

The Reminder



June 2017

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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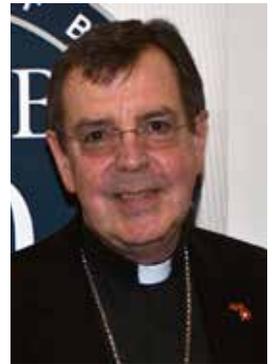
SMC Anniversary Celebrated

Our long awaited and much anticipated 60th anniversary celebration events continue with special Friday speakers and significant member response. The introductory program on May 5 featured Michigan Senator Gary Peters, who provided a thorough review of current Washington activities, especially those impacting Michigan. He was greeted and enthusiastically received by a large and appreciative audience of 227 attendees, including a record 14 guests. Senator Peters provided knowledgeable responses to a number of member questions. A special Mexican themed lunch was served celebrating Cinco de Mayo. Kudos to committee members who organized and conducted the lunch service – for a new and innovative endeavor, it was handled most efficiently.



Gary Peters

Our May 12 program was highlighted by the much anticipated appearance of Archbishop Allen Vigneron of the Archdiocese of Detroit. The archbishop discussed moral guidelines which should influence our lives, regardless of religious affiliation. He was complimentary as to the role of the Senior Men's Club in the community, noting that "individuals flourish when organizations flourish". He responded to a variety of interesting questions, including one humorous query concerning his prospects for a red hat. The Archbishop was well received by an audience of 174 members and guests. We were served a special "Italian feast" for lunch – a delicious meal, most expeditiously handled by hard working anniversary committee members and apron-clad Club officers.



Archbishop Allen Vigneron

Outstanding speakers are also scheduled for May 19 and 26, as well as special luncheon menus. Watch for eBlast descriptions of these important and historical Club events. In addition, a special dedication of an SMC Room at The Community House will take place on May 19. Be there! Congratulations to us! What a wonderful, well organized and impressive array of special anniversary activities we are experiencing!

—Dick Harper

JUNE PROGRAMS

JUNE CHAIRMAN: Malcolm Hendy

- 2 Keith Famie, Executive Producer, Visionalist Entertainment Productions..... *Living Life through the Lens**
- 9 Christy McDonald, MiWeek Anchor, DPTV..... *The Changing Role of Journalism in S.E. Michigan*
- 16 Gus Mondalek, CEO of Snap Terminal..... *Global Update on Terrorism**
- 23 Al Eicher, President Emeritus - Program Source International *When Hollywood Went to War**

*These programs will be continued after lunch via a Discussion Group format to facilitate additional discussion and Q&A.

JULY PROGRAMS

JULY CHAIRMAN: Art Kaye

- 7 Randy Hotton, Pilot, USA Jet Airlines; Treasurer, Yankee Air Museum..... *How Detroit Saved the World - The Willow Run Story*

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

WELCOME!

Memorial Day All Service Color Guard

Cole Slaw
Potato Salad
Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Black Bean Burgers

Served with Ketchup, Mustard, French Onion, Filly, American Cheese Slice, Mustard Sauce, Lettuce, Pickles

BBQ Cookout
Special Lunch \$15

Friday May 26, 2017
Clark Durant
President
Cornerstone Schools




60th Anniversary Month
1957 - May 2017

Free Lunch for guests in 2017

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
Special Lunch \$20

Friday May 5, 2017
Senator Gary Peters

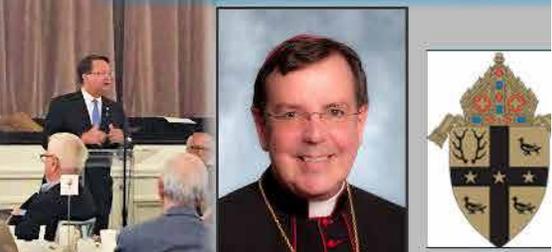
Chips and Salsa
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Chicken Quesadillas
Cheese Quesadillas
Served with sour cream, salsa, and pico de gallo



50th Throwback
Special Lunch \$20

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

May 19th Green Salad
Served with tomatoes, cucumber, onions, bellows, and ranch dressing
Assorted Rolls with Butter
Steamed Broccoli
Mashed Potatoes
Sliced Ham and Pineapple
Homestyle Meatloaf

