

The Reminder



November 2016

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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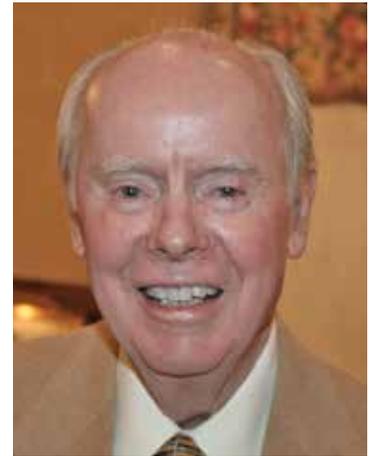


Life Member Gene Jacoby

The most recent inductee into our most prestigious membership category – Life Membership – is none other than our 2016 President, Gene Jacoby. Gene was born in Kaukaua, Wisconsin as the oldest of two boys. He attended Catholic schools there, distinguishing himself by breaking an arm three times. He attended the University of Wisconsin, graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Gene had a number of job offers, but decided to join Chrysler Corporation. He participated in Chrysler's renowned Engineering Institute, moving through several departments, before choosing Chassis Design. Fifteen years later, he moved to Product Planning where he served during much of the "roller-coaster" ride at Chrysler – good years and not so good years.

Later he headed the Chrysler Institute and Quality Control before he became Staff Chief for Lee Iacocca. Gene remembers that he would meet with Iacocca almost every day at 7 AM to receive his daily assignments. His toughest job was informing vice



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Games

New Bowling Format Triggers Keen Competition

For the first time, the Senior Men's Club Bowling League is comprised of three-man teams, in an effort to promote even more fellowship and camaraderie.

Based upon the first month's results, this new plan has also led to greater competition. Through October 10, the top three teams were only separated by one point. Leading the way and tied for first were the Turkeys (Bob Babcock, Dick Rappleye and John Wargelin) and the Strikers (Dick Kamp, Bob Klein and Nick Marinelli). The High Rollers (Pete Kass, Bruce Smiley and Dennis Winowiecki) were close on their heels. To date, Phil Buccini has recorded the highest game (201) and Chairman Richard Volpe the highest series (500).

For those members who have not recently hurled a ball down an alley, because we are always in need of substitutes, please come out and compete on Mondays at 10:00AM at Troy Lanes, Square Lake and John R in Troy. Moreover, if you are reluctant to have a recorded score for a team, come out on Wednesdays at 10:00AM for practice. Remember—golf season will soon come to an end and we all need our exercise!

—Maynard Timm

Golf

The season is fast approaching the end as a small hardy group of golfers brave the bitter early fall temperature at Springdale every Thursday morning...at least until the snow accumulates!

We feasted on a great meal catered by TCH chefs at our Annual Golf Banquet on Wednesday, October 19 while being entertained by Ms. Jacky Brito, Golf Manager for the Birmingham courses updating us on the planned enhancements for the courses next year.

Remember, even though a lot of the golfers have traveled south for the winter, those fearless northern golfers will keep their flawless swings in shape at the "Dome" in Waterford Township starting in January.

—Timothy S. McGee

SMC Walkers—Fall Schedule

Walking commences about 8:00AM. On Tuesdays, we walk Shain Park; on Thursdays we walk Barnum Park. If it is raining, snowing or the temp is below 32 degrees, we walk at Somerset Mall, North Court. We have an afterglow at various venues depending on group preference.

Exercise is good for the body and conversation & fellowship are good for your well-being. Info: Charlie Blank, bclank56@gmail.com.

SMC 2017 Dues Coupon

2017 dues are payable before January 1, 2017. A \$10 late fee **must** be added for dues paid after January 1, 2017. Make checks payable to SMC and pay at a meeting or by mail. Please use the coupon if paying by mail.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If paying by mail, send to:
Senior Men's Club - Dues
The Community House
380 South Bates Street
Birmingham, MI 48009

Dues:

- \$40 Active Member
- \$40 Associate Member
- \$0 Life Member*

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

Groups



Investment Group

The Investment Study Group will meet on Wednesday, November 9 at 2:45 PM.

Our speaker will be Doug Bajor, Senior Vice President, Comerica Bank, who is the Michigan Regional Chief Investment Officer with over \$22.7 billion of assets under management.

