The Reminder

APRIL 2020 Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

PRESIDENTIAL NOTE

The Community House closed March 16 and will remain closed at least through April 12.

Therefore, there will be no group or committee meetings during this time. TCH will advise me by April 5 if the closure will be extended beyond April 12. My main concern is our safety and health. God bless and all the best.

President Jerry Stribbell

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NEW PROGRAM: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ENCOURAGES EACH MEMBER TO PREPARE A "PERSONAL HISTORY"

Over a decade ago, many Club Members prepared accounts of their participation in World War II and the Korean Conflict. Those are now posted on the Club's website, and provide both a way to get to know one another and a memorial to those who served our Country.

The Executive Board has now authorized the creation of a new but related program. Each Club Member is encouraged to prepare a Personal History describing some circumstance that he believes was particularly important in his life or career. Your Personal History can be any length – but remember, if something is too long, other Club Members may be discouraged from reading it.

The purpose of this Program is to strengthen the bonds of fellowship and friendship that we all try to cultivate. While we get together in many ways to form and strengthen friendships and camaraderie, how many of us know very much, if anything, about what other Club Members did during their working careers or about some other event that played an important role in making each of us the men we are today? This Program aims to fill this gap.

It will be run by the Club's History Committee, which will take responsibility for review of the Personal Histories. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to provide assistance. The review will not change the substance of any Personal History, but suggestions may be made concerning writing style, organization, grammar etc. When a Personal History is in a form that reflects positively on the Club, it will be posted on the Club's website, in the Member Only area. Notice that new Personal Histories have been posted will be included in The Reminder. Other Club members can then read such Personal Histories which, and thereby get to know each writer better. This will further the Club's goal of fostering fellowship and friendship.

In order to provide an idea of what the Club contemplates by a "Personal History," there is now posted on the Club's website a Personal History prepared by me. Mine may well be longer and somewhat more complex than what you write, but, as you will see, I describe 18 years of litigation, involving two trials, each about 9 months long, so what I describe is itself long and complex.

As Chair of the History Committee, I will be pleased to discuss this Program or his own Personal History with any Club Member, and provide whatever assistance I can.

The Executive Board hopes that many of you take this opportunity to let other Club Members get to know you better, so that Club fellowship can become stronger and have a broader foundation.

Roger Timm

APRIL PROGRAMS — APRIL CHAIR: DR. BHIMSEN RAO

April 3 ..... No meeting

April 10 ..... No meeting

April 17 ..... Representative Andy Levin, US Congressman
Alternate Energy Solutions

April 24 ..... Leon La Brecque, Chief Growth Officer, Sequoia Financial Group
Insight 2020

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NEWEST SMC LIFE MEMBERS

Please join me congratulating the following SMC Life Members, a status achieved for any Active Member who has reached 85 years of age and been a member for 10 consecutive years. As a Life Member, each is no longer required to pay dues. However, many past Life Members have graciously continued to do so.

Don Brownell **Cliff Worthy**
Barry King **Ed Sharples**

Maynard Timm

2019 ANNUAL GIVING INITIATIVE WRAP-UP

Through the good times and the bad, the Senior Men's Club (SMC) in partnership with The Community House (TCH) has flourished for over sixty years by developing and maintaining a mutual relationship to insure our shared existence. TCH is more than a valuable resource for us; it is our home!

Every year the members of our club come together and show our gratitude by making a contribution to the *SMC Annual Giving Initiative (AGI)*. The funds raised not only help The Community House continue to fulfill its mission, but they also help offset the TCH general meeting and administrative fees, which our club receives throughout the year at little cost.

As you know, TCH receives no aid from the city or government. Instead, they rely on the generous support from individuals, like us, to keep their doors open. Our contribution of $89,443 to the 2019 AGI will go a long way for TCH to continue as an important resource that our group and thousands of individuals in the surrounding communities rely on.

Our goal for the AGI was $90,000 and we came very close to making it and we thank all of the 301 members that contributed and we trust that you will continue to donate again for the 2020 AGI and consider increasing your contribution. For the roughly 260 other members that did not contribute, please reconsider when asked to contribute in 2020.

