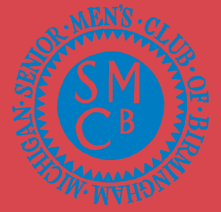


The Reminder

March 2006

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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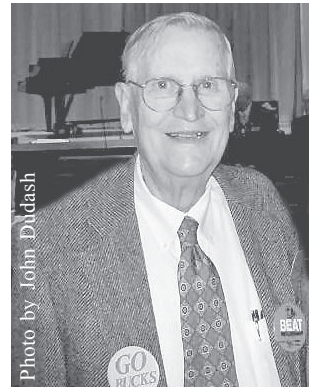
KEN NAGLEY

The Senior Men's Club has more than 750 members, with an average age of nearly 80. It is therefore no surprise when we experience the loss of a member. After all, more than 30 members passed away last year.

What is shocking, however, and difficult to accept is when a seemingly healthy and very active member passes on suddenly. This is what happened with Ken Nagley, who developed complications following mid-December surgery and died so quickly. With our holiday hiatus, most of us were unaware of his serious health situation.

When Dr. Delevie told us how serious it was at the meeting on January 13, a wave of shocked disbelief echoed through our meeting room. Ken died the next day.

Without a doubt, Ken Nagley was one of our most active, well known, and widely admired members. He became an active member in 1991, after a highly successful career as an educator, including serving as the first principal of Groves High School. As a club member, he served on a multitude of committees, including Attendance, Hospitality and Programs. He was simply always there, seldom missing a Friday meeting. His many contributions to our club were recognized with the awarding of our highest honor - the Outstanding Service Award in 2001.



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MARCH PROGRAMS

- 3 William O'Neill, M.D., Chief of Cardiology, Wm. Beaumont Hospital
- 10 Sheriff Michael Bouchard
- 17 Seaholm High School Musical
- 24 Daniel Granholm Mulhern
- 31 Dr. Isiah (Ike) MacKinnon

MARCH CHAIRMAN: John O'Brien

"Coronary Artery Disease"

"Relieving the Hurricane Katrina Victims"

Excerpts from "Beauty and the Beast"

Michigan's First "First Gentleman"

"Values Learned from Growing Up in Detroit"

APRIL PROGRAMS

- 7 NO MEETING

APRIL CHAIRMAN: Dennis Kozak

MARCH DISCUSSIONS

- 3 Augie Perrotta, SMC
- 10 Dr. Michael I. Opipari, Henry Ford Bi-County Hospice
- 17 Kitty Heinzman, Irish Folk Dance Studios
- 24 Dr. Tom Madhavan, Henry Ford Bi-County Hospital
- 31 Gene Winters, SMC Member

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Augie Perrotta

"Bow Ties: Who Wears Them and Why and How to Tie One"

"Feeding Tubes: What About Them?"

"History and Interpretation of Irish Folk Dance"

"Bird Flu Update: Why Worry?"

"Elderhostel: What is it? Where is it? Why is it?"

APRIL DISCUSSIONS

- 7 NO MEETING

APRIL CHAIRMAN: Roger Struck

Membership News

New Members:



John J. McCuen, (Gloria)
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248-644-3485
E-mail: JJMcCuen@aol.com
Sponsor: Bruce E. Smiley



John H. Stunz
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-2417
248-644-3531
E-mail: OrNofToBe1@earthlink.net
Sponsor: Jaap B. Delevie



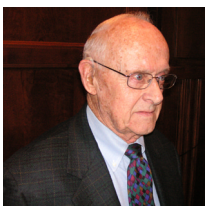
S. Larry Dargan, (June)
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248-626-4033
Sponsor: John S. Flintosh



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Sponsor: Robert S. Kenning



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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-2131
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Sponsor: Donald E. Cox



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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-1137
248-852-8527
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Sponsor: John R. Bateman

Robert J. Schreiner, (Laura)
215 Warrington Road
Bloomfield Hills, 48304-2952, 248-646-8768
Sponsor: Peter J. Good

New Address:

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Rochester Hills, MI 48309-1276
248-375-5996

John E. McCabe
4350 Forest Bridge Drive
Canton, MI 48188-7917
734-495-9456

Henry F. Noonan (LOA)
Oakwood Common-Oak Court #3
16351 Rotunda Drive
Dearborn, MI 48120

Dropped:

