

The Reminder



November 2021

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

SMC 2022 OFFICERS



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(back) Jim King, Tom Russell, John Maten, Richard McGee, Jim Suhay.
 (front) Ray Buratto, Swarn Rajpal, Paul Kovceses, Larry Imerman.
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NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

CHAIR: RASESH DESAI

- Nov. 5**..... Sue Voyles Founder/Principal, Logos Communications
Topic: "Communications: Effectively Communicating With Different Generations"
- Nov. 12**..... David Coulter, Chief Executive Oakland County
Topic: "The State of Oakland County"
- Nov. 19** Dr. Sanjay Aggarwal, Chief, Cardiovascular Surgery, Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak
Topic: "Advances in Cardiovascular Services"
- Nov. 26** **NO MEETING**

Fellowship • Shared Activities • Community Service

SMC 2022 OFFICER BIOGRAPHIES

SWARN RAJPAL - President

I am a retired General Surgeon from the Henry Ford Health System after 38 years of service. I graduated from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India, arrived in Detroit in the summer of 1969 and completed my surgery residency at Wayne State University. Pete Mehra invited me to attend a SMC Friday meeting and lunch. The speaker's program was impressive in the company of accomplished classy men. The camaraderie during the varied activities of the club have kept me engaged for the past nine years.

PAUL KOVCESES - 1st Vice President

I started my career at American Motors in Accounting. After several accounting and finance related positions, I was in the Capital Spending department at the time of our purchase by Chrysler in 1987. At Chrysler, I remained within Capital Investment related activities and developed a Capital Investment Management System to track capital spending. I retired in 2001 from Daimler Chrysler to enjoy the rest of my life.

I was married to my wife Diane for 37 years until she passed away shortly before Christmas, 2007. I have two daughters and a granddaughter who live in South Lyon and Brighton with their husbands and dogs.

I joined SMC in 2016 and can remember the first meeting I was invited to attend - to listen to Al Kaline speak.

My motivation for joining was to meet men with similar interests, learn new things from the amazing speaker program offered by the Club and become involved with some of what the Club offers.

LARRY IMERMAN - 2nd Vice President

Second Vice President Larry Imerman joined the Club in 2012. He has received the President's Award and has served the Club as Co-Chair of the Walking Group, as an Officer-at-Large, the Corresponding Secretary and the Recording Secretary. Larry was President of his synagogue Men's Group, and held local, regional and state level positions within Optimist International. He also has been involved as an officer and as a board member of various groups involved in interfaith and intergroup activities.

JOHN MATEN - Recording Secretary

Occupation pre retirement: Worked for GM for 42 years at GM Powertrain in Transmission Engineering.

Personal History: Grew up in Madison Heights, graduated from Lamphere High School in 1976. Went to GMI (now Kettering) and graduated in 1981 with Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Was co-op with GM Hydramatic Division and continued there full time after

graduation. Earned Masters degree in Engineering Management from RPI while working at GM. Married wife, Judy, in 1981. Have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Currently live in Royal Oak.

Years with Club: Joined the club in June 2019

Reasons for joining: Was invited by Dave Ehlen who I had worked with briefly at GM. I had just retired and was looking for activities. After attending the first SMC Friday meeting and talking with several people, felt very comfortable and was interested in getting involved.

RAY BURATTO - Corresponding Secretary

2022 Corresponding Secretary Ray Buratto holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Michigan State University and Wayne State University School of Law. From 1978 to 2018 he practiced labor relations law, representing multiple employers across several industries in collective bargaining with labor unions representing their employees.

Ray has served as board member and chair of the board of a southeastern Michigan hospital group and was sponsored for membership in 2019 by past president George Stern. Since joining SMC, Ray has been active on the Membership, Attendance and Special Events committees.

JIM SUHAY - Treasurer

Occupation: Graduated from West Point in 1966; spent 5 years active duty in the US Army including two years in Vietnam. Joined Ford Motor company in 1971 and served 30 years in finance and business/strategic planning.

Personal history: Born in Cleveland, Ohio. Married 51 years to Barbara, 2 daughters, 2 grandchildren. West Point BS in Engineering, and MBA in Finance from the Ohio State University in 1971.

Years in Club: 6

Reason: Augie Perrotta saw me walking by the coffee shop at Maple and Chesterfield and gave me his pitch. I joined mainly because of the speakers and sat quietly at back tables until Maynard recruited me to be Treasurer for 2021 and now 2022.