DONORS & DOLLARS BY GIFT LEVEL

Circle Level	Amount	# Donors	Total Contribution
President	$2,500+	3	$14,600.00
1st Vice President	$1,000+	18	$19,200.00
2nd Vice President	$500+	27	$13,885.00
Recording Secretary	$250+	52	$13,995.00
Corresponding Sec.	>$250	201	$18,572.00
Zonjic Concert			$9,191.00
	TOTAL	**301**	**$89,443.00**

A complete listing of the donors is posted on the bulletin board for your perusal.

2019 AGI Co-Chairs:
Past Presidents Tim McGee and John Steele

The Special Events trip to the WSU Bonstelle Theater on April 15 to see *Mary Poppins* has been CANCELLED due to coronavirus concerns.

This website is a single source of general information from the VA on latest significant events and updates related to COVID-19:

https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/?utm_source=Homepage&utm_campaign=Coronavirus

NEW SENIOR MEN'S CLUB FOUNDATION

Two years ago the SMC Executive Board saw the need for a new Senior Men's Club Foundation that would comply with the IRS guidelines for establishment of a Non-Profit 501(c)3 organization. Under the direction of Past President's Dick Bradley and Tim McGee, a small committee was initiated to research and recommend to the Executive Board the process to complete this action.

Accordingly, I am happy to report that this committee created a set of Bylaws for the Foundation which the Executive Board approved on Tuesday, March 10. To sum up the purpose, this is the Mission Statement for the Foundation:

"The Senior Men's Club Foundation is dedicated to the support of initiatives enhancing the well-being of senior men within the traditional boundaries of the members of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham including Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties of the State of Michigan. The Foundation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes serving senior men in accordance with Section 501(c)3 of the U. S. Internal Revenue Code."

We have now sent the required forms to the State of Michigan to incorporate the Foundation. Once we receive the papers of incorporation and the required EIN, we will submit the appropriate forms to the Internal Revenue Service for their approval of the Foundation as a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization.

These are only the first steps into securing our future as an organization for another 60+ years. We will keep you informed on the progress of our submissions.

For the Foundation…

Timothy S. McGee, *President*
David C. Anderson, *Vice President*
Raymond J. Buratto, *Secretary*
Leonard S. Borman, *Treasurer*

Groups

Reading Groups

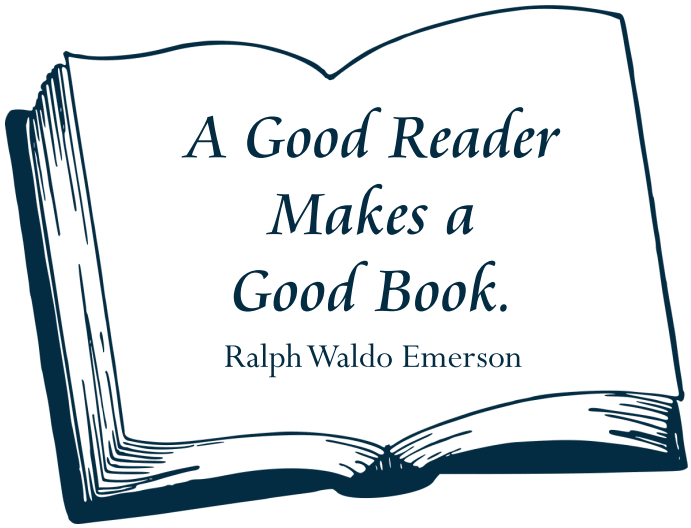
Monday, April 20, at 3PM:
The Reckoning by John Grisham.
(New York: Random House, 2018)

Over his 30-year career, author John Grisham has written 40 books, which have sold more than 300 million copies. Grisham revisits his southern roots and confronts racism again in his recent novel set in the late 1940's. The story follows a war hero who returns home to his small Mississippi town and kills his minister without explanation. As the book proceeds we learn more about his family history, relationships and his formative experiences with the Bataan Death March.

Tom Booth will lead this discussion.

As always, all members and their guests are invited to attend.

Bob Maxfield



NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

SAVE THE DATE!

DETROIT/NAIAS AUTO SHOW – JUNE 16, 2020

Mark your calendars now for the SMC's annual excursion to the Detroit/NAIAS Auto Show at Cobo Hall on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. This year's show will be a part of an extensive auto-themed celebration encompassing much of the adjacent downtown area and should be an exciting event.

