

The Reminder



May 2014

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan

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Dave Dinger: Pediatrician, Naval Officer, Civil War Buff

Well rounded...energetic...forward thinker...team player.

While those words might apply to other members of the Club, they are particularly apt in describing Dave Dinger.

Dave was born in Flint, Michigan and grew up in Waterbury, Connecticut where his father was General Secretary of three YMCA's. Dave earned his A.B. degree from Albion College 1958 and his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1962. He completed his internship and pediatric residency at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan from July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1965.



While stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Charleston, S.C. from 1965-67, Dave served as Staff Pediatrician as a LCDR U.S. Navy Medical Corp. During that time, he became Board Certified in the American Board of Pediatrics, was elected Diplomate American Academy of Pediatrics, and appointed to the Medical Staff of SJMH and Pontiac General Hospital.

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Douglas F. Allison, joined July 2010
William I. Chapman, (Life) joined January 1993

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Donald C. Overy

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Donald N. Frey, Jr.
John T. Frye
Willard L. Dresser, (Life)

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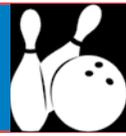
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Winter Dome Golf

Winter golf practice at the Oakland Yard Dome concluded on Thursday, April 17. The special deals will continue at the dome for any hostile weather Thursdays. However, the free donuts will be discontinued.

Highlights for the month of March were the Annual Putting Contest and the second instructional visit by the teaching professional.

The Annual Putting contest was a very spirited competition with very little differences in the scores between the winners. The winning contestants were:

First Place:Dick Rappleye

Second Place:Cliff Snedeker

Third Place:Ted Chapekis

The Committees wish all senior golfers a hot, torrid, long, and low scoring summer.

See you at the dome next January 8, 2015!

—The Committees



Monday Golf

Record snowfall and extended frigid temperatures have finally yielded to signs of spring. Over 50 eager athletes have signed up for Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills. The course is not yet its usual fence-to-fence carpet of lush green. But it welcomed our presence on April 21. So expect our reports on scores, averages, outstanding feats and upcoming events. The first SCRAMBLE will be in early June as soon as playing averages are established. Each week will feature the closest-to-the pin contest on Hole No. 2. A new award will be special recognition of any "birdies" on No. 9.

Please come and join us on Monday mornings for healthy exercise and after-golf diversion and friendly conversation.

—The Committees

Sports Quote:

"I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect."

—Doug Sanders, professional golfer

Bowling

Our bowling season ended with an exciting roll-off between the winners of each half. Team #6 (Chuck Frederick, Dennis Kozak, Dick Kamp and George Moore) defeated Team #1 (Chuck Ragains, Les Lessenthien, Bob Jordan and Phil Owen) for the league championship. Dick Kamp was the star for the winners - with a 135 average, he bowled a great 490 series. Hearty congratulations to the winners, who will be recognized and awarded the Champion Trophy at our banquet at TCH on May 7.



Individual honors for the season go to Rich Volpe for high average (169) and high game (246), while Denny Winowiecki had the high series (608). Summer bowling will continue at Thunderbird on Wednesdays at 10:00AM.

—Dick Harper

Inter-Club Dialogue

The Senior Men's Club is planning to initiate an exchange of visits with the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. These visits will take place at regularly scheduled Club meetings, with objectives of viewing how each club conducts meetings, plus having an opportunity to discuss mutual problems and ongoing challenges. Both the SMC and the GPSMC have experienced membership declines, although our member count appears to have stabilized.



President John Steele will head a team of selected SMC members for these visits - the first of which will be our attending a GPSMC meeting on May 27. In turn, they will visit us, most likely in June. We are currently developing a suggested agenda for these meetings, including a list of issues and mutual concerns for discussion.

—Dick Harper

Dave Dinger

Dave was in private practice from 1967-1999, serving Pontiac and surrounding communities. He served several offices in the Department of Pediatrics of both hospitals including Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at SJMH and Vice Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Pontiac General Hospital.

Since retirement, Dave has pursued a hobby as a Civil War re-enactor. He also has held a variety of positions in the SMC including Chairman of the Associates Committee, Chairman of the monthly Discussion Groups, Vice Chairman of Visitation and Health Committee, Chairman of the Attendance Committee, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

Dave has served the community in a variety of ways over the years, including Meals on Wheels and C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) of Bloomfield Township. He is the Adjutant of the American Legion Post #339 of Bloomfield Hills and its past Commander.

Dave and his wife Sue have three children and six grandchildren. They have lived in Bloomfield Township, Michigan for the past 47 years.