RICHARD MCGEE - Assistant Treasurer

Occupation: Banker, still working, started with the National Bank of Detroit in 1978. Now, via mergers JP Morgan Chase.

Personal History: Born in Detroit (Oakman & Grand River). Married 47 years, 4 children, 3 grandchildren, Livonia Stevenson HS, University of Michigan BBA & MBA.

Years in the Club: 3

Reason: My former neighbor, Art Burgott (deceased), was a member and would talk about it often. So when the time came, I looked into it and submitted an application. I didn't know anybody when I applied, but I found my old NBD connections.

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JIM KING - Officer-at-Large

Jim grew up in Wooster, Ohio, and attended the College of Wooster, graduating in the Class of '63 with a BA degree in Chemistry. He then moved to Flint, Michigan, where he began a 40 year career with DuPont, working on various aspects of automotive finishes in both R&D and Marketing assignments. He moved to Birmingham in 1973 and retired as a Senior Research Fellow from DuPont's Troy, Michigan R&D Laboratory in 2004.

Jim's wife Nan is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University whom he met while working at DuPont in Flint. They were married in 1967, and she pursued a career as a librarian in Flint and subsequently in Southfield and Waterford. They have two daughters, Karen and Kristen, both of whom are married and living far away, although they return to the family cottage every summer and sometimes come home at the holidays. They have three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Jim is an active member of Birmingham First Presbyterian Church, where he has served as both Deacon and Elder and on numerous church committees, and has been an Usher for over 30 years. Jim spends his summers at the family cottage on Lake Erie in Lakeside, Ohio. He enjoys many hobbies, including photography, camera collecting, computers, cooking, reading, and listening to classical music.

Seeking fellowship with other senior men, Jim joined the SMC in 2010 and has served since then on the Special Events Committee. He especially enjoys the fellowship at our lunches and our Special Event field trips.

TOM RUSSELL - Officer-at-Large

Tom graduated in 1978 with a B.A. majoring in Philosophy and Religion at Ohio Northern University. He did half of his graduate seminary studies at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and completed his M.Div. degree at Wesley Theological Seminary in 1989 in Washington, D.C. Along the way, he served United Methodist churches in rural, suburban, and urban settings in Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Maryland. At age 34, he switched careers and began working in Washington, DC, with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, where he worked for 23 years serving the federal district and appellate courts nationwide. He earned a second masters degree in public administration (M.P.A.) from The George Washington University. Now retired, He and Alan moved to this area in late 2018. He joined the SMC in 2019 to make friends and become active in our community. They bought a home in Bloomfield Township and Tom is active at Christ Church Cranbrook (Episcopal).

SMC HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE December 14, 2021

After a break because of COVID in 2020, we will resume holding our Senior Men's Club Holiday Dinner Dance on Tuesday, December 14, at the San Marino Club in Troy, located on the north side of Big Beaver Road between Rochester and John R. Roads. As in 2019, our evening will begin with a social reception at 5:30 PM featuring an antipasto table of chips, cheese, and crackers with veggie dip and punch. We will be seated at 6:45 PM for announcements and introductions, followed by dinner at 7 PM and dancing thereafter until 10:15 PM. Free valet parking service will be provided.

Tickets for this event are \$60 per person and will be on sale at our Friday meetings from October 29 through December 10. Tickets are also available directly from Tony DiMarco at 248-643-7368. Reserved group tables are available upon request, and we will be happy to arrange seating for couples and/or singles as well. Tables will be limited to 8 persons. For those who prefer to observe Social Distancing, tables for 6 will be available. Reservation forms will be available at the Special Events table.

We have invited the members of NEXT to join us. **Please consider inviting friends and relatives to join you! We ask that groups reserving tables please designate one person to collect the ticket fees for the group and make one payment for the table. Note any special dietary requests on the reservation form.**

Dinner will be served family style (all you can eat), with entrées passed around at each table. The menu will include Farfalle Alfredo and a mixed green salad with all entrées. Dinner entrées will include Tenderloin of Beef with mushrooms, Chicken Piccata with capers and artichoke hearts, or baked Orange Roughy with lemon garnish; along with side dishes of peas with mushrooms and buttered redskin potatoes. Dinner will conclude with a raspberry sundae dessert. Gluten-free and vegetarian alternative entrées will be available upon prior request.