The Cobo exhibition will feature the latest production models from automakers around the world and many special show cars, including new electric vehicles. We will have two buses again this year, as we anticipate high demand for this event. Tom Sellers Ford has generously agreed once again to provide us with free admission tickets to the Cobo show. Spouses and friends are invited.

Ticket sales will begin on Friday, May 22. Check your May Reminder for more details about this popular event.

Jerry Stribbell

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

So, what's going on across the street? In 2016, Baldwin Library embarked on a 3 Phase Building modernization program. **Phase 1,** a renovation of the Adult Services wing, was completed in 2017. It included installation of windows in the south and west solid limestone walls and a total re-do of the 10,000 sq. ft. wing. It has received rave reviews from patrons, and other libraries. Stop by, take a look, and leave with a book.

In the Fall of 2019, the library started construction of **Phase 2,** a renovation and 2000 sq. ft. (40%) expansion of the Youth Services wing, which faces east. It features floor to ceiling windows on three sides: a greatly enlarged story room and children's play area (with dedicated stroller parking); larger, modernized bathrooms; a 350-gallon aquarium; and a children's terrace and garden. Completion is planned for June 2020. Bring your family and grandchildren for the ribbon cutting in June.

Phase 3, planned to begin in Fall 2023, will consist of a renovated entrance and circulation area. It will feature a ground level café, greatly enhanced accessibility for the handclapped (including a street-level elevator), and a renovated plaza. All three phases will be funded from existing citizen authorized millage and Library fund-raising.

