

The Reminder



April 2021

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

GROW THE MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE!

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Since its establishment in 1957, the cornerstone of the Senior Men's Club has been noted for its commitment to the three "Core Values" of *Fellowship, Shared Activities* and *Community Service*. These values set us apart from other organizations. Dedication to Community Service led to the 2020 establishment of the Senior Men's Club Foundation, to further the interests and well-being of senior men in the community at large, not just the members of SMC.

Faithful to the mission embodied in those core values, we have gathered some 40 weeks annually over those 64 years to share camaraderie and to fulfill our service mission to the community, until March 13, 2020. Struck by the one-two punch of changing demographics and economic realities of Southeast Michigan and the impact of COVID-19 in 2020, the Club has experienced a decline in membership. Leadership has reviewed trends and has determined the need to add an average of at least one new Associate per week to maintain current membership levels. In calendar 2020 our totals for the three membership categories declined from 560 to 527.

Responding to these challenges at its March 9 meeting your Executive Board adopted the following motion to inspire some friendly competition in growing the Club:

RESOLVED: Established within the purview of the Recognition and Awards Committee, and selected by the Membership Committee Chair an annual award recognizing Club members responsible for sponsoring the greatest number of new associate members within a calendar year.

Get in the contest! Be recognized as a contributor to the continued success of SMC. Do you remember what brought you to the Senior Men's Club? Was it golf, bridge, interest in genealogy, the walking group, the reading group, computers, cameras, or any of the remaining interest groups? Surely you have a friend, neighbor, colleague or all of the above who would benefit by membership in the Club. Be a winner! Bring them into the Club as a new Associate. You have a chance to be recognized as contributing to the growth of the Club and your sponsored Associate will thank you for introducing him to the camaraderie and service

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*Spring is
nature's way
of saying,
"Let's party!"*
-Robin Williams

APRIL PROGRAMS

CHAIR: RAY BURATTO

- 2 **Special Agent John Horwath**, Detroit FBI Field Office
Topic: "Investigating Crimes in COVID Times: Unique Challenges for the Bureau in Protecting America's Seniors"
- 9 **Capt. Randy Hotton, USN** (retired), Yankee Air Museum, Belleville, MI
Topic: "The Revolt of the Admirals"
- 16 **Professor Dave Moran**, University of Michigan Law School Innocence Clinic
Topic: "Actual Innocence in Michigan: A Report from the Michigan Innocence Clinic"
- 23 **Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel**
Topic: "My Role as Attorney General of the People"
- 30 **Robert Wade**, Senior Technical Leader, Engine Component Design, Ford Motor Co.
Topic: "American Manufacturing Responds to the Pandemic: From Mustangs to Ventilators"

Fellowship • Shared Activities • Community Service

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of "Men on the GO", the Senior Men's Club. Start by inviting a friend to a Friday business meeting and speaker; there will be plenty of interesting and diverse presentations via ZOOM until we are allowed to gather in person once again. Check the website for frequent speaker updates or right here in *The Reminder*.

Contact any of your elected Officers or Membership Chair Ray Buratto at 248.390.6244. Or direct your sponsored Associate to the Membership Application within the Club's website. First year dues are \$65.00 which include the distinctive SMC logo lapel pin. In spite of COVID's limitations on our meeting weekly in person, there is plenty of ZOOM activity by the interest groups and walking outdoors and golf will return soon.

Swarn Rajpal and Ray Buratto



SMC LIFE MEMBER INDUCTION

Lynn Evans was inducted as a Life Member of the Senior Men's Club on March 12, 2021. This is a recognition of any active member who has reached eighty-five years of age and has been a member for 10 consecutive years. The life member is no longer required to pay dues however many continue to do so.

Lynn was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. He attended Detroit McKenzie High School. He was awarded Bachelor in Business Administration Degree in General Business by the University of Michigan in 1959. This was followed by a degree in Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan specializing in Industrial Relations.

