

The Reminder



August 2021

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

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SMC BRIDGE

Our SMC Bridge game will resume play on Friday Sept. 17, at 1:30 PM. (immediately following the general meeting).

We will be playing at The Baldwin Library in their conference room on the second floor.

All bridge players are welcome. Since we change partners after two hands you will be playing with novices and accomplished players.

The charge is \$0.25 and the game is sanctioned so master points abound.

Please plan to play even if you can not attend the meeting.

Call Kirb Callam (646-5938) or Frank Schmid (647-0767) for further information.

Kirb Callam

President's Letter

RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS

With pleasure, I want to inform you that our Senior Men's Club will be resuming our Friday meetings on an in-person basis in September. Regrettably, however, I must report that we will not be returning to The Community House (TCH).

Our Friday meetings will resume at 10:30 a.m. on September 3rd followed by lunch at the Iroquois Club, on Woodward Avenue north of Square Lake Road. We will meet at this venue, adjacent to the Moose Preserve restaurant, for the rest of this year.

TCH has been our home for 64 years and it remains a desired location for our meetings. We will continue to work with TCH management for a possible return in 2022.

Our club leadership made this decision after much consideration and diligent negotiations with TCH management over the past 16 months.

TCH has not offered terms acceptable for our needs. They informed us they have a new business model, and last September presented a room rental price sheet with the stated purpose of "monetizing the facility use." We requested a commitment to a schedule of availability and price, which TCH has not provided, especially for availability of the main meeting room. Our club must have a guaranteed schedule so that we can invite speakers and plan our meetings. In the end, their offer was not competitive compared with the others re: price or scheduling availability.

When our future at TCH came into question, our Executive Board appointed an Alternative Site Committee, which examined ten venues and narrowed it down to three: TCH; Iroquois Club; and the Doubletree Hotel. We asked each to present a written proposal of terms. TCH did not do so.

I want to recognize and thank our members who have worked diligently on this matter. In negotiations with TCH, the SMC was represented by Jerry Stribbell, Maynard Timm, Swarn Rajpal and Paul Kovceses.

The Alternative Site committee was chaired by Paul Kovceses, with Maynard Timm, Swarn Rajpal, John Steele, John Skubik and John Maten.

We will all be happy to get together again at our Friday meetings. We will retain one feature of our Covid experience: we will continue to present our meetings and speakers on Zoom webcasts for members who are unable to be with us in person.

Maynard Timm

AUGUST PROGRAMS

CHAIR: SWARN RAJPAL

- 6Padma Kuppa, Michigan State Representative Dist #41, Michigan House of Representatives
An Immigrant's Journey to Public Office and Life as Legislator
- 13Nabil Sibai, Division Head, Pain Management Service Henry Ford Health System
Exploring Your Options for the Management of Pain
- 20 Benjamin Colson, Associate Curator of American Art Detroit Institute of Arts
Detroit Style: The Art of Car Design in the Motor City
- 27Portia Roberson, Chief Executive Officer and President Focus Hope
Diversity, Inclusion and Economics

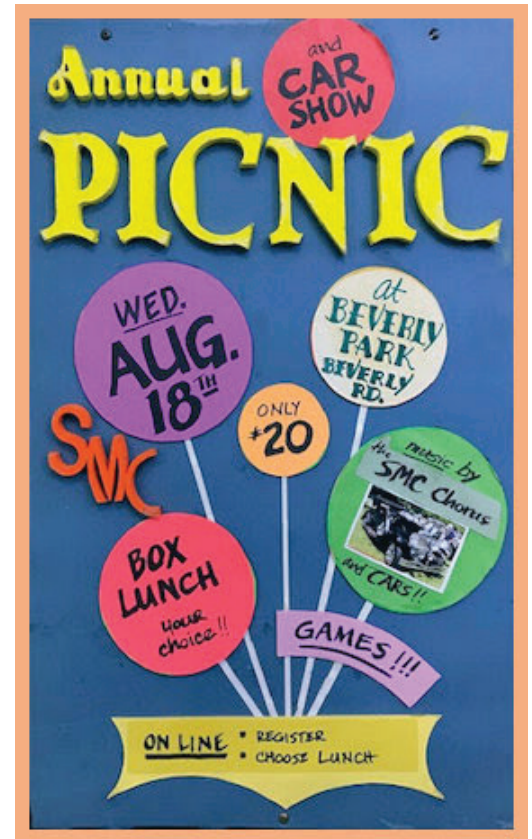
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INVITATION TO MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES :
MARK YOUR CALENDARS Aug 18
REGISTRATION CLOSES Aug 10

