

The Reminder

July 2016

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham, Michigan



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Bob Klein: A Full Career

"I have never met a finer group of accomplished, caring and interesting men."

That simple sentence explains why Bob Klein has been an active member of the Senior Men's Club for 25 years. He has participated in a wide variety of activities including the Club's 50th year celebration, the Visitation Committee, and Vice President of the Bowling League for ten years. He also played in the Golf League for many years.

Bob grew up in the Homewood, Illinois area, graduating from Township High School in 1948. He then attended the University of Notre Dame, graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. He later earned a Master's Degree (MBA) in accounting from the University of Detroit in 1962.

Following graduation, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps' College Graduate Platoon Leaders' Program. This assignment lasted only two days because Bob's right eye did not meet vision requirements.



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Membership News



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—Robert Beach, Database Chairman

—Bill Shaffmaster, Tom Booth & Gene Markel, Photography

Groups



Reading Groups

The Wednesday Reading Group has chosen Martin Meredith's "Diamonds, Gold, and War" as its July book.

Martin Meredith was a foreign correspondent for the *London Observer* and the *Sunday Times* and a research fellow at St. Anthony's College, Oxford, and has lately been an author. His African experience derived from a youthful ambition to travel up the Nile to central Africa—a journey he made in 1964. Meredith tells how Europeans battled each other for the opportunity to take diamonds and gold from South Africa, and to take their lands from the native peoples. Cecil Rhodes, the British diamond miner and politician, and the Dutchman Paul Kruger, are the major actors in this book. The discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6 at 10:30AM.

"The Prize", by Dale Russakoff, recounts how Newark, New Jersey, took on the daunting task of reforming, and improving, its public schools. She describes how Newark's Mayor, Corey Brooker, and New Jersey's Governor, Chris Christie, persuaded Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg to give \$100 million to this endeavor. Russakoff follows this reforming-improving effort through its five-year life-span, showing what went right and what went wrong. The Monday Reading Group will discuss "The Prize" on Monday, July 18 at 3:00PM.

—Frank Auld



Investment Group

Our stock game is over and the winner is Roger Vogel, who with a 23.4% gain, earned the first place prize of \$175. Gil Livingston was second with a 15.8% gain, while Irv Poston finished third – up 14.6%.

Only 22 of the 55 entries ended up with gains, while the overall group was down 4.7% - not good and well below our overall gain of 16.5% last year.

Individual selected stocks gaining the most were NVIDIA – up 80%, and Newport Mining – up 71%.

We will take July-August off and next meet again on Wednesday, September 14. The new stock game will start October 7. Have a profitable summer and remember FEAR, GREED and TIMING are critical.

—George Miller



Camera Group

The Camera Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 2:00PM. The topic will be "Accessories for Cameras for Better Pictures." The manager of Woodward Camera, Dennis Knoerl, will lead the discussion with examples of lenses, filters, attachments, tripods, cases, flash equipment, lighting enhancements, and microphones for videos. Many of these accessories apply to all types of cameras including DSLR, Point & Shoot, and smartphone. Stu Shuster bought a set of lenses for his iPhone at Woodward Camera, and he will bring photos that he took with the different lenses.

Members and guests are invited to this interesting and informative program. Bring your cameras and enter the discussion.

—John Slocum/Irv Poston



Classic Movie Group

On Monday, July 11, Irv Poston will present one of his favorite films "My Fair Lady" (1964) at 1:00PM. The winner of eight Academy Awards, including best picture, "Lady" has become one of America's all time favorite musicals. Audrey Hepburn plays a sassy London street vendor, whom an arrogant professor, played by Rex Harrison, attempts to turn into a sophisticated lady using his special schooling methods. It takes a lot of work but when Audrey blossoms into the top of London society, her teacher finds out that he has a lesson or two to learn himself. Hepburn's performance, style and spirit have made this movie a timeless classic. When you come to the show you can expect a bright clear wide screen picture from a newly restored print, excellent sound with subtitles, and great popcorn. Please plan to join us to enjoy this iconic classic musical film.



—Fred Hansz

Games

Golf

We are off to a great start on Mondays at Lincoln Hills and Thursdays at Springdale. The courses are in great shape as evidenced by the many new low scores that have been posted along with a flurry of birdies and a Hole-in-One by Bob Rauth on Hole #6 at Springdale on May 26th... he also recorded the lowest score of the year with a 35!

