

# The Reminder



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Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

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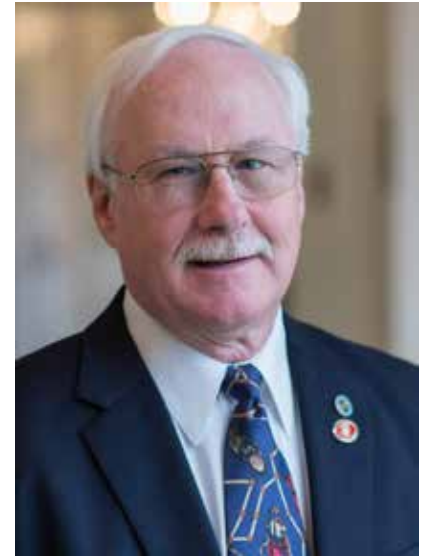
"For a nation that worships youth, America spends a lot of time obsessing about retirement." This was the opening line in a recent WSJ article entitled: *When It Comes to Retirement, I'm With Cicero* by Jim Michaels and it caused me to think about the Senior Men's Club and its role in our own retirement.

In contemplating on how he would fill his days in retirement, he chanced upon the writings of Cicero who opined in 44 BC that retirement should be a celebration and a cause to enrich one's life further by enjoying oneself or as French philosopher, Michel De Montaigne viewed retirement as an opportunity to pursue a more solitary life...We have lived quite enough for others: let us live this tail-end of life for ourselves.

While the author may embrace this philosophy, I couldn't disagree more! After 40-50 years of working, one should reach a harmonious balance in retirement. All of us have witnessed men in retirement shortening their lives by inactiveness and idleness. Fortunately we are blessed with an organization like the Senior Men's Club that embraces life to the fullest...we balance our personal lives of family and spiritualization with stewardship of serving in the community all while preserving and fostering the fellowship of our membership.

As your president, I look out from behind the dais every Friday and I see men that are active and leading their lives that I hope to emulate. Age is not a barrier...oh sure, we ache and moan as the joints don't lubricate like they did in our younger days, but I

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## MARCH PROGRAMS

MARCH CHAIRMAN: Swarn Rajpal

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Dave Bakos



Cliff Snedeker

## Officers at Large

Each year, our Club elects two members to an important position – Officer at Large. Our by-laws indicate that these officers “serve as advocates for the general membership and present to the Executive Board any requests for audience, petition or ideas”. In simpler terms, they are the communication bridge between members and the Board. They attend Board meetings and report any member issues, questions or suggestions (or even complaints) for appropriate action or resolution.

Members serving in this capacity for 2019 are Dave Bakos and Cliff Snedeker. Both are very active and well known and have served the Club in multiple capacities. They attend most Friday meetings and, of course, will welcome member comments or suggestions.

—Dick Harper

## Dress Code Reminder

**Friday meetings:** The well dressed member and his guest is expected to wear a suit or sport jacket/blazer with “neat” slacks and dress shoes. A tie with a dress shirt is preferred but a collared shirt or turtleneck is acceptable. During inclement weather, safe and protective shoes are appropriate. White “tennis” shoes are never acceptable and will not pass muster by the fashion police.

**Other Club meetings of Committees and Groups:** Casual attire, appropriate for the time and place is expected.

**Special Events Outings:** Attire appropriate for the event and venue is expected.

The dress code may be relaxed from time to time at the discretion of the Club’s President and will be announced in *The Reminder* and from the podium. Always be mindful as your dress and demeanor reflects on the impeccable reputation of the Senior Men's Club. Wearing SMC logo clothing is an exception per the Executive Board.

