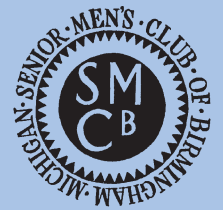


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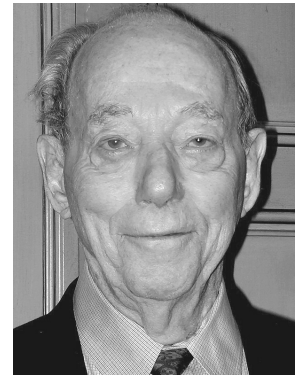
## Alvie Smith

The Senior Men's Club has suffered the loss of another distinguished and much honored member with the recent passing of Alvie Smith.

Alvie became an active member in 1995, and contributed so meaningfully to our club ever since. Two major roles stand out. He served as editor of *The Reminder* in 1997-1999. During these years, *The Reminder* flourished, benefitting greatly from his professionalism and leadership, becoming a well-organized and respected publication.

More recently, Alvie served as editor-in-chief for the highly successful member war memories book "The Wars of Our Generation." When this project was completed, Alvie acknowledged that his involvement really "charged his batteries," motivating him to contribute so significantly to the SMC.

He received the much coveted Presidents Award in 2005 for his leadership on this well received project which brought much recognition to our club. We will greatly miss his energy and commitment.



—Dick Harper

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# Membership News

## New Members:

**Edward R. Jarchow, (Diane)**  
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Sponsor: Riggs S. Miller



## Deaths:

**John Griesen, Associate**  
**Martin J. Reddy, (Life),** joined February 1996

## To Life Member:

**Robert J. Serazin,** joined April 1998

## New Associates:

**N. Lewis Schoon, (Janice)**  
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Sponsor: Elson Spangler

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman  
—John M. Steele, Database Chairman  
—Bill Shaffmaster, Photography

## Toledo Mud Hens Baseball Trip, Set for May

As announced in the April issue of *The Reminder*, Tuesday, May 20 is the date of our Toledo trip to attend the Mud Hens versus The Columbus Clippers ballgame. Our deluxe 56-passenger bus will leave the Presbyterian Church parking lot promptly at 8:45AM and arrive at the ballpark in time for the 10:30AM opening pitch. Game over, we will then proceed to Cousino's Navy Bistro restaurant along the Maumee riverfront for lunch with everyone on their own.

Our trip home will feature a drive across Toledo's new state-of-the-art Veteran's Glass City Skyway bridge. By around 5:00PM we should arrive back at the church parking lot.

This popular fun trip is limited to 56 people and tickets went on sale Friday morning, April 25 at \$25 per person. Should some tickets still be available, our Committee will continue to be on hand at subsequent Fridays leading up to the event. See you on the bus!

—Committee: John Horiszny, Jack Howell,  
Clarke Thornton and Don Upward

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## Michigan Opera Theatre



*Andrew Gangested,  
Dr. David DiChiera, Dennis Kozak*

On April 4 the Senior Men's Club was entertained by staff from the Michigan Opera Theatre, including Director Dr. David DiChiera.

He gave everyone an insightful presentation on the "Role of Arts in Revitalizing Urban Centers" while sharing personal anecdotes of Detroit's former Mayor Coleman Young and Luciano Pavarotti and others. Michigan Opera Theatre member Andrew Gangested joined Dr. DiChiera on stage and sang selections from Bellini's *La Sonnambula* (The Sleepwalker) with Dr. DiChiera on the piano. His presentation concluded with a ten minute video from his own composition of "Cyrano," which was performed at the Opera House this past season. Everyone was most appreciative of the performance and Jim Judge did a fine job bringing the Michigan Opera House to the Senior Men's Club.

—Dennis J. Kozak



## Thursday Golf

The opening two sessions for Thursday Golf proved that over the long winter idle golfers did not properly placate NJORD the Norse God of weather as he placed a curse on Thursdays. Good golfing weather prevailed each day of the week except on Thursdays.