PICNIC & CAR SHOW Beverly Park Pavilion

18801 Beverly Road
[13-1/2 Mile Road, W. of Southfield]

E-Mail REGISTRATION with Lunch Choice &
Show Car details to Martin Rowell at jmrckr@att.net
Box Lunch: Beef, Ham, Chicken, Vegetarian



Individual Tickets (marked with Lunch choice) at the door. \$20 Cash or check (payable to SMC)
Retain ticket for the Prize Draw

SCHEDULE

8:30 Ticket Sales & Parking open. Show Cars on Car-Park South-side (marked area)
9:30 - 11:30 Bocce Ball Tournament
9:00 - 2:15 ample Coffee, Lemonade & Water served
12:00 Box Lunch by Quarton Woodward Catering
1:15 Mens' Chorus Old Favorites sing-along (see lyrics on next page)
2:00 Raffle Prize Draw

Pavilion seating: Tables limited to 6

If preferred, bring Card Table & chairs to place on adjacent grass area.
Those choosing to wear face masks are welcome to do so.

Anyone wishing to practice on John Reddy's Piano, contact Martin Rowell

Organizing Committee:

Bob Stevenson, Martin Rowell, Charlie Blank, Tom Booth, Mike Clement, Tim McGee, Larry Imerman, Tony DiMarco, John Marsh, Riggs Miller, John Reddy, Jerry Stribbell.

LYRICS FOR PICNIC SING ALONG

The picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18th and the Choir Group will be singing some old favorites. Hopefully, you are planning to attend and lend your voice to encourage the choir to sing out. John Reddy will provide a keyboard, and Bruce Snyder and Herb Meyer will be asked to play. Below are lyrics to the songs we plan to sing.

Charlie Blank

AMERICA

My Country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty
Of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died,
Land of the Pilgrims pride, From every mountain
side,
Let freedom ring.
Our father's God to thee, Author of Liberty,
To Thee we sing. Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light. Protect us by Thy Might,
Great God Our King.

MY WILD IRISH ROSE

My wild Irish Rose, the sweetest flower that grows
You may search everywhere but none can compare
With my wild Irish Rose,
My Wild Irish Rose the dearest flower that grows
And some day for my sake, she may let me take
The bloom from my wild Irish Rose.

GIVE MY REGARDS TO BROADWAY

Give my regards to Broadway, remember me to
Herald Square
Tell all the gang at Forty-second street that I will
soon be there
Whisper of how I'm yearning to mingle with the
old time throng
Give my regards to old Broadway and say that I'll be
there 'ere long.

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

In the good old summer time
In the good old summer time
Strolling thro' the shady lanes, with your baby mine
You hold her hand and she holds yours,
And that's a very good sign
That she's your tootsie-wootsie
In the good old summer time.

THE SIDEWALKS OF NEWYORK

East side, West side,
All around the town,
The tots sang 'Ring-a-Rosie',
'London Bridge is falling down!
Boys and girls together,
Me and Mamie O'Rourke,
Tripped the light fantastic
On the sidewalks of New York.

FOR WE ARE JOLLY GOOD FELLOWS

For we are jolly good fellows, for we are jolly good
fellows
For we are jolly good fellows... which nobody can
deny
Which nobody can deny, which nobody can deny
For we are jolly good fellows,... which nobody can
deny!

