to the Zoom meeting. Invite a friend. Remember GREED can be good. Pay more taxes!

George Miller



Groups, continued



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, May 10th at 1:00 PM, Joel Adelman will present, via Zoom, the Academy Award winning film “*All the King’s Men*” (1949) (1 hour and 50 minutes). This movie, based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel of the same name, was produced and directed by Robert Rossen and stars Broderick Crawford, John Ireland, Mercedes McCambridge and Joanne Dru. The plot focuses on the rise and fall of the ambitious, ruthless and corrupt politician, Willie Stark (played by Broderick Crawford), and is generally regarded as having been based on the rise and fall of Huey Long, the infamous Louisiana Governor. The film won three Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best Actor (Broderick Crawford) and best Supporting Actress (Mercedes McCambridge) and was nominated for several other Academy Awards, including Best Director. The film was deemed culturally and historically significant by the Library of Congress and was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry.

So, mark your calendars now and join us on the 10th to enjoy one of best Political Noir/Drama films of the 20th Century. Be sure to bring your popcorn to make your movie going experience complete for you and your family.

Watch for our access information eBlast as we near the show date.

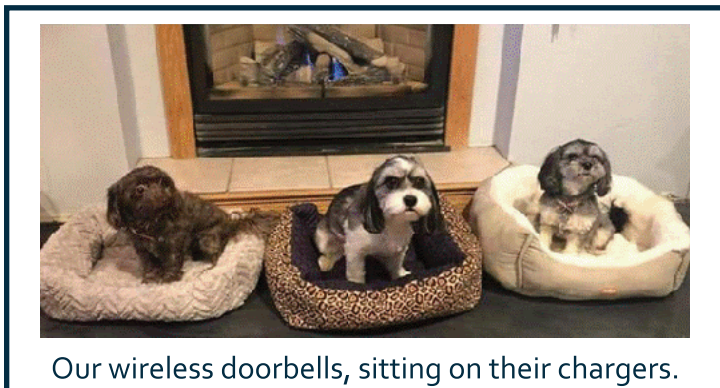
Looking forward to seeing you then.

Joel Adelman



Walking Group

Tuesday & Thursday. Times & locations may vary due to Covid19. For more information, contact Larry Imerman, 248-642-9432



MAY 7 SPECIAL MOVIE PRESENTATION

On Friday, May 7, at 12:30 PM, Malcolm Hendy will host, via Zoom, the historical documentary “*The Ritchie Boys*” (2004) (1 hour and 30 minutes) directly after our regular Friday Morning Meeting. This outstanding film, directed by Christian Bauer, tells the story of an elite WWII intelligence unit, known as the Ritchie Boys, that was stationed at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, and was tasked with devising ways to break the morale of German troops and to convince captured prisoners of war to fully divulge all their strategic military information. Many of the members of this unit had escaped from Nazi Germany and were deeply knowledgeable in how to best extract vital information from the prisoners. Our Dr Guy Stern is a Ritchie Boy and he will join Malcolm to participate in a discussion with us after the conclusion of the film.

So, mark your calendars now to be sure that you are able to watch this fascinating movie. Then, join Dr Stern and Malcom for what will be a very interesting post film discussion.

We will send out a Zoom access information eBlast for this special event as we near the presentation date.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Fred Hansz

CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP SCHEDULE FOR 2021:

- May 7 Malcolm Hendy - *The Ritchie Boys* (2004) 90 min
- May 10 Joel Adelman - *All the Kings Men* (1949) 110 min
- June 14 Robert Sparks - *Red Tails* (2012) 125 min
- July 12 Fred Hansz - *Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?* (2000) 107 min
- Aug. 9 Irv Poston - *Avatar* (2009) 162 min
- Sept. 13 John Maten - *Mr Majestyk* (1974) 103 min
- Oct. 11 Irv Poston - *Chicago* (2002) 113 mi
- 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



MYSTERY LYRICS

We have a lot of Frank Sinatra fans in our membership. Whenever we list lyrics from a song Sinatra sang, we get lots of answers, including responses from some first time participants. Last month, we asked if you remembered these lyrics:

“Here I go again, I hear those trumpets blow again, all aglow again”, and for the first time, (I think), received correct answers from Dave Baumhart, Bill Price and Steve Hall.

We also heard from Ray Buratto (per usual), Dolly and Bill Johnson, Joel Adelman, Dan Bonbrisco and Fred Hansz - all knew the song is “Taking a Chance on Love”. Congratulations to members with long memories.

At the risk of being repetitious, we have another Sinatra song for you this month, with these lyrics:

“For nobody else gave me a thrill, with all your faults, I love you still”

Can you name that tune?

Dick Harper

SPORTS TRIVIA

Last month we asked if you remembered the American Leaguer who came oh so close to career records of a .300 batting average and 400 home runs. The answer so obvious to Tiger fans, of course was Al Kaline, who ended with a .297 average and 399 home runs.

Hearty congratulations to Ray Buratto, Pete Good, Jerry Andre, Joel Adelman, Tom DeCorte, Lynn Evans and Dan Bonbrisco. Tom and Lynn remembered that Al lost a home run that he hit in a game that didn't go the required 5 innings to be official. Obviously, that could have been number 400.

This month we challenge you to remember another baseball career record. **Can you name the major leaguer who ended his career with exactly 3000 hits?** – a tragic ending, unfortunately.

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.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

The Senior Men's Club's mailing address has changed from The Community House, 380 South Bates St., Birmingham, MI, 48009, to:

Senior Men's Club

P.O. Box 1149

Birmingham, MI 48012-1149

All mail should be sent to the new address.

Club Dates to Remember

ALL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 11 at 9:30 AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, May 21

Genealogy Group: Monday, May 2 at 2:00 PM

Reading Group A: Wednesday, May 5 at 10:30 AM

Classic Movie Group: Friday May 7 12:30 PM and
Monday, May 10 at 1:00 PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, May 12 at 2:45 PM

Reading Group B: Monday, May 17 at 3:00 PM

MEETING RESPONSIBLY IN PERSON:

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