

# The Reminder



July 2020

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Pursuant to the Procedural Policies of the Senior Men's Club and approved by the Executive Board, the Policy Committee will receive and process nominations for an Outstanding Service Award for a SMC member that has performed exceptional service to the club.

Any member of the club may nominate another member for the Award. Nominations must be submitted to the Policy Committee in writing and must include the reason for consideration by the Committee. Utmost discretion and the privacy of each nominee will be observed by the Committee. The decision of the Committee will be final.

Accordingly, please submit your recommendations to the members of the Policy Committee no later than October 1, 2020. Submissions will be allowed by email and should be sent to any of the following committee members:

- Chairman Timothy S. McGee
- Charles R. (Dick) Bradley
- John M. Steele
- Eugene P. Jacoby

*Tim McGee*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events continues under lockdown with no events scheduled in 2020. We are looking at the possibility of a dinner at Schoolcraft College in October as restrictions continue to be lifted. Stay tuned!

We are also working with Jay Kafarski to list on the Club website educational and entertaining lectures and virtual tours so members can learn and enjoy themselves while under lockdown. Hopefully we'll have real tours and lectures before too long. In the meantime, visit the website to see what is available.

*Mike Clement*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### IN MEMORIAM

Charles H. Torner

### NEW MEMBERS

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*John Maten*

## JULY PROGRAMS

## MONTHLY CHAIR: PETE MEHRA

- 3 ..... Brett Tilander, CEO and President  
Metro Detroit Youth Clubs  
*Boys and Girls Club*
- 10 ..... Lt. Colonel Harry Stewart, Tuskegee Airman  
*A Tuskegee Airman's First Hand Account of World War II*
- 17 ..... Mike Shirkey, Majority Leader - Michigan Senate  
*Legislative Update and Why It Matters*
- 24 ..... Amber Pastoor, Tunnel Project Manager  
Enbridge Corporation  
*Great Lakes Tunnel Project: Lets Dig In!*
- 31 ..... Lee Chatfield, Speaker of the House  
Michigan House of Representatives  
*Legislative Update - House Perspective*

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# Groups



## Reading Groups

In July we will continue our very successful Zoom based reading group discussions. Approximately 20 members and guests have participated in our “virtual” discussions during the last three months. As always, these discussions are open to everyone.

**Wednesday, July 1 at 10:30 AM:** *The General the President* by H.W. Brands. New York: Penguin Random House, 2016.

This is the fascinating story of the conflict between President Harry Truman and General of the Army Douglas MacArthur which led to MacArthur's controversial removal as commander of American and United Nations forces in Korea during the Korean conflict. It was not only a conflict between two strong-willed leaders, but a classic struggle between the democratically elected civilian leader of a nation and a popular and powerful military general, as well as a struggle over who would control ultimate decision making and ultimate power regarding the nation's military and foreign policy. But as Brands points out, it was even much more than this. It was a struggle over whether or not the United States would embark on a course of action that may well have led to the third world war and the first in which both sides had nuclear capability.

Ray Shapiro will lead this discussion.

**Monday, July 20 at 3:00 PM:** *Fins: Harley Earl, The Rise of General Motors and the Glory Days of Detroit* by William Knoedelseder. New York: Harper Collins, 2018

Harley Earl was credited as being one of the real pioneers of automobile design at time, according to one commentator, “when human beings designed cars”. The Los Angeles Times review stated, “Fins is a lively study, as big and broad as one of GM’s Buick Roadmasters but as sleek and speedy as one of its Chevrolet Corvettes. It’s essential reading for anyone interested in America’s auto obsession.”

Jim Labes will lead this discussion.

*Bob Maxfield*



*Walking Group*



## Classic Movie Group

On Monday, July 13, at 1:00 PM, Joel Adelman will present, via Zoom, the 1957 epic war film “Bridge on the River Kwai” (2 hours and 41 minutes), which tells the story about a group of British soldiers in a Japanese POW Camp that build a bridge – as a morale exercise – under the leadership of a British Colonel, played by Alec Guinness, while two other prisoners, played by William Holden and Jack Hawkins, plan to destroy it. A psychological battle of wills combined with high-powered action sequences make this movie a blockbuster. The film was highly praised when released, winning seven Academy Awards, including best picture. It is considered a landmark film and was among the first 100 films selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry. If iconic war movies telling a great story appeal to you, then this is a film for you to enjoy. Now, in the Zoom era there are two ways in which you can participate in the Classic Movie Group: You can join us at 1:00 PM to watch the film on Zoom, or you can watch the film on your own, using your own resources, and then join us at 3:45 PM for a post-show discussion regarding the film. We will wrap up and adjourn at 4:00 PM. All you need to do is mark your calendars and bring your own popcorn to make this movie going experience complete for you, your family and friends. Watch for forthcoming eBlasts for additional information as we near the show date.

