

# The Reminder



January, 2023

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

## President's Letter



I have been blessed to follow in the footsteps of some very talented men that led the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham through, and out of, some very challenging times in recent years. With these challenges came the desire to make the Club even more robust.

COVID forced us to find a way to "meet" in order to stay in contact with our members, we learned about Zoom and how it could keep us connected. We still value Zoom as an option for those that are unable, or choose not, to meet in person.

When TCH decided to "uninvite" us, I led the committee to find a new Friday meeting location. I have been totally impressed and satisfied with the Iroquois Club and it's heart-warming to hear all of the comments from our members that feel welcomed and appreciated by them.

It was decided that, in order for SMCB to become a Premier organization, we needed a "plan." That Strategic Plan was delayed for a bit due to COVID and our IRS status being in question. The Executive Board approved the Strategic Planning contract with The Leadership Group in August, 2021. Shortly thereafter meetings were held, members were surveyed, data was accumulated, goals were identified and 6 Goal Champions were selected. In 2022, I served as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee for the first year of the 5-year plan. The Club's 3 tenets - Fellowship, Shared Interest and Community Service became more defined through Vision, Mission and Values statements.

With the foundation now set, I am ready to build the SMCB into that Premier organization with the assistance of a dedicated slate of Officers, Committee Chairmen, volunteers and members willing to pitch in where and when needed, so that we may ALL take pride and credit for our accomplishments.

Looking forward to a great 2023 as your President!  
Paul Kovceses

*Happy  
New Year*

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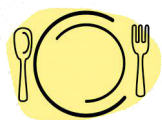
Fellowship • Shared Interest • Community Service



## January 2023 Speakers

Speaker Chair- John Maten

- January 6th ..... **Michael Maten** - Director, EV Policy and Regulatory Affairs, General Motors  
*"General Motors and the EV Future"*
- January 13th ..... **Heather Grondin** - Vice President, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority  
*"Gordie Howe Bridge Update"*
- January 20th ..... **Scenic Michigan**- Michigan Veterans Homes and John Maten of the WW2 Legacy Memorial  
*"Preserving, Protecting, and Enhancing Michigan's Scenic Resources"*
- January 27th ..... **Judy Nimer Muhn**- Owner, Lineage Journeys  
*"Using DNA Genealogy Research"*



### JANUARY LUNCHES AT THE IROQUOIS CLUB:

Following are the lunch offerings to consider when making your reservations to attend the January in person meetings at The Iroquois Club.

#### JANUARY 6th 2023

Rolls & Butter,  
 MI Maple Salad,  
 Mixed Vegetables,  
 Baked Mostaccicoli  
 Chicken Marsala

#### DESSERT:

Brownies

#### JANUARY 13th 2023

Rolls & Butter  
 Caesar Salad,  
 Green Beans, Mac N Cheese,  
 Chicken Francese  
 (Van Gogh may have eaten this  
 while in France)

#### DESSERT:

Chocolate Chip Cookies

#### JANUARY 20th 2023

Rolls & Butter  
 Garden Salad,  
 Peas, Roasted Redskins  
 Parmesan Cod  
 Vegetarian: Roasted  
 Stuffed Tomato

#### DESSERT:

Pumpkin Pie with  
 Whipped Cream

#### JANUARY 27th 2023

Rolls & Butter  
 Harvest Salad  
 Peas  
 Roasted Redskins  
 Parmesan Cod

#### DESSERT:

Lemon Tart

## 2022 President's Award



Ray Buratto joined SMCB in February 2019 and became an active member in June of the same year.

His enthusiasm and abilities were apparent which led to his appointment as Chair of Membership committee in last year.

He was elected to the position of Corresponding Secretary this year with the obligation to pick up the club mail from the Birmingham post office regularly. He is a member of the special events committee and a monthly chair for the speaker's program. He helped Rasesh to recruit and track new members and worked with the editors of our monthly newsletter Reminder.

Last year he was a member of the strategic planning committee. He provided contact with the persons in the community for interview who were potential future members. This strategic planning committee

identified Communications as the #1 area of concern for our club. He took the challenge and reorganized our communication team.