Thank you for your generosity

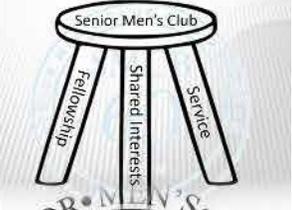


MAME

THE VILLAGE PLAYERS OF BIRMINGHAM PRESENT

6:30 HOURS SOUVENIR RECEPTION
8:00 CURTAIN RISING

WED. MAY 9 ONLY 200 SEATS \$35



60th Anniversary Gala Celebration

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
LT. GOVERNOR BRIAN CALLEY

ENTERTAINMENT BY
DANNY GURWIN

5/17/17 | 5:30 p.m.
San Marino Club, Troy, MI



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

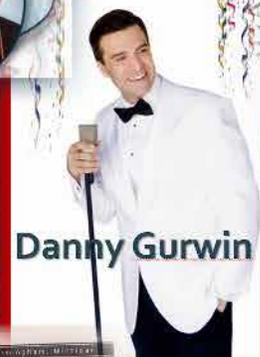
Special Lunch \$15

Friday May 12, 2017
Archbishop Vigneron



A Night to Remember
60th Anniversary Gala Celebration

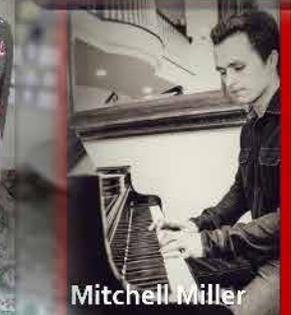
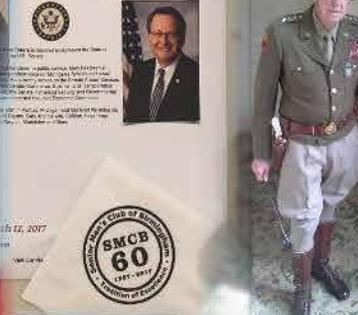
San Marino Club, Troy, MI
May 17, 2017



GALA DINNER

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MAY 17, 2017



Senior Men's Club Room

In Recognition of
The Senior Men's Club 60th Anniversary
1957 - 2017

In Grateful Appreciation of All Members... Past, Present and Future



60th Anniversary Gala Celebration

San Marino Club, Troy, MI
May 17, 2017

Keynote Speaker
Lt. Governor Brian Calley

Performance by
Danny Gurwin

Music by
Mitchell Miller

Special Lunch \$15



Groups



Investment Group

The Investment Group will next meet on Wednesday, June 14 at 2:45PM. Winners of the SMC Stock Game will share their investment wisdom and stock selection strategies, as well as sharing the game prize fund. In addition, all members will be welcome to share successful investing experiences. Suggestions regarding speakers and actions to improve our meetings are encouraged. This will be our final meeting until the fall.

We have a new Stock Game leader with Irv Poston moving up with a 69% gain. Ralph Schick has slipped to second, with Jack Burns third and Ralph Cowie in fourth. Since our first three contestants neglected to provide a contest entry fee, Ralph may receive first place money. 51 of 57 players have gains, with the game ending May 31.

—George Miller



Computer Group

The next computer group meeting will be on Wednesday, June 21 at 3:00PM. Mike Bader will speak on "Making the Switch to Linux." Linux is a free alternative to Windows. It runs many of the same apps that Windows runs and is faster and less prone to viruses. It has the same look and feel as Windows, is widely available, and is becoming even more popular. You and your guests are invited to join an interesting discussion on a timely topic.

—Tom Allen



Camera Group

We have a wealth of photograph talent in the Detroit area. Our Tuesday, June 13 Camera Group meeting takes advantage of that fact by featuring metro Detroit photographer Bryan Levy. His speciality is time lapse video and landscape photography.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn some new skills and see great Detroit images. As always, guests and spouses are welcome.

—Harry Bloom & Irv Poston



Classic Movie Group

This month Augie Perrotta will present two film versions of the classic Alexandre Dumas story - "The Count of Monte Cristo" - that covers the life of Edmond Dantes who spends years in prison unjustly but escapes to seek revenge on those who framed him. On Monday, June 12 at 1:00PM, Augie will show the 2002 version, starring Jim Caviezel as Dantes. Then on Monday, June 26 at 1:00PM, he will present the 1934 version with Robert Donat as Dantes. Both versions are classic films in every respect and faithfully follow the original story. Yet, each is directed differently and has its own special appeal to classic literature and film buffs. If you love classic swashbucklers, then these two films are for you.

