The Reminder



NOVEMBER 2024

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

President's Letter



Think back to 1957, if you can. What were you doing during that year? I, for one, can't remember because I wasn't born until the next year! The Soviet Union inaugurates the "Space Age" by launching Sputnik I, the world's first artificial satellite. A month later Sputnik II carries a dog into orbit, making that dog the first living being to enter space. In baseball, the New York Giants move to San Francisco and the Brooklyn Dodgers move to Los Angeles. It was also the last time the Lions won the NFL championship (no Superbowl back then). Of course, the significant thing for all of us is that the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham was created. In the ensuing 67 years, I think that we can safely say that the SMCB has enjoyed many more "winning seasons"

than the Lions. The current edition of the Detroit Lion has given us great hope for this year and hopefully the result will be their first trip to the Super Bowl.

The SMCB also continues to have a "winning line-up" with the great Friday speakers and outstanding meals at the Iroquois Club. The hobby and games groups are all doing well and continue to add new members. We are fortunate to have a great upcoming slate of new officers for 2025. As we move into November, we look forward to saluting our veterans. I will be speaking at the Birmingham Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11 at 11:00 am in Shain Park representing both the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial and as President of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. I hope that many of you will join me in saluting our veterans. Let us also remember the sacrifices that the families of our veterans have also made. In many cases, the families have had to deal with separation from their loved ones, sometimes for very long periods of time. Even with modern communication, it can't replace having your loved ones at home with you. I personally want to say thank you to all of our veterans and their families.



NOVEMBER 1ST DIWALI CELEBRATION!

Naan Bread Rice Pilaf Garden Salad Samosas Mild Chicken Curry Dessert: Gulab Jamun Vegetarian selection: Palak Paneer

NOVEMBER 8TH

Rolls & Butter Caesar Salad Baby Green Beans Roasted Redskins Parmesan Cod Dessert: Cookies

NOVEMBER 15TH

Rolls & Butter Michigan Maple Salad Baby Green Beans Baked Mostaccioli Rosemary Chicken Dessert: Brownies

NOVEMBER 22ND THANKSGIVING

Rolls & Butter Caesar Salad Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Turkey Dessert: Pumpkin Pie

John Maten

NOVEMBER 2024 Speakers

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Fellowship • Shared Interest • Community Service

"Senior Men's Club Foundation in Action ... Including Grant Presentations"

² Senior Men's Club Foundation Birmingham, Michigan



Foundation Grant to The Farm at Trinity Health Oakland, aka St. Joseph Hospital



To address nutrition and healthy needs of the community, Trinity Health Oakland supports a Farm Share Assistance (FSA) program for underserved families. The FSA program aggregates produce and food from more than 20 local farms including the Trinity Health Oakland Farm.

Volunteers pack boxes and distribute to members of the FSA weekly, for 36 weeks. The SMCF grant of \$5,000 is being used to subsidize FSA members for financially challenged seniors in our community. The program is important to those in need and has grown in size and scope each year. The Farm is also a place of solitude for hospital residents.

Trinity Health Oakland is located less than 3 minutes from the Iroquois Club where the Senior Men's Club meets. Stop by and visit the Farm.



Matching Gift Challenge

THANK YOU - Great Success!

A special thanks to the wonderfully generous men in our club who made the September Matching Campaign the most successful effort ever! Over 118 members contributed.

We salute the following men who contributed the funds to match the donation of others . . . Mike Bica, Jim King, John Carter, George Stern, Pat Jacoby, John Rusche, John Reddy, Tom Booth, Joel Adelman, Jay Kafarski, Dick Bradley, Gerd Keuffel, Tim McGee, Jim Fleck, Maynard Timm . . . Special Foundation Hero's





QCD-What is it?

A *Qualified Charitable Distribution* is a distribution for your individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charity. You must be 70 ½ years or older to make a QCD. A Qualified Charitable Distribution is not taxed, nor is it included in your taxable income.