The eblast frequency and quality was improved and website was upgraded with outstanding leadership of Tom Dahlem. Ray was instrumental in application of the brand of SMC Birmingham with the new SMC logo on the lapel pins, brochure, leisurewear and other places.

He has provided sage counsel and support to me on many of the club's challenging issues. Therefore, I am honored to present this year's President's award to Ray Buratto.

-Swarn Rajpal





## Outstanding Service Awards for 2022

The Outstanding Service award recognizes multiple and long-standing contributions by members to the club. The committee that recommended this award consists of:

Chair: Maynard Timm

Members: Dick Bradley, Dick Kamp, Tim McGee, Swarn Rajpal

*We have two recipients of this award this year:*

### **Tom Schrift**

Tom joined SMCB in 2001 and became active member in 2005.

He was an engineer at Chrysler for 35 years, Plant manager for design and Testing. His interest includes camera, computers, auto-restoration, gardening and clocks. An avid golfer, married to his wife Dianne.

Tom has demonstrated dedicated selfless service to SMCB for almost ten years. He was at the Springdale golf course in Birmingham before players arrived at 7 AM. He continued to be the starter even though he was unable to participate in the game of golf for many years due to physical disabilities. His pleasant demeanor and welcome attitude with Joey, his pet dog, around was most soothing. He is an unsung SMCB hero working in the trenches.

### **John Steele**

John joined SMCB in 2002 and became an active member in 2005.

He is a graduate of MIT with an engineering degree. He worked for Visteon /Ford in Electrical & Electronics, Audio and Driver information areas.



His interest is in Camera, computers and investment study.

He served as a member of the Policy Committee in 2021. He provided comparison between TCH and other venues for our Friday meetings. He is knowledgeable about club's History and has been a key member of the Governance committee working on changes to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Procedure Manual. John has always exhibited a calm and gentle demeanour, and has strived to build consensus on difficult issues.

-Swarn Rajpal









## President's Holiday Party Remarks

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year.

This year was full of fun, challenges and opportunities. Last year we moved out of the Community House and suspended in-person activities due to COVID for eight months. By and large, our members have been resilient and have adapted to the change in the internal and external environment. We have acclimatized to a new home at the Baldwin library and Iroquois club as the venue for the Friday meetings.

We can look back in the rear-view mirror to see where we have come from and lessons learned. However, we must look ahead and move towards our goal of becoming an exemplary Senior Men's group. A forward-looking Strategic plan was adopted at the beginning of this year. It has been the foundation of all our organizational decisions and actions. It includes the values of Diversity, Inclusion and Equity which are necessary in this day and age to be competitive, creative and progressive.

I want to thank all our members who make SMCB a premier senior men's organization. We can be proud of our image in the community. We thank each and every elected officer, standing and subcommittee chairs and all other volunteers who give their skills and time to make club programs and activities thrive. The list of all those who contribute is too long to be mentioned tonight. An abbreviated list was published in the December Reminder. As a surgeon my approach with our colleagues was to assign responsibility, provide autonomy and urge accountability throughout the year. One of our officers mentioned at the beginning of this year that we can measure our success at the end of the year by three criteria.



- Finances
- Membership
- New programs

I am happy to report that we made the grade in all three categories.

Financially we are sound at the end of the year. We stayed within our budget and may be a little ahead. The investments performed satisfactorily in the current market. Thanks to the team of Jim Suhay, Rich McGee, George Dilgard and John Skubik who manage our money. This could not have been accomplished without all of you making the payments to the SMCB treasury when called upon to do so.

The membership is on track for growth. This year as we mourn for all those members who passed away or dropped for various reasons, we added enough new members to exceed last year's end total. We had new members join us at spinning, pickle-ball, golf, bridge, special events and Friday meetings. The database is managed by Dennis Callan and our website is managed by the webmaster Tom Dahlem. These two functions are now well coordinated. The credit of keeping track of new associates goes to Ras Desai and Ray Buratto. My sincere appreciation to all of you who recruited the new members.

