

The Reminder



November 2018

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Cliff Snedeker – A Man for All Seasons

Born in South Dakota, Cliff Snedeker moved to Sioux City, Iowa when his dad “sold the farm.” Cliff was halfback on the football team at Central High School where he attracted his future wife of 63 years, Kathryn. He also attracted the Army, who drafted and sent him to Korea after marrying Kathryn in 1953. Cliff likes to say he helped win that war as the peace treaty was signed while he was over there. He completed his service at Fort Carson in Colorado and moved back to Sioux City.

Cliff has a business degree from Oxford College in Iowa and has a master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin. He moved to Minneapolis then Indianapolis, spending most of his banking career with Merchants National Bank. As a senior officer, Cliff oversaw the Operations and Computer Center for all of Merchants NB.

Cliff is a life member and past president of the Columbia Athletic Club in Indianapolis and spent some time in real estate in Indiana before his son recruited him to move back to Michigan in 2011. That’s when he became Tony Parrottino’s neighbor in Beverly Hills. Cliff’s family includes two daughters and a son, nine grandchildren and three greats. So far two of the grandkids are in banking, one graduating from MSU.

Cliff joined SMC shortly after their move to Michigan seven years ago. As Cliff remembers someone saying, “If you want to meet some very good people, join SMC. Cliff showed up every Friday, liked it, participated in activities and on committees and said, “yes” when asked to be on the Board. He’s recruited other members into the club and says that “the SMC means a lot to me, with a lot of good stuff going on and I enjoy the people.”



—Greg McComas

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER CHAIRMEN: Jerry Stribbell & Malcolm Hendy

- 2 NO MEETING
- 9 Michael D. Schloff, former Marine Captain, Active Litigation Attorney *One Marine's Story*
- 16 Mary Ellen Geist, Great Lake Bureau Chief, DPTV
Nick Shroeck, Director of Transnational Environmental Law, Wayne State *Who Owns Our Water*
- 23 NO MEETING
- 30 Scott Grewe, Commander, Birmingham Police Department..... *Civilian Training for Handling Active Shooter*

NOVEMBER DISCUSSION GROUP

NOVEMBER CHAIRMAN: Augie Perrotta

- 9 Fred Simon, SMC Member *Why Can't They Understand Me?*

Games

Year-End Golf Report

The season started well in January 2018 as we again returned to the Oakland Yard Golf Dome to practice our swings and shake off the winter doldrums and enjoy lunch at Hero's. A new golf pro gave us swing and grip instruction in hopes that our elusive chase for birdies and pars would return in the spring.

The Annual Charlie Travers Chipping Contest was won by Joe Schulenberg. The Annual Charlie Travers Putting Contest was won by Kirby Callam. We will once again return to the Dome on Thursday, January 3, 2019!

After three months of agonizing winter weather and delays in the opening of the course at Springdale, we stepped up to the tee box with thoughts of low scores in our heads!

We managed to get in over 330 rounds from 59 golfers at Springdale with Greg McComas recording the lowest scoring average of 37.3 and over 500 rounds from 62 golfers at Lincoln Hills with Maynard Timm recording the lowest scoring average of 38.9! I guess the rest of us mere mortals will need to return to the dome for more practice!

Maynard Timm was the only player to make the "Over Thirty" club as he played 15 rounds at each golf course. Last year there were five of us that reached that distinction! And once again, Maynard Timm broke the bank winning the BIG BUCKS at hole #6 at Springdale for closest to the pin and making the putt at a minimum distance of 6 feet!

