**Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – March 29, 2019**

**WELCOME:** President McGee welcomed Members and then led the Club in the *Pledge of Allegiance.* Mike Albright, accompanied by Herb Meyer, led the members in singing *You’re a Grand Old Flag.* Dick Bradley offered the invocation. There was Moment of Silence commemorating “National Vietnam War Veterans Day.”

**CLUB BUSINESS:
Minutes**: Minutes of the March 22, 2019 meeting have been posted both on the bulletin board and on the Club’s website.

**Guests:** Bob Smith introduced John Baker, long time pharmacist who also served in the Marine Corps. Phil Owen introduced Mike Campion, who has worked for years in Community Theater. Jim Suhay introduced Mike Whitty, retired business professor at U of D Mercy and U of M Dearborn.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President McGee called for the committee reports.
**Visitation and Health:** Harry Bloom reported on the health of the following members, details of which can be obtained from Harry: Raj
Desai; Jay Kafarski; and Augie Perrotta.

**Classic Movie Group:** Fred Hansz reported that “Dial M for Murder” will be presented on April 8 at 1 PM at TCH.

**Investment Group:** George Miller reported that the Investment Group will meet on April 10 at 2:45 PM at TCH. Michael Dzialo will address “Investing in Changing Times Around the World.” Mike Clement leads the Stock Game with a 53% gain.

**Reading Group:** Frank Snower reported that the Wednesday Reading Group will discuss “Return of a King: The Battle for Afghanistan,” by William Dalrymple, on April 3 at 10:30 AM at TCH. The Monday Reading Group will discuss “Little Fires Everywhere,” by Celeste Ng, on April 15 at 1 PM.

**Special Events:** Martin Rowell reported that the Houses of Worship Tour is set for April 16 and the Toledo Mud Hens Tour is set for May 15.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

* Today’s speaker is Haley Stevens, Congresswoman from the 11th District, whose topic will be “Priorities of the 116th Congress.” The April 5 speaker is Saeed Khan, Ph. D, Research Fellow at Wayne State’s Center for the Study of Citizenship and a Professor of Islamic and Near East Studies at the U of D Mercy.
* The May *Reminder* deadline is April 12.
* The next Executive Board meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at 9:30 AM.
* Please pick up your 2019 Directory and new SMC Membership Application.
* Today is SMC Logo Friday.

President McGee announced that today is “National Vietnam War Veterans Day,” to honor the men and women who served and sacrificed during one of the longest military conflicts in US history. On March 29, 1973, the last combat and combat support units withdrew from South Vietnam.

**RECESS UNTIL**: 11:20 AM.

**PROGRAM:** March Program Chairman Swarn Rajpal introduced Haley Stevens, Congresswoman from the 11th District. She grew up in Birmingham and is the first Seaholm graduate elected to Congress. Congresswoman Stevens sits on the House Committee on Education & Labor and the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. During her first three months, she has focused on promoting manufacturing in this area. To that end, she has designated every Monday as “Manufacturing Monday,” wherein she visits facilities throughout her district. Moreover, she has initiated efforts to establish bipartisan consensus on a variety of issues and has refrained from partisan vitriolic attacks that have been employed by a number of her Democratic colleagues. She also is keen on furthering STEM education, particularly for young women. Overall, she offered thoughtful, measured and rational approaches to a number of issues, in stark contrast to the extreme positions taken by many others from both parties.

 **ATTENDANCE:** 162

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Maynard Timm

Recording Secretary