We've even picked up new members for the Senior Men's Club that just walked on to the course and wanted to play with us! We've got a lot of events planned this year that we hope will attract even more new members like the annual 3-Club tournament at Springdale and those events listed below:

Upcoming Golf Events

1. The 3rd Annual Grosse Pointe Senior Men v. SMC Grudge Match was played on Tuesday, June 21 at Lincoln Hills. Results were not available at press time, but we were out for revenge after losses the last 2 years.
2. Best 2 of 3 Rounds Tournament at Springdale from Thursday, July 21-Thursday, August 4.
3. The Annual Stonycroft Golf outing will be Tuesday, August 9 and the sign-up sheets will be posted in June!
4. The U.S. Amateur Championships at Oakland Hills Country Club from August 13-20...look for some of our members acting as hosts and marshals at a dedicated hole.
5. SMC member, Tom McNally, has graciously volunteered to put together and host a group of golfers to play 18 holes at Detroit Golf Club. The date is Wednesday, September 28 at 8:00AM. We haven't finalized the cost yet, but we expect no more than \$100 to include range balls, cart, 18 holes of golf and lunch. Tom needs to place a deposit with DGC soon, so we need to know if there is enough interest within the golfing membership...so far 14 of us have shown an interest. If interested, please indicate by signing up on the form posted on the bulletin board.

For more information on any of these events, see one of the Golf Committee members:

Monday Golf Chair: Tom Waffen

Thursday Golf Chair: Tom Schrift

Season Golf Chair: Tim McGee

Games Chair: Chuck Travers

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Bob Klein

Wanting to serve his country, Bob then enlisted in the U.S. Army. This began a series of assignments including Basic Training, Leadership School, teaching Offensive Tactics, and infantry Officers Candidate School. Bob ended his Army career as a First Lieutenant Post Budget Officer and Assistant Controller of Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Following his service during the Korean War, Bob joined the Ford Motor Company, a relationship that would extend for 30 years. His final position at Ford was Controller of the Sterling and Van Dyke, Michigan plants. He then joined the Kenmar Corporation, a manufacturer rep company to the "Big 3" U.S. auto companies to perform special financial studies. He advanced to Corporate Controller, and was later promoted to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Bob has long been active in the community, especially as a supporter of Leader Dogs for the Blind for 20 years. He also has been a Catholic Eucharistic Minister for the past 20 years. He remains an avid supporter of the Fighting Irish.

Bob and his wife Louise have been married 61 years. They have 4 married children and 10 grandchildren.

—Chuck Ragains

70th Wedding Anniversary

SMC Life member and former Birmingham City Manager, Bob Kenning and his wife Shirley were surprised by Senior Men's Club Walking Group friends, spouses and



current City Manager Joe Valentine at Peabody's on Wednesday, June 15.

Those gathered offered congratulations on this milestone achievement. "Being there for each other has been one of the keys to this long standing love affair," Bob remarked. Please give Bob a thumbs-up when you see him the next time.

—Charlie Blank

Senior Health Matters

Senior Population Health

National Data & State Rankings

The number of seniors is projected to increase by 49.5% by 2030 from 49.4 to 73.8 million. The United Health Foundation's American Health Rankings has released its 2016 Senior Report, an analysis of the 65+ population's health across 35 core and supplemental measures of health and wellness.

Over the past 3 years, obesity among seniors has increased 9% while the population has increased by 6%. There has been a:

- 18% increase in the availability of home healthcare workers
 - 40% increase in hospice care use
 - 29% decrease in hospital deaths
- Over the past year, there has been a:
- 9% decrease in preventable hospitalizations
 - 8% decrease in the prevalence of full-mouth teeth extractions
 - 5% decrease in hip fractures

The State of Michigan ranked 26th out of 50 states. It has:

Strengths

- High percent of dental visits (78.1%)
- High percent of prescription drug coverage (87%)
- Ready availability of home-delivered meals (43.1% of seniors in poverty)
- High percent of seniors with a personal doctor/healthcare provider (96.6%)

Challenges

- High prevalence of obesity (33.4% have a BMI of 30 or greater)
- High percent of hospital readmissions (15.4%)
- High prevalence of falls (32.6%)

—Augustine L. Perrotta, DO

Photos Wanted

If your photo is not in the Photo Directory on the SMC website, please contact Irv Poston at ieposton@juno.com or 248.646.9574. The Web Directory is updated monthly. The Photo Directory will appear in the printed Handbook for 2017.



Walking Group Discovers a Treasure

The SMC Walkers recently visited Pat Andrews' Museum during a walk on Chesterfield. The 90+ year old former Quarton School teacher has converted her garage into an historical catalogued collection of memorabilia of the Lake Park district.

Pat was most gracious to our group and invites any other SMC members to "come and visit".