Mr. Bajor's presentation will include a brief review of the investment and economic results year-to-date, Comerica's outlook for 2017, including comments on the recent U.S. presidential election, the importance of tax efficiency, the role of dividends in a portfolio, brief comments on selected stocks that they find attractive, and important aspects of Comerica's approach to investing that will be useful for most investors.

—George Miller and Jon Haber



Reading Groups

On Wednesday, November 2, at 10:30AM, Paul Lieberman will lead Reading Group

A in a discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates's "Between the World and Me." Coates's book, much praised by reviewers ranging from *The Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times* to *The Atlantic*, takes the form of a letter from Mr. Coates to his 14-year-old son, Samori—and, as Michiko Kakutani put it, when she reviewed the book for the *New York Times* in July of 2015—"speaks of the perils of living in a country where unarmed black men and boys—Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, Walter R. Scott, Freddie Gray—are dying at the hands of police officers; an America where just last month nine black worshippers were shot and killed in a Charleston, S.C. church by a young white man with apparent links to white supremacist groups online."

Later in the month, on November 21, 3:00PM, the Monday group will discuss Greg Steinmetz's "The Richest Man Who Ever Lived," a biography of Jacob Fugger, the Renaissance-era financier who not only helped start the Hapsburg Empire—sometimes called "the Holy Roman Empire"—but also did much that influenced the development of Europe. George Stern will lead this discussion.

—Frank Auld



Camera Group

Our Camera Group meeting is Tuesday, November 8 at 2:00PM. Join us for high flying adventures in photography!

Member Al Eicher will be speaking on Drones and Aerial Photography. He has spent nearly 60 years in the television and motion picture business shooting everything from documentaries to promotional videos and TV commercials. Don't miss this chance to get up close and personal with the issues and opportunities of this fascinating brave new world of photography. Al will have videos of some of his aerial projects and will bring a variety of cameras, both old and new.

So whether you're thinking about your first drone or just interested in finding out about the challenges of doing Aerial Photography, this will be a "don't miss" opportunity. No reservations necessary and don't forget to bring your friends and family. "THIS IS GOOD STUFF".

—Harry Bloom and Irv Poston



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, November 14, Augie Perrotta will present one of his favorite action movies, "Against All Flags" (1952), at 1:00PM in The Community House. This classic swashbuckler stars Errol Flynn as a British soldier who maneuvers his way into a pirate stronghold while still having time to romance the lovely Maureen O'Hara. Many consider this to be Flynn's best high seas adventure film. Please plan to attend with family and friends to enjoy this pre-Thanksgiving action classic.

—Fred Hansz



Computer Group

The Computer Group will return to the Apple Store at Somerset North at 9:00AM on Wednesday, November 16 (note the earlier than usual time). We will learn what the iCloud is all about.

—Tom Allen

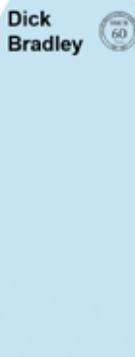


Mame – Exclusive Presentation – November 9, 2016

Kick off to our 60th Anniversary celebration with the Birmingham Village Players. Some 200 tickets have been set aside exclusively for the Senior Men's Club. During intermission there will be a meaningful focus on the legacy of this 60th year. Hors d'oeuvres will be catered and served at the reception prior to the play.

Banners to Salute – 60th Anniversary

After 22 iterations, the banners were chosen by the 60th Anniversary Committee and the Senior Men's Club Board. The criteria were straight forward. The Banners must be easy to read, professional and reflect our 'Tradition of Excellence'.

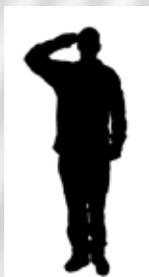


60th Anniversary 'Name Cards'

In January, each member will be given a new name card. It is fitting and appropriate to begin this New Year with a new look and color.

60th Anniversary Gala Dinner - May 17, 2017

On May 17, a special gala dinner will highlight the 60th Anniversary Month. It will be held at the San Marino Club in Troy. 400 Club members, spouses and friends will join in the merriment. There will also be brief but meaningful presentations to focus on our 60th Anniversary.



Video – 60th Anniversary

The 60th Anniversary Video will begin with a retrospective on the first 50 years through 2007. A special section of 'in person' interviews with Veterans will follow. Following will be the snapshot of history of these last 10 years. In January, a video will be shared as a special gift with each member to keep for personal viewing.