—Fred Hansz



Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, June 5 at 2:00PM where we will be discussing three topics:

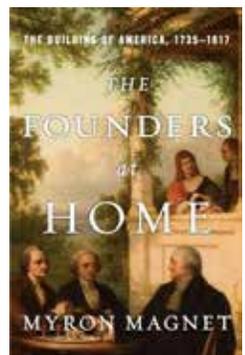
- (1) Cemeteries and Ancestors
- (2) Update on Autosomal DNA
- (3) Software to Track Family Hereditary Diseases.

—Dave Bakos



Reading Groups

On Wednesday, June 7, the Wednesday Reading Group will discuss "The Founders at Home", by Myron Magnet. *The Wall Street Journal* review starts out: "Does the world need yet another book on the American Founders? Yes, indeed: this one." It goes on "Mr. Magnet roots for the Founders who were prepared to lay down a national version of the New York welcome mat—'Opportunity America', he calls it." Dave Zimmer will lead the discussion.



The Monday Reading Group will meet on June 19. The book to be discussed has not been selected by the group, as of the date of this article.

—Frank Snower

Maynard Timm: Lifetime Career at General Motors



If the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham had a "Rookie of the Year Award," Maynard Timm would be a prime candidate. From the Club's 60th Anniversary Committee, to the Reading Group, to Bowling and Golf, Maynard has contributed to a wide range of activities and programs. He is also well connected with three institutions in which he holds academic degrees. They are: Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH 1970 with Honors; University of Michigan BA 1973 History/Economics with Honors; Villanova University Law School, Villanova, PA, JD 1977 with Honors.

Following graduation, Maynard joined the Corporate Legal Staff of General Motors, a relationship that would extend 38 years. His primary practice areas were Environmental Law, Regulatory, Product Liability, Real Estate, Dealer Operations, and Commercial Litigation.

Thanks to some persuasion from his brother Roger, Maynard joined the Senior Men's Club in October 2015. He participates in many committees and clubs including the Men's Chorus, bowling, Publicity/Webpage Committee, Medical Emergency Preparedness Team, Visitation and Health Committee, Reminder, and monthly program Chairman. Maynard is enthusiastic about the Club's future. "In my view the Club has a bright future, but there is always room for new ideas and creative thinking." To that end he is active in recruiting new members.

Maynard also became active in the community including volunteering at the Lakeshore Legal Aid in Detroit. In 2001 and 2016 he was honored by being named Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by the Detroit Legal Aid and Defender Association.

He is a board member of the Presbyterian Village of Michigan and a board member of the Birmingham YMCA. He has served as an Elder, Deacon and Trustee at the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills.

Maynard has numerous interests such as swimming, skiing, reading, singing and travel. He makes time to work out several times a week.

He and his wife, Noreen Markley have been married for 29 years. They live in Bloomfield Village. They have one daughter, Emily who lives in Minneapolis, MN.

Maynard describes "The SMC as a group of engaged, enthusiastic and energetic men who strive to make each other's lives more meaningful and rewarding."

—Chuck Ragains

Sign-In at Friday Meetings

One of the measures of our ongoing success is attendance counts at Friday meetings. Strong attendance not only tells us we are continuing as a strong and vital organization, but also contributes very importantly to our ability to attract good speakers. Larger audiences certainly motivate potential speaker interest. Members are expected and asked to sign-in on arrival at TCH on Friday mornings, but some do not, possibly they forget to do so. Attendance Chairman John Perryman conducts simple head counts which evidence any shortfall. Please support your Club by signing in on Friday.

—Dick Harper

Senior Success

An older gentleman entered an upscale jewelry store on a Saturday afternoon accompanied by a considerably younger and very attractive lady. He announced that he was interested in seeing some upscale diamond rings. The jeweler first presented a \$5000 ring, but the gentleman quickly noted that he was interested in a more special ring.

He then was shown a \$40,000 ring which both he and the lady thought was perfect and the sale was made. The gentleman indicated he wanted to pay by check and recognized that the jeweler would need to verify fund availability. He indicated he would return Monday to finalize the sale and pick up the sized ring.

When he arrived, the jeweler was very incensed, reporting that the bank account was totally inadequate to cover the cost of the ring. Our hero responded "I know, but let me tell you about my weekend!"

Special Events

Commemorative Pewabic Pottery Tile for Sale

To celebrate our 60th Anniversary we have worked with Pewabic Pottery to manufacture a tile that replicates our anniversary logo. The tile is great example of the craftsmanship and artistry of this historic Detroit company.

