

# The Reminder

June 2011

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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## SMC Officers

Two vacancies have developed within the Senior Men's Club officer ranks. Recording Secretary Dennis Kozak has resigned and Corresponding Secretary John Slocum has asked to be replaced.

In accordance with Article VI of our constitution, the SMC Nominating Committee, chaired by Past President Irv Poston, has met and selected candidates for these positions, who would serve for the remainder of 2011.

For Recording Secretary - George L. Stern

For Corresponding Secretary - Stuart B. Schuster

These nominations were posted and read to the membership on May 20 and the candidates were presented to the membership for election on May 27, subsequent to *The Reminder* press date.



George Stern and Stuart Schuster

—Dick Harper

## JUNE PROGRAMS

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## JUNE DISCUSSIONS

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## JULY DISCUSSIONS

JULY CHAIRMAN: Jim Karavite

- 1 Craig Schwartz, Executive Deputy Chief, DPS Police Force .....*Protecting Detroit Schools*

## New Members:



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## Life Member:

**Edgar D. Jones**

## Resigned:

**William F. Minard**

## Deaths:

**George H. Jobin (Life)**, joined October 1987

**Thomas M. Perkins (Life)**, joined January 1988

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—John M. Steele, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster and Tom Booth, Photography

## “Go Blue” Campus Tour Quick Sell-Out

Last month's issue of *The Reminder* announced our special event for June 8--an



exciting one-day tour of the beautiful University of Michigan campus with emphasis on the “Big House” and expanding athletic complex. The trip “package” includes an excellent luncheon in the golf course clubhouse. Before leaving Ann Arbor, we will make a “refreshment” stop at the Gandy Dancer Restaurant with everyone on their own.

As planned, 55 tickets at \$42 each went on sale Friday morning, May 20 at 9:00AM. By the start of our regular SMC meeting, all tickets were sold. And as promised, a stand-by waitlist is being maintained to assure that all seats on the tour bus will be occupied.

So, to all of you lucky ticket holders... “Go Blue”...and we will see you on the bus, Wednesday, June 8!

—Committee: Jack Howell, Gil Livingston, Riggs Miller and Bob Pullar

# Groups



## Classic Movie Group

*The Outlaw*, a 1943 western, starring Jane Russell, was produced and directed by Howard Hughes. It was her breakthrough role, literally and figuratively, that turned her into a sex symbol. The film defied the production code of the day causing a delay in release. Rumor has it that when SMC Member Dick Lindgren was a teenager, he had to sneak into the movie theater to see this racy movie that is his classic movie pick for Monday, June 13 at 1:00PM in the Hackett Room. It has been colorized twice, resulting in great color and contrast. The storyline revolves around the fictional relationships between Doc Holliday, his girlfriend Rio McDonald, Billy the Kid and Pat Garrett, filled with hetero and homosexual overtones. There is a prize for the first one to shout out the exact name of the symphony and composer of the musical score of this film.



—Augie Perrotta

## Endowment Fund

We had a great party! A sellout crowd enjoyed “The Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” at the Village Players - a special performance benefitting the SMC Endowment Fund. Afterglow goodies were provided and served by Peabody’s - please consider them in your future lunch or dinner plans.

The proceeds from this event totaled \$4050, increasing the Endowment Fund to more than \$110,000. This support is greatly appreciated by The Community House. Special thanks to Bill Johnson and John Zabriskie for handling the ticket sales so successfully.

—George Miller

## Summer Dress Code

President John Flintosh has announced that the club Friday meeting dress code will be relaxed during the summer months of June and July. Coats and ties will be optional, but we still want to maintain our reputation as the best dressed men in Birmingham.



## Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, June 1 at 10:30AM, we will be discussing “The Fighter Pilot” by Robin Olds. Robin Olds is probably the greatest aerial warrior America ever produced. He is the real deal, a fighter pilot’s fighter pilot, a consummate military professional, a natural, charismatic leader, and a true, heroic servant of our republic. His autobiography tells it like it was...and provides written proof why the people who served with him made him a legend.

On Monday, June 20 at 3:00PM, we will be discussing “Last Call” by David Okrent. David Okrent has taken on a formidable subject: the origins, implementation, and failure of that great American delusion known as Prohibition. The result is a scintillating well researched, well written, and continually eye-opening work on what has actually been a neglected subject.

—Ted Chapekis



## Investment Group

On Wednesday, June 8 at 2:45PM, our Stock Game winners and other successful SMC investors will share their stock picking strategies. Ideas to improve our group meetings and the stock game will also be welcome.

Tom Buescher now leads the stock game with a 54% gain, although he is followed closely by Tom (all silver) Booth who is up 52%. This contest will go down to the wire. Dave Ladd and Art Byington follow. The game ends May 31.

