

The Reminder



February 2021

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

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The year 2020..."The Year of the COVID" impacted our working and social lives and stretched us to the limits. For the first time in SMC's 63 year history, the lights went dim and the doors were locked at the Community House preventing our members from meeting on Fridays and engaging in the many committee groups. COVID presented an obstacle to our operations that we overcame with the implementation of ZOOM meetings to engage the membership and establishing a SMC Foundation hat will lead the Club to even better heights in the coming years.

Your president, Maynard Timm, asked me to write a column to update the membership on the Foundation that left me pondering how to respond. I reflected on the past year and the challenges we faced and met, but was still searching for that spark that would interest the reader. Yes, by now all of you have received the tri-fold Foundation brochure and many of you have responded in donating over \$20,000 as the starting investment in the Founders Club. But it wasn't until I was notified of the passing of a long time member, David Key, and the subsequent conversation with his widow, Elizabeth, that I could clearly express the importance of the Senior Men's Club and the reason for the creation of the Foundation.

Who was David Key? He was a husband...a father...a successful real estate lawyer...a devout Scotsman...and a brother member of the Senior Men's Club. I first met David on the golf course where he enjoyed golfing with his buddies in the SMC Golf Leagues. He enjoyed the competitiveness, but most of all he enjoyed the camaraderie after in the clubhouse. It was an extension of the fellowship expressed at our Friday meetings and the other committee activities. Elizabeth expressed that she was so pleased that SMC gave him purpose and an outlet after he had retired from his practice... she also hinted that she was happy that she could enjoy her Fridays when he attended our meetings. He enjoyed being a "Man on the Go!"

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ASSOCIATE'S ORIENTATION

Feb. 5, 2021 • 9:00 AM
via Zoom

An invitation will be emailed to all eligible associate members.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

CHAIR: LARRY IMERMAN

- 05.....Shawn Westlund, Director of Operations, Amazon's Romulus Fulfillment Center
"Observations on Amazon's Expansion Plans in Metro Detroit"
- 12..... Neil Charness, Professor of Psychology and Director, Florida State U. Institute for Successful Longevity
"Technology and Older Adults"
- 19 Chad Ellimoottil, M.D., Professor of Urology and Director of UM Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation's Telehealth Research Incubator
"The Impact of Telehealth on US Healthcare: Pre and Post-Covid and Beyond"
- 26..... Mark Kurylandchik, Restaurant/Food Editor, Detroit Free Press
"Metro Detroit's Restaurant Scene: Covid and Post-Covid"

Fellowship • Shared Activities • Community Service

SMC FOUNDATION NEWS continued

Not surprisingly with a membership of senior men, David has joined his other SMC members that have preceded him to enjoy limitless golf with no bogies, but he has left a major legacy gift to the Foundation in appreciation for the fellowship, shared interest of the members and the commitment to the community that he enjoyed as a member of SMC. So who was David Key? He was, like you, a “key” member of the Senior Men’s Club!

David’s gift illustrates the need for many of us to update our wills as many SMC men have left instructions for bequeaths to the SMC Legacy Endowment Fund established at our 50th Anniversary that is no longer in service or the SMC Memorial Fund that is not a 501c3 non-profit deductible donation. Fortunately, David and Elizabeth foresaw this to donate a major gift directly to the Foundation.

Elizabeth asked how the Foundation can expand on the fellowship and community outreach to support the Club and through our conversation she mentioned that David, like other men, didn’t heed the warnings our bodies are giving us; until too late for medical remedies. That got me thinking of the Foundation’s mission to dedicate the support of initiatives enhancing the well-being of senior men; thus in answer to Elizabeth’s question, the Foundation officers will be looking to sponsor future educational sessions that will enhance men’s health engagement and encourage men to have health conversations with their families sooner to begin a generational legacy toward healthier lives. The “key” to long life is to keep active...get off the couch...eat well...and listen to our bodies! Won’t you too join David and be a “key” member by leaving a lasting legacy to the Foundation?

Tim McGee

President, SMC Foundation



SPECIAL EVENT

Ms. Chauladevi Thacker will conduct a Zoom presentation of Indian Dance at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, March 10 as part of our objective to promote arts and cultural programs for the members of the Senior Men’s Club.

The featured organization, Nadanta, is a non-profit artistic and cultural organization devoted to the preservation and promotion of the art and culture of the Indian subcontinent.

Nadanta’s organizational objective is to present the diversity of Indian culture to the communities and audiences where their members live and work. Their primary emphasis is on young people with whom they work to preserve the traditions and values which provide continuity and cohesiveness to the ancient Indian culture.

Nadanta’s performers will explore the full spectrum of Indian dance from the classical elegance of Bharat Natyam and colorful exuberance of folk pieces to the thoroughly contemporary expression of modern creative choreography to celebrate Basant, the arrival of spring in India.