Dick says ... "It was easy for me ...called my agent ...he helped ...quick and easy!"



SMCB Holiday Dinner Dance—December 11

Our annual Senior Men's Club of Birmingham Holiday Dinner Dance will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at the San Marino Club in Troy, located on the north side of Big Beaver Road between Rochester and John R. Roads. Our evening will begin with Marine Corps League representatives accepting new unwrapped toys for the Annual Toys for Tots Collection; then a social reception at 5:30 PM as usual, featuring an antipasto table of chips, cheese, and crackers with veggies, 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 \$75 per person and will be on sale at our Friday meetings beginning November 1. Tickets are also available directly from Jim King at 248-645-9388. Reserved tables for groups are available upon request. We will be happy to arrange seating for couples and/or singles as well. Tables will accommodate a maximum of 8 persons for COVID distancing reasons. Table reservation forms will be available at the Special Events table beginning Friday, October 25.All ticket sales (including singles and couples) must be accompanied by a completed Table Reservation Form, so please pick one up at a Friday morning meeting or request one from Jim King.

Please consider inviting your friends and relatives to join you. We ask that groups reserving tablesplease designate ONE person to collect the ticket fees for the group and make ONE payment for the table when submitting the Table Reservation Form. Note any special dietary requests on the form. We will invite the members of NEXT to join us again this year.

Dinner will be served family style (all you can eat), with three entrées passed around at each table. Entrée choices will include Tenderloin of Beef with mushrooms, Chicken Piccata with capers and artichoke hearts, and Baked Orange Roughy with lemon garnish, along with side dishes of peas with mushrooms and buttered redskin potatoes. A pasta starter of Farfalle Alfredo and a mixed green salad will also be served. Dinner will conclude with a Raspberry Sundae dessert. Gluten-free and vegetarian alternative entrées are available upon prior request via your Table Reservation Form.

A cash bar will be available throughout the evening, with cocktails at \$8, wine at \$6, beer at \$4, and free soft drinks/coffee/tea. The San Marino Club will be festively decorated in a Christmas motif with flowers and candles at each table. Tony DiMaria and his 12 member TNT Big Band ensemble (with vocalist) will entertain us throughout 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 SMCB Chorus will serenade us with songs of the season. As at our previous parties, the US Marines will be collecting unwrapped unused Toys for Tots, so please bring a toy to donate.

This is one of our most popular and successful annual SMCB events! We look forward to seeing you there.

SCORE tour

The SMCB SCORE group recently toured the Centrepolis Accelerator at Lawerence Tech University. What's that? It's a nonprofit group of 40 professionals that help entrepreneurs with physical product development. If you have an idea for a gizmo this is the place that will help you produce a plan, a physical prototype and funding. You've seen their clients on the TV show Shark Tank. It's where the old-fashioned machine shop meets IT/AI. We saw 3d printers, circuit board manufacturing and much more. Join our SMCB SCORE group. We learn new things, go interesting places, meet great people, give back to our community and have fun. See Rich McGee (248-703-7231) if you're interested.

2025 Member Dues Notice



It's that time of year again. September 1 is the date for members to begin paying their dues for the 2025 calendar year. Dues will be the same as last year, \$90. Members are encouraged to round up to \$100.

Life members are exempt from paying dues, but many continue paying as a donation. Thank you.

Please make your check payable to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham or SMCB and mail to:

> SMCB/Dues PO Box 1149 Birmingham, MI 48012

Alternatively, you can click on the link below to pay by credit card (WIX is the service provider).

Online Dues Payment (Requires Members Portal Login)

Golf Report

We started the year on an icy cold January hitting balls at the dome. Endured rain and frost delays in April to begin the golf season. And outlasted the heat of the summer ending the season on a spectacular autumn day as we waged the 6th SMCB Golf Team Scramble at Lincoln Hills followed by a delicious turkey dinner orchestrated by Chef Jacki.