—George Miller

## Veterans Honored

President John Flintosh has announced that our program for May 27 will initiate with a ceremony honoring all veterans, including club members who served. A color guard from D.A.V. post 19, including members Less Lessenthien and Sherwin Vine, will present the U.S. flag. It is suggested that club veterans wear service caps or other memorabilia if available.

## Senior Health Matters— Managing Your Medications

Of all hospital admissions involving seniors, 25% are the result of medication problems. Drug interactions are more problematic with seniors because they tend to take more prescriptions and are more sensitive to the effects of drugs. At least 30% of seniors take at least five prescription medications. Adding in over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, vitamins, nutritional and herbal supplements can make a harmful or even fatal combination.

You are at risk if you are seeing more than one doctor or having your prescriptions filled at more than one pharmacy/chain. The doctors or pharmacies may not know whether other medicines have been prescribed. The problem is compounded by going to mail order and on-line pharmacies to save money. Your doctor and pharmacist should be aware of all your medications whether they are prescription or OTC drugs, herbal supplements or vitamins.

The website [www.safemedservice.org](http://www.safemedservice.org) provides a free, personalized, on-line medication checkup for potential drug interactions, side effects and treatment duplications.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

## Associates Orientation

All Associates who have not attended an Associates Orientation are invited to the next orientation meeting on Friday, June 17 at The Community House at 9:00AM.

Associates must attend an orientation session before being eligible for induction into the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. Invitation letters will be mailed to each eligible Associate. For questions, please contact John Klein, 248-363-3020 or e-mail [Klein60@yahoo.com](mailto:Klein60@yahoo.com).

—John Klein

## SMC Annual Picnic

Mark your calendars! The Senior Men's Club Picnic will be on Tuesday, August 23 at the Pontiac Yacht Club and you sure don't want to miss it! Once again there will be games, prizes, special cars, music, singing and the great camaraderie that only the Senior Men's Club can provide. Our food will feature pork, chicken and delicious side dishes prepared by our vendor par excellence, DJ's Meats.

Save the date and look for details in next month's issue.

—Mike Clement

## Detroit River Cruise

This year's River Cruise will be on Wednesday, July 20 and should be a spectacular event.

Our bus will leave the First Presbyterian Church on Maple at 8:30AM. Our two hour cruise on the Diamond Jack will begin at the Bishop Park Public Dock in Wyandotte. Once underway, we will cruise the lower Detroit River, then travel up-river past the Detroit/Windsor downtown areas to finally dock at the Detroit Yacht Club on beautiful Belle Isle.

We will have some time to explore the club which is celebrating its centennial anniversary. Lunch will include a salad, a choice of chicken or fish entree, sides and dessert. A cash bar will be available for those sailors who need an adult refreshment after a hard day at sea.

Following lunch our bus will take us to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum and the Belle Isle Conservatory.

The Dossin Museum includes memorabilia on the history of Great Lakes shipping. Its premier attraction is the upper level pilot house of the S.S. William Clay Ford, an iron ore transport ship. The Belle Isle Conservatory displays an outstanding variety of exotic flowers, trees and plants from around the world. You will be impressed by the variety and beautiful landscapes created by the volunteers of the Belle Isle Botanical Society.

Circling the island will bring back memories for long time Detroiters of picnics, canoeing, swimming and golf. Belle Isle is still beautiful. We will arrive back at the church around 4:15PM.

We have arranged two buses for this event. The all inclusive price is \$55. Tickets will go on sale on Friday, June 24. See you on the bus.

—Co-chairs: Bob Gualdoni, Howard Maichen, Riggs Miller and Gil Livingston

*Mark Reuss, President, GM North America (pictured here with SMC Member Pete Mehra) spoke at the best attended meeting of the year on May 13, receiving enthusiastic member response.*





## Monday Golf

The 2011 Monday Golf Season is off to a frustrating start. We are four weeks into the schedule and have logged only two rounds. The culprit? Bad and unpredictable weather. But the good news is we've got fourteen wonderful playing days to look forward to!

On May 2, we had 23 stalwart golfers. Ed Butler was closest to the pin on #2 at 23'6". There were no birdies, but Ted Chapekis and Pete Kass shot 44 and Joe Schulenberg had 45.

May 9 provided a welcome upswing with 29 players and a little better weather (with even a hint of sunshine). Don Foehr was closest to the pin at 6'11" and holed the putt for a birdie. In addition, Ted Chapekis and Roger Spry birdied #2 as well and Bill Spreitzer birdied #8. Ted Chapekis shot a 41. Pete Kass came in at 42. Jim Doyle and John Kary posted 44 and Don Foehr shot 45.