HOLE IN ONE! GOLFERS ENDURE MICHIGAN MONSOONS

Congratulations to Tony DiMaria on his Hole-In-One at Lincoln Hills on Hole #2 on Monday, July 25th!

Enduring the monsoons, the season is in full swing at Lincoln Hills and Springdale. The first tournament of the year was waged at Lincoln Hills with the Annual 2-Man Scramble. In both flights, the competition was keen with the winners edging out by the smallest of margins.

First Flight

1st Place Randy Barnett/Chuck Robinson -8.7
2nd Place Ray Bohienstiehl/Dick Bradley -7.8

Second Flight

Clarence Cheff/Tom Waffan -12.8
Mark Ernst/Jay Reynolds -12.5

The Springdale golfers are in the first weeks of the Annual Two Consecutive Rounds Competition and everyone is awaiting the Annual 3-Club Championships at both courses to be waged in August along with the much anticipated Annual Grudge Match between Grosse Pointe and Birmingham Senior Men Clubs in September.

Forty-five golfers will be the guests of Stonycroft Hills Golf Club on Tuesday, August 3rd for the Annual Stonycroft Hills/Senior Men's Club Invitational. Nobody can remember how long this tournament has been waged (some believe over 30 years); however the duration, the SMC golfers look forward to this event. The teams of five golfers are arranged by handicap; will enjoy a continental breakfast; and after the play of nine holes, will feast on a wonderful Michigan salad when the awards are distributed and the winners announced. Winners will be posted in next month's REMINDER.



A Thinking Man's Job

Aid in fostering an environment in which our talented members continually learn.
Help introduce members to new ideas or to the community's doers and shakers.
Expose members to important news and significant developments in different fields.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! BE A MONTHLY PROGRAM CHAIRMAN!

What's required:

- ✦ Develop a list of speaker topics.
- ✦ Identify potential speakers — political figures, business figures, academics, people in the news
- ✦ Contact those speakers
- ✦ Work with the speaker on any details
- ✦ Give the introduction

A speaker can be anywhere thanks to Zoom - provided he or she is willing to get up early, the speaker could be located in Asia or Australia...or even Birmingham. The world is your oyster!

Attract a crowd.

Contact Larry Imerman, 248-642-9432 for further details.

Groups



Reading Groups

As we near the end of summer, the Reading groups will be discussing two non-fiction works that deal with issues of interest to all of us. The first presents a practical common-sense plan to improve/fix America's health care system. The second is Dan Egan's compelling look at the challenges facing the Great Lakes in the years and decades to come. As always, these discussions are open to all members and guests.

Recently members of the Monday group were asked about returning to face to face meeting or staying with the Zoom format. Most preferred the Zoom alternative because it is available to members who are away at summer or winter homes and it seems to have led to increased participation. For the immediate future (September and October) we will continue to meet via Zoom while soliciting input from members about the format for future meetings. Roger Timm will continue to serve as Zoom Master.

Note: Be sure to submit your nominations for the Monday book group which is on an October to September schedule.

Wednesday, August 4, at 10:30 AM: *The Long Fix: Solving America's Health Care Crisis with Strategies that Work for Everyone* by Vivian S. Lee (New York: W.W. Norton, 2020). Led by Perry Driggs

Michael Leavitt, former Secretary of Health and Human Services wrote: "In *The Long Fix*, Vivian Lee M.D. crisply diagnoses the imperative to repair America's health care system and offers understandable principles as a guide. She lights a path forward by applying lessons and observations from her unique experiences as a physician, health system leader, and now technology executive.

Monday, August 16, at 3 PM: *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* by Dan Egan. (New York: W.W. Norton, 2017). Led by Bob Stevenson

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes is prize-winning reporter Dan Egan's compulsively readable portrait of an ecological catastrophe happening right before our eyes, blending the epic story of the lakes with an examination of the perils they face and the ways we can restore and preserve them for generations to come. According to the N.Y. Times Book Review this book "...nimble splices together history, science, reporting and personal experiences into a taut and cautiously hopeful narrative."