A cash bar will be available throughout the evening, with cocktails at \$6, wine at \$5, beer at \$3, and free soft drinks. The San Marino Club will be festively decorated in a Christmas motif with flowers and candles at each table. Dave Tatrow's four-piece stringed instruments group The Waifs (with a vocalist) will entertain us through the evening, opening with a salute to the Armed Forces, followed by a sing-along and seasonal favorites for our listening and dancing pleasure, and the SMC Chorus will serenade us with songs of the season.

This is one of the most popular and successful annual SMC events, so please save the date and make your reservation plans early!

Jim King

SMC FOUNDATION

Greetings members of the Senior Men's Club (Club) and the Foundation...isn't it great that we can meet again in person?! I'm happy that Zoom kept us together, but I'm zoomed out and ready for a return to normalcy! It's time to give you an update on the progress of the Foundation. Permit me to remind you the purpose of the Foundation is dedicated to the support of initiatives enhancing the well-being of senior men within our traditional boundaries. The Foundation was created to fulfill the Club's mission of community service and to that end we will be awarding our first annual grant to the Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Chapter in the amount of \$5,000.00. This organization, through its local chapter, supports the well-being of senior men and meets our mission statement.

The Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter is the premier source of information and support for Michigan residents living with dementia and their families and caregivers. The Alzheimer's Association offers a broad range of free programs and services, funding for Alzheimer's and dementia research, and advocacy efforts on behalf of Michiganders. A presentation of the grant will be at a future Friday Membership Meeting in November.

This grant is possible through your generous donations to the Foundation. Since our inception and approval as a 501c3 charitable non-profit organization in 2020, we have received donations in excess of \$31,000.00. One very gracious member this year donated \$1000.00 each as a tribute to the memory of Jerry Stribbell and Jane Schmidt (the wife of Frank Schmid).

As we look to the future, the Foundation Directors ask for your continuing support and recommendations for potential grantors that support our mission. This is the time of the year when many of us need to take the "Required Minimum Distribution" (RMD) from our IRA's. The RMD rules allow a "Qualified Charitable Distribution" (QCD) to a charitable institution. A QCD is a **direct transfer of funds from your IRA**, payable to a qualified charity. In addition to the benefits of giving to charity, a QCD excludes the amount donated from your taxable income, which is unlike regular withdrawals from an IRA.

The Foundation is a qualified charity and we hope that you will consider an annual gift. Our Federal Tax Identification is #85-0640124 and our State of Michigan Charitable Solicitation Registration is #62974. The Foundation Mission Statement, Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation are accessible to all members at the "Members Portal" on the SMC website.

Regardless, of what charitable organization(s) you decide to donate to this year, I recommend that you utilize the QCD option at your disposal. If you do decide to donate to the Foundation, please endorse your check to SMC Foundation and mail to PO Box 1149, Birmingham, MI 48012.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Holiday Season with your family...remember those friends that have passed and are now attending meetings with St. Peter...and thank you for your continued support of the Club and the Foundation.

Tim McGee
Foundation President

DUES REMINDER

It's that time of year again. The Executive Board has decided to increase dues from \$50 to \$70 for the 2022 calendar year. Please make your \$70 check payable to The Senior Men's Club. Complete the coupon below, enclose your dues check and mail to:

The Senior Men's Club/Dues Committee
P.O. Box 1149
Birmingham, MI, 48012

SMC 2022 DUES COUPON - \$70.00

2022 dues are payable *before* January 1, 2022. A \$10.00 late fee *must* be added for dues paid *after* January 1, 2022.

Make checks payable to SMC.

Contact info has changed from 2021 Handbook

To pay by mail, send a check with this coupon to: Senior Men's Club/Dues, P.O. Box 1149, Birmingham, MI 48012

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Name _____

Street _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Life Members pay no dues, but may use the coupon to update their information and make a voluntary contribution.

2021 SMC GOLF SEASON

The golf season has come to an end as 55 SMC Golf members enjoyed a turkey dinner supplied by Golf Pro Jacki Brito with all the trimmings at Lincoln Hill Golf Course after competing in the Annual 5-Man Scramble. The players were treated to new shirts, shoes or shorts supplied by Carl's GolfLand as the winners of the scramble were presented with their winning prize...the winning team captained by Peter Daly with Tom DeCorte, Walt Kowal, Jack Burns and Les Schoonover scored 2 under par winning by one stroke.



The following day, we closed our golf at Springdale as eighteen golfers hit into a deep fog with Maynard Timm recording the low round of 39 and Phil Buccini winning the Closest to the Pin on hole #6.