In addition to the normal playing, we waged three tournaments throughout the year:

SPRINGDALE: ANNUAL 2 CONSECUTIVE ROUNDS TOURNAMENT

(Best two consecutive rounds in a 3-week period averaged against the golfer's seasonal average)

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1st Tim McGee (-1); 2nd Greg McComas (-0.8)

1ST FLIGHT

1st Kirby Callam (-3.4); 2nd Swarn Rajpal (-3.1)

2ND FLIGHT

1st Ed Sharples (-7); 2nd George Stern (-5)

ANNUAL 3-CLUB TOURNAMENT

(The player can use only three clubs, and his score is compared to his seasonal average)

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT

1st Tim McGee (+1); 2nd Roger L'Heureux (+3)

1ST FLIGHT

1st Frank Bujold (+0.7); 2nd Ken Pape (+1)

2ND FLIGHT

1st George Stern (-3.1); 2nd Gil Livingston (-2)

LINCOLN HILLS: ANNUAL 2-MAN SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT

1ST FLIGHT

Maynard Timm & Tony Parrottino (34)

2ND FLIGHT

Dan Bonbrisco & Tim McGee (39)

ANNUAL STONYCROFT HILLS: SMC SCRAMBLE

We also were the guests of the members at Stonycroft Hills Golf Club to wage our 19th Annual Stonycroft Hills SMC Scramble:

FIRST PLACE

31 (-4) - Ralph Cowie, Maynard Timm, Bill Klindt, George Stern & Bob Wider

SECOND PLACE

33 (-2) - Kirby Callam, Tom Rankin, Pete Kass, Jim Cleary & Steve Pickett

HONORABLE MENTION: A.K.A. MOST HONEST

38 (+4) - Jim Suhay, David Underdown, Joe Schulenberg, Tom Halsted & Tom Varbedian

I would like to thank Tom Schrift and Tom Waffan for their dedication and support. Both would like to have an assistant to train. Please give it some thought and talk to them.

—Tim McGee, Games General Chairman



Groups



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, November 12, at 1:00PM, Irv Poston will present one of his favorite films, "The Sound of Music" (1965), starring Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, and Eleanor Parker. This outstanding and iconic Rogers & Hammerstein musical beautifully tells the story of the Von Trapp family who ultimately manages to escape from Nazi-occupied Austria in 1938. If you love great musicals that include many of your favorite songs, then this film is for you. With our eight-foot-wide screen, a new state of the art high definition projection system, brilliant sound, and new re-mastered Blu Ray disc, from the original TODD-AO master print, Julie Andrews and the Australian Alps never looked better. So much so that you may well find yourself "Singing in the Abby." Note that the film runs almost three hours, but we will have a short intermission and plenty of great popcorn for your enjoyment. Please plan to attend with family and friends to enjoy this outstanding classic film.

—Fred Hansz



Computer Group

The Computer Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00PM. We will discuss a wide range of technology topics. As of press time the speaker for November was not booked yet. An eBlast will be sent out when plans have been solidified.

—Tom Allen



Investment Group

The Investment Group will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 2:45 PM. Speaker and subject to be announced.

—George Miller



Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, November 13 at 2:00PM. Speaker and subject to be announced.

—Bob Frank



Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, November 5 at 2:00PM.

Our guest speaker will be Hal Learman. Hal is a professional genealogist who presents practical examples and suggestions on how to use records databases and achieves to start or advance your genealogy research. He maintains a website with another genealogist called <http://www.mipolonia.net> and will use the site to review genealogy information regarding Poland and the surrounding countries, both in Europe and North America.

—Dave Bakos



Reading Groups

On Wednesday, November 7, at 10:30AM we will discuss the book "Alan Turing: The

Enigma," by Andrew Hodges and Douglas Hofstadter. This *New York Times* bestseller tells the true story of Alan Turing, who created a computer during the dark days of World War II to break the German Enigma ciphers and give the Allies a crucial leg up in the war. Later, despite his wartime service, his homosexuality eventually led to his arrest and subjection to a humiliating treatment program. Ray Shapiro will lead the discussion.

On Monday, November 19 at 3:00PM, we will discuss the book "Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir By One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers of World War II," by Chester Nez and Judith Schiese Avila. Chester Nez was the English name the Navajo boy was assigned in kindergarten. While in school, he was punished for speaking his native language. But discrimination didn't stop Chester from answering the call to defend his country after Pearl Harbor as a Marine. During World War II, the Japanese managed to crack every code the United States used until the Marines turned to their Navajo recruits to use their native language to develop new code. They created the only unbroken code in modern warfare and helped assure victory for the United States in the Pacific Theater. Roger Timm will lead the discussion.