However, on opening day sixteen intrepid golfers defied the chilling winds and frost to prove that man and not myths rule the golf world. Heroes for the day were Joe Schulenberg (43) and Al Nealley (45).

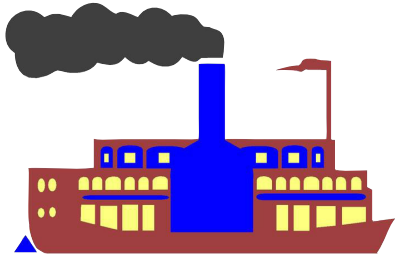
Bitter cold was the challenge on the second Thursday. Instead of trying to "shoot their age" seventeen golfers tried to "shoot the temperature" which started at 37 degrees. Coming closest to the goal was Marv Malik (42) and Dick Judy (44).

The committee has been assured that NJORD will surrender to global warming for the summer.

Hit them high, hit them long, and hit them straight.

—Chuck Travers

## Save the Date-Summer Cruise



Join the Senior Men's Club for the Annual Summer Cruise on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 for a three hour trip and buffet lunch on the Diamond Queen.

Two busloads of us will have exclusive use of the ship that will navigate the lower Detroit River and a nostalgic loop around Bob-Lo Island.

Lunch will be served after we embark and features a six course hot and cold buffet with coffee and soft drinks. A cash bar will be available throughout the cruise. On board entertainment will be by our own Bob Seeley – "The master of the keyboard."

Ticket sales will commence in June and will cost \$50 per person. This includes round-trip bus transportation, the cruise and lunch. Buses will leave Birmingham at 10:30AM and return by 4:30PM. Bring your dancing shoes, your appetites and your cameras.

—2008 Cruise Committee: Jim Judge, Riggs Miller, Tom Clapp and Howard Maichen

## Bowling

And the winners are—The Blackhawks (Bill Sprague, Tom Venier, Tom Schrift and Pete Kass). Unfortunately, for the other nine teams, they were the winners of both halves, so there wasn't a need to have a rolloff. We all could concentrate on bowling for \$\$\$'s in the Doubles Contest.

This year the league reinstated the game of "9 pin no tap." Thanks to the "computer," if you bowl nine pins on your first ball, it's a strike. If you leave more than nine, you have to roll for the remainder and picking up the remainder becomes a spare. The winners of this contest were Jack Howell and Phil Buccini with a total of 1102. Phil had three 200+ games (215, 245, 206) all over his average of 167. Jack Howell got better as the games progressed – 110, 152 & 168 also all over his average of 107. In second were Don Clark and Tom Schrift with a total of 1065. In third were Jack Corey and Bill Minard with a total of 1060.

I can brag a little about my team of Tabor and Lessenthien. We were the only team that had the same score for all three games, including handicap of 310 for a total of 930 and lucky 13th place.

In closing, I want to thank all the members for a great season and we will see one another in about 18 weeks, just after Labor Day. As a reminder, our banquet is open to all SMC members, cost \$25, at Farina's Banquet Center on Coolidge Road in Berkley, on Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 5:45PM. Come and have a good time.

—Less Lessenthien

## Lansing Trip



*The State Capitol Tour was a winner!*



*The attendees are all smiling (even though you probably can't tell!)*

# Groups



## Investment Group

The Investment Group will meet on Wednesday, May 14 at 2:45PM. Richard Schalter, President, Spartan Motors will tell about "A Successful Manufacturing Company in Michigan."

Spartan Motors is located in Charlotte, 20 miles south of Lansing. Sales are up 50%. They are a leading producer of MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected) military vehicles. The v-shaped hull deflects bomb blasts; no fatalities have occurred after one year of use in Iraq. They also produce fire trucks and motor home chassis.

Al Bosley now leads the Stock Game with a 14% gain. "Cash" Nordenholt is second followed by Karl Klipfel and Bill Minard. The Stock Game ends May 30.

—George Miller



## Camera Group

Our presenter will be Ardis Long from the Ritz Camera. She will begin by reviewing the latest developments in photography with emphasis on digital instruments. She will then demonstrate how we can create a DVD using our pictures along with graphics, titles, music and more. So if you are interested in buying a new digital camera or simply interested in knowing about the latest digital technology, this is a meeting for you. Beginning at 2:00PM on Tuesday, May 13. As always, spouses and friends are welcome.

