

# The Reminder



May 2017

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Welcome to our **60th Anniversary Celebration**, which recognizes our multi-faceted growth and accomplishments. The Senior Men's Club was initiated by Mr. R. S. Gregory in 1957, establishing the foundation for our "Tradition of Excellence" that we now honor. Our members have served in two World wars, as well as Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East. We have worked in our nation's finest corporations and begun our own ventures, creating our individual destinies. Above all, we share common values such as excellence, integrity, responsibility, inclusivity, and fellowship. As in the beginning, we welcome all men of honor and integrity. **Come celebrate with us this special month of May!**

*Richard A. Kamp*  
Richard A. Kamp, President 2017

**60th Anniversary \*Cake Friday May 5**

**Senior Men's Club Room Dedication Friday May 19**

**60th Anniversary Gala Celebration May 17**

**High Profile Speakers in May**

**Bring a 'Guest' Treat them to a Free Lunch**

**Special Buffet Lunch Each Week in May**

## MAY PROGRAMS

MAY CHAIRMAN: Jim Bayson

- 5 Michigan Senator Gary Peters..... Washington Update
- 12 Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archdiocese of Detroit..... Applying Life's Wisdom to Evangelizing the Culture
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## JUNE PROGRAMS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Malcolm Hendy

- 2 Keith Famie, Executive Producer – Visionalist Entertainment..... Living Life Through the Lens\*
- \*This program will be continued after lunch via a Discussion Group format to facilitate additional discussion and Q&A.

# Special Events

## USPBL Baseball Game

On Sunday, June 11, we will gather at Jimmy John's Field (7171 Auburn Rd., Utica, MI) to enjoy a baseball battle between the Utica Unicorns and the East Side Diamond Hoppers of the United Shore Professional Baseball League. The USPBL is a new league but the players are of professional caliber. Jimmy John's Field is a new family-oriented ballpark which is the home of the USPBL. Tickets will go on sale Friday, May 19 at \$40 each, which includes admission and a picnic lunch with hot dogs, hamburgers, pasta salad, potato chips, beer, wine, soft drinks and water (2 drink tickets per person included).

This is a self-drive event. The picnic lunch begins at 12:30PM, the game starts at 1:30PM and should be over by about 4:00PM.

—Jim King

## Eastern Market & Indian Village

On Tuesday, June 6, we depart Birmingham at 9:30AM and reach the Eastern Market in Detroit about 10:15AM. The Market and surrounding stores offer great shopping for fruits, vegetables, and more. Then we will have lunch at the Roma Cafe, the oldest Italian restaurant in Detroit. Following a delightful lunch, we board the bus for a short journey to Indian Village. We will have a guided tour of these streets and homes dating from the founding of the city from a representative of The Historical Society of Indian Village. Return to Birmingham at approximately 3:00PM. \$45 per person; ticket sales begin May 5.

—Tom McNally

## Save the Date! - Pewabic Pottery & Ford House Tour

Continue the celebration of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and visit three gems of Detroit on July 19.

1. A tour of Pewabic Pottery to see tiles manufactured for over 100 years for homes all over the U.S. and to see our SMC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tile being manufactured.
2. Lunch at the Bayview Yacht Club overlooking the Lake and preparations for the July 22 Mackinac Race.
3. Finally a conducted tour of the Historic Landmark Estate and House of Edsel and Eleanor Ford with spectacular views of Lake St. Clair.

The bus leaves First Presbyterian Church at 8.30AM. Cost \$45.

—Malcolm Hendy

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## Parking Options at TCH

The Ad Hoc Parking Committee has learned that beginning this month, 130+ parking spaces on S. Old Woodward will be lost for up to five months, which could affect our ability to find a parking space. Here are some options:

- If you arrive before 9:30AM, there normally are spaces in the Chester Street parking structure and at four hour meters near The Community House.
- Free valet service will be available near the corner of Henrietta and Martin, kitty corner across Shain Park from TCH. The first two hours are free – after that, the fee will be \$5 per hour with a \$30 per day maximum.
- The city is offering free valet service from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Chester Street structure – first two hours free. After that, the fee will be the standard \$2 per hour.
- As an experiment, NEXT will allow 14 vehicles to park in its lot on Midvale during May. The charge is \$3 per meeting – paid in advance. A shuttle will deliver members to TCH and return them to their vehicles. Those interested must send your name to me (limerman@sbcglobal.net)

I will be available at Friday meetings to accept the \$3 fee and hand out shuttle passes. Please note that availability of this option is dependent on sufficient member interest.