—Chuck Ragains

Senior Health Matters The 7 Dietary Principles to Reduce Alzheimer’s Risk

1. Minimize saturated fats and trans-fats.
2. Vegetable, legumes (beans, peas and lentils), fruits and whole grains should be the primary staples of the diet.
3. One ounce of nuts or seeds (1 small handful) daily provides a healthful source of vitamin E.
4. A reliable source of B12, such as fortified foods or a supplement providing 2.4 micrograms per day for adults should be part of the daily diet.
5. Choose multivitamins without iron and copper and consume iron supplements only when directed by your physician.
6. Avoid the use of cookware, antacids, baking powder or other products that contribute dietary aluminum.
7. Engage in aerobic exercise equivalent to 40 minutes of brisk walking 3 times per week.

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Sign In Please

Members attending Friday Club meetings traditionally have been expected to sign-in with the Attendance Committee on arrival at TCH, even if not staying for lunch. The Attendance Committee records meeting attendance data for a monthly report to the Executive Board. This data is an ongoing measure of the overall strength of our Club. Perhaps more importantly, they contribute to our ability to attract outstanding Friday speakers - an audience of 200 is certainly more appealing than a significantly lower number.

Unfortunately, it is increasingly evident that some meeting attendees are not signing in on Fridays, particularly if not buying a lunch ticket. Recent head counts developed by the Attendance Committee compared to sign-in totals clearly indicate this shortfall at times as many as 15-20 members. This problem has been growing since we dropped the former 10 meeting a year attendance requirement.

For the indicated reasons, members are urged to sign-in on arrival Friday morning. We want to know that you are attending meetings, and we want to attract the best possible speakers. Thank you for your support.



—Executive Board

William Waltsgott: A Centurion

We have often commented that belonging to and being active with the Senior Men’s Club keeps us younger than our chronological age. Life member William Waltsgott clearly demonstrates the validity of this statement. He reaches the exalted age of 100 this month, and is our oldest and one of our longest serving members, having joined in February, 1981.



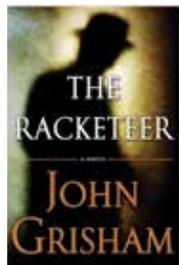
*Spring is
Here and
the Outdoors
is Calling*

Groups

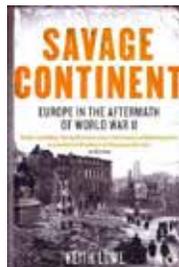


Book Reading Groups

On Wednesday, May 7 at 10:30AM we will discuss "The Racketeer" by John Grisham. Mal Barry begins the book as a convict, an ex-Marine and former lawyer who got caught up in racketeering charges related to a crooked influence peddler nicknamed Barry the Backhander. The involvement of Mal's tiny law firm in executing one of Barry's real-estate transactions brought Mal a 10-year federal sentence for RICO violations he never knowingly committed. Mal's wider story also involves a coerced confession, which will prove very helpful later.



On Monday, May 19 at 3:00PM we will discuss "Savage Continent" by Keith Lowe. This book is about Europe in the aftermath of World War II. It reveals a level of savage behavior that matches the worst episodes in the dark continent in the last century. The end of the war in Europe is one of the twentieth century's most iconic moments. It is fondly remembered as a time when cheering crowds filled the streets. These images of victory and celebration are so strong in our minds that the period of anarchy and civil war that followed has been forgotten.



—Ted Chapekis



Investment Group

On Thursday, May 15, at 2:45PM Brian Dickman and Alan Maximiuk of Agree Realty will discuss "How to Operate Successfully in the Retail Real Estate Environment." They will discuss Agree's successful strategies in the national and Michigan commercial real estate markets. Agree Realty (ADC) is a local company that pays a low risk 6% dividend. Please note that this meeting has been delayed one day to avoid conflict with the Mud Hens trip.

Bob Rossi leads the Stock Game again by remaining all cash with a 54.3% gain. Joe Samyn surged into second place with a 46.1% gain. Bob Bazzell slipped into third with a 36.4% gain. Seven players follow closely. The Stock Game ends May 31.

—George Miller



Classic Movie Group

The "Man who Shot Liberty Valance" will be shown by Nanda Bagchi on Monday, May 12 at 1:00PM. It is widely considered one of director John Ford's best westerns because he, once again, forges the legends and myths, heroes and villains, codes and philosophies, and the look, sound and feel of the Old West. Starring John Wayne and James Stewart, almost the entire film is a flashback that concentrates on the characters and their often suppressed emotions, motives, and the truths leading up to the fateful day that Liberty Valance was shot. It was filmed in black and white, most appropriate for the atmosphere, use of shadows and the dramatically hard-driving musical score. This is a very sophisticated western interwoven with subtle elements of politics, gun control and racism.



