

The Reminder



September 2020

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

Effective July 1, 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.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Pursuant to the Procedural Policies of the Senior Men's Club and approved by the Executive Board, the Policy Committee will receive and process nominations for an Outstanding Service Award for a SMC member that has performed exceptional service to the club.

Any member of the club may nominate another member for the Award. Nominations must be submitted to the Policy Committee in writing and must include the reason for consideration by the Committee. Utmost discretion and the privacy of each nominee will be observed by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.

Accordingly, please submit your recommendations to the members of the Policy Committee no later than October 1, 2020. Submissions will be allowed by email and should be sent to any of the following committee members:

Chairman Timothy S. McGee John M. Steele
Charles R. (Dick) Bradley Eugene P. Jacoby
Tim McGee

SMC FOUNDATION UPDATES

The Foundation is working for you as we have received our first donations and due to the generosity of SMC members George Grove and Roger Timm the printing and distribution of the new SMC 2021 Handbook is a reality. The Foundation, after three years of development, became official in May with the approval of the IRS designating the Foundation as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

The mission of the Foundation is to support initiatives that will enhance the well-being of senior men residing in the traditional boundaries of the membership of SMC and organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes that will assist senior men. Some of our plans are to raise the necessary funds to bring in high profile speakers for our Friday meetings and initiate community outreach assistance for some of our older life members.

You can help us in the Foundation's mission...in donations and legacy bequeaths. We have opened a bank account with Jay Kafarski as the Foundation's Assistant Treasurer and a PO Box for mailing. Donations can be endorsed to SMC Foundation and sent to SMC Foundation, PO Box 1149, Birmingham, MI 48012.

Soon after the threat of COVID19 has been diminished so we can meet again in person, the Foundation officers will sponsor an informational conference to outline the mission, vision and purpose of the foundation.

Tim McGee

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

MONTHLY CHAIR: CHUCK MOSS

- 4 Kathy Lomako, Executive Director SEMCOG
"Metropolitan Detroit Going Forward"
- 11 Michael Bouchard, Oakland County Sheriff
"9/11 - New York City: How Can We Help?"
- 18 Leon LaBrecque, Chief Growth Officer Sequoia Financial Group
"Insight 2020"
- 25 Ben Stupka, Interim Director Regional Transit Authority
"Regional Transit Update"

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2021 HANDBOOK REVIEW

The 2021 Handbook is being assembled and will be ready for distribution in January of 2021. Members should immediately review their Directory information and determine if they need to make any 2021 changes. Home, telephone and email addresses may need to be changed. Any changes to the Directory information can be done through the Database Committee (Frank Snower – tosnower@comcast.net) or the Handbook Committee (zarekjp@yahoo.com).

All Chairmen of Committees are asked to review their Committee Membership and provide any 2021 changes they are aware of to John Zarek of the Handbook Committee at zarekjp@yahoo.com. Deadline for all Handbook changes is November 1, 2020.

2020 SMC HANDBOOK AVAILABILITY AT BALDWIN LIBRARY

The Baldwin Library across from The Community House in downtown Birmingham will have 2020 SMC Handbooks available for member pickup from September 14th through the September 19th. Stop by the Circulation Desk for your copy.

John Zarek



“Thank goodness, SMC members have lots of streamlined, virtual activities to stay involved! For your good health, check it out!”

GOLF

FORE! The season had a late start due to COVID19, but the balls are flying now...sometimes in the hole and sometimes far right or left! Both Springdale and Lincoln Hills courses are full with over 40 senior men practicing social distance measures. We witnessed the first hole-in-one of the season by Dave Zimmer at Springdale and a very rare eagle on hole #3 by Maynard Timm.

The tournament season is strong as well as we renewed the 2-Man Scramble at Lincoln Hills with partners Tim McGee/Tom DeCorte winning the first flight and Randy Barnett/Geoff Morgenstern winning the second flight. At Springdale, the Two Best Consecutive Round Tournament was won by Roger L'Heureux in the first flight and Dennis Winowiecki in the second flight.

Most recently, fifteen members of Stonycroft Hills GC hosted thirty senior men at the Annual Stonycroft-SMC Invitational where Team #1 of Skubik, Eckhout, George Stern, Mike Wilson and Jim Smallwood and Team #5 of Tom Utter, Greg McComas, Dick Bradley, Dennis Winowiecki and John Perryman tied with a score of 33 (2 under par). A chip off between Fred Eckhout and Greg McComas determined that Team #5 was the winning team!

There's more competition to come before we end the season at the October 6th Golf Banquet which will be preceded by a 5-man Scramble Tournament. 3-Club Championships at both Springdale and Lincoln Hills which will be waged in late August.

So if you haven't dusted off those clubs this year, there is still time to join us on the links.

Tim McGee



First Place Team



Second Place Team

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Groups



Reading Groups

As we approach our sixth month of social isolation, it is great that Zoom has made it possible to participate in lively and informative discussions about a wide variety of books. The September sessions, led by Pete Mehra and Ray Burrato, will continue this trend as we discuss two very different books. Thanks to Roger Timm for continuing to serve as “ZOOM Master” for both groups.

Wednesday, September 2 at 10:30 AM: *Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping* by Roger Faligot. London: Hurst Publishers, 2019.