He was employed by General Motors for 35 years as a Human Resource Executive posted at Detroit, Dayton, Saginaw and Flint. Subsequently he was with the Right Management Consulting for 8 Years.

He served on the Board of Directors at McLaren Hospital for 25 years, Brighton Hospital for 20 years and the U of M Alumni Association. He is on the Advisory Board of Directors of U of M Athletics Department and is the Past President of U of M "M" Club, athletics letters winners.

He serves on the Medical Emergency Preparation Team of SMC.

He has been married to his wife Jan, since 1961 and lives in Bloomfield Hills. He has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He spends a lot of time in Charlevoix on their Lake Michigan home. He is a member of the Birmingham First United Methodist Church.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Special Events Committee has started planning events for the second half of 2021. Please note that all these events depend on our ability to meet safely. Put the events on your calendar in pencil because you may have to erase them if the virus prevents us from meeting!

The planned events are the Picnic in Beverly Park on Wednesday, August 18 and the Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 14 at the San Marino Club in Troy. We are also looking at visiting a local museum in early September and attending the Pontiac Auto Show in late September, with a tour and lunch at Meadowbrook Hall in November. It all depends on our ability to do it safely.

We shall keep you informed of the details of the events in the coming months. Meanwhile, get your vaccinations and stay safe.

Mike Clement

2021 GOLF SEASON

ONLY 4 MORE WEEKS AT THE DOME...

The birds are chirping! Baseballs are in the air! And the cries of "Fore!" can be heard throughout the land! We open the 2021 golf season at Lincoln Hills on April 19 and Springdale on April 22 with tee times from 7:00 - 9:00am. Golf fees are \$15 and please check-in with the starters Tim McGee and Tom Schrift.

We have a great season in store for you with the return of the 3-Club Tournaments, the Best 2 out of 3 Round Tournament, the 2-Man Team Scramble and the Annual Senior Men's Club-Stonycroft Invitational in August along with the long awaited rematch with the Grosse Pointe Senior Men Club in September all concluding with our Annual Golf Banquet in October!

Tee times are filling fast, but there is still time for you to walk-on. For more information, please contact the Golf Committee.

Tim McGee

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB FOUNDATION

March 23rd marked our first full year of being granted as a non-profit public charity recognized by the IRS with a 501c3 status. This achievement was made possible by the foresight of a few Senior Men's Club members who transformed their dream into a reality. The Foundation will lead the organization to enter into the public arena to foster community outreach programs that will serve senior men as they move from the corporate world into retirement challenges and opportunities.

The Foundation Officers wish to express their thanks for the donations to the Foundation from seventy (70) members of the Senior Men's Club totaling \$24,000 as the:

Foundation Founding Contributors:

Donation of \$5,000

Mrs. Elizabeth Key in memory of David Key

Donations of \$2,000

Gerd Keuffel and Maynard Timm

Donations of \$1,000

Joel Adelman, Tom Booth, John Groves, Jay Kafarski, John Marsh, Tim McGee, Pete Mehra and Roger Timm

Donations of \$500

Dave Anderson, David Dinger, Richard Ganfield, George Grove and Mr. & Mrs. Heintz

Donations of \$200-\$250

Joel Adelman, Randy Barnett, Leonard Borman, Kirby Callam, Jon Carter, James Key, Roger LaRose, Alexander McKeen, Robert Parker and Joe Schulenberg

Donations of \$100

Richard Aginian, George Benko, Edward Cascardo, Michael Clement, Tom DeCorte, Lynn Evans, Alexander Gherlan, Jr., Stephen Hall, Bob Kenning, Stu Main, Richard McGee, Francis J. Pallischeck, Noel Peterson, Swarn Rajpal, Jerry Stribbell, C. E. Tholen, Chuck Travers and Tom Utter