Applicant **Karl G. Braus**, joined July 2003
Applicant **Harold M. Dedow**, joined February 2005
Applicant **John J. Mallory**, joined November 2004
Applicant **William J. Regan**, joined April 2005
Applicant **Thomas B. Weidnar**, joined October 2003

To Leave of Absence:

John P. Richardson
Jerrold R. Banninger

To Life Member:

Robert L. Fregolle, joined October 1985
John M. Rady, joined November 1992
Robert M. Hebert, joined October 1995

Resigned:

Applicant **Edward G. Edson**, joined May 2005

Deaths:

Member **Kenneth F. Nagley**, joined November 1991
Life Member **Paul D. Carter**, joined February 1975

Charlie Prose

Tickets for the Charlie Prose Show, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, go on sale Friday, March 10, 2006 at 9:15 a.m. sharp.



The performance is Sunday afternoon, April 2, 2006.

Charlie, the East Coast comic/musician, an entertainment institution in Atlantic City and Nevada, is making a rare appearance in Michigan. His comedy recordings have sold millions of copies in the U.S.A. and Canada. His two full-length videos have both gone over the million dollar mark in sales.

Charlie's comedy is a homespun, feel-good, clean, down-home style of humor. Critics have compared him to Victor Borge, a young Red Skelton and Danny Thomas. You and your lady can expect to be charmed with material guaranteed to elicit laughter and approval in an endearing and kind spirited way.

We leave Birmingham by deluxe motorcoach promptly at 2:00 p.m. from the rear parking lot of the 1st Presbyterian Church on Maple. Tickets are value priced at \$46. Please join us for a delightful afternoon.

—John O'Brien



Some Things To Know About!

Augie Perrotta has arranged some great programs for our after-lunch Discussion Group meetings every Friday from 12:45 until 1:30 p.m. Look on the front cover of *The Reminder* each month for the schedule of discussion presenters and topics. Fifty bow ties will be available at the first meeting with seven instructors for a hands-on tutorial. At the second meeting, we will have a hospice medical director discuss the bioethical, economic, medical-legal and religious considerations on the use of feeding tubes. The "St. Patrick's Day" meeting will feature the River Rouge Irish Dancers with Ceili and Stepdancing demonstrations. The fourth meeting will be presented by the Chief of Infectious Disease at Henry Ford Bi-County Hospital. The fifth meeting will discuss an opportunity to continue learning virtually anywhere in the world on virtually any subject area with equally interested and interesting people.

All members, applicants, and guests are welcome to attend these meetings. You're sure to learn some things you should probably know.

—Irv Poston

Hamtramck Bus Tour

March 15

A neighborhood nestled in Detroit, Hamtramck is a city unto its own right.

This 2.1-square-mile area produced

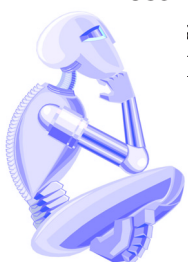
leaders whose ideas are used both nationally and worldwide. It is a national treasure. It remains a kind of midwest version of Ellis Island, an entry gate for newcomers from around the world. It echoes the hum of massive auto production lines and looks to the future with admirable diversity.

Join us at 9:30 a.m. March 15 when the Chairman of the Hamtramck Historical Commission Greg Kowalski will board the bus with us and prepare us for a peek into Hamtramck's past and future. We will ride through the city, de-bus for closer looks at historic sites, lunch family-style over a Polish combination plate at the Under the Eagle restaurant, and then browse a nearby Polish bakery and the Polish Art Center that boasts imported Polish merchandise. The lunch will include dill pickle soup, tossed salad, pierogi, kielbasa, roast chicken and dessert.

We expect to have you back to your cars by 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$32 and go on sale at 9:15 a.m. Friday, February 24.

Kowalski has been chairman of the historical commission since its creation in 1998 and is the editor of *The Birmingham Eccentric*.

—John Reddy



Games Page

Thursday Golf - Are You Ready?

Have you been doing your practice swings, indoor putting and warm up exercises? The time to play is almost here. Once again the Thursday golf league will be playing at the Springdale Golf Course on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Springdale Golf Course is located just north of Big Beaver at the end of Strathmore Road. Strathmore Road is the first right hand turn after Big Beaver. The cost to play is not known at this time.

If you have played in previous years, there is a sheet on the bulletin board listing last year's foursomes and walk-ons. Please make changes to your foursome if required. Walk-ons can initial their name on last year's sheet if they are going to continue to be a walk-on. In addition, there is an instructional sheet on the bulletin board to aid you.