A record year in many aspects as 74 senior men recorded 1,183 rounds at Lincoln Hills and Springdale...10 were first timers and new to the Senior Men's Club. After competitions in the summer for the 2-Man Scramble and the 3-Club tournaments, we ended the season with 11 four man teams competing to win the 6th Annual season ending tournament. Roger Cummings team couldn't repeat their 2023 winning score as the team of Greg McComas, Randy Barnett, Om Bhasin and Bo Tamarelli carded a winning score of 34 (1 under par).

Afterwards, we sat down to a feast of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings topped off with a scrumptious cherry glazed cheesecake while the prizes were awarded to the players.

The players left the course laden with their pickings and winnings as the sun was setting. Hugs and handshakes were aplenty as we said goodbye to Jacki and her crew...but only for a short absence as many will return for the Annual Turkey Shoot in November.



DIA Visit Photos





Life Remodeled Service Project Photos







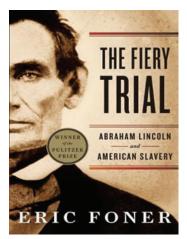


ETHAN MOLLICK

In November we will discuss two books dealing with topics of much interest to our members. The first builds on our previous discussions of Abraham Lincoln by focusing on the evolution of his attitudes concerning slavery. The second continues our investigation of the challenges and opportunities presented by Artificial Intelligence. Thanks to Roger Timm and Jim Labes for bringing these to our attention.

The two groups will continue to meet via Zoom. As always, all members and their guests are welcome. Please let Bob Maxfield or Roger Timm know if you would like to be added to our distribution list.

Wednesday, November 6 at 10:30 AM:The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincolnand American Slavery by Eric Foner (New York: W.W. Norton and Company, 2010) This discussion will be led by Roger Timm.



This landmark work gives us a definitive account of Lincoln's lifelong engagement with the nation's critical issue: American slavery. A master historian, Eric Foner draws Lincoln and the broader history of the period into perfect balance. We see Lincoln, a pragmatic politician grounded in principle, deftly navigating the dynamic politics of antislavery, secession, and civil war. Lincoln's greatness emerges from his capacity for moral and political growth.

From the New York Times review: "Do we need yet another book on Lincoln?... Well, yes, we do — if the book is by so richly informed a commentator as Eric Foner, the DeWitt Clinton professor of history at Columbia. Foner tackles what would seem to be an obvious topic, Lincoln and slavery, and manages to cast new light on it."

Monday, November 18 at 3 PM: Co-intelligence: Living and Working with AI by Ethan Mollick (New York: Portfolio Books, 2024) Jim Labes will lead this discussion

Something new entered our world in November 2022 — the first general purpose AI that could pass for a human and do the kinds of creative, innovative work that only humans could do previously. Wharton professor Ethan Mollick immediately understood what ChatGPT meant: after millions of years on our own, humans had developed a kind of co-intelligence that could augment, or even replace, human thinking. Through his writing, speaking, and teaching, Mollick has become one of the most prominent and provocative explainers of AI, focusing on the practical aspects of how these new tools for thought can transform our world.

Angela Duckworth, Author of Grit wrote: "Co-Intelligence is the very best book I know about the ins, outs, and ethics of generative AI. Drop everything and read it cover to cover NOW'

Looking ahead to December

Wednesday, December 4 at 10:30 AM: Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Eric Larson (Bill Price)

Monday, December 16 at 3 PM: Leave the Gun, Take the Cannoli by Make Seal (Fred Freeman)

PICKLEBALL

On Wednesday, October 23, 2024, the first annual SMC Pickleball Tournament took place. The tournament was held at the UWM Sports Complex in Pontiac. Thirty highly competitive SMC members participated in this hard fought event. A round-robin, luck-of-the-draw format was used in the tournament.