Donations under \$100

Bhal Amin, Gerard Andree, Ken Ebersole, Michael Gallagher, Sidney Goldstein, Dennis Harrington, Dale Haskin, Thomas King, Jim Labes, Jacob J. Lorber, John McCleary, Bob McLandress, Jr., Herb Meyer, Norm Morrell, John Reddy, Jay Reynolds, Tony Richards, Ted Schuster, Robert Stoner, John Williams and Dave Wind

Steps are being taken to invest a major portion of these donations into a Foundation Endowment Fund to insure the future stability of the Foundation and the Foundation Officers are exploring future programs that will support our Vision Statement to earn the reputation amongst philanthropic donors as the organization that leads in supporting projects with the highest positive outcomes for senior men.

Timothy S. McGee, President

David Anderson, Vice President

Ray Buratto, Secretary

Richard McGee, Treasurer

Leonard Borman, Asst. Treasurer

Groups



Reading Groups

During April we will be discussing two very different books. The first is an “up close and personal” look at the future of the automobile and how it can change our life. The second is the story of an amazing woman who shaped the future in very different ways. Both are sure to provoke lively discussions.

As always, we are grateful to Roger Timm for serving as Zoom master for both book groups. He has been recording each of the book discussions, and he is working with Jay Kafarski to post them on the members only section of the SMCB website. In the meantime, contact Roger if you wish to listen to a specific discussion.

Wednesday, April 7 at 10:30 AM: *Autonomy: The Quest to Build the Driverless Car and How it Will Reshape our World* by Lawrence Burns and Christopher Shulgan. New York: Harper Collins - Ecco, 2018.

In his recent presentation to our club, Larry Burns whetted our appetite to learn more about the development of the driverless car. As the former Vice President for Research and Development General Motors and advisor to Waymo, Burns is uniquely qualified to tell this story. The reviewer in Forbes wrote, “Anyone interested in how we got to where we are today should definitely grab a copy.”

This discussion will be led by Perry Driggs

Monday, April 19 at 3:00 PM: *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. New York: Sourcebooks, 2019.

Well known as an actress in the 1940's, Hedy Lamar's story is much more than that. Her marriage to an Austrian arms dealer in the early 30's made her aware of the Nazi plans for world domination. She fled Europe, ending up in Hollywood. Along the way she distinguished herself as a scientist whose invention was used against the Nazis. Marie Benedict is also the author of *The Other Einstein* which we discussed a year or so ago.

Paul Lieberman will lead this discussion.

Looking ahead to May:

May 5 at 10:30 AM: *Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All* by Michael Schellenberger (Led by Gordon Allardyce)

May 17 at 3 PM: *The Anarchy: The Relentless Rise of the East India Company* by William Dalrymple (Led by Anant Bhoganker)

Bob Maxfield



Investment Study Group

The next Investment Study Group meeting will be on Wednesday, April 14 at 2:45 PM. Michael Dzialo, Founder, President and Chief Investment Officer, Managed Asset Portfolios [MAP] will be our speaker for the 18th year. MAP is a private investment firm located in Rochester which manages one billion dollars of assets. Michael's topic is: “*Looking Beyond COVID: What is the Outlook for Stocks, Bonds and the Economy?*”

Jerry Peck continues to lead the Stock Game with a 235% gain. Mike Clement is second with a 81% gain. Bob Veres, Art Levery, David Knipper and Dave Ladd follow. 52 players have gains. GREED has been good. Smart group. The game ends May 31. Join us on Zoom. Bring a friend. All are welcome.

George Miller



Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will have a Zoom meeting on Monday, 2:00 PM, April 5th to review the Roots Tech 2021 conference which was recently held in Salt Lake City. The Virtual Conference was held for 3 days and had over 30 speakers.

In the past it was easy to find videos on-line of all the events, but this year, there is a different process to find the recordings. A review of the process including the main topics will be discussed.

The zoom address for the meeting will be published via Eblast a week prior to the meeting.

Dave Bakos

The doctor asked me to spend at least one hour per day on the treadmill.