To help the committee, please print all information on the sign up sheets, especially your name. The drawings for tee times will take place the second week of March.

—Bill Reilly



Bowling Report

The first half championship was awarded to the "Giants" (Clif Dean, Frank Garland, Bob Jordan and Don Clark).

The first prize in the doubles event was won by Jim Judge and Larry Smith.

With seven weeks remaining in the season the "Patriots" (Tom Johnson, Tom Scott, Karl Kiefer and Les Lessenthian) are leaders for the second half championship.

Season Team and Individual Stats:

Team High Game: Giants 692

Team High Series: Giants 1892

High Individual Average: Phil Buccini 172

High Individual Game: Nick Marinelli 248

High Individual Series: Nick Marinelli 610

Once again the bowling banquet will take place at the Farino Banquet Center in Berkley on May 2, 2006. The tickets priced at \$25 will be available from the team captains. Our goal is 100% attendance.

—Dennis Kozak

Bridge Report

Contract averaged 4 players. Players who made slams: Dick Suminski, Tom Tabor and Earl Hopengardner. Duplicate averaged 25 players. There were several small slams.

—Don McNair and Zack Endress

Monday Golf

The Golf Committee has arranged for Monday golf play at Lincoln Hills this season.

Our season starts April 24, 2006. The fee is \$192 for 16 weeks. Riding carts are extra. Make your check payable to SMCB and send it to:

Bill Spreitzer, 22663 N. Nottingham Dr.
Beverly Hills, MI 48025-3524

Payments must be received by April 2, 2006, after which tee times will be assigned. If you want to play with particular persons, contact a member of the committee (see below) with the names.

Walk-ons will pay \$13 each week and will only play as a substitute for a regular player.

Bill Spreitzer 248-647-5140

Jerry Heller 248-594-9613

Tom Waffen 248-229-9816

Ed Jones 248-646-5982

Fran DeGrande 248-489-1064

—Jerry Heller

Cowboys and Indians

One of March's Golden Oldies candidates has led an incredible life that would make a great script for a John Wayne movie. George Mosher was born in Hot Springs, South Dakota. He grew up as a cowboy on a family ranch in the Black Hills near Pine Ridge Cheyenne Indian Reservation. He attended a one room country school with 15 students and one teacher who taught all eight grades. In 1937, during the Dust Bowl days, his dad lost the ranch and the family loaded up their belongings and moved to Oregon.

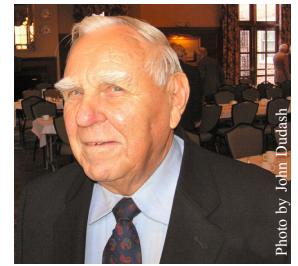


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George graduated from the University of Oregon in 1943 and became a Lt. (jg) in the Navy. After Midshipman School at Northwestern University he served on Destroyer Escorts in the Atlantic and Pacific, and participated in the invasions of Guam, Saipan and Okinawa. In 1948 George graduated from Columbia Law School, was admitted to the New York Bar, and began the practice of trademark law in New York City. In 1954 he joined the legal staff of General Motors as the attorney in charge of trademarks. After 32 years he retired and joined the law firm of Brooks Kushman in Southfield. In 1964 George was elected to the first Board of Trustees to establish a community college in Oakland County. He became the first Chairman of the Board and a founder of the college. Within 16 months Oakland Community College was opened on two campuses to 4,000 students. Today O.C.C. has five campuses and is the fourth largest college in the state of Michigan with about 27,000 students. The George R. Mosher Library on the Auburn Hills campus was named in George's honor.

We are proud to welcome George to our Golden Oldies with all the honors and privileges that go with that special status.

—Roy Halmhuber

Infantry and Cavalry

Battles between the Infantry and the Cavalry were fought in Birmingham in the early 1930's in little known stories told by Will Braisted, a life long resident of the area and this month's candidate for the Golden Oldies. Will was a charter member of Quarton School, continuing on to Baldwin School for the seventh through twelfth grade. The neighborhood kids played in the woods west of Covington where Will and his buddies acted as the Infantry, and the Peabodys were the rival Cavalry. When the Cavalry blew the top off the chimney of the hand built log cabin, it was considered an act of war. The battle didn't last long. When one of the boys shot his buddy through the lung, the parents got involved, the cabin was torn down and a lasting peace declared.