Ras Desai made the arrangements for this presentation. Club members will be sent sign-in instructions in early March.

Mike Clement



ZOOM-ING with the SMC

More than 300 million persons are daily participants on Zoom. In May, thanks to the pandemic, SMC joined the Zoom movement. You can participate on Zoom at all our Friday meetings in addition to meetings of our various committees. Even after our eventual return to in-person meetings, those snowbirds, shut-ins, or suffering from mobility issues can still be able to enjoy great speakers and stay in touch with fellow Club members. However, some members may still feel hesitant in using Zoom.

If you are still not familiar with Zoom, the Club can offer a training for members. Sign up for the Zoom training by emailing John Maten at 248-251-9339 or email at johncvt@aol.com.

YOUR SAFETY COMES FIRST!

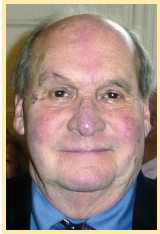
We ask that you please do not share meeting links or meeting passcodes with individuals who are neither members nor guests. This is to ensure unexpected guests do not attend our meeting. Your privacy and safety are always a top priority.

John Maten

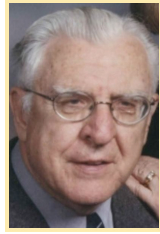


IN MEMORIAM

*The loss of the following SMC members in 2020 saddens us.
They each made significant contributions to our community. May their souls rest in peace.*



Terry Stinson
January 2



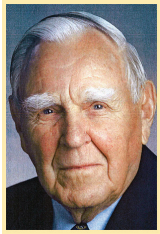
Al Shrosbree
March 3



John Hopkins
April 1



Robert Bazzell
April 20



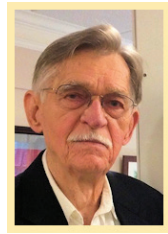
George Mosher
January 7



Harry Sorensen
March 18



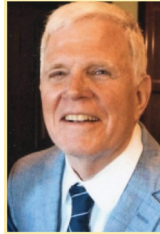
David Schwartz
April 12



Chuck Torner
May 1



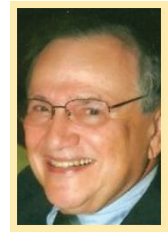
Harold Brown
January 18



Chuck Ragains
March 24



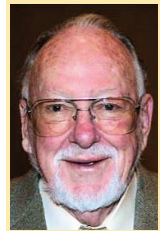
Nandalal Bagchi
April 14



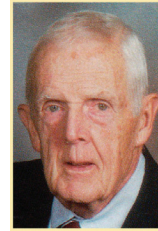
Robert Tell
June 8



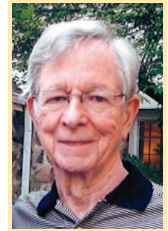
Paul Miller
February 7



Robert Cooper
March 31



Thomas M Buescher Sr.
April 14



Bob Donohue
July 18

IN MEMORIAM, continued



John Wells "Jack"
June 19



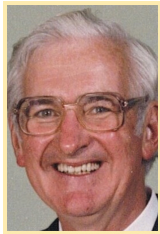
James Williams
October 2



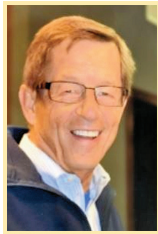
Donald Borsand
November 27



Edgar Jones
November 28



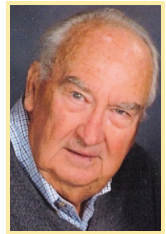
Dennis Fitzpatrick "Denny"
September 3



Tom Rowley
October 6



Dick Gause
November 27



David Key
December 16



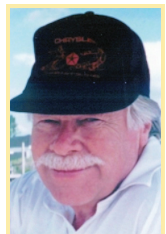
Charles Letts
September 6



Barry King
November 19



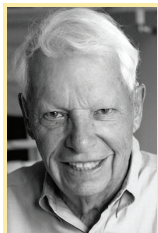
Roger Perryman Jr.
November 28



John Porter "Jack"
December 28



Richard Cummings
September 20



Adolf H Magnus "Al"
November 26

Not Pictured:

Don Martin November 15

Charles Himelhoch December 7

Jim Stuchell September 2019

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

IN MEMORIAM

James Richard Stuchell
Roger P. Merryman Jr
David Henry Key

NEW MEMBERS

Peter K. Daly
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Troy, MI 48098
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John Maten



Investment Study Group

The next Investment meeting will be Wednesday February 10 at 2:45 PM. Alan D. Miller CPA, PC President of his own accounting firm will be our speaker. He will highlight the 2020 tax law as it pertains to completing 2020 tax returns. He will also address President Biden's stimulus/tax proposals announced on 1/14/21. Alan has spoken to the Group many times and presents tax issues in an interesting and useful manner. Bring a friend and join us on Zoom.