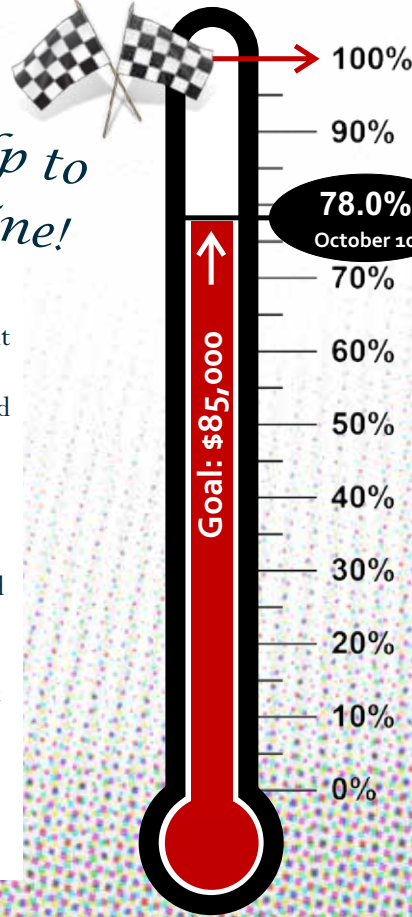
—Frank Snower

2018 SMC & TCH ANNUAL GIVING INITIATIVE

We need your help to get to the finish line!

It's Not Difficult!

A transfer from a Retirement Account to the Annual Giving Initiative is not difficult. A number of men have found this a good way to give. Dick Bradley says "I phoned my financial adviser and told him that I wished to transfer fund from my retirement account to The Community House." He emailed me a document and I signed it and returned it. It was easy and quick. I was able to transfer funds and since it was a transfer to a charity no taxes were taken out! The advantage of this is that I gave dollars without taxes being deducted!



Why The Community House?

The Community House has been our partner for 61 years! It has provided us with stability and a place for growth. TCH depends on the generosity of the Senior Men's Club so they can continue to address their mission. Last year alone the Senior Men's Club used over 450 rooms with a street value of up to \$250,000.



Team Color Day

Our second annual Team Color Day, held on September 28, was a great success. Members were encouraged to search their closets to find clothing with the colors of their favorite team – professional, college or even high school. The response was most significant and FUN! More than 50 members attended clad in an extensive array of team colors.

Of course, Michigan and Michigan State colors predominated, but many others were displayed - Penn State, Illinois, Purdue, Maryland, Wisconsin and Rutgers were seen, along with Notre Dame, Wayne State, Fordham, Lehigh, John Carroll, Columbia, Oakland, Western Michigan, Davidson, Miami (Ohio), Villanova and Manhattan. We saw Cooley, Groves, and Seaholm colors along with Babson and Ferrari and Red Wings (are those schools?)

We also enjoyed a special buffet luncheon, and suggest you make plans for a repeat performance next year!

—Dick Harper

2019 Club Handbook

Tempus Fugit! Handbook Committee Chairmen John Zarek and Jack Burns are anxiously awaiting complete listings of each SMC committee and group for next year's handbook – chairmen and members.

The input deadline of **November 1** supports December printing plans. You want to be completely and accurately listed in the 2019 handbook, which members refer to all year.

Please make it happen!

—John Zarek and Jack Burns

SMC Leisure Wear

During November you will be reminded of the holiday ordering details for purchasing SMC leisure wear. This will be your opportunity to obtain something you will be proud to show off and hopefully attract new members. Watch for eBlast details.

—Marc Secontine and Malcolm Hendy



Notes from the President

Gentlemen... It's a great time to be a member of the Senior Men's Club!

Board Meeting Report – The board met on Tuesday, October 9. A couple of key decisions were made.