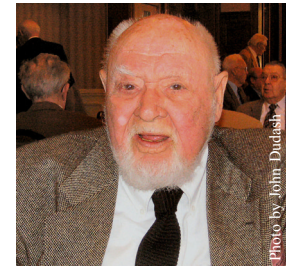


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Will entered the University of Michigan in 1939. In 1943 he was drafted into the Army and shipped to Fort Sill. After basic training, Will was sent to Fort Ord where he was trained in fire control. His crew left for New Guinea and the beachhead on Luzon. His unit set the record for continuous combat of 190 days. He ended his service by joining the CID. When Will returned to U of M he again was a walk-on tryout for football. He had played for Michigan before the Army, but was cut from the team when he tackled Fritz Crisler. This time he made the second team for two hours when he got a concussion that ended his sports career.

Will graduated with a degree in BS in Mechanical Engineering, and was hired by Vickers. Among his assignments was joining a group to redesign the Sherman Tank. He moved on to Chrysler Missile Division where he worked on the Redstone Missile. His next career move was to join his father as a Manufacturer's Representative for electrical distribution equipment and after 32 years he retired. The Golden Oldies are proud to welcome this home town boy to their midst.

—Roy Halmhuber

Applicant Activity

Applicants who have not yet attended an Applicant Orientation Meeting may do so at The Community House on Friday, March 31, at 9:00 a.m. Invitations with related details are in the mail. We hope to see you there.

—John Flintosh, Chairman, Applicant Committee

EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIONS

Two subjects dealing with Friday meeting procedural guidelines were discussed by the Executive Board.

First, John Slocum, co-chairman of the Visual and Photography Committee discussed the problem with A/V equipment encountered at the meeting on February 10, 2005.

SMC operating guidelines for monthly program chairmen call for the communication of visual equipment needs and plans both to the Chairman of the Visual and Photography Committee and The Community House a week in advance of a scheduled presentation. In addition, a pre-presentation test run of equipment/connections is called for, to take place no later than 10:00 a.m. on the presentation date. Further, the speaker or a representative is expected to be present for this connection test.

Unfortunately, these guidelines were not followed on February 10. Despite the best efforts of the committee and Community House staff, the A/V equipment would not function.

General Program Chairman Ken Urwiller will be asked to recommunicate these critical planning guidelines to all individual monthly chairmen, including the importance of speaker participation or representation at the pre-meeting equipment testing.

Secondly, Ken Brooker, co-chairman of the Audio Committee, requested a guideline with respect to the use of microphones during the question and answer period of Friday presentations. He noted that on occasion, members would voice a question without having the microphone, disrupting the flow of the meeting. In addition, most of the audience could not hear the question.

After some committee discussion, it was agreed that questions would only be taken from those with a microphone provided by a committee member. The presiding officer is responsible for enforcing this guideline, which will be announced at subsequent Friday meetings, and reported in *The Reminder*.

—Dick Harper

50th Anniversary Planning Executive Board Agenda Items

The following was reported at the Executive Board meeting on February 14, 2006. Dick Harper, chairman of the special committee responsible for developing plans for the SMC 50th anniversary celebration, indicated that:

- A planning committee of 10 members has been formed.
- The committee is recommending that this significant event be recognized via a celebration month, rather than with a one-day event.
- A variety of special Friday programs and speakers, focused Discussion Groups, and other possible celebration events will be under consideration.
- Most likely timing will be April/May of 2007, to maximize attendance potential with the return of snowbirds, and to assure good driving conditions for out-of-town members expected to attend, including a number of past-presidents.

—Dick Harper



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A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which meets on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2006 are: Frank Barnes, president; Bill Johnson, first vice president; Ken Urwiller, second vice president; Bob Pullar, recording secretary; Dave Dinger, corresponding secretary; Bill Minard, treasurer; Bill Sprague, assistant treasurer; William H. Crabtree, parliamentarian; Bob Klein and Riggs Miller, officers at large.

THE REMINDER includes: Chuck Kirkpatrick, editor; Dick Harper, Paul Pentecost, Bill Reilly, Dick Davis, associate editors; Bob Hadley and John Dudash, photography; Kim Duenow and Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bob Jordan and Bert Swanson, mailing.

Mystery Lyrics

The February mystery lyrics weren't as difficult as we expected. A total of 15 readers - the most so far, correctly indentified these lyrics:

"Gentlemen songsters off on a spree
Doomed from here to eternity
Lord have mercy on such as we
Baa baa baa"

as being from "The Whiffenpoof Song." The first readers with the correct answer after e-mail *Reminder* distribution were Jim Leese and Bob Buzzell. The first after regular mail distribution were Ben Porter and Darrell Mould. We received a number of comments as to how this was a great college party song, possibly including a certain adult beverage.