Members interested in carpooling should so advise me by email, indicating name and zip code. I will organize and distribute such a list to those with potential interest.

# Groups



## Investment Group

The Investment Group will next meet on Wednesday, May 10 at 2:45PM. Our speaker will be Bill Halbert, SMC member and Senior VP, Morgan Stanley, addressing us for the 31<sup>st</sup> straight year. His presentation topic will be "Are You Ready for Euphoria?" Bill is an excellent speaker and always provides useful information on how to make and keep money.

Ralph Schick continues to lead the Stock Game with a 70% gain. Irv Poston is 2<sup>nd</sup>, up 39%. Bob Veres has jumped into 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 36% gain, and would win first place money since he paid the \$10 entry fee. The game ends May 31.

—George Miller



## Computer Group

The next meeting of the Computer Group will be a field trip to the Apple store at Somerset North (1st Floor). The program will be a presentation on available Apple services, with time for our questions. Bring a guest and plan to attend on Wednesday, May 17 at 3:00PM.

—Tom Allen



## Reading Groups

On Wednesday, May 3, at 10:30AM, the Reading Group will discuss the book "Waterloo" by Bernard Cornwell. Cornwell brings the momentous 1815 Battle of Waterloo to life in his incisive examination of the four days leading up to the battle and a thrilling hour-by-hour account of that fateful day when the battle was fought. Jack McLaughlin will lead the Reading Group discussion.

On Monday, May 15, at 3:00PM the Reading Group will discuss "Pandemic: Tracking Contagions from Cholera to Ebola and Beyond", by Sonia Shah. Ms. Shah examines the progression of Cholera to illustrate how pandemics emerge and become forces which threaten and shape civilizations. This book reviews the latest microbial threats around the world. Ms. Shah's analysis ultimately leads to a forward-looking discussion of what the next pandemic might look like and what we can do to prevent it. George Stern will lead the Monday Reading Group's exploration of Pandemic and its implications.

—Frank Snower



## Classic Movie Group

On Monday, May 8, Charlie Blank will present one of his favorite films, "MASH" (1970), at 1:00PM. Director Robert Altman made his mark with this movie that follows the exploits of a wild and wooly medical unit behind the front lines during the Korean War. Donald Sutherland, Elliott Gould, Sally Kellerman and Robert Duvall are just a few of the great actors in this iconic military comedy. If you love great comedies with lots of action in a military setting, then this film is for you.

—Fred Hansz



## Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, May 1 at 2:00PM at the Mormon Church's History Center, 37425 Woodward Avenue. Wally Schelegel, a Center staff member, will be our guide and explain how the Center is used for anyone interested in gathering information about their family history. We will learn how Center resources are used in getting information about family histories via a library of genealogy materials, access to microfiche, computers and websites - all at no expense. The Center is open for beginners as well as longtime family researchers. Personal laptops are welcome. The objective is to provide familiarity with available resources that can be used at home. We will learn how to find that elusive distant relative.

—Dave Bakos



## Camera Group

Spring flowers bring May flowers, and we are fortunate to have a great presentation on the tulips of the Netherlands for the Camera Group meeting on Tuesday, May 9 at 2:00PM. Member Roger Timm and his wife, Barbara will be taking attendees to see the gloriously beautiful spring flowers and trees of an 80 acre flower display garden – the Keukenhof. According to Roger, "We'll be tiptoeing through the tulips in one of the most famous and beautiful gardens in the world. We hope it will be an enjoyable (and colorful) breath of spring."