—Charlie Blank

60th Anniversary Planning

In 2017, we will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the beginning of our very special Club. The Senior Men's Club is founded on core values that have provided strength and enjoyment to our membership. We are rooted in integrity, a responsibility to and with each other, mutual respect, neutrality, diversity and at the 'core' – wonderful friendships. A special committee has been formed to celebrate our 60th anniversary. They have been meeting for several months and have developed a full list of activities, with both social and service endeavors. These plans have been accepted and endorsed by our Executive Board. We are challenged to make this the biggest and best Club celebration ever.

The essence of this report is to encourage your full participation in the many anniversary activities that will be announced soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for each of us to salute our rich history and to celebrate our milestone anniversary and future.

—Eugene Jacoby, President

Special Events

Special Events Schedule

- **August 5:** Annual Picnic in Beverly Park with lunch, a car show, music and games. This is the only stag event during the year
- **September 22:** "A Chorus Line" at the Stratford Festival Theater, lunch and snack
- **October – TBD:** Tour of the buildings in downtown Detroit
- **November 9:** "Mame" at the Village Players. This is the start of the year-long celebration of our 60th anniversary
- **December 13:** Annual Christmas Party at the San Marino Club: Dining, Singing and Dancing
- **January 19, 2017:** Annual trip to the Auto Show

Event details will be included in upcoming *Reminders*.

River Cruise

Our annual river cruise is once again a sell-out, as members eagerly responded to this appealing event, including an attractive program at the DYC on Belle Isle.

We are taking names for a wait list at the Special Events table at Friday meetings. Openings usually develop, so see us to get listed for possible openings. All hands on deck!

—Larry Price

Name That Dude

OK – so we exercised some editorial privilege with this one – because this high school lad is none other than the undersigned- many, many years ago. Only John Flintosh, Tom Buescher, Bill Burnie and Donna (Mark) Kelly were perceptive enough to get this one. Of course, Tom had an advantage, since we were classmates so long ago.

—Dick Harper

Save the Date for Stratford

Our annual trip to Stratford will be on Thursday, September 22 where we will see "A Chorus Line", which has been getting great reviews. Two things to remember – passports must be in order and any participant getting nuclear medicine treatments must complete the most recent one 72 hours before the trip – Canada checks for radioactive materials. Ticket sales will start July 29, priced at \$125.

—Special Events Committee

Annual Picnic and Car Show

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 5! This summer's traditional picnic will again take place at the conveniently located Beverly Park, W. of Southfield Road from 9:30AM to 2:30PM.

The spacious pavillion with ample seating is close to the car show area, with a fine line-up of classic vehicles. Bocce Ball will be played next to the pavillion.

This year, the organizers have arranged the program in segments, to better allow time to view cars, play games and have lunch, whilst enjoying the musical interludes by our own "Men's Club Chorus".

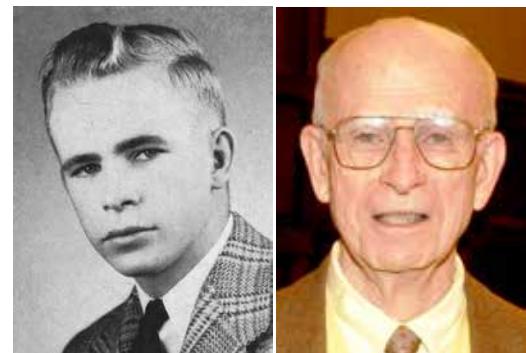
The buffet-lunch will again offer pulled-pork, chicken, coleslaw, sweet corn and bread rolls, with coffee and lemonade available all day.

Members with vehicles to display should register with Car Show Organizer, Stu Shuster at the Special Events Table when ticket sales start (July 8). The goal is to have over 20 cars this year!

Program:

9:30-10:00AMRegistration
10:00-10:15AMMen's Club Chorus: Pledge of Allegiance
10:15-11:00AMView Cars
11:00AM-12:00PMGames
12:00-12:15PMMen's Club Chorus: Armed Forces Medley
12:15-1:15PMBuffet Lunch
1:15-2:00PMMen's Club Chorus: Sing Along
2:00-2:15PMPrizes and Farewell

Organizers: Bob Stevenson, Tim McGee, Stu Shuster, Riggs Miller, Gerry Stribbell, John Horiszny, Martin Rowell.





Newest Life Member— Charlie Clippert

The latest club member recognized as a Life Member – our most prestigious category – is Charles (Charlie) Clippert. Charlie was born and raised in Detroit, where he graduated from Central High School, then attending the University of Michigan, where he received a degree in Political Science in 1953.