May 16 was a cold, damp and windy "freeze-out." Almost all our hopeful golfers arrived to play. The rain had subsided. Carts were available. But falling temperatures prompted a cancellation of the scheduled round and only five hardy golfers opted to play anyway.

Now the odds are with us for improved conditions. Come and join us on Mondays at Lincoln Hills. See you on the first tee and at the clubhouse for post-round humor and storytelling.

—The Committee

## Thursday Golf

It is no secret that inclement weather has not allowed our senior golfers to get on track for the 2011 season. With few exceptions such as Kirby Callam, Jim Doyle, John Kary, and Perry Driggs, the scores posted tend to be above individual averages. But summer will come, the sun will shine and the scores will drop.

Mark your calendars: **Big Bonus Days** will commence on June 2 and continue until the start of the tournament in August. Rules are: on hole #6 the golfer who is closest to the pin and six feet or more away from the pin and sinks the putt for a birdie wins. The prize starts at \$5 on day one and grows \$5 each week until someone wins. Upon a winner being named the pot resets to \$5 and the progression restarts.

**Three Club Day** will be on June 23. Only golfers who are participating with three clubs will be eligible for closest to the pin competition on hole #6.

—The Committee



*The winning bowling team, comprised of Chuck Ragains, Stormy Wetters, Denny Winowiecki and Dick Harper received the Ray Swartz Memorial trophy at the annual season ending banquet.*

## New Discussion Group Format!

Beginning in June, we will have a new format for one Friday each month to generate more interactive participation and to avail ourselves of the talents, expertise and special interests of our members. The pilot program begins with SMC member John M. Steele who will serve as facilitator for a discussion of "Alternative Energy vs. Fossil Fuels" on June 24.

Each month an SMC member will serve as a facilitator for discussion of a topical or controversial subject about which he is qualified by virtue of his professional or occupational experience, social or political involvement, hobby, or avocation.

Please contact Augie Perrotta if you feel that you could function as facilitator for a topic of your choosing. He will provide further details about the format and the responsibilities of a facilitator.

—Augie Perrotta

# Mystery Lyrics

Last month's mystery lyric challenge proved to be one of our most difficult. Only seven readers recognized that these lyric lines:

*Although he's not out there  
Applauding in the second row*

are from the Vaughan Monroe hit "Dance, Ballerina, Dance." So congratulations to Chuck O'Connell, Dick Mueller, Dave and Mary Schwartz, Jeanne (Merrill) Miller, Tom McNally, Clay Gordon and Myrna (Tom) Hitchman. Nat King Cole also recorded this one.

This month we are really going to challenge readers with a difficult one. We will give you a few hints about the song. First, it was an Academy Award winner. Secondly, it was featured in a Steve McQueen movie (a personal favorite), But no, Steve didn't sing it. Noel Harrison, son of Rex, was the performer. The opening lines are:

*Like a circle in a spiral  
Like a wheel within a wheel*

Can you name that tune? Good luck!  
Note: no internet searches allowed!

Lastly, we have a big band memory test for you. One famous big band:

- originally was billed as "The band that plays the blues"
- used "Blue Flame" as a theme
- evolved musically to have a Kenton-like heavy brass sound and was called the "Third Herd"

Who led that band?

—Dick Harper



## CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**Reminder Deadline:** Friday, June 17

### Games

**Bowling:** Wednesday, 9:30AM at Thunderbird Lanes (practice)

**Bridge:** Tuesday, 9:00AM and Friday after lunch

**Golf:** Monday, 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills  
Thursday, 9:00AM at Springdale

### Special Events

**"Go Blue" Campus Tour,** Wednesday, June 8, 9:00AM

**Detroit River Cruise,** Wednesday, July 20, 8:30AM

**SMC Annual Picnic at Pontiac Yacht Club,** Tuesday, August 23

### Group Meetings

**Book Reading Groups:** Group A: Wednesday, June 1, 10:30AM  
Group B: Monday, June 20, 3:00PM

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

**Camera Group:** NO MEETING in June

**Investment Group:** Wednesday, June 8, 2:45PM

**Computer Group:** NO MEETING in June

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

### SMC on the Web:

<http://www.communityhouse.com/getInvolved/interestGroups/SeniorMensClub.html>

Google Group: <http://groups.google.com/group/SMCBirmingham>

## THE REMINDER

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

Officers for 2011 are: John S. Flintosh, president; Charles B. Kirkpatrick, first vice president; David A. Schwartz, second vice president; Dennis J. Kozak, recording secretary; John D. Slocum, corresponding secretary; William L. Sprague, treasurer; Richard E. Shirley, assistant treasurer; David H. Dinger and John F. McCleary, officers at large; George A. Grove, parliamentarian.

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