*Fred Hansz*



## Computer Group

The Computer Group will meet on Thursday, July 30 and subsequent Thursday to avoid conflict with other groups.

*Tim Allen*



## Walking Group

**Walking Group returns “Outdoors”**  
**Tuesdays - Shain Park**  
**Thursdays - Barnum Park**

Masks and social distancing are SOP for the Group which meets at 8:00 AM for an hour exercise walk. Our own thermos or mug of Coffee and conversation follow at the Park tables. Springtime temps and sunshine beckon,. Please consider joining us to assist yourself in getting “back in shape” for the Summer.

*Charlie Blank (bclank56@gmail.com)*  
*or Larry Imerman (Limerman@sbcglobal.net)*

## DAVE ZIMMER'S ACE!

On Thursday June 4, Dave Zimmer made his first hole-in-one after thinking about it for almost fifty years! He accomplished this feat at Springdale's short but demanding sixth hole.

It was a glorious shot launched high in the air landing softly below the hole, bouncing to the left three or four times, then hitting the flag stick! Dave seemed to know it was in all the way.

Regrettably, the tradition of clubhouse drink-buying had to be postponed.

Some people play golf their entire life without making a hole-in-one. Now, Dave has some bragging rights. When he retires from the game, he can do so knowing he achieved that rare feat.

*Fred Eckhout*

## CORONAVIRUS AND DIABETES MELLITUS

Over 25% of the hospitalized coronavirus patients are diabetics. The risk of complications is worse in early studies especially if diabetes is not well controlled.

Hence, the usefulness of Continuous Glucose Monitoring over 24 hours (referred to as CGM in short) for better control assumes an ever so important role. All these devices do so without having to prick your fingers repeatedly all day!

I plan to cover this topic of CGM including various devices, their costs and insurance coverages in a brief presentation during the Moment of Interest time slot on July 17th Zoom Meeting.

Should coverages of medically related topics (in this time slot), important to our senior community, become once a month regular feature for the Visitation and Health Committee? If you recommend this expanded role for the V&H Committee, and have suggestion for topic(s), please let us know.

*Subhash (Posh) Gulati, MD*

### Club Dates to Remember

#### ALL MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

**Executive Board Meeting:** Tuesday, July 14, 9:30 AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, July 17

**Reading Group A:** Wednesday, July 1, 10:30 AM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, July 13, 1:00 PM

**Reading Group B:** Monday, July 20, 3:00 PM

**Computer Group:** Thursday, July 30 at 3:00 PM.

**Walking Group** 8:00 AM, Tuesdays - Shain Park

Thursdays - Barnum Park



## MYSTERY LYRICS

Readers who bleed maize and blue had an advantage with last month's mystery lyrics, which are from an old song sung mainly in Ann Arbor. The lyrics were "Back to Joe's and the Orient - back to some of the money I spent." Congratulations to Maynard Timm, Ray Buratto, Joel Adelman, plus Bill and Dolly Johnson. Of course, Joe's and the Orient, as Ernie Harwell used to say, are "Long Gone," but this song is fondly remembered by some of us. **The song title is "I Wanna Go Back to Michigan."**

Let's try a classic song this month with this lyric line: "One of those bells that now and then rings" Hint - think Cole Porter. Can you name that tune?

## SPORTS TRIVIA

Last month we asked if you could remember the American Leaguer who was nicknamed "The Walking Man" for his ability to take a lot of pitches to get on base. **The answer is Eddie Yost** who spent most of his career with the Washington Senators, before two years with the Tigers. Congratulation to Maynard Timm, Julian Prince, Ray Buratto, Joel Adelman, Tom DeCorte and Lynn Evans who remembered Yost.

How about a change of pace this month, asking you to tell us your favorite baseball player nickname, like Joe DiMaggio - the Yankee Clipper? Mine is "Ducky" Medwick of the St Louis Cardinals. He was in the first baseball game I saw at Shibe Park in Philadelphia when the Phillies played the Cardinals in the late 30's, and he became my first baseball hero. Do you have a favorite?

*Dick Harper*



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