60th Anniversary Committee

The 60th Anniversary project began in early 2015. Some members with 17 projects now meet regularly. For each project a 'champion' has been assigned. The committee members describe these efforts as rewarding and fitting to SMC and in keeping with 'A Tradition of Excellence'.





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Member SHOUT OUT – 4th Friday Moment of Interest

Each Friday in 2017 a member will share his insight into the 'core values' that make the Senior Men's Club the organization it is. They will salute the legacy of the Senior Men's Club's past, present and future.

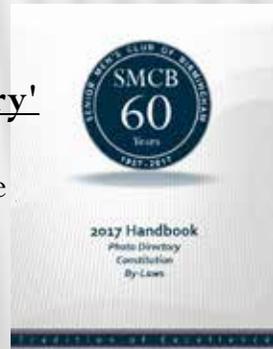


60th Anniversary Lapel Pin

After numerous designs this design was chosen. In January, 2017, each member will receive their new pin at no cost to the member. The member will be asked to wear the pin with pride in our 60th year and beyond.

60th Anniversary 'Commemorative Directory'

In January, each member will be given a new 'full color' directory. WOW. The directory will be a new size . . . 8.5/11 inches and spiral bound. Each page and member picture will be in color.



Senior Men's Club Room – 60th Anniversary Legacy

In the fourth quarter of 2016, a special drive will be undertaken to solicit the funds necessary to name a particular room at The Community House in honor of the Senior Men's Club. The Senior Men's Club Room will be dedicated to members past, present and future.

May Speakers - 60th Anniversary

The 60th Anniversary subcommittee is already hard at work to book extra special speakers for May 2017. A committee of 8 prominent members is charging full speed ahead to meet and exceed your expectations.



Special Events

Christmas Dinner Dance

December 13, 2016

This year's Senior Men's Club Christmas Dinner Dance will take place on Tuesday, December 13, 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.

We are again holding the ticket price at \$45 per person. Tickets will go on sale at the Special Events table on Fridays beginning on November 11 and continuing through December 9. Reserved group tables will be available upon request, and we will be happy to arrange tables for couples and/or singles as well. We are opening the event to include non-members again this year, so please consider inviting guests to join us. We have invited the members of The Community House Women's Club and the NEXT organization to join us as well. Note that there will be no sales on November 25, as the SMC will not meet on that date. Last minute ticket sales (after December 9) may be arranged by contacting Tony DiMarco at 248-643-7368.

Tables will accommodate 8 persons. For those who wish to sit together at a table, reservation forms will be available on November 4, one week before ticket sales begin. 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.

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. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening, with cocktails/wine at \$5, beer at \$2, and free soft drinks. The San Marino Club will be festively decorated and "The Pros" dance band (with approximately sixteen members and a featured vocalist) will entertain us, opening with a salute to the Armed Forces followed by a sing-along, and nostalgic and seasonal favorites for our listening and dancing pleasure. The SMC Chorus will also serenade us with songs of the season.

This is one of our most popular and successful SMC events, so please save the date and make your reservation plans early!



Detroit Auto Show

Mark your calendars now for the SMC's annual excursion to the Detroit Auto Show at Cobo Hall on Thursday, January 19, 2017. 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 December 2. Check the December *Reminder* for more details about this popular event.

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Gene Jacoby

presidents about job changes. Gene took a buyout from Chrysler at 58.

But his business career was by no means over. He worked for Governor Blanchard as a consultant in the state Commerce Department. He spent 20 years as a volunteer for the Detroit Executive Services Club helping non-profit organizations develop cost-saving operating systems (Gene loved this work!)

He married his lovely wife Pat in 1955. Their family included three girls and two boys – all college educated – two at U of M, two at MSU and one at Western Michigan.

Gene says his best assignment of all, has been serving as president of the Senior Men's Club Of Birmingham.

Congratulations, Gene. Our Club has been most fortunate in benefitting from your leadership!