- The new logo was approved... This was the choice of 70% of members when surveyed at the Friday, Sept. 28 meeting. Both will be used depending on the size and presentation.



- Birmingham will be part of most banners and larger logo presentations. However, this smaller logo as is will be used for the lapel pin.
- The Board approved the acquiring of **new lapel pins for all members**; they will be distributed with the Handbook/Directory at the first meeting in January.
- The Board reviewed our **membership position** ... It was recognized that if we were to increase our membership by three members we would be ahead of last year. The challenge was accepted.

Friday Meeting Changes: Most of the recommended changes have been implemented. Thank you for your support. We will be finetuning as we go forward. The goal of the above changes/adjustments is to streamline the Friday meeting. Please share your feedback.

Annual Giving Initiative – As of October 11, 78% of goal has been raised. We need your help and support. We have only a few months left. Please contact me regarding the benefits of giving directly for your retirement fund.

Attendance – The chart below shows our progress. Our attendance over the last three months is the highest in three years. Let's keep it going.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Average Weekly Attendance			
June-September	136	134	139

Special Salute – Great to have Augie Perrotta back at meetings recently. A great contributor and a great friend of SMC.

Special Events

Save the Date!

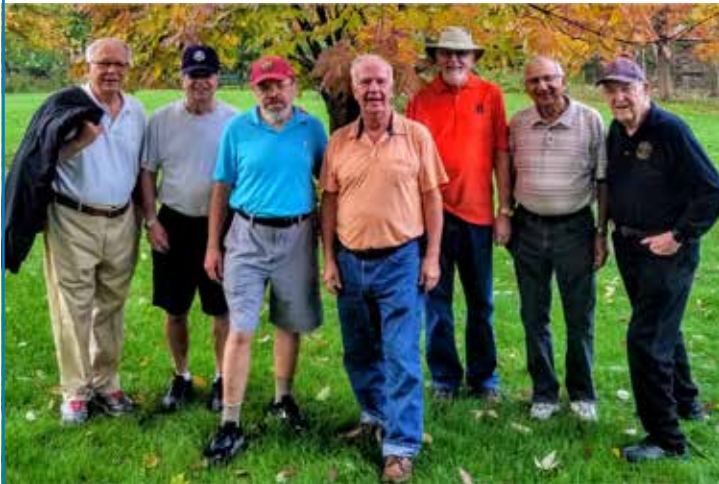
Detroit Auto Show – Jan. 24, 2019



Mark your calendars now for the SMC's annual excursion to the Detroit Auto Show at Cobo

Hall on Thursday, January 24, 2019. This year's show should be an exciting one, with the latest production models from automakers around the world and many special show cars as well. We plan to have two buses again this year, as demand has grown. Spouses and friends are invited as well. Ticket sales will begin on January 11. Check the December *Reminder* for more details about this popular event.

Walking Group Enjoys Fall Colors at Quarton Lake



On a recent Tuesday, the SMC Walkers strolled the perimeter of Quarton Lake, observed the waterfall, and admired the autumn splendor. Each Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00AM the group walks for an hour in and around Birmingham, then has an afterglow of coffee, hot chocolate and fellowship. The benefits of walking have been extolled on many occasions. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate in this exercise regime. Further info: Charlie Blank (bclank56@gmail.com) or Larry Imerman (Limerman@sbcglobal.net).

Christmas Dinner Dance

Join us on Tuesday, 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 a social reception at 5:30PM featuring an antipasto table of chips, cheese, and crackers with veggie dip and punch. We will be seated at 6:45PM for announcements and introductions, followed by dinner at 7:00PM and dancing thereafter until 10:15PM. There will be free valet parking service.

Tickets (\$55 per person) will go on sale at our meetings on October 26 and continue through December 7. Reserved group tables will be available upon request, and we will be happy to arrange seating for couples and/or singles as well. Reservation forms and tickets are also available from Tony DiMarco at 248-643-7368. We ask that groups reserving tables please designate one person to collect the ticket fees and meal choices for the group and make one payment for the table.