—Augie Perrotta



Computer Group

Combined Computer and Camera Group meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 2:00PM.

—Ron Denton



Camera Group

The Camera Group and the Computer Group will have a combined meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 2:00PM in The Community House. The speaker will be SMC member Dr. Augie Perrotta. Augie will demonstrate the ABC's of how to create a PowerPoint presentation for your photos. His intent is threefold:

1. The basics on how to create a PowerPoint presentation.
2. How to use your scanner to copy and paste your photos into PowerPoint.
3. How to move your photos from "Pictures" in Windows to PowerPoint.

—John Slocum and Ron Denton

Special Events

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

This is your last reminder that we are once again going to visit the beautiful Fifth Third ballpark in Toledo to watch the Mud Hens play. The date is Wednesday, May 14, and the Mud Hens' opponent will be the Syracuse Chiefs, a farm team for the Washington Nationals. We have reserved a block of 56 excellent first base side seats under the 2nd deck.



The game starts at 10:30AM, so our bus will leave the First Presbyterian Church promptly at 8:15AM. Following the game, we will move on to the popular Forester's Restaurant on the scenic Maumee River waterfront for a late lunch. We will have the option of outdoor seating or dining room seating facing the river. We can select from the regular menu as lunch is not included in the ticket price. After lunch we will make a brief stop at the world-renowned Glass Pavilion of the Toledo Museum of Arts on our way back to Birmingham.

Ticket sales will begin on Friday, April 25, on a first-come, first-serve basis at \$35 per ticket. Spouses and significant others are invited to join us. This trip is always a sell-out, so you'd better buy your tickets early!

—Jim King

Save the Date: 2014 River Cruise

Our 2014 River Cruise will be held on Wednesday, July 23. Look for details in the June *Reminder*.



—Special Events Committee

Sports Quote

"Blind people come to the ballpark just to listen to him pitch."

—Reggie Jackson commenting on Tom Seaver

Volt Plant Tour

The Special Events Committee is proud to announce that we have arranged for a plant visit and tour of the Volt Assembly Plant---officially known as the General Motors Hamtramck Assembly Plant on Tuesday, June 3. Our bus leaves the First Presbyterian Church parking lot at 10:30AM and returns at approximately 3:00PM. The tour of the plant is by tram. We will also have time to visit some exhibits and inspect an actual Volt model displayed in the visitor area. At 1:00PM we will proceed to the Dakota Inn which offers some hearty food choices for lunch before we return to Birmingham.

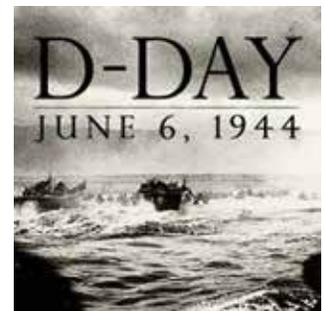


Tickets are priced at a most reasonable cost of \$30 each and includes the tour, bus transportation, lunch and all gratuities. Tickets will go on sale beginning Friday, May 16. We advise you to make your plans early since we expect a sell-out of this most interesting event.

—Roger Struck

WW II Veterans 70th Anniversary of D-Day

The Senior Men's Club would like to honor all Club members who are World War II veterans at our regular meeting on June 6, 2014 - the 70th anniversary of D-Day. All veterans and a guest are invited to attend this meeting and to enjoy a FREE LUNCH at noon as the Club's way of saying thank you for saving the free world.



If you and an optional guest can attend, please contact Jim Bayson at 248-681-4672 or jamesbaysoncpa@aol.com.

Please RSVP by June 1. If you can come, you are encouraged to wear any memorabilia that you may have such as caps, uniform, medals, etc. If you know other Club members who are WWII vets, please make them aware of this special invitation.

—Jim Bayson

Discussion Group

Speakers

John Perryman, Chairman of the Discussion Group, is always looking for speakers for the Group meetings held every Friday after lunch. Club members can help - maybe you know of a speaker and topic which would be of interest to our membership. In addition, we know that many of our own members have interests, activities or knowledge of a subject which would appeal to members. Dave Dinger recently described his involvement with Civil War history and re-enactments.



Don't hesitate to contact John (perryman-john@att.net) or 248-645-0473 - your audience is waiting.