—Dick Kamp and Dick Harper

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John G. Howell

Resigned:

George G. Grayson
Sidney W. Smith

Deaths:

Frank M. Barnes, (Life) joined October, 1998
John L. Benish, (Life) joined April, 2000
Lawrence A. Smith, (Life) joined July, 1991

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Frank Snower, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

Senior Health Matters Alzheimer Disease in Men

Among the 5.2 million Americans age 65 and over who have Alzheimer disease (AD), reportedly 2/3 are women. A recent Mayo Clinic study of 1,625 brains found to have AD, out of the 2809 brains donated to the State of Florida Brain Bank, found that 54% were women and 46% men.



Why are so many more women diagnosed with AD before death?

- Women live longer than men and have more time to develop the illness
- Women have more typical symptoms such as memory loss
- Men are younger when they get AD, have a shorter duration of the disease and more commonly have atypical symptoms that are confused with other disorders
- AD is harder to diagnose in people less than 70 years of age. Rather than suffering from memory loss, they often present with loss of motor skills and behavior or language problems which can lead to misdiagnosis.
- AD attacks a different area of the brain in men, the cortex, and spreads more quickly. In women, the spread is slower and more typically attacks the hippocampus leading to memory problems, a classic sign of AD.

A new method for earlier and more accurate diagnosis of AD, amyloid positron emission tomography imaging (PET scan), is currently a research procedure. Medicare coverage could be a stumbling block for this tool to be widely embraced.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Club Officers

Yes, we have done it again – we have elected a great officer team to lead the SMC in our next year.

Our 2017 officers are Richard A. Kamp - President, Charles R. Bradley - First Vice-President, Timothy S. McGee – Second Vice President, Gerald W. Stribbell – Corresponding Secretary, Roger K. Timm – Recording Secretary, John P. Groves – Treasurer, James E. Bayson – Asst. Treasurer, Laurence R. Imerman & Richard W. Judy – Officers at Large. This team will take office effective with the first meeting in calendar 2017.

Mystery Lyrics



Last month's mystery lyric challenge wasn't that challenging. No fewer than 8 readers recognized that these lyrics

*"Another bride, another June.....
another sunny honeymoon"*

are the opening lines to "Makin' Whoopee". This tune has been recorded by many – Frank Sinatra's version was a big hit.

So congratulations to Chuck O'Connell, Roger Timm, Fred Hansz, Dave & Mary Schwartz, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Clay Gordon, Donna (Mark) Kelly and Tom McNally.

This month let's see if you can identify the Cole Porter song containing these lyrics:

*"We'd have been aware that our love
affair was too hot not to cool down"*

(We have used different lyrics before from this favorite). Can you name that tune?

Baseball Trivia

We reached back a long way with our baseball trivia question last month – to 1941. We asked you to remember baseball's first Bonus Baby. The answer is Dick Wakefield, signed off the University of Michigan campus by the Tigers for the grand total of \$52,000 plus a new car. Wakefield was an OK hitter with a lifetime average of .293, but he was an indifferent fielder at best. He would have fared much better as a designated hitter, but came along too soon for that.

Our winners were Lynn Evans, Roger Timm, Dave Schwartz, Pete Kass and Clay Gordon.

We recently noted a favorite pro football nickname – Dick "Night Train" Lane. Can you remember the pro players with these nicknames – "Mad Duck" and "Sweetness" (No, we won't ask about "Megatron").

—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 2016 are: Eugene P. Jacoby, president; Richard A. Kamp, first vice president; Charles R. (Dick) Bradley, second vice president; Timothy S. McGee, recording secretary; Gerald W. Stribbell, corresponding secretary; John P. Groves, treasurer; James A. Bayson, assistant treasurer; Robert I. Hayes and Theodore J. Schuster, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, editor; Chuck Ragains, John Flintosh and Maynard Timm, associate editors; Tom Booth, Bill Shaffmaster, and Geno Markel, photography; Lee Trumbull, computer layout; Bob Jordan, mailing.

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, November 11

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

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

Golf: Thursday Golf at Springdale until the snow flies

Special Events

"Mame" at Village Players: Wednesday, November 9, 6:30PM

Christmas Party at San Marino Club: Tuesday, December 13, 5:30PM

Group Meetings

Camera Group: Tuesday, November 8, 2:00PM

Book Reading Group A: Wednesday, November 2, 10:30AM

Investment Group: Wednesday, November 9, 2:45PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, November 14, 1:00PM

Book Reading Group B: Monday, November 21, 3:00PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, November 16, 9:00AM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

SMC ON THE WEB:

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