This book answers the question, “Are Chinese spies the best in the world.” From the Wall Street Journal review: “With increased tensions in the trade war between China and America, concerns about the future of democracy in Hong Kong, and the controversy surrounding Huawei’s 5G mobile networks, *Chinese Spies* is a timely and important book.”

Pete Mehra will lead this discussion.

Monday, September 21 at 3:00 PM: *My Dear Hamilton: A Novel of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie. New York: William Morrow, 2018

This work of historical fiction will be of special interest to those who have seen *Hamilton*, the Musical in person or recently on Disney Plus. It is a well-researched story of the woman who became Alexander Hamilton’s wife and did much to assure his legacy. One reviewer said, “no study of Alexander Hamilton would be complete without reading this book.”

Ray Burrato will lead this discussion.

Bob Maxfield



Investment Study Group

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9 at 2:45 PM, likely via ZOOM. We may have an in-person meeting at one of the local churches. SMC members will have an opportunity to share successful investment strategies for the future Stock Game as well as the Real World. The Stock Market has been extremely unusual with record declines and gains. Many stock prices have doubled since March but others are low. Future?

Jay Hall won the last Stock Game with a 96% gain in a difficult market. The next Stock Game will begin Friday October 16. Tesla and Nikola demonstrate that GREED can be good.

George Miller



Classic Movie Group

When two squabbling ex-marrieds are cast as squabbling romantics in a musical play of *Taming of the Shrew*, life imitates art and art imitates life – and all of the resulting action and music is perfectly captured in one of Irv Poston’s favorite movies, “Kiss Me Kate,” (1953) (1 hour and 50 minutes) the film adaption of the 1948 Broadway smash hit featuring 14 peerless Cole Porter songs. Kathryn Grayson and Howard Keel are the tangled twosome “So In Love” despite her “I Hate Men” attitude. Iconic dancer Ann Miller adds sizzling heat in “To Darn Hot” under the direction of the legendary Bob Fosse and Hermes Pan. Irv will present this fantastic film on Monday, September 14, at 1:00 PM via ZOOM. If iconic musicals from Hollywood’s Post War Technicolor Musical Age appeal to you, then this is a must-see film for you to enjoy.

In the ZOOM era there are two ways in which you can participate in the Classic Movie Group: You can join us at 1:00 PM to watch the film on ZOOM, or you can watch the film on your own, using your own resources, and then join us at 2:50 PM for a post-show discussion regarding any aspect of the film. We will wrap up and adjourn by 3:00 PM. All you need to do is “Brush Up On Your Shakespeare” and mark your calendars now to bring your own popcorn on the fourteenth and make this movie going experience complete for you, your family and friends. Watch for our access information eBlast as we near the show date.

CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP SCHEDULE FOR BALANCE OF 2020:

- September 14** Irv Poston
“Kiss Me Kate” (1953) 109 minutes
- October 12** Jon Haber
“Dave” (1993) 110 minutes
- November 9** Tom Booth
“Blazing Saddles” (1974) 93 minutes
- December 14** Waller Harris
“Remember the Night” (1940) 94 minutes

All Shows are presented via ZOOM at 1:00 PM

Fred Hansz



MYSTERY LYRICS

We really expected a number of Frank Sinatra fans would get last month's mystery lyric challenge. But only one – Joel Adelman recognized that these lines:

“Stars and steel guitars, and luscious lips red as wine” are from Frank's version of “It Happened in Monterey”. This song was in Frank's 1987 album “Songs for Swingin' Lovers” made with Nelson Riddle and may be his best.

OK – let's give Sinatra one more try, with these mystery lyrics:

“Keep Betty Grable, Lamour and Turner – she makes my heart a charcoal burner”

Can you name that tune?

Dick Harper



SPORTSTRIVIA

We received some interesting answers in asking you to remember which somewhat lesser known Tiger hit a titanic home run – off the right field roof – to win the last game played at Tiger Stadium. Interesting because Tom Andre told us he was at the game (as was Pete Good) and of course remembered the player was Robert Fick. So did Tom DeCorte, whose son was at the game, along with Ray Buratto and Joel Adelman.

Let's try another baseball challenge this month. What baseball great may be best remembered for his oft repeated line “It's a beautiful day for baseball – Let's play two!”

Dick Harper

BRIDGE FRIENDS CAN MEET ONLINE ON BBO - SAME DAY, SAME TIME!!

Kirby's Bridge game is approved to start online on Bridge Base Online [BBO] at 12:30 PM after the meetings on Fridays provided there are 3 or more tables!! Sign up for BBO! It's free! Please call Jim Brayson, Kirby Callam or me for more directions or help.

Posh Gulati

SPECIAL EVENTS

There is nothing to report for Special Events due to the quarantine. Thanks for the great job you do for the Club!

Mike Clement

Club Dates to Remember

ALL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 8, 9:30 AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, September 18

Investment Group: Wednesday, September 9, 2:45 PM

Genealogy Group: No September meeting

Reading Group A: Wednesday, September 2, 10:30 AM

Computer Group: No September meeting

Classic Movie Group: Monday, September 14, 1:00 PM

Reading Group B: Monday, September 21, 3:00 PM

MEETING RESPONSIBLY IN PERSON:

Walking Group 8:00 AM, Tuesdays - Shain Park

Thursdays - Barnum Park



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