This month we have a change of pace for you. The following lyrics are from a big band era swing tune (two verses):

"You had plenty money 1922
You let other women make a fool of you"
"I fell for your jiving and I took you in
Now all you've got to offer me's a drink of gin"

Can you name that tune. Hint: think PL singing with BG.

—Dick Harper



New Member Photos

Last month, for the first time, we ran photos of each of the new members. Unfortunately we interchanged the pictures of new members Dick Bohn and Karl Kiefer. Sorry, gentlemen.

Handbooks & Directories

If you did not get your 2006 Member Handbook and Applicant Directory yet, you can get them Friday mornings from Bob Engel at the north end of the head table.

—Handbook Committee



...Ken Nagley continued from page 1

Many of us also knew Ken as the most visible and ardent supporter of his beloved Ohio State Buckeyes. He traditionally wore scarlet and gray the Friday before the annual Michigan game, and even though outnumbered, more than held his own in pregame banter.

The funeral service at Hamilton was crowded with family and friends, including many SMC members. We heard Ken lauded as a great husband and father, a loving grandfather, and for his significant contributions to education and to the community. Club members know how much he meant to us. He will be missed and mourned.

—Dick Harper

Benched

How fleeting is fame. In late December, I was captain of the Jets, team number nine in the Senior Men's bowling league. Not only was I bowling well but I was also improving on last year's average and our team was challenging for first place in the league.

Then it happened. At a Wednesday morning bowling practice session, somewhere in the third game, I made a spare and was returning to my seat. The next thing I knew, I was in Beaumont Hospital. Two bars and one screw were placed in my left side as I had fallen and broken my hip in three places. Next I went on tour from Beaumont to Woodward Hills Nursing facility and finally home where I am in the midst of an excellent exercise training program. This is to prepare for my comeback next season.

However I must report my name is no longer listed on the team nine roster but on the substitute list on the league's bowling sheet. I have been benched and left to sit all alone and think about the bowling gods and fleeting fame.

—Bill Reilly



Photo by John Dudash

Camera Group



The following program is scheduled for the March 21 meeting of the Camera Group of the SMC at 2:00 p.m. Please note the date. It is the third Tuesday, not the usual second Tuesday.

Our own Ed Proctor will present a program on the Caribbean Islands, sailing up the Lesser Antilles from St. Lucia to Antigua in a 51-foot sloop visiting the seldom visited French and English Islands along the way.

—Roger Garvelink

CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 2006, 9:30 AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, March 17, 2006

Games

Bowling: Monday, 9:00 AM and Wednesday, 10:00 AM at Thunderbird Lanes

Bridge: Tuesdays, 9:00 AM and Fridays after lunch.

Special Events

Hamtramck Bus Tour: Wednesday, March 15, 2006

Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Charlie Rose: Sunday, April 2, 2006

Group Meetings

Investment Study: Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 2:45 PM

Computer: Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 3:00 PM

Camera: Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 2:00 PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

Investment Study Group



The Investment Group will meet Wednesday, March 8 at 2:45 p.m. in The Community House. Augie Perrotta (son of SMC member) and Van Shell, Superfund Asset Management, Inc., will present "Hedge Funds and Other Alternative Investment Vehicles for the Private Investor." Mr. Perrotta is General Counsel based in Chicago and Mr. Shell is responsible for sales based in New York.

In the stock game, Jim Leese is the leader at 33%. Hal Twietmeyer is up 32% and Dick Anderson is +31% are gaining.

All SMC members, applicants, spouses and guests are welcome to this unique meeting.

—George Miller

Computer Group



Is Microsoft Internet Explorer your one and only web browser? Did you know that there are at least four other web browsers that might be easier to use than Internet Explorer? They might even have less spam and fewer viruses. At our March 15 meeting of the Computer Group, John Hile will cover very briefly the functions of a web browser and then delve more deeply into the difference among the more common browsers available. He will cover Microsoft's Internet Explorer, Netscape, Mozilla's Firefox, Opera and Microsoft's next generation Internet Explorer for their new Vista (Longhorn) Operating System.

The meeting will start at 3:00 on Wednesday, March 15. Bring a friend.

—George Nordenholt

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