We had a great season as over 100 SMC members played over 1200 rounds of golf at Lincoln Hills and Springdale and basked in the glory of beating cross-town rivals, Grosse Pointe Senior Men. There is still some season left to enjoy the game before we return to the Dome for Winter Practice in January.

Tim McGee



NOVEMBER LUNCHESES AT THE IROQUOIS CLUB:

Following are the lunch offerings to consider when making your reservations to attend the November in-person meetings at The Iroquois Club.

November 5th: (BUFFET)

Rolls & Butter, Garden Salad w/Raspberry Vinaigrette & Ranch Dressing on the side, Mixed Vegetables, Roasted Redskin Potatoes, Chicken Marsala
DESSERT: Ghirardelli Brownies

November 12th: (BUFFET)

Rolls & Butter, Caesar Salad, Green Beans, Baked Mostaccioli, Parmesan Cod
DESSERT: Chocolate Chip Cookies

November 19th: (BUFFET)

Rolls & Butter, Harvest Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fettuccini Alfredo, Chicken Piccata
DESSERT: Lemon Tarts

**November 26th: NO MEETING
HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



HAPPY
*Thanks
giving*

*made
GIFTS MADE EASY*

Groups



Reading Groups

In November we will be discussing two books that, each in their own way, shed light on a little-known event in American History. The discussion of *Arc of Justice* should be interesting since it is set in Detroit. The *Voyage of Mercy* describes how America awakened to a crisis beyond our shores.

We will continue to meet via Zoom for the remainder of the calendar year. This seems to be working well. In the months ahead, it makes it possible for “snowbirds” to participate and keeps the rest of us safe during stormy weather.

Thanks to Roger Timm for continuing to serve as Zoom Master.

Wednesday, November 3, at 10:30 AM: *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age* by Kevin Boyle. New York: Henry Holt, 2004

This is the gripping story of what happened when an African American Doctor, Ossian Sweet, moved into a white neighborhood on the east side of Detroit in 1925. Predictably, the community reacted violently, shots were fired, a white person was killed, Dr. Sweet was arrested, and later defended by Clarence Darrow. In reviewing this book David Maraniss wrote ““What a powerful and beautiful book! Kevin Boyle has done a great service to history with *Arc of Justice*.” It was named the top non-fiction book of 2004.

Paul Lieberman will lead this discussion

Monday, November 15 at 3 PM: *Voyage of Mercy: The USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the Remarkable Story of America’s First Humanitarian Mission* by Stephen Puleo

Voyage of Mercy tells the incredible story of the Irish famine in the 1840’s, the Jamestown voyage, and the commitment of thousands of ordinary Americans to offer relief to Ireland, a groundswell that provided the collaborative blueprint for future relief efforts, and established the United States as the leader in international aid. The Wall Street Journal review stated, “Puleo’s tale, despite the hardship to come, surely is a tribute to the better angels of America’s nature, and in that sense, it couldn’t be timelier.”

Rich McGee will lead this discussion.

Looking ahead to December

Wednesday, December 1, at 10:30 AM: *The New Map: Energy, Climate and the Clash of Nations* by Daniel Yergin (Gordon Allardyce)

Monday, December 20 at 3 PM: *The Great Train Robbery* by Michael Crichton (Tom Booth)



Investment Study Group

The next Investment Group meeting will be held Thursday November 11 at 2:45 PM at the Baldwin Library. Our speaker will be Scott Horsbough, Portfolio Manager & President, with Provident Investment Management (Provident). Provident is a fiduciary and provides personal money management through their Results through Research™ approach, which has rewarded their clients with meaningful wealth creation over the long term.

Scott will bring his industry knowledge to the group, and will present the topic of “The Year Ahead: Inflation, Public Policy and Global Turmoil.”

The number of challenges facing investors continues to increase. Inflation isn’t as “transitory” as the Federal Reserve tried to make us believe. The policy positions dividing Americans is as wide as it has ever been. China is testing the global leadership of the U.S. Come listen to the assessments of a 35-year veteran investor, and learn how to manage the risks facing your portfolio. There might even be a hot stock tip or two!

The first stock game results will be available to see the group’s initial picks and how individuals have done through the first month of the game.

Greed remains good,

Mike Korsak

**NEVER REGRET
LOSING TIME
ON READING
GOOD BOOKS
KOWTHAM KUMAR K.**

Groups, continued



Walking Group

WALKING GROUP BIDS FAREWELL TO BIRMINGHAM CHOCOLATE

A favorite spot for liquids and conversation is moving from Maple Rd, Birmingham, to Ferndale, so the walkers stopped by recently to say good-bye.