—Harry Bloom & Irv Poston

Free Lunch for  
Guests in 2017

# 60th Anniversary Month 1957 - May - 2017

Bring a Guest



**Cinco de Mayo Fiesta**  
Special Lunch \$20

**Friday May 5, 2017**  
Senator Gary Peters

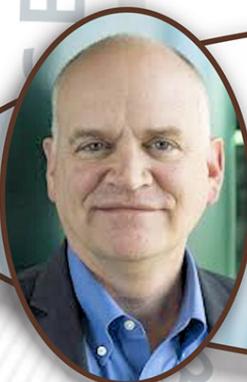
*Chips and Salsa*  
*Spanish Rice*  
*Refried Beans*  
*Chicken Quesadillas*  
*Cheese Quesadillas*  
*\*Served with sour cream,  
salsa, and pico de gallo*



*Caesar Salad*  
*Garlic Breadsticks*  
*Green Beans Amandine*  
*Penne Pasta*  
*Marinara Sauce on the side*  
*Meatballs on the side*  
*\*Served with parmesan cheese*

**Italian Feast**  
Special Lunch \$15

**Friday May 12, 2017**  
Archbishop Vigneron



**50<sup>th</sup> Throwback**  
Special Lunch \$20

**Friday May 19, 2017**  
Ron Fournier  
Publisher  
Crain's Detroit

*Market Green Salad*  
*\*Served with tomato, cucumber,  
onion, balsamic and ranch dressings*  
*Assorted Rolls with Butter*  
*Steamed Broccoli*  
*Mashed Potatoes*  
*Sliced Ham and Pineapple*  
*Homestyle Meatloaf*

Room  
Dedication



Memorial Day  
All Service  
Color Guard

*Cole Slaw*  
*Potato Salad*  
*Hamburgers*  
*Hot Dogs*  
*Black Bean Burgers*

*\*Served with Ketchup, Mustard, Diced Onions,  
Relish, American Cheese Slices, Sliced Tomato,  
Lettuce, Pickles*

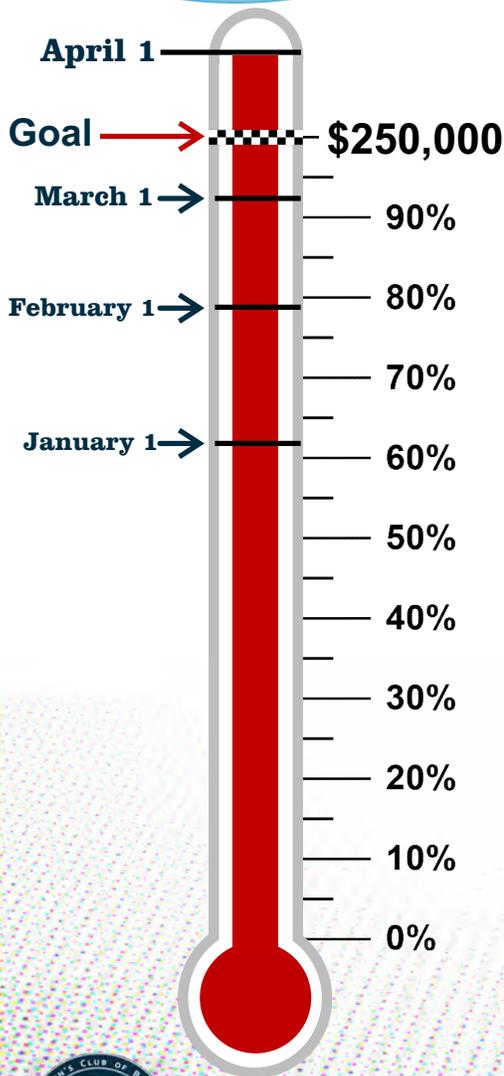
**BBQ Cookout**  
Special Lunch \$15

**Friday May 26, 2017**  
Clark Durant  
President  
Cornerstone Schools



# 60th Anniversary Legacy Challenge

Thank you for your generosity!



# Gala Information

## Driving Instructions

Big Beaver/Quarton will be heavy with 'rush hour' traffic. We recommend that you travel east on Long Lake or 15 Mile Road and approach Quarton/Big Beaver on 'John R' then come west to the San Marino Club.

## Wine Purchase

Wine is available in bottles. Please order during the social hour as your servers will be busy with dinner.