Jim Suhay

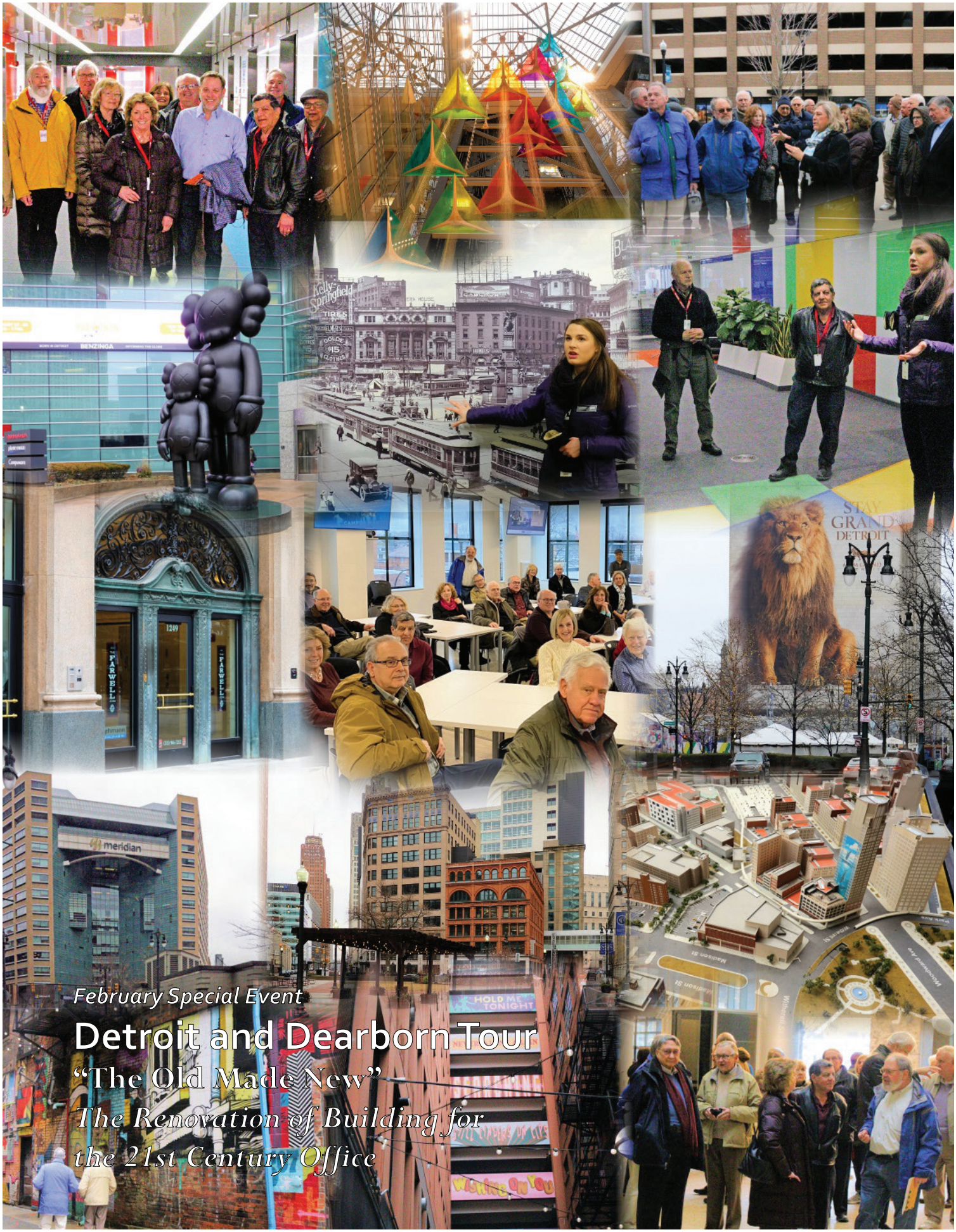
A FEW GOOD MEN NEEDED

The Senior Men's Club is heavily dependent on the active support of members, including serving on our working committees. President Jerry Stribbell has recently indicated we have a number of committee openings we are anxious to fill, including several Chairman positions.

Committees in need of help are Lunch Ticket, Table Setting and Presentation. The functions of these important groups are described in our Handbook. In addition, Jay Kafarski is looking for backup on our eBlast communications. Please consider coming forward to help your Club.

Contact President Jerry Stribbell with any questions.

Dick Harper



February Special Event

Detroit and Dearborn Tour

"The Old Made New"

The Renovation of Building for the 21st Century Office

MYSTERY LYRICS

We confirmed we had some country and western music fans to our Club last month, with seven readers recognizing the song with these lines:

"How's about cookin something up with me" as being from the Hank Williams hit "Hey Good Lookin". Congratulations to Ray Buratto, Tom DeCorte, John Dueweke, Charlie Clippert, Tom McNally, Fred Hansz and Midge (Roger) Gettel.

Let's try an old Fred Astaire tune this month, which opens with these lines:

"Heaven, I'm in heaven
and my heart beats so that I can hardly speak"

Can you name that tune?

Dick Harper

SPORTS TRIVIA

Last month we asked if you could remember the first African American to play in the American League. Certainly he wasn't as well known as Jackie Robinson with the Brooklyn Dodgers, but as Ray Buratto, Dave Dinger, Lynn Evans, Julian Price, Tom DeCorte, Ken Beres and Tom McNally told us – this was Larry Doby with the Cleveland Indians.

Let's try another baseball challenge – back before the designated hitter was started in the American League, pitchers had to take their turns with a bat. A few had some success – others were less fortunate. The Tigers had a pitcher who was so inept at the plate, that he earned a nickname as "The Hitless Wonder"

Can you remember him?

Dick Harper

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

Officers for 2020 are: Jerry Stribbell, President; Maynard Timm, First Vice President; Swarn Rajpal, Second Vice President; Paul Kovceses, Recording Secretary; Larry Imerman, Corresponding Secretary; Leonard Borman, Treasurer; Posh Gulati and Martin Rowell, Officers at Large.

THE REMINDER includes: Dick Harper, Editor Emeritus; Jay Kafarski, Publisher; Maynard Timm, Co-Editor; John Flintosh, Co-Editor; Tim McGee, Co-Editor; Tom Booth, Gene Markel and Roger Timm, Photography; Bob Jordan, Mailing.

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Club Dates to Remember

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, April 10

Bowling: Wednesdays, 10:00AM at Escape Lanes (practice)

Golf: Mondays, 7:00-9:00AM at Lincoln Hills
Thursday, 7:00-9:00AM at Springdale

Bridge: Fridays after lunch

Special Events

Ann Arbor Tour: Wednesday, May 13

Detroit Auto Show: Tuesday, June 16

Reading Group B: Monday, April 20, 3:00PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.