Groups, continued



Classic Movie Group

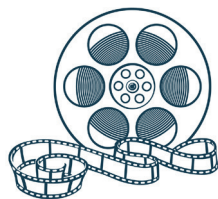
On April 12, at 1:00 PM, Waller Harris will present, via Zoom, the neo-noir film classic "Chinatown" (1974) (2 hours and 11 minutes). Set in Los Angeles, of the mid 1930's, Private Eye Jake Gittes (Jack Nicholson) is hired by Evelyn Mulwray to investigate her husband's activities, which he believes is a routine infidelity case. Jake's investigation soon becomes anything but routine when he meets the real Evelyn Mulwray (Faye Dunaway) and realizes that he was hired by an imposter. Then, Mr Mulwray's sudden death sets Jake on a tangled trail of corruption, deceit and sinister family secrets. This 4 star Leonard Maltin Rated Film Classic, directed by Roman Polanski, was nominated for 11 Oscars and The American Film Institute placed it as second among its top Ten Mystery Films in 2008.

So, mark your calendars now and join Waller on the 12th to enjoy one of best Mystery films of the 20th Century. Be sure to bring your popcorn to 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



CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP SCHEDULE FOR 2021:

- April 12 Waller Harris - *Chinatown* (1974) 130 min
- May 10 Joel Adelman - *All the Kings Men* (1949) 110 min
- June 14 Robert Sparks - *Red Tails* (2012) 125 min
- July 12 Fred Hansz - *Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?* (2000) 107 min
- Aug. 9 Irv Poston - *Avatar* (2009) 162 min
- Sept. 13 John Maten - *Mr Majestyk* (1974) 103 min
- Oct. 11 Irv Poston - *Chicago* (2002) 113 mi
- 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

How to make a grocery list for men:





MYSTERY LYRICS

Last month we asked if you could remember the rock and roll classic containing these lyrics:

“Why can’t you be true?

You’ve started back doing the things you used to do.”

Eight old time music fans knew the song is “Maybellene” performed by Chuck Berry. Do you remember seeing him do the duckwalk on stage? Congratulations to Tom DeCorte, Ray Buratto, Mike Clement, Larry Imerman, John Zarek, Charlie Clippert, Fred Hansz and Joel Adelman for their exquisite taste in music.

This month we have a romantic ballad for you to ponder, with these lyrics:

“Here I go again, I hear those trumpets blow again, all aglow again”

Can you name that tune?

Dick Harper

SPORTS TRIVIA

We challenged you with a tough sports question last month – asking you to name the only major league baseball player who has won batting titles in both leagues. The answer is DJ LeMahieu who won the NL crown with Colorado hitting .348 in 2016 and was the AL leader last year hitting .364 with the Yankees. Only Tom DeCorte, Ray Buratto, Joel Adelman and Lynn Evans got this one. Lynn pointed out I may have mislead readers in reporting DJ played with Tigers – he signed with Detroit, but never played here.

I have always been interested in baseball players reaching career hitting milestone records like a .300 batting average and maybe 400 home runs. One American Leaguer came close, with a .297 average and hitting 399 homers.

Can you name him? (And let’s hope Miguel Cabrera can hit 13 home runs to reach 500 this year and get 134 hits to total 3000.)

Dick Harper

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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.

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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, April 13 at 9:30 AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, April 16

Genealogy Group: Monday, April 5 at 2:00 PM

Reading Group A: Wednesday, April 7 at 10:30 AM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, April 12 at 1:00 PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, April 14 at 2:45 PM

Reading Group B: Monday, April 19 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: Last session is at Escape on Monday, April 12 at 9:30 AM.

Golf: Starts Monday, April 19 at Lincoln Hills and Thursday, April 22 at Springdale. Tee times from 7:00 - 9:00 AM. Golf fees are \$15 and please check-in with the starters Tim McGee and Tom Schriff.

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