## A Night to Remember Agenda

- 5:15 Arrival and Welcome
- 5:30 Social Hour in the Ballroom  
Music by Mitchell Miller through dinner.
- 6:30 Invocation and Dinner
 

Master of Ceremonies	Tim McGee
Invocation	Maynard Floom
Amazing Grace	Scott Nell/Bagpiper
- 7:30 Opening Remarks  
Tim McGee
- 7:35 A Salute to the 60 Years of SMCB and Results of the Legacy Campaign  
VP Dick Bradley & Chair of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.
- 7:45 A Salute to the Attendees and Introduction of the Keynote Speaker  
President Richard "Dick" Kamp
- 7:55 Keynote Address  
Michigan Lt. Governor Brian Calley
- 8:20 Commemorative Pewabic Tile Presentation  
President Richard "Dick" Kamp
- 10 Minute Break
- 8:30 A Night to Remember  
Performance by Mr. Danny Gurwin
- 9:15 Intermission
- 10:00 Conclusion Remarks by the Master of Ceremonies  
Tim McGee

## Thank you

for making this Gala Celebration a success. It will be the club's biggest event ever!



## Associates Orientation

The next Associates Orientation meeting will be held on Friday, May 5 at 9:00AM at The Community House. All Associates who have not participated in orientation are invited – orientation is required prior to induction. For attendance confirmation or questions, contact John Klein at 248-363-3020 or klein60@yahoo.com.

—John Klein

## Senior Health Matters Older Adult Falls

Every second an older American falls. More than 7 million of those falls required medical attention or restricted activity for at least a day. More than 27,000 older adults died as a result of a fall, at a rate of 74 a day. Falls are not just a normal part of aging—they are preventable. How?

- **Take Action.** Tell your doctor right away if you have fallen or if you are afraid you might fall, or if you feel unsteady. Review your medications with your doctor and discuss side effects like feeling dizzy or sleepy. See if taking vitamin D supplements for improved bone, muscle and nerve health is right for you.
- **Keep Moving.** Activities that strengthen your legs and help your balance like Tai Chi or walking with the SMC Walking Group.
- **Check Your Eyes.** Have your eyes checked once a year and update your glasses as needed.
- **Make Your Home Safe.** Keep your floors clutter-free; Remove small rugs or tape down and secure them; Add grab-bars in the bathroom; Have hand-rails and lights installed on all staircases; Make sure your home has lots of light.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Directory

Since the first SMC meeting of 2017, the Handbook Committee has distributed over 370 Commemorative 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Directories. If you did not get yours yet, we will set up a distribution table at the May meetings for returning snowbirds. In addition, we have received concurrence from the SMC Executive Board to mail approximately 62 anniversary packages to Life Members who have not picked one up.

—Handbook Committee

## Bill Johnson— Life Member, Past President



Bill Johnson contributes to the Senior Men's Club in a variety of ways—arranging speakers for our Club meetings, helping with special events, active in the Legacy Endowment Committee, and has competed in the golf league, just to name a

few. In 2007 (during our 50<sup>th</sup> SMC Celebration) he served as President of the Club.

Bill's "can-do" attitude can be traced to his years at St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin, Central High School in Detroit, Michigan, and the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. While at U of M he earned his engineering degree.

His corporate career began with the Vickers Corporation. He then took a job with the Stant Company where he worked in OEM sales. The Stant Company is a world leader in closure caps.

Bill has been involved in several community organizations including Beaumont Hospital, his church, Westminster of Detroit, where he held Elder and Trustee positions and the Senior Men's Club Legacy Endowment Committee.

Bill and his wife Dolly have been married 65 years and reside in Bloomfield Hills. They have three adult children and six grandchildren.

As his activities indicate, Bill is deeply involved in matters that improve club membership. Other initiatives that are raising awareness of the Senior Men's Club and attracting members is the Gala dinner May 17<sup>th</sup>, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program, a video of Club activities, and a photo directory. "With the new additions that have been made in recent years, the Club is more attractive than ever," said Bill. "All the great work that is being done for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration gives us more sources for ideas." Whatever form new programs and activities may take, they almost certainly will involve Bill Johnson.