—Dave Dinger, Chairman Sgt.-At-Arms Committee

## SMC Lapel Pin and Directory are Here!

The new SMC Lapel Pin and the 2019 SMC Directory are available at the Friday meetings for your pick-up. If you are physically unable to attend a meeting, you can email or call Jack Burns at jackburns1@comcast.net or 248-644-7619 and we will arrange to get them delivered to you. Unfortunately, we cannot absorb the cost to mail out these items as a general practice...for a nominal fee of \$5.00 to cover the cost of packaging, handling and postage, we will send you both the SMC Lapel Pin and the 2019 SMC Directory. Send your check endorsed to SMC to Jack Burns at 898 Putney Street, Birmingham, MI 48009.

### SMC 2019 Dues Coupon - \$50

2019 dues were 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.*

# Groups



## Reading Groups

On Wednesday, March 6 at 10:30AM we will discuss "Paul Revere's Ride" by David Hackett Fischer. Now 83 years old, David Fischer has authored more than a dozen books dealing primarily with American History. His "Washington's Crossing" won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2005. Fischer debunks the image of Revere as someone who was only famous for warning his fellow citizens that "the British are Coming". In fact, he argues, Revere was a major player in the struggle for independence including helping to organize The Sons of Liberty. Roger Timm will lead this discussion.

On Monday, March 18 at 3:00PM we will discuss "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann. Published in 2017, this award-winning book revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of members of the Osage Tribe were murdered in cold blood. One reviewer wrote, "Grann's powerful narrative resurrects a bitterly important chapter in American history, suggesting that the trail of tears doesn't have to lead to a dead end". Larry Imerman will lead this discussion.

—Bob Maxfield



## Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, March 4 at 2:00PM. We will continue our series on the best ways of collecting data and researching history of your family. There are processes to gather your data, organize the information and store it for future use. This is especially true for those planning to write or document your life stories. If there is a family historian in your family, please invite them to attend with you as many great suggestions come from experienced researchers.

—Dave Bakos



## Computer Group

The Computer Group will next meet on Wednesday, March 20 at 9:00AM at the Somerset Apple store. We will have the store to ourselves and can learn everything that's new and exciting (and expensive) with Apple.

—Tom Allen



## Classic Movie Group

On Monday, March 11, at 1:00PM, Fred Hansz invites you on a journey to a dark and rainy Los Angeles of the future where hard hitting detectives, renegade androids and love all blend together in the sci-fi classic - "Blade Runner" (1982) - starring Harrison Ford, Sean Young, Rutger Hauer and Daryl Hannah. In this neo-film noir classic, Detective Ford must hunt down and bring to justice a group of evil off shore androids that have returned to raise havoc on earth. He does his job while unexpectedly finding love along the way. A triumph of production design, with a haunting musical score by Vangelis, the film has gained a large following over the years. If you enjoy great police dramas and films depicting the future, then this is movie is for you to enjoy.

—Fred Hansz



## Camera Group

The Camera Group will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 3:00PM. The speaker will be Dennis Winowiecki, who will show photos of the Rainbow-Silverton Railroad, Mesa Verde National Park, and Paris.

—Bob Frank



## Investment Group

The Investment Group will next meet on Wednesday, March 13 at 2:45PM. Our speaker will be Bill Halbert, SMC member and Sr. Vice President at Morgan Stanley. Bill will be appearing for his 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, and will discuss "The Rolling Bear Market is Ending, but Buying Opportunities can be Found". Bill is an excellent speaker and provides timely and useful information on how to make and keep money. Note that he won our stock game last year with a mighty 154% gain. The latest stock game results indicate that Mike Clement continues to lead with a strong 30% gain. The undersigned is second, up 23%, while Bob Morian moved from 14<sup>th</sup> place to 3<sup>rd</sup>, up 21%. We now have 17 portfolios with gains, up from only three last month.

—George Miller



# Checks and Balances

The SMC welcomes our new Treasurer – John Marsh.

John was born in North Tarrytown, New York, and lived there until his family relocated to Bloomfield Hills when he was 11 years old.

He attended Cranbrook School through the 10<sup>th</sup> grade and completed his last two years at Wilbraham & Monson Academy in Wilbraham, Massachusetts.