Looking ahead to September

Wednesday, September 8 at 10:30 AM: *What It Means to be Human: The Case for the Body in Human Ethics* by O. Carter Snead. (Led by Gordon Allardyce)

Monday, September 20, 3 PM: *One Mighty and Irresistible Tide* by Jia Lynn Yang. (Led by George Stern)

Bob Maxfield



Investment Study Group

The next Investment Study Group meeting will be Thursday (not Wednesday) September 9 at 2:45 PM. Location will be determined.

Morgan Stanley representatives will discuss the 4th quarter outlook and the best investment strategies to achieve your financial goals. The next Stock Game will begin on Friday, October 15. Three players tripled their \$ in the last game. I hope Greed continues to be good.

George Miller



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, August 9th at 1:00 PM, The Classic Movie Group will present, via Zoom, the Academy Award winning film "Avatar" (2009) (2 hours and 42 minutes). This epic sci fi masterpiece was written, produced and directed by James Cameron and stars Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Stephen Lange, Michelle Rodriguez and Sigourney Weaver.

Set in the mid-22nd century, the story unfolds as a group of humans are colonizing the planet of Pandora, which is rich in valuable resources but has a toxic environment. Special humanoids are given the job of mining the land but run into trouble when facing the local natives who call Pandora their home. There are many thrills to experience as the two groups interact and fight for their values and survival.

This film provides an outstanding visual experience and won three Oscars for Cinematography, Art direction and Visual Effects. The movie was well received worldwide upon its released and proved to be very profitable for 20th Century Fox.

So, mark your calendars now and join us on the 9th, to enjoy one of best recently released sci fi thrillers. Be sure to have your popcorn ready help 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.

Fred Hansz

Steinway Piano Gallery Meeting Photos





MYSTERY LYRICS

Last month we challenged you to remember the country and western song with these lyrics:

“Listen to the jingle, the rumble and the roar as she glides along the woodlands through the hills and by the shore”

Apparently country and western isn't many members thing, since only four knew that the song is “The Wabash Cannon Ball” – a big hit for Roy Acuff. Congratulations to Ray Buratto, Jerry Andree, Jack Harned and the Johnsons (Bill and Dolly).

Let's try something different this month – instead of song lyrics, let's see if you can remember the literary classic which ends with these lines:

“Though I've belted you and flayed you by the living God that made you you're a better man than I am _____”

Can you fill in the blanks?

SPORTS TRIVIA

Lot's of long time hockey fans in the SMC. We asked if you could remember the great announcers on Hockey Night in Canada from Toronto and Montreal on so many Saturday Nights. They were Foster Hewitt (from the gondola at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto) and Danny Gallivan (from the Montreal Forum).

Tom DeCorte, Roger L'Heureux and Lynn Evans remembered both of these legendary hockey announcers. Ray Buratto remembered Hewitt, while David Baumhart gave us Gallivan. David had to be a real Montreal fan because he also remembered that Roger Doucet sang the Canadian national anthem (O Canada) at many games from the Forum. Great memories!!

How about another hockey challenge for this month? All time hockey greats Gordie Howe of the Red Wings, Bobby Hull of the Black Hawks and Maurice (the Rocket) Richard of the Canadians had something in common. *Can you remember what it was?* (Might help if you can picture them in your mind's eye).

Dick Harper
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A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club, which meets Fridays at 10:30 AM. Starting Sept 3, 2021 until the end of 2021, meetings will be held at the Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Avenue, north of Square Lake Road.

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.

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Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 9:30 AM by ZOOM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, August 27

Reading Group A: Wednesday, August 4 at 10:30 AM by ZOOM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, August 9 at 1:00 PM by ZOOM

Reading Group B: Monday, August 16 at 3:00 PM by ZOOM

Investment Study Group: Thursday, September 9 at 2:45 PM
Location to be determined

SMC Bridge: Friday, September 17, 1:30 PM. Baldwin Library, second floor.

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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