After 5 games of pickleball by each player, Bob Lesser came in first place, Roger Melton can in second place, followed by Jeff Heichel, who came in third place. Cash prizes were awarded to the top three finishers along with a beautiful pickle jar trophy with pickles. While the top three point getters received cash prizes, all the tournament participants were winner!

After the pickleball tournament, a delicious dinner was held at the Moose Preserve Bar & Grill in Bloomfield Hills. While enjoying dinner, tournament players told exaggerated stories of their pickleball prowess, had a cold beer, and spent a fun evening with fellow SMC members!

Tournament organizers, Dave Anderson and Kevin Doucet, are already using this year's tournament experience to make next year's tournament even better. The event organizers encourage everyone in the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham to participate in the year round SMC pickleball league and to join in the fun at the second annual SMC Pickleball Tournament to be held in the fall of 2025!



Investment Group





Please join us at our next Investment Group meeting being held on Thursday November 14, 2024 at 2:45PM. The in-person and Zoom meeting will be held in the basement level of the Baldwin Public Library. Our speaker will be Rick Bloom of Bloom Advisors. Rick will share his insights into the markets post-election.

Rick is the Partner of the firm, an Attorney and Financial Advisor. Rick has been in the investment business for 40 years, named as a Top Financial Advisor by Barron's Magazine several times, a top 250 Wealth Advisor by Worth Magazine, a Fidelity Investment Advisory Council Member and recognized by past State of Michigan Governor Granholm in 2003 for promoting college savings and the MESP program.

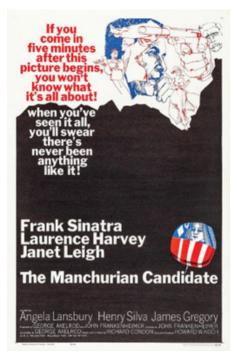
Here is the weblink for the organization=> https://bloomaddvisors.com.

The Stock Game is a week old as of the end of business 10/18/24, and Mike Clement is in first place with his pick Oklo, Inc. (OKLO) which is up an astounding 101%! Second place is Carl Fischer with his pick of Trump Media and Technology (DJTWW) which is up 22%. Third place is Bo Tamarelli who has several holdings and is up 20%. An impressive start!

Will be sending an email to the stock game players to see the report. Stock Game participants, please watch for an email from me. If there are members within SMC who would like to see how our colleagues are performing please give me a call and will share the information.

Continued successful investing!!





On Monday, November 11th at 1:00 PM, Tom Booth will present, via Zoom, the political/war/thriller classic "The Manchurian Candidate" (1962) (2 hours / 6 minutes). Directed by John Frankenheimer, the story begins near the end of the Korean War when a platoon of US G.I.s are captured by the North Koreans and put through a series of horrible mind-altering experiments, that are then buried in their subconscious minds, before they are released from captivity. After the war, the platoon arrives home, and Sergeant Raymond Shaw (Laurence Harvey) is lauded as a hero. However, the platoon commander, Captain Bennett Marco (Frank Sinatra), finds himself plagued with strange nightmares that he feels somehow relate to his ordeals in captivity. As he searches, and begins to find meaning to his dreams, with the help of his compassionate girlfriend (Janet Leigh), he uncovers a diabolical Communist plot, orchestrated by Harvey's sinister mother (Angella Lansbury), to upend the upcoming Presidential Election.

The film was both a critical and commercial success when released at the height of US-Soviet hostility during them Cuban Missile Crisis and continues to be highly regarded by audiences to this day. The movie has a Rotton Tomatoes score of 97% and IMDb rating of 7.9/10.

A preview of the film is now available to watch by pressing the CMG Movie Preview Button on the Club's Homepage.

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join Tom, and the rest of our Group, on November 11, to watch and discuss this fascinating neo-noir psychological political thriller which is considered to be one of the most iconic films of the Cold War period.

Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of November 10, which will be published on the previous Friday morning of November 8.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on November 11.