He then joined the U.S. Naval Reserve – becoming a 90 day wonder from OCS in Newport, Rhode Island. He served on two ships during three tours in the Western Pacific. Charlie considers his Navy duty as a truly life changing experience. He learned a lot about a lot of things, some from officers, but mostly from a strong group of dedicated seamen and petty officers. He is both proud of and grateful for his Navy service.

After the Navy, it was back to U of M Law School, more mature, more committed and better able to appreciate and enjoy life. He married his wife Lynne on June 6 (D-Day) in 1959 and then joined the Dickinson Wright law firm where he spent 42 years, continuing today as a "consulting member".

Charlie says he was truly blessed to have served on the Birmingham City Council during 1964-70, an era he terms the "Golden Age" of Birmingham – years when the first off-site parking structures were built, the Hunter House-Allen House historical park opened and one of the first municipal "Open Housing Ordinances" was created.

He served as Mayor of Birmingham in 1969-70, working with the "world's best city manager" – SMC's Bob Kenning.

Charlie describes his 57 years of marriage to Lynne as the best decision of his life – they raised three children in a stable, supportive environment during some turbulent years. With more leisure time, he enjoys time with grandchildren, golf, biking, reading, following U of M athletics, and summers on the shore of Lake Huron.

Welcome Charlie – our newest Life Member!

—Dick Kamp and Dick Harper

Handicap Parking Changes

Changes that affect handicap parking in Birmingham and around The Community House are coming. Final details and timing are yet to be established. We will maintain contact with Paul O'Meara, City Engineer, who has promised advance notice about these changes and will be invited to discuss them at an upcoming SMC Meeting.

—Maynard Timm

Nominating Committee

President Gene Jacoby has appointed a SMC Nominating Committee with the most important responsibility of selecting candidates for Club Officer positions for 2017. Committee members are John Steele, Chairman, plus Past Presidents John Flintosh, George Stern and Stu Shuster plus member Jim Bayson.

In accordance with the Club constitution, nomination and the election of officers for 2017 will take place during the first two weeks in November. Members with officer candidate suggestions are encouraged to contact any committee member.

—Dick Harper

Membership News

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Deaths:

- William C. Dean, joined July 2001
- Boris K. Silberberg, joined July 2009
- Donald R. Cox, (Life) joined January 1994
- Edward J. Kreitz, (Life), joined Nov. 1996
- John O. Steele, (Life) joined September 1995
- Edwin F. Harris, joined May 2010

To Life Member:

- Robert A. Gardner
- Charles F. Clippert
- A. William Rolf

Mystery Lyrics



We tried another Dixieland tune mystery lyric challenge last month with this opening line:

"I'll be down to get you in a taxi, honey"

No fewer than nine readers recognized that this tune had to be the Darktown Strutters Ball – a song title that likely is politically incorrect today. Congratulations to Augie Perrotta, Bill Burnie, Chuck O'Connell, Dick Judy, Midge (Roger) Gettel, Donna (Mark) Kelly, Lenard Johnson, Fred Hansz and Tom McNally. Tom recited the entire lyrics for me, including the closing lines "I'm gonna dance off both of my shoes, when they play those jelly roll blues". Great stuff!

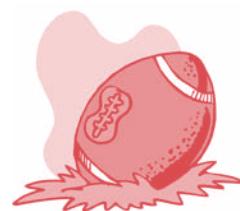
Let's go back to a romantic ballad this month, with this opening line:

"It seems we stood and talked like this before"

Can you name that tune? (Think Sinatra).

Sports Trivia

We hit you with a somewhat obscure sports trivia question last month – another Big Ten trophy challenge – naming the Big Ten teams that play for the Floyd of Rosedale trophy. Only Bill Burnie, Lynn Evans and Pete Kass were able to tell us that this game is Iowa vs. Minnesota. The trophy is a bronze pig. Tom McNally suggests that we have a lot of long time Detroit Lions fans and suggests we challenge to name the members of the "Fearsome Foursome". Will this be a tough one? How many can you get?



—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.

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CLUB DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 9:30AM

Reminder Deadline: Friday, August 12 (September issue)

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

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

Golf: Monday Golf at Lincoln Hills

Thursday Golf at Springdale

Special Events

River Cruise: Wednesday, July 13, 9:00AM

Picnic and Car Show: Friday, August 5, 10:30AM

Stratford: Thursday, September 22

Group Meetings

Book Reading Group A: Wednesday, July 6, 10:30AM

Classic Movie Group: Monday, July 11, 1:00PM

Camera Group: Tuesday, July 12, 2:00PM

Investment Group: No meeting in August

Book Reading Group B: Monday, July 18, 3:00PM

Computer Group: No meeting in August

All events at The Community House unless otherwise stated.

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