—Chuck Ragains

**New Member:**



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**Resigned:**

Associate **Basil J. Marrella**  
 Associate **Alan Wells**

**Deaths:**

**Larry J. Halloran**, (Life) joined July, 1994  
**Daniel S. McNulty**, (Life) joined March, 2006

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman  
 —Frank Snower, Database Chairman  
 —Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, Photography

**Games**

**Golf Notes**

After three months of Winter Golf at the Oakland Dome, we are finally hitting the links at Lincoln Hills and Springdale on Mondays and Thursdays respectfully...that is, we hope we are! As of writing this update, Springdale was under water and Lincoln Hills was open but soggy. Before we left the "Dome", the Annual Putting Contest was won by Dennis Winowiecki. Join us Monday at Lincoln Hills or Thursdays at Springdale from 7:30-9:00AM!

—Tim McGee

**Strikers Capture Bowling Championship**

On April 10 the Strikers (Dick Kamp, Bob Klein and Nick Marinelli) captured the 2016-2017 SMC Bowling Championship by eking out a thrilling 14 pin victory over the Furies (Richard Volpe, Bob Beach and Marv Dery). Leading by 56 pins entering the third game, the Furies appeared to have clinched the title when in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame Bowling Chair Richard Volpe threw a gorgeous ball that curved perfectly into the 1-3 pocket. However, he was left with an impossible split. Good sportsman Richard immediately congratulated Strikers' Captain Dick Kamp and his team on winning the title.

SMC newcomer Johnny Bergeron, along with the other bowlers competed in a 9 pin, no tap competition and finished first with 308, followed by Pete Kass—304, Phil Buccini—299 and Bob Jordan—285. Reflecting the views of every bowler, Johnny remarked, "Truly the fellowship and fun are overwhelming and for this I am thankful to everyone."

Even though the season is over, bowling diehards will continue to hurl balls down a lane every Wednesday at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes on Square Lake and John R.

Everyone is invited to celebrate our season at our banquet at TCH on May 30. If you have not yet registered, please contact Bob Jordan at 248.514.3937 by May 16.

—Maynard Timm

## Mystery Lyrics



We thought last month's mystery lyrics might be somewhat easy and result in a lot of correct answers. We were

wrong!

Only two readers recognized that these lines:

*"Keep an eye on spring  
Run when church bells ring"*

are from "It Could Happen To You" – a tune recorded by Sinatra, Johnny Mathis and others. So hearty congratulations to these winners – Fred Hansz and Tom McNally.

Maybe this month's challenge will be easier. The mystery lyric lines are:

*"Moonlight and love songs never out of date*

*Hearts full of passion, jealousy and hate"*

Can you name that tune? (No hints!)

## Sports Trivia

The sports trivia challenge was possibly too obscure. We noted that Detroit Tiger pitcher Michael Fulmer was the American League



Rookie of the Year in 2016, and asked if you could remember the previous Tiger last to win this award. Only Maynard Timm recognized that this was none other than Justin Verlander, who won in 2006. Since the season has now started, let's try another Tiger pitcher challenge this month. Can you name two Tigers, other than Verlander, who won both the Cy Young and Most Valuable Player awards during their careers in Detroit?

—Dick Harper

## THE REMINDER

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 2017 are: Richard A. (Dick) Kamp, president; Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, first vice president; Timothy S. McGee, second vice-president; Gerald W. (Jerry) Stribbell, recording secretary; Roger T. Timm, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. (Jim) Bayson, assistant treasurer; Richard W. (Dick) Judy and Larry R. Imerman, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, editor; John Flintosh, Chuck Ragains, and Maynard Timm, 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, May 9, 9:30AM

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, May 12

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

**Bridge:** Tuesdays at 9:00AM; Fridays after lunch

**Golf:** Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills, 7:30AM

Thursday Golf at Springdale, 7:30AM

### Special Events

**Eastern Market & Indian Village:** Tuesday, June 6, 9:30AM

**USPBL Baseball Game:** Sunday, June 11, 1:30PM

**Pewabic Pottery & Ford House Tour:** Wednesday, July 19, 8:30AM

### Group Meetings

**Genealogy Group:** Monday, May 1, 2:00PM

**Book Reading Group A:** Wednesday, May 3, 10:30AM

**Classic Movie Group:** Monday, May 8, 1:00PM

**Camera Group:** Tuesday, May 9, 2:00PM

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, May 10, 2:45PM

**Book Reading Group B:** Monday, May 15, 3:00PM

**Computer Group:** Wednesday, May 17, 3:00PM

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

### SMC ON THE WEB:

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