Jerry Peck continues to lead the Stock Game with a 159.5% gain in 3 months. Dave Ehlen is second with 107% gain. Jay Kafarski is third with a 100% gain. Mike Clement, Art Lewry and Dave Knipper follow. The best stock, PLug Power, is up 230%. 59 players have gains. GREED has been good. Is it time to walk away?

George Miller



Reading Groups

Kudos to all of you who have participated in recent meetings. Attendance has been great, and the discussions have been thoughtful and lively. Recently, several participants have continued the conversations after the meetings by sharing additional resources. Even those members who have not read the books have found the discussions to be worthwhile.

Surely, both February books will continue to prompt thoughtful and lively discussions.

Thanks to Roger Timm who continues to be Zoom master for the reading groups.

Wednesday, February 3 at 10:30 AM: *Invisible Ink* by Guy Stern. Detroit: Wayne State University Press.

At the young age of 98 Dr. Guy Stern published this remarkable autobiography telling the story of his childhood in Germany, continuing when his family sent him to live with relatives in St. Louis when he was 12 years old, serving in World War II, and building a distinguished academic and professional career. His life story is remarkable and inspirational; it is truly an American story.

One reviewer wrote, "Readers should be prepared to be wrapped in and mesmerized by the eloquence and emotion of Guy Stern's words."

This discussion will be co-facilitated by Malcolm Hendy and Dr. Guy Stern himself!

Monday, February 15 at 3 PM: *Caste: The Origins of our Discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson. New York: Random House, 2020

SMCB reading group attendees may remember discussing Wilkerson's previous book, *The Warmth of Other Sons* about the migration of Blacks from the south to northern cities. In this current best-seller she describes a society-wide system of social stratification based on notion such as hierarchy, inclusion and exclusion, and purity. She does so by comparing this system with the caste systems of India and Nazi Germany. She then explores the impact of caste on societies and their people. The York Times reviewer called it "an instant classic".

Bill Price will lead this discussion.

Bob Maxfield



Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will hold a Zoom meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

We will be discussing two websites that are rarely used but have access to blogs or studies that may help many of you discover how to find ancestors.

Secondly, an update on the DNA collection website GEDmatch will also be given. Some of our members have submitted their DNA data to GEDmatch and found it useful. GEDmatch has been used by law enforcement agencies in tracking down criminals, who have left their DNA at the scene of the crime. Because of legal challenges, GEDmatch was shut down for a few months, but is now up and running again under new guidelines.

Dave Bakos



Classic Movie Group

On February 8, at 1:00 PM, Tom Booth will present, via Zoom, the witty and enchanting comedy "*The Freshman*" (1990) (1 hours and 42 minutes). In this charming story, a naïve New York University film student, Matthew Broderick, takes a job working for an importer, Marlon Brando, who turns out to be a powerful New York mobster. As time goes by, Broderick finds himself being drawn deeper into his boss's family life and criminal operations, while also falling for his daughter, Penelope Ann Miller. But when the FBI asks Broderick to be an informer, he finds he has a strange loyalty to his boss. The strong New York atmosphere, Marlon's knockout performance and his special rapport with Matthew make this one Brando's best films.

So, mark your calendars now and plan to bring your popcorn on the eighth to make your movie going experience complete for you and your family. Also, feel free to let your friends know about the film and share our Zoom link with them.

Watch for our access information eBlast as we near the show date. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Fred Hansz

CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP 2021 SCHEDULE	
Feb. 8	Tom Booth - <i>The Freshman</i> (1990) 102 min
Mar. 8	Robert Sparks - <i>Quigley Down Under</i> (1990) 119 min
April 12	Waller Harris - <i>Chinatown</i> (1974) 130 min
May 10	Joel Adelman - <i>All the Kings Men</i> (1949) 110 min
June 14	Robert Sparks - <i>Red Tails</i> (2012) 125 min
July 12	Fred Hansz - <i>Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?</i> (2000) 107 min
Aug. 9	Irv Poston - <i>Avatar</i> (2009) 162 min
Sept. 13	John Maten - <i>Mr Majestyk</i> (1974) 103 min
Oct. 11	Irv Poston - <i>Chicago</i> (2002) 113 min
Nov. 8	Fred Hansz - <i>Saving Private Ryan</i> (1998) 169 min
Dec. 13	Waller Harris - <i>Holiday Inn</i> (1942) 104 min

All Shows are presented via ZOOM at 1:00 PM

THE ROLE AND FUNCTIONING OF VISITATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE



Every Friday during our regular meetings, the Visitation and Health Committee reports first of all. How and when this tradition was established is not known to me - perhaps it is considered the most significant info for its members on that given day.