Walking for fitness is the primary goal, but, the afterglow is equally important to the members who regularly meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 AM in Barnum and Shain Parks. Somerset Collection at 9:45 AM will become the venue as the weather cools. All are welcome to join the Group as schedules permit.

Charlie Blank and Larry Imerman



(l to r) bottom row:

Swarn Rajpal, Pete Mehra, Charles Greenberg

top row:

Malcolm Hendy, Charlie Blank, Larry Imerman



Classic Movie Group

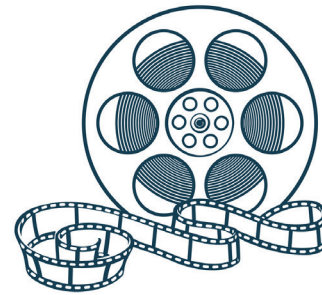
On Monday, November 8, at 1:00PM, Fred Hansz will present, via Zoom, the outstanding WWII drama, "Saving Private Ryan" (1998) (2 hours and 49 minutes). Director Steven Spielberg's epic story has been hailed as a senses-shattering realistic depiction of war, telling the emotional story of a no-nonsense Army Captain (Tom Hanks) who, after facing and surviving the horrors Omaha Beach on D-Day, receives orders to lead his squad of seven men on a search, behind enemy lines, in France, to find Private James Ryan, a lost paratrooper whose three brothers have been killed in combat. The film also stars Edward Burns, Vin Diesel and Matt Damon as Ryan. Both audiences and critics agree that, in this film, with an outstanding musical score by John Williams, Spielberg has provided us with the ultimate vision of war and personal courage under fire. The film was nominated for eleven Academy Awards and received seven Oscars, including Best Cinematography and best director for Spielberg.

So, mark your calendars now and join us on the 8th to watch one of the greatest films of all time. Be sure to have plenty of popcorn on hand to 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 on November 8 th.

Fred Hansz



CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP SCHEDULE FOR 2021:

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 expected to do better with last month's mystery lyrics, but only four readers had the answer to what we thought might be easy. We asked you to name the tune with these lyrics: "I like potato chips, moonlight and motor trips..."

The song is "How About You" and congratulations to Ray Buratto, Steve Hall, Dolly and Bill Johnson plus Joel Adelman.

This month you may be challenged with a change in musical taste by a tune that Rolling Stone magazine says is the greatest guitar song of all time. It contains these lyric lines:

"Many people come from miles around
To hear you play your music when the sun goes down"
Can you name that tune?

Dick Harper



SPORTS TRIVIA

We also didn't do well with our last sports trivia challenge. We asked if you could remember the quarterback who was nicknamed "The Mad Bomber". Possibly we went too far back because this player retired from the NFL after 1974

Only Ray Buratto, Tom DeCorte and Joel Adelman knew it was Darryl Lamonica of the Los Angeles Rams.

Let's try something different this month with nicknames. Many of us had sports heroes back in the day. My first baseball hero was Joe "Ducky" Medwick of the St. Louis Cardinals, who played in the first baseball game I saw in Shibe Park in Philadelphia in the late 30's.

Did you have a sports hero? Maybe you still do. Please send his (or her) nickname and we can develop a list. Could be fun!

Dick Harper
rnharper32@comcast.net

The Reminder

A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club, which meets Fridays at 10:30 AM, 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.

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.

OFFICIAL MAILING ADDRESS

The Senior Men's Club's official mailing address is:

Senior Men's Club
P.O. Box 1149
Birmingham, MI 48012-1149

All mail should be sent to this new address.

Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 10:00 A.M.
Lower Level, Baldwin Library

Reminder Deadline: Friday, November 19

Reading Group A: Wednesday, Nov. 3 at 10:30 AM by ZOOM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, Nov. 8 at 1:00 PM by ZOOM

Reading Group B: Monday, Nov. 15 at 3:00 PM by ZOOM

Investment Study Group: Thursday, Nov. 11 at 2:45 PM
Baldwin Library

Walking Group: Tuesdays-Barnum Park & Thursdays-Shain Park
8:00 AM. Cooler months: Somerset Collection at 9:45 AM.

For more information, contact Larry Imerman, 248-642-9432

SMC Bridge: Fridays after the meeting, Baldwin Library,
second floor.

Spinning: Beverly Hills Club on Wednesdays at noon. \$10 for
non-member guests. Contact Joe Schulenberg for info.

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<https://www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com/>