John attended the University of Michigan and received a degree in Economics in 1961. Upon graduation, he volunteered for the draft in the U.S. Army spending two years in Arlington, VA; Sacramento, CA; and Saigon, Vietnam as a crypto material specialist.

After his stint in the Army, John worked for the American Casualty Insurance Company for two years and then returned to U of M for his MBA (1966).

John met his wife at U of M and they were married in 1967. They have one son who resides in San Francisco with his wife and three children.

Around that same time John began 15 years of employment in the Treasurer's office of the SS Kresge Co. (Kmart). He left Kmart in 1981 to become a stock broker, retiring from Oppenheimer & Co. in 2008.

John joined the Senior Men's Club in 2009. He enjoys volunteer activities with the Birmingham Optimist Club, Christ Church Cranbrook, Trout Unlimited, and, of course, the Senior Men's Club. He also likes to fly fish, shooting sport clays and visit his son's family.

—Paul Kovceses



# Special Events

## Houses of Worship Tour Tuesday, April 16, 10:00AM

Jainism, one of the world's oldest religions, was founded in India in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.E. The essence of the religion is concern for the welfare of every being in the universe and for the health of the universe itself. We visit the Jain Society of Greater Detroit's temple in Farmington Hills.

We stop at the Saffron Restaurant, which serves dishes primarily from India's north. The restaurant's traditional lunch buffet will be offered.

The next stop is Temple Beth El, the oldest synagogue in Michigan, where we will be joined by the Temple's archivist. Temple Beth El has been a leader in the Reform Jewish Movement since its inception as a congregation in 1850. The current building was designed by Minoru Yamasaki, the architect of New York's World Trade Center.

Our final house of worship is Christ Church, Cranbrook. Founded in 1928, the church is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. On the National Register of Historic Places, the church is rich in architectural detail and other appointments by world-renowned artists and craftsmen. \$35 per person.

—Larry Imerman

## Hold the Date of May 15! Baseball is Back!

Mark your calendars! On Wednesday, May 15 we will once again board the bus for a trip to Toledo and beautiful Fifth Third Stadium for an AAA League baseball battle between our Toledo Mud Hens and the Norfolk Tides. After the game we will enjoy a late lunch at the nearby Real Seafood Restaurant. Ticket prices will be announced in April and will include your choice among several entrées. See you on the bus!



—Jim King

## Attendance Champs

The Attendance Committee reports that the following members were Club Friday meeting attendance champions in 2018.

Dick Harper.....	40
John Flintosh .....	40
Jerry Stribbell .....	40
Bob Hayes .....	38
John Steele .....	38
Jim Slosberg .....	37
John Marsh .....	37

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## Deaths:

**Thomas H. Sandercock**

—Dave Ehlen, Membership Chairman  
—Randy Barnett, Bob Hayes, Jay Kafarski, Pete Kass,  
John R. Klein, John C. Marsh, Stephen Pickett,  
Membership Team  
—Frank Snower, Database Chairman  
—Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, Photography

## When Irish Eyes Are Smiling!



Everyone is a little Irish on St. Patrick's Day, so let's kick off the festivities with our St. Patrick's Day Meeting Buffet on March 15! For the nominal price of \$20 enjoy a Market Green Salad with Ranch/Balsamic Dressing, Rye Bread

with Butter, Yellow Mustard on the side, Corned Beef, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes and sautéed Cabbage - No Bacon. Jerry Stribbell and I will supply a cake or cookies for dessert!

—Tim McGee

## Notice!

Your Medical Emergency Preparedness Team is looking for new members. The next CPR/AED training class will be April 27. Acquire/review a life skill for which your family and the SMC will value. Please see me for information/enrollment.

—Dave Dinger

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## President's Page

see men golfing, bowling, walking, swimming and cycling at ages far beyond the expected normal. And I see men engaging in lively discussions, waging competitiveness at the bridge table and seeking out new inspirations and passions for life working together as a team reaching compromises and acceptance regardless of religion, race or political persuasion.