We have once again invited the members of the NEXT organization to join us. Please consider inviting friends and relatives to join you!

The dinner menu will include stracciatella soup, a mixed green salad, and your choice of dinner entrée: tenderloin of beef with mushrooms; chicken Parmigiana with mozzarella cheese; or baked orange roughy with lemon garnish; along with side dishes of green beans and St. Anne potatoes. Dinner will conclude with a raspberry sundae dessert. Gluten-free and vegetarian alternative meals 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. A four piece stringed instrument group with vocalist will entertain us through the evening, opening with a salute to the Armed Forces followed by a sing along, and nostalgic and seasonal favorites for our listening and dancing pleasure during the evening. The SMC Chorus will also serenade us with songs of the season. This is one of the most popular and successful SMC events, so please save the date and make your reservation plans early!

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Deaths:

Marion S. Ferszt, (Life), joined September, 1997

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman
Frank Snower, Database Chairman

Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, Photography

SMC 2019 Dues Coupon - \$50

2019 dues are payable before January 1, 2019. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2019. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at a meeting or by mail. Please use the coupon if paying by mail.

If paying by mail, send to:

Senior Men's Club - Dues
The Community House
380 South Bates Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Life Members pay no dues, but many use the coupon to make a voluntary contribution for financial support of our Club.



9/18/2018 - SMCB - Picnic Committee



2018
Team Day
Photos by Tom Booth

Mystery Lyrics



No fewer than nine knowledgeable readers recognized last month's song with these lyric lines:

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

Yes – it's "On the Street Where You Live" from *My Fair Lady*. Hearty congratulations to Tom Venier, John Diewke, Fred Hansz, Ed Demery (first timer), Dick Gregory, Joel Adelman, Fred Leydorf, Donna (Mark) Kelly and Tom McNally.

This month, we have a real "oldie" for you, with these lines:

*"Nobody near us, to see us or hear us
No friends or relations on
week-end vacations"*

Can you name that tune? (Hint – performed by many as a vocal, and by Benny Goodman as a swing tune).

Sports Trivia

We apologize – last month's trivia item was challenging and almost "stumped the panel." We asked if you could remember fellow Texans who played with Bobby Layne on the Lions in the 1950's. There were quite a few, including Doak Walker, Cloyce Box, Yale Lary, Harley Sewell, and later Tobin Rote. Dick Kamp did best, remembering four of them, Joel Adelman had three, Tom McNally two, and Pete Kass had one (Walker).

Tom McNally suggested an item for this month – hopefully not too difficult. Two local athletes had interesting sports careers, first with the Michigan Wolverine football team, followed by time with the Detroit Tigers. One had a more successful football career, the other in baseball. Can you name them?

—Dick Harper

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A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, which meets on Fridays at 10:30AM at The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

Officers for 2018 are: Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, president; Timothy S. McGee, first vice-president; Gerald W. (Jerry) Stribbell, second vice-president; Roger K. Timm, recording secretary; Maynard L. Timm, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. (Jim) Bayson, assistant treasurer; John R. Bergeron, Thomas L. Booth, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, editor emeritus; Maynard Timm and Jay Kafarski, co-editors; John Flintosh and Chuck Ragains, associate editors; Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, photography; Bob Jordan, mailing; Lee Trumbull, computer layout.

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, November 9

Bowling: Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes

Bridge: Fridays after lunch

Golf: Thursday at Springdale, 8:00AM

Special Events

Frankenmuth Trip: Wednesday, November 7, 8:30AM

Annual Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 11, 5:30PM

Detroit Auto Show: January 24, 2019

Group Meetings

Genealogy Group: Monday, November 5, 2:00PM

Book Reading Group A: Wednesday, November 7, 10:30AM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, November 12, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, November 13, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, November 14, 2:45PM

Book Reading Group B: Monday, November 19, 3:00PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, November 21, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com

www.communityhouse.com/supported-groups-nonprofits/senior-mens-club/