Fred Hansz / Chairman

NOVEMBER 2024 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



2024 NOV Calendar at a Glance	as of:	Thursday, October 17, 2024
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Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Friday	Nov 1	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Nov 1	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Week 2						
Monday	Nov 4	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
First Monday	Nov 4	2:00 PM	Genealogy	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	John Maten	(248) 251-9339
Tuesday	Nov 5	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
First Tuesday	Nov 5	10:00 AM	Special Events Committee	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Ras Desai	(248) 722-4411
Tuesday	Nov 5	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Nov 6	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Nov 7	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	Nov 8	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Nov 8	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Week 3				-		
Monday	Nov 11	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Second Monday	Nov 11	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	Nov 12	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	Nov 12	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Second Tuesday	Nov 12	11:30 AM	Associate Orientation Training	Baldwin Lib - Rotary Room	Ashok Gupta	(248) 681-6577
Tuesday	Nov 12	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Nov 13	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Second Wednesday	Nov 13	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher Must Pre-Register	Birmingham Fire Station- Adams Rd/248-530-1906	David Dinger	(248) 310-4583
Thursday	Nov 14	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Second Thursday	Nov 14	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library- Donor Room + Zoom	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	Nov 15	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Nov 15	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Third Friday	Nov 15	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com	Maynard Timm	(248) 303-5490
Week 4						
Monday	Nov 18	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Third Monday	Nov 18	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	Nov 19	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Nov 19	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Nov 20	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Nov 21	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Third Thursday	Nov 21	3:00 PM	Camera Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Jay Hall	(248) 644-1454
Friday	Nov 22	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Nov 22	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Week 5				,		
Monday	Nov 25	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	Nov 26	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Nov 26	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Nov 27	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Nov 27	CANCELLED	Walking Group	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	Nov 28	CANCELLED	Weekly Friday Mtg	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Nov 28	CANCELLED	Bridge Group	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

B-DAY	NAME	B-DAY	NAME
November 1	Art Kirsh	November 17	
November 4	Joe Dasovic		Mark Schumacher
	a Dr. Dr. Wally Walavalkar	November 20	a Ron Michalak
November 5	Joe Pero		a Sid Taylor
November 6	a Chris Borroni-Bird	November 21	* John Klein
	Wei Feng		Ron Kuhn
	Doug Koschik	November 22	Dick Kamp, Past Pres 2017
November 7	Dr. Vijay Goburdhun	November 23	Tom Dahlem
	* Dick Shirley		Steve Kane
November 8	* Mel Zoschnick	November 24	a Dr. Vraj Parikh
November 9	* Al Bosley		Ray Shapiro
November 10	Jeff Heichel	November 25	Mike Jones
	Dr. Chuck Steltenkamp	November 26	* Cliff Wagoner
November 12	John Baker		Joe Wolf
November 13	Ralph Bergemann	November 27	* Dr. Maurice Lefford
	* Chuck Travers		a Mike Zeid
November 14	a Jim Ross	November 28	* George Grove
November 15	Albert Cassar		Dr. Phil Owen
	Ed Demerly	November 30	Dave Strubler





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A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club, which meets Friday at 10:30 AM at the Iroquois Club* in Bloomfield Hills.

Officers for 2024 are:

- President, John Maten;
- First Vice President, Ray Buratto;
- Second Vice President, John Rusche;
- Recording Secretary, Jim Hayes;
- Corresponding Secretary, Bo Tamarelli;
- Treasurer, Rich McGee;
- Assistant Treasurer, George Dilgard

THE REMINDER Team:

- Tom Dahlem, Publisher;
- Maynard Timm, Co-Editor
- Tim McGee, Co-Editor
- Tom Dahlem & Tom Booth, Photography.
- *The Reminder Deadline for articles is July 21, 2024
- *The Iroquois Club is located on the east side
- of Woodward Avenue, just north of Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. The meeting is also accessible via ZOOM for those not able to attend in person.

CONTACT US

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