While at the next Friday meeting you attend, reach out and greet a fellow member you haven't spoken to lately or maybe you haven't even met. Don't be bashful, just step up and say hello. Each of us has something that we can contribute and enrich the membership body. Contrary to Michel De Montaigne: We have not lived quite enough and we will not end our lives alone! Yes, it's good to be a Senior Member and it's even better to be a Senior Man On The Go!

## Executive Board Action

At the January Executive Board meeting, the following actions were taken that are of interest to the membership:

- Dues: If your membership has not been paid by March 31, your membership will be suspended.
- SMC Logo Wear: SMC logo clothing is now available for order through the Birmingham Varsity Shop and open order dates will be posted. As an inducement for members to purchase and wear SMC logo clothing, the following relaxation of the dress code has been approved:

—SMC logo clothing may be worn at the three future lunch buffet meetings in March, June and September in lieu of a sport/suit coat.

—SMC logo clothing may be worn at the last Friday meetings of each month in January, February, March, April, October and November.

- Free Lunches for Guests: Free lunches for members will be continued, but only once per guest.
- Summer Dress Code: The summer dress code will continue as printed in the Procedure Manual with the addition of the month of September (May through September).

—Tim McGee

# Mystery Lyrics



Only nine readers came up with the answer to last month's mystery lyric challenge, recognizing that these opening

lines:

*"Here I go again, I hear those trumpets  
blow again, all aglow again"*

are from the romantic ballad "Taking a Chance on Love". Congratulations to Tom and Rose Marie Venier (first in), Fred Hansz, Tom McNally, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Fred Leydorf, Colleen (Mark) Kelly, Bruce Thomas and Dolly (Bill) Johnson.

We might have an easy one for you this month, suggested by Tom McNally. Frank Sinatra recorded a lot of memorable hits, of course, but what was his theme song?

Can you name that tune?

# Sports Trivia

Last month's sports trivia proved to be more difficult than we anticipated. We asked you to remember the Detroit athlete with the nickname "Microwave". Only Jerry Andree, Dave Ladd, and Tom McNally knew this had to be Vinnie Johnson of the Detroit Pistons. As Jerry noted, "How can we ever forget Vinnie earning his nickname by his consistent ability to come off the bench and immediately get hot." We are going way back with this month's trivia item. Many years ago an unsavory event took place in major league baseball which raised questions about the honesty of the game and which culminated in legal proceedings. One young fan approached one of the accused players outside the courtroom and pleaded "Say it ain't so, Joe". Can you remember the event and the player?

—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 2019 are: Timothy S. McGee, President, Gerald L. Stribbell, First Vice President, Roger K. Timm, Second Vice President, Maynard L. Timm, Recording Secretary, Swarn G. Rajpal, Corresponding Secretary, John C. Marsh, Treasurer, John P. Groves, James E. Bayson and Richard E. Shirley, Assistant Treasurers, David N. Bakos and Clifford R. Snedeker, Officers at Large.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, Editor Emeritus; Maynard Timm Co-Editor; John Flintosh Co-Editor; 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, March 12, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, March 8

**Bowling:** Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes  
Wednesdays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes (Practice)

**Golf:** Thursdays, 9:30AM at Oakland Yard Dome (Practice)

**Bridge:** Fridays after lunch

## Special Events

**"The 39 Steps" with Ridgedale Players of Troy:** March 24, 2:00PM

**Houses of Worship Tour:** Tuesday, April 16, 10:00AM

**Toledo Mud Hens Baseball:** Wednesday, May 15

## Group Meetings

**Genealogy Group:** Monday, March 4, 2:00PM

**Book Reading Group A:** Wednesday, March 6, 10:30AM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, March 11, 1:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, March 13, 2:45PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, March 12, 3:00PM

**Book Reading Group B:** Monday, March 18, 3:00PM

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, March 20, 9:00AM at Apple Store

*All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.*

## SMC ON THE WEB:

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