I do not even know when this committee came into being. Does anyone?

When our current President, Maynard Timm, called me to offer this position, I knew that I would follow in the footsteps of two outstanding chairmen, Augustine Perrotta, a hematologist, and Swarn Rajpal, a surgeon. Needless to say, it will be difficult to fill their shoes.

The duties of this committee are conducted primarily by its twelve monthly chairs (MC). Of course, equally important are the alternates who fill in as necessary during the year.

The Role of the Committee:

-Receive, follow and report on the health incidents amongst the membership.

The Functioning:

It falls upon each one of us Regular Members to write to the Committee Chair, as soon as they hear such news.

(This unfortunately is not a perfect or fully streamlined process. How do we make it so? For now, we simply ask that we all pass along information and updates as each of us becomes aware.)

Role of the MC:

-This info being very personal, private and sensitive in nature, great caution needs to be exercised by the MC.

- Prior to COVID-19 days, MC would call or visit members in home/ nursing homes/ hospital etc., and attend funerals. It is important for our members to appreciate the community and support network that our group provides, during good times and bad.

- The Secretary of the Committee sends Get Well cards while the the Chairman writes Condolence letters to the spouse and/ or family.

Sometimes we get the word of someone's passing a year or two later for many reasons. We would like to rectify this moving forward.

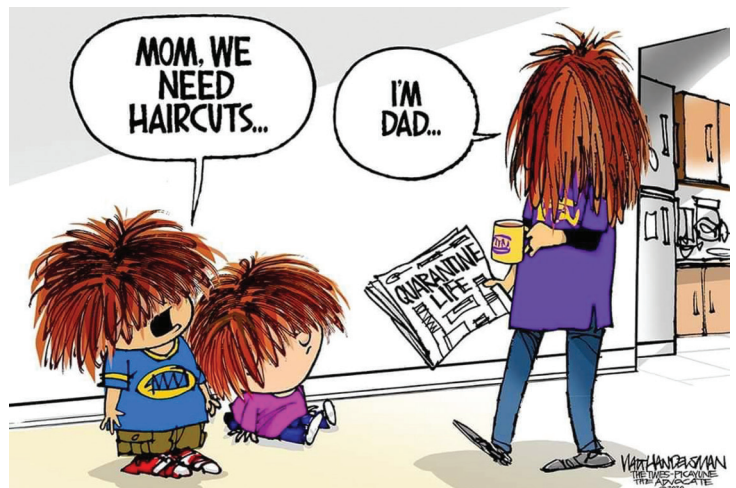
Subhash C. Gulati, MD

**As you get older,
you've got to stay positive.**

**For example, the other day
I fell down the stairs.**

**Instead of getting upset,
I just thought:
"Wow, that's the fastest I've
moved in years!"**

Life in Quarantine....



MYSTERY LYRICS



Only a few regular contributors- Ray Buratto, Joel Adelman and Don Bonbrisco- recognized that these beautiful Cole Porter lines:

*"The night is young, the skies are clear
And if you want to go walking, dear"*

are from "It's Develvely". (My computer tells me there's no such word as delovely, but Porter knew better!) Good work, Ray, Joel, and Don.

Let's try lyrics from a great Broadway show this month, as follows:

*"People stop and stare, they don't bother me
For there's nowhere else on earth that I
would rather be"*

Can you name that tune (and maybe the show)?

Dick Harper

SPORTS TRIVIA

We expected more Tiger fans to remember the answer to this one: What Tiger pitcher had a very unusual record one year- he won only 5 games while losing 19? But two of his wins were no hit complete games (both Tiger wins by a 1-0 score).

The answer, as reported by Tom DeCorte, Ray Buratto, Lynn Evans and Don Bonbrisco, is Virgil "Fire" Trucks and the year was 1952 (I know, pretty far back).

This month we have another Tiger pitcher question for you. **What did Dizzy Trout have in his rear pocket on days he pitched?** (No, not chewing tobacco!)

Dick Harper
(RNHarper32@comcast.net)



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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

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.

Club Dates to Remember

ALL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 9 at 9:30 AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, February 19

Genealogy Group: Monday, February 1 at 2:00 PM

Reading Group A: Wednesday, February 3 at 10:30 AM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, February 8 at 1:00 PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, February 10 at 2:45 PM

Reading Group B: Monday, February 15 at 3:00 PM

MEETING RESPONSIBLY IN PERSON:

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

Bowling Group: Suspended due to Covid-19 Executive Order

Golf: Thursdays 9:00-11:00 am at Evolution Sportsplex (Auburn Heights)

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