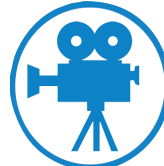
—Roger Garvelink

## Associate Members

Mark your calendars. The next Associate Member Orientation Meeting will be Friday, May 16 at 9:00AM in the Library at The Community House.

Associate Members who need to complete this required meeting will soon receive a letter requesting them to reserve a place so that sufficient handouts will be available.

—Dave Dinger



## Classic Movie Group

"For Whom the Bell Tolls" is the 1943 hit film based on the 1940 best selling novel by Ernest Hemingway. In fact, Hemingway hand picked Gary Cooper and Ingrid Bergman for their starring roles although he hated the movie due to the removal of the book's political content. Cooper plays Robert Jordan, a Montana schoolteacher who risks his life to fight Franco's forces in 1937 during the Spanish Civil War. He joins a group of Spanish gypsy fighters whose mission is to blow up a bridge behind enemy lines to slow their progress. Bergman plays Maria, a beautiful Spanish refugee rendered mute after being brutalized by the Nationalists who murdered her parents. She was taken in by the gypsies and joins the fight. As you would anticipate, Maria and Robert fall in love under the stars with a plotline that subsumes the fighting and the war itself. Nominated for 10 Academy Awards, Katina Paxinou won Best Supporting Actress as the fortune telling wife of the off again, on again, gypsy leader played by Akim Tamiroff. Join us on May 12, the second Monday of the month, at 1:00PM for what is considered the best screen adaptation of any Hemingway novel. Plan to spend 168 minutes to watch the digitally restored original Technicolor version on DVD.

—Andy Spencer



## Computer Group

Converting your 35mm slides to CD's, DVD's and/or prints? Most of us have hundreds of 35mm slides sitting in carousels on shelves collecting dust when they could be shown on our TV sets. There would be no screen to set up, no table for a slide projector, no dimming the lights or closing the blinds; just a CD or DVD player and the remote control. But first, you need to convert those 35mm slides to CD or DVD disks. At the Computer Group meeting on May 21, Dave Schneider (who has photographed most of us for the SMC album) will demonstrate two different methods of conversion.

On Wednesday, May 21, at 3:00PM come to the Computer Group meeting at The Community House. Bring your spouse and/or any other friend.

—George Nordenholt

## Dress Code

President Ken Urwiller recently restated the Senior Men's Club dress code for member information. This code states that those attending Friday meetings should wear a coat and tie. Having a tie in a coat pocket does not satisfy our long established code.

The dress code will be relaxed for summer meetings, typically in late May or early June, at presidential discretion.



## Discussion Group

The month of May features educators from the renowned Cranbrook Institute of Science.

Cameron Wood will present a lecture and demonstration on the weapons and armor of both the Western European Knight and his counterpart in Japan, the Samurai Warrior, with sparring partner Pat Hanslits.

Michele Arquette-Palermo will discuss why the Great Lakes are so great, how our every day actions influence their health and how we can keep them clean. Learn why many are worried about selling of Great Lakes' water.

We will join John Zawiskie for an engaging overview of earth's climate history and evidence for the first extensive Ice Age. Hear about recent developments in the hypotheses for possible causes of the extinction event during the last glacial-interglacial transition.

Dr. Mike Stafford is a passionate beekeeper. He will discuss the current thinking and research related to understanding the causes of and solutions to the potentially devastating sudden collapse of domestic bee colonies in North America.

Dr. Michael Nigro will discuss the relationship between autism and savant abilities. He will explore the features of autism thought to contribute to the savant's exceptional abilities such as photographic recall, unusually accurate drawing and performing remarkable feats of arithmetic and calendar calculating.

Certified Nurse Practitioner, Nicole Hartson-Clark will tell us about Beaumont Hospital's new Spinal Fracture Clinic and the clinic's approach to the treatment and rehabilitation of compression fractures of the vertebrae due to osteoporosis.