The tiles are now available for purchase for \$40 each Friday at the Special Events Table. For questions or to secure your order, see or contact Malcolm Hendy. Alternatively, Dick Bradley and the 60th Anniversary Committee members can assist.

Please Note!

On Wednesday, July 19 the SMC will be visiting Pewabic Pottery where you will see our commemorative tile in the manufacturing process. This tour will be combined with lunch at the Bayview Yacht Club and a tour of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House & Gardens. Tickets went on sale May 19.

—Malcolm Hendy

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. Ticket sales started Friday, May 19.

Tickets are \$40 each, which includes admission, grandstand seating, 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. Our picnic lunch will begin at 12:30PM; the game begins at 1:30PM and should be over by about 4PM. Bring your family and friends for a fun afternoon of baseball and fellowship!

—Jim Kling

Eastern Market & Indian Village

This attractive trip is clearly a winner and an early sell-out! Featured will be:

- Shopping for fruits & vegetables at Eastern Market
- Lunch at the old and famous Roma Café
- Guided tour of Indian Village

The date is Tuesday, June 6. We depart Birmingham at 9:30AM by bus and return around 3:00PM.

Per ticket price is \$45. Wait listing available at Friday meetings.

—Tom McNally

Reminder Mailing

We continue to make progress in reducing the number of mailed copies of *The Reminder*, especially with members who have listed email addresses. As previously noted, dropping postal delivery saves the Club about \$1.00 per copy in printing and mailing expense. In addition, email delivery beats the postman by about a week.

May Mailing Counts:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
No.	484	404	353	307	255	229	200	170
Pct. Ch.	-	17%	13%	13%	17%	10%	13%	15%

As indicated we mailed 170 copies in May. Our target for possible change is the 100 members within this total who have email addresses – do you really need two copies of *The Reminder*? Why not tell Frank Snower (toSnower@comcast.net) that we can drop your mailed copy?

Summer Dress Code

President Dick Kamp has announced that our summer dress code will be in effect at Friday meetings during June, July and September. Coats and ties will be optional – collared shirts are in! Please remember that we want to maintain our reputation as being the best dressed men in Birmingham.

Senior Hearing

A Club member recently reported to his friends that he had finally gotten hearing aids after much family urging. One friend commented "Wow, that's great – they must be happy." Our hero responded, "Oh, I haven't told them yet, I just sit there and listen to conversations, often about me. I've changed my will twice already!"

Senior Health Matters

Age-Related Hearing Loss (Presbycusis)



Age-related hearing loss affects more than half of all adults by the time they reach the age of 75. It causes you to slowly lose your hearing in both ears, mostly affecting how well you hear high-pitched sounds.

You might have trouble hearing a bird chirping or a phone ringing but still be able to hear a truck rumbling. Often, you have a hard time hearing in crowded places.

You can buy the newest cellular smartphone, a far more complex device than any hearing aid, for less than a \$1000, but hearing aids typically cost \$3,300 to \$8,000 per pair. They are usually not covered by health insurance or Medicare, although Veteran Affairs and almost half of Medicare Advantage plans offer at least partial coverage or discounts. If you have a Health Savings Account or Flexible Spending Plan, you can use it to pay for hearing aids and batteries with pre-tax dollars.

Because of the expense of prescription hearing-aids, the market for less expensive, over-the-counter hearing helpers known as personal sound amplification products (PSAPs) is growing. The more expensive ones are about \$500 each, whereas prescription aids generally start at \$1650 each. Unlike a majority of hearing aids, PSAPs are generally analog, not digital, so they are usually less able to reduce annoying feedback and to consistently target only the frequencies in which users really need amplification. Lower end PSAPs (\$20-\$30) have shown little benefit and can sometimes block incoming sounds the way earplugs do. PSAPs have the potential to cause additional hearing damage by over amplifying sharp noises such as the wail of a fire engine. They do not have the Bluetooth connectivity of higher-end hearing aids that would allow for streaming music and taking phone calls through them. The FDA does not allow PSAPs to be marketed as devices to improve impaired hearing or to be called hearing aids but are "intended for non-hearing-impaired consumers to amplify sounds in certain environments."

There is really no good substitute for working with your ear doctor and audiologist to find the best option for you, especially since there are many causes of hearing impairment and multiple treatment options.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

New Life Members



Two Club members were recently inducted into our most prestigious membership category – Life Membership. **Byron Warner**, who has been a member since 2002, was born in Troy, Michigan. He attended Shrine High School and the University of Detroit where he earned Electrical Engineering and MBA degrees.