Hostesses Needed



Every Friday, members staying for lunch are served by a group of dedicated, smiling and super-efficient hostesses. The traditions of this service go back to our beginning and will continue.

However, these lovely ladies need help. Recent retirements have thinned their ranks and they are looking for more volunteers to join them. Maybe your wife would like to come forward (and find out what you do on Fridays). Maybe you or your wife know another lady who would appreciate the short hours (and low pay) of joining this team. Please give this some consideration. Service days are flexible. Questions can be directed to Eunice Orton (248-642-7812) or Lillian Fregolle (248-646-1894.)

Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will hold a planning meeting on Monday, May 5, at 2:00PM at TCH. All interested members are invited, including wives.

—John Groves



Speaker Nominations

Our cup runneth over! In the February *Reminder*, I asked for names of prospective speakers for our Friday meetings. The response has been terrific. Thank you! In fact, I now have over 50 nominations but with only 16 openings remaining in our 2014 program schedule, it will clearly not be possible to slot them all in this year.

Some have asked for feedback on nominees not yet selected to speak. That poses a challenge. Each year, the General Program Chairman (that's me this year) recruits 11 monthly program chairmen. Each of them, in turn, is directly responsible for enlisting speakers for their assigned month. To do that, they rely on their own contacts, suggestions from prior speakers and recommendations from you, our members. At this point, 20 of our 25 scheduled speakers are drawn from our monthly chairmen's personal contacts. I periodically send them an updated list with your recommendations but it is ultimately their choice as to who will appear at the podium on Friday.

In sum, I appreciate your thoughtful recommendations and support and hope you will continue to do so. Meanwhile, we are always open to volunteers that might have an interest in serving as one of our monthly program chairman for 2015, so please let me or Dick Kamp hear from you. That's a sure-fire way to schedule your favorite speakers.

—Gene Jacoby



2014 SMC Handbook Got One?

We still have your new 2014 Handbook. If you have not been able to pick up your new handbook and would like to receive one, please email Jack Burns (jackburns1@comcast.net) or John Zarek (zarekpj@yahoo.com) and arrangements will be made to get one to you.

—Handbook Committee

Mystery Lyrics

We thought that the lesser known lyrics of last month's mystery tune would escape readers - but no fewer than 14 respondents recognized that these lines:



*Sometimes I wonder why I
spend the lonely nights
dreaming of a song*

are from the great Hoagy Carmichael song "Stardust". We would like to recognize less frequent respondents, so congratulations to Jerry Heller, Madge Woodward (Omer Petti), Joan (Nick) Marinelli, Chuck O'Connell, Leonard Johnston, Bob Seeley (called from Florida), Fred Leydorf and Stan Rogell.

This month is the ninth anniversary of the Mystery Lyrics column - so we thought we would test you with three favorites of the past, including the very first used. Can you name the three tunes with these lines?

- ♦ *A trip to the moon on gossamer wings* ♦
- ♦ *Where have you gone, Joe DiMaggio?* ♦
- ♦ *Folks around these parts
get the time of day* ♦

Sports Trivia

Last month we challenged you to remember the nicknames of two major leaguers. Six baseball aficionados knew that Jim Hunter was "Catfish" and that Dick Stuart was "Dr. Strangeglove." So congratulations to first time responders Ed Pustelak, Pat (John) Hayes and Al Bosley, plus regulars Dick Kamp, Pete Kass and Tom McNally who got both and to Clay Gordon, Dave Schwartz and Dick Smith who remembered Catfish. The next challenge for you: There were two great outfield catches in World Series games - one by the "Say Hey Kid," Willie Mays, against the Cleveland Indians and one against Joe DiMaggio by a Brooklyn Dodger. Can you name the Indian that hit the ball Mays caught and the Dodger who robbed DiMaggio?

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, May 16

Games

Bowling: Wednesday, 10:00AM at Thunderbird Lanes (Practice)

Bridge: Tuesdays at 9:00AM and Friday after lunch

Monday Golf: 7:30AM at Lincoln Hills

Thursday Golf: 7:00-9:00AM at Springdale

Special Events

Toledo Mudhens Baseball, Wednesday, May 14, 10:30AM

Volt Plant Tour, Tuesday, June 3, at 10:30AM

Group Meetings

Book Reading Groups: Group A: Wednesday, May 7, at 10:30AM
Group B: Monday, May 19, at 3:00PM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, May 12 at 1:00PM

Camera & Computer Groups (COMBINED): Tuesday, May 13 at 2:00PM

Investment Group: Thursday, May 15 at 2:45PM

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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SMC at the GM Heritage Center



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