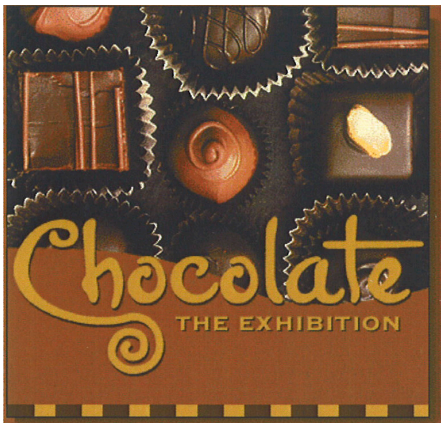
—Augustine Perrotta

## May Programs

Jim Judge will host a media month of "News, Weather, Traffic, and Sports" featuring some of the top people in Detroit and concluding with the Executive Director of the Golf Association of Michigan. We'll hear about the transition to digital TV transmission that's coming next year, and we'll hear about the weather as it was on D-Day in 1945. Check out the listings of the May Programs on the front page of this *Reminder*, and plan to attend them all.

—Irv Poston

## Who Likes Chocolate?-Everybody!



Learn all about it at "Chocolate the Exhibition" at the Henry Ford Museum on Wednesday, June 18.

The exhibition shows the history of chocolate, where and how it is grown, how it is made, and some of the lure and lore of chocolate.

Did you know that chocolate is used as a health remedy (ask any woman!), as a

seasoning in recipes from around the world, and even as an alleged aphrodisiac!

Included with your ticket will be a presentation at the IMAX theatre. The details of the show at the IMAX will be available in mid-May.

Lunch will be in the Michigan Café at the museum. The café serves good food cafeteria-style.

This event will be especially popular with women, so plan now to attend.

—Mike Clement

## Pearls of Wisdom

*If you lined up all the cars in the world, some fool would try to pass them.*

*Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day and drink beer.*

# Mystery Lyrics

We received the most correct answers ever to last months musical memory challenges. A total of fourteen readers knew that these mystery lyrics:

"In time, the Rockies may crumble  
Gibraltar may tumble  
They're only made of clay"

are from that lovely ballad "Our Love Is Here To Stay."

In addition, twelve knew that Tommy Dorsey's theme was "I'm Getting Sentimental Over You," and six remembered Jimmy Dorsey's theme was "Contrasts."

Four readers - Rose Marie Venier (Tom), Louise Klein (Bob), Frank Auld and John Zarek - got all three. Congratulations!

Six readers - Dick Mueller, Mary Slocum (John), Jerry Heller, John O'Brien, Dick Porter and Mary Swartz (Dave) knew the mystery tune and the Tommy Dorsey theme. Big band fans Dale Parker and Clay Gordon knew both theme songs.

This month's challenge was suggested by Dick Porter. The mystery lyrics are:

"Once again your face  
comes back to me  
Just like the theme of some  
forgotten melody"

Can you name that tune? Hint: a big hit for Glenn Miller.

The big band theme song we are looking for might be more difficult. Do you remember Artie Shaw's theme? It was not "Begin the Beguine." Shaw trivia - He died at the age of 94, and had eight wives, including Lana Turner and Ava Gardner.

—Dick Harper



## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, May 13, 9:30 AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, May 16

### Games

**Bowling:** Wednesday 9:00 AM at Thunderbird Lanes through summer

**Bridge:** Tuesday, 9:00 AM and Friday after lunch

**Golf:** Monday, 7:30 AM at Lincoln Hills

Thursday, 9:00 AM at Springdale

### Special Events

**Toledo Mud Hens,** Tuesday, May 20

**"Chocolate the Exhibition,"** Wednesday, June 18

**Annual Summer Cruise,** Wednesday, July 16

### Group Meetings

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, May 21, 3:00 PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, May 14, 2:45 PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, May 13, 2:00 PM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, May 12, 1:00 PM

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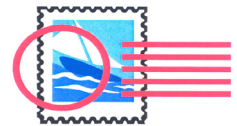
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