Byron is a real GM lifer, having spent 45 years with that company, retiring in 1999 as Chief Engineer of the Pontiac Division. He has been married to Patricia for 62 years, a union which produced 4 sons, 1 daughter and 16 grandchildren. He has been involved in minor baseball for many years, including serving as coach, manager and ultimately as President of Little League Baseball in Birmingham. Byron says he once loved skiing and now really enjoys his home and water sports on Union Lake. Congratulations and welcome to Life Membership, Byron!



George Benko has been a full member since 2006. He was born in Ecorse, Michigan, moved to the thumb area where he graduated from Croswell High School. He then launched an extensive educational career, including undergraduate studies at Albion College, a law degree from the University of Michigan, plus graduate work and an MA degree from Harvard.

He practiced law and served as a Probate Judge throughout Michigan, before retiring in 1995 after 32 years. But George continued to be very active in the Lions Club and Masons, as Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America and the Mental Health Board of Sanilac County. He is a member of the Automotive Press Association and owns a radio station in Marlette, Michigan.

George and his wife of 56 years, Ella, reside in Birmingham – they have 4 children and 6 grandchildren. Congratulations and welcome to Life Membership, George!

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Michael D. Henderson

Deaths:

John Lavrakas, (Life) joined September, 1987

Rudrick E. Boucher, joined October, 2015

John H. Finley, joined July, 2010

George W. Moore III, joined February, 2003

Ernest Bergan, (Life) joined November, 1994

J.C. Patterson, (Life), joined March, 2003

—Pete Kass, Membership Chairman

—Frank Snower, Database Chairman

—Tom Booth, Gene Markel & Roger Timm, Photography

Games

Golf Notes

Rain has put a damper on our play thus far, but we persevere on Mondays at Lincoln Hills and Thursday at Springdale. The low rounds of the year have been recorded by Maynard Timm – 34 at Springdale and 36 at Lincoln Hills.

The Annual Grosse Pointe vs. Senior Men's Club Grudge Match is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 at Plumbrook Golf Club. We will strive to retain the championship...more to follow in next month's report.

June 26 will be the first competition of the year for our Monday Lincoln Hills golfers with a 2-man scramble. Sign-up sheets are posted with Tom Waffan and Ed Jones at the course. Cost is \$3.00 per player.



Walking Group Explores Birmingham

Photo shows Walking Group members on recent stroll through Booth Park trail along the Rouge River. Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:00AM, Shain Park or Barnum Park is the starting place for a 50 minute walk which quite often includes destination points of interest in and around Birmingham. SMC members and guests are most welcome to participate in this exercise regime which concludes with an afterglow of conversation and coffee/hot chocolate. Further info: Charlie Blank, bclank56@gmail.com

Mystery Lyrics



We anticipated getting more correct answers to last month's mystery lyrics and we were right – eight readers recognized that these lines:

*"Moonlight and love songs
never out of date*

Hearts full of passion, jealousy and hate" are from "As Time Goes By". (Surely you remember "Casablanca", Humphrey, Ingrid and "Play it again, Sam".)

Congratulations to our winners – Roger Timm, Fred Leydorf, Dolly and Bill Johnson, Fred Hansz, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Clay Gordon, Tom McNally and Denny Winowecki, who sang the entire song for me.

Let's try an even easier one this month. The mystery lyrics are:

*"Let's take a trip to Niagara – this
time we'll look at the Falls!"*

Can you name that tune?

Sports Trivia

The sports trivia challenge lived up to that term. We asked if you could remember the Tigers, other than Verlander, who won both the Cy Young and Most Valuable Player awards during their careers in Detroit. The answers are Denny McClain (1968) and Willie Hernandez (1984). This undoubtedly was especially difficult since it was most unusual for a relief pitcher to be so honored. Roger Timm and Ben Mangiapane got both names – way to go! Pete Kass and Julian Prince remembered McClain.

Two great and famous plays were made by center fielders in World Series games - one by a Brooklyn Dodger against the Yankees and another by a New York Giant against the Cleveland Indians. Can you name the hitters and fielders involved?

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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 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, June 13, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, June 16

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, June 5, 2:00PM

Book Reading Group A: Wednesday, June 7, 10:30AM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, June 12, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, June 13, 2:00PM

Investment Group: Wednesday, June 14, 2:45PM

Book Reading Group B: Monday, June 19, 3:00PM

Computer Group: Wednesday, June 21, 3:00PM

Historic Film Group: Monday, June 26, 1:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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