**Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting – March 1, 2019**

**WELCOME:** President McGee welcomed Members and then led the Club in the *Pledge of Allegiance.* Maynard Timm, accompanied by Dick Halsted, led the members in singing *“America the Beautiful.”*  Bob Hayes offered the invocation. There was a moment of silence for Life Member Bill Rolf and Member Bryant Price.

**CLUB BUSINESS:
Minutes**: Minutes of the February 22, 2019 meeting have been posted both on the bulletin board and on the Club’s website.
**Guests:** We had seven guests: Ty Perkins introduced Hon. Fred Mester, retired Oakland County Circuit Court Judge; Tony DiMarco introduced Bill Given, retired commercial real estate developer; Frank Snower introduced David Jensen, retired advertising executive; and Swarn Rajpal introduced three colleagues--H. K. Singh, Rajit Nagra, Ramesh Verma, and Joginder Khanuja.

**March Birthdays:** President McGee recited the names of those members with March Birthdays and Maynard Timm led members in singing *“Happy Birthday.”*H

**New Member Election:** Joe Pero sponsored Associate Joe Dasovic, retired Ford logistics executive and Army Veteran. His nomination was unanimously approved.
  **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** President McGee called for the committee reports.
**Visitation and Health:** Harry Bloom reported as follows: Past President Stu Shuster’s Service will be March 2 at 11 AM at Kirk in the Hills; Life Member Bill Rolf’s Service will be March 9 at 11 AM at Redeemer Lutheran Church; Charlie Gates’ Service will be March 21 at noon at United Church of Christ. Details regarding any of the following can be obtained from Harry: Lynn Evans; Harold Brown; and Richard Muzinski.

**Classic Movie Group:** Fred Hansz reported that the Classic Movie Group will present Blade Runner, starring Harrison Ford, on March 11 at 1 PM at TCH.

**Games:** Maynard Timm reported as follows: Golf—Practice continues every Thursday at the Oakland County Dome from 9:30-11:30 followed by lunch at Heroes. Please sign up for Monday Lincoln Hills Golf Season beginning today; Walkers—Please join your fellow members on Tuesdays/Thursday at Somerset North for a brisk one hour walk beginning at 8 AM; Spinning—Please join Joe Schulenberg for a lively one hour workout every noon at Beverly Hills Athletic Club; Bridge—Congratulations to John Kokubo who won 72% of his matches last Friday besting 16 players; and Bowling—With seven weeks remaining, the Calloways remain in first place with a slight lead over the Putters.

**Investment Group:** John Murray reported that the next meeting of the Investment Group will be March 13 at 2:45 PM at TCH. Bill Halbert will address “The Rolling Bear Market is Ending.”

**Reading Group:** Frank Snower reported that the Wednesday Reading Group will discuss “Paul Revere’s Ride,” by David Fischer, on March 6 at 10:30 AM at TCH. Roger Timm will lead the discussion. The Monday Reading Group will discuss “Killers of the Flower Moon,” by David Graham, on March 18 at 10:30 AM at TCH. Larry Imerman will lead the discussion.

**Special Events:** Martin Rowell reported that tickets for the March 24 performance of “39 Steps” will go on sale today. The performance will begin at 2 PM preceded by lunch at award winning Picano’s Restaurant. The cost is $40.

**Camera Group:** Jay Hall reported that the Camera Group will meet on March 12 at 3 PM at TCH. Dennis Winowiecki will present photos of various west coast vacations.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**:

Today’s speaker will be Raman Singh, President of the Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit. Her topic will be “The Sikhs in America: History, Philosophy, Beliefs and Practices.” Next week’s speaker will be Dr. Tolulope Sonuyi, ER physician and Asst. Professor for DMC and Wayne State. His topic will be “Violence, Health and Community: An Imperative Relationship.” The April Reminder deadline is March 8. The next Executive Board Meeting is March 12 at 9:30 AM. TCH CEO Bill Seklar will address the SMC on March 15 about recent changes that have been made at TCH. President McGee announced that today is “National Pig Day.” If you drive through Iowa, you will see bumper stickers proclaiming: “Have you hugged your hog today?” However, he cautioned members to avoid placing such a sticker on their wife’s car.

**RECESS UNTIL**: 11:10 AM.

**PROGRAM:** March Program Chairman Swarn Rajpal introduced Ms. Raman Singh, President of The Interfaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit. Swarn said that he was a 40 year friend of Ms. Singh’s father. Ms. Singh presented the history, philosophy, beliefs and practices of the American Sikh Religion. The Sikh Religion is the 5th largest in the world that began in 1469 in the Northwest Indian Province of Punjab. It is a monastic religion. The Sikhs believe in a universal God, equality, no caste system, and feminine equality. All Sikh Temples have equal standing and there are no “Cathedrals” enjoying a higher status. She also discussed the wearing of the turbans, community meals and the reading of their holy book, Guru Granth Sahib.

 **ATTENDANCE:** 123.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

 Maynard Timm, Recording Secretary
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