Two new successful programs were introduced during the year. The first one relates to appreciating our veteran members. Led by Willie Williams this group walked at

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several community parades with the banner of SMC Birmingham. We celebrated the important national days in their honor at our Friday meetings. Today's Toys for Tots collection is sponsored by Marine Corps. The SMC Foundation gifted \$10,000 to the Veterans home in Clinton Township and \$10,000 to the World War 2 memorial under construction in Royal Oak.

The other new activity organized by Kevin Doucet and Dave Anderson is the game of pickle-ball. It is not a game as vigorous as tennis or as limited as ping pong. It is just right for our physical abilities. It is thrilling and provides great opportunity to interact with our colleagues. Enough of us fill up the four to six courts available every Wednesday afternoons. In between the games we have time for rest and camaraderie.

It has been my great privilege and honor to serve you as our club's President. I truly enjoyed working closely with all of you on our shared goals. My thanks to Anita, my wife of 50 years, for giving love and support to me throughout this year.

Paul Kovceses is the President elect for 2023. He is young, energetic and smart. His leadership promises the continuing success of SMCB next year.

Finally on behalf of all of us here, a big thank you to the organizers of tonight's Holiday party that we all are enjoying - Tony DiMarco, Jim King, Mike Clement and John Willis.

Thank you.  
Swarn Rajpal

## 2022 Speaker Chair Award

### *John Maten Wins Speaker Chair Annual Award*

The Speaker Chair Annual Award aims to improve the overall quality of Friday meeting speakers. Each week, a sample of members rate a speaker on four factors: the quality of the presentation; the interest in the subject of the talk; the question and answer session; and the speaker's slides, if any. A speaker then receives a score from a low of 1 to a high of 5. The Speaker Chair Annual Award is given to the best performing monthly chairman as determined by the scores received by his speakers.

This year was a near photo finish with 0.08 separating first and second place. John Maten is the winner of the Speaker Chair Annual Award Monthly for 2022. In second place is Larry Imerman and in third place is Vikas Shah. Martin Rowell and Maynard Timm tied for fourth place. However, all the monthly chairs did an outstanding job, including Ray Buratto, Mike Korsak, Ras Desai, Sven Anden, Charles Bradley, and Paul Kovceses.



-Larry Imerman, 1st VP



## SPOTLIGHT ON LIFE MEMBER

As first Vice President of the Senior Men's Club, was my honor to induct Gerald (Jerry) Moore as a new Life Member on December 9, 2022.

We recognize an active member who has attained eighty-five years of age and has been a member for 10 consecutive years. A Life Member is no longer required to pay dues; however, many continue to do so.

Jerry was born December 9, 1937 in Detroit, MI. A lifelong Michigander, Jerry graduated from Cooley High in 1956. He graduated from The University of Michigan in 1960, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

He graduated from Wayne State University in 1964 earning his Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree. Jerry did his internship at Detroit Receiving Hospital and his residency in Neurological Surgery at Wayne State University Detroit Medical Center.

He received a fellowship in Pediatric Neurosurgery at Boston Children's Hospital.

Jerry was a Captain in the US Air Force Reserve at Selfridge Air Force Base from 1965–1971 where he served as Commander of a MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) unit.

Jerry was on the faculty of the Wayne State College of Medicine. He was an instructor in Anatomy and Neuro Anatomy, Assistant Professor of Neurological Surgery and taught Harper and Children's Hospitals Neurosurgery residents how to operate while a staff neurosurgeon. He was also the Chief of Neurosurgery at Providence Hospital later in his career.

Jerry and his wife Carol were married in 1967, reside in Bloomfield Hills and attend The First Presbyterian



Church of Birmingham. They have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Jerry joined SMCB in 2004, and over the years served on the Visitation & Health Committee. He has been an avid golfer for over 70 years, but recent back issues have put a stop to his playing. Jerry's words of wisdom are "Don't retire unless you have something else to do".

Please welcome our newest Life Member – Jerry Moore.

Congratulations to Jerry on his change of status.

-Paul A. Kovceses









## SMCB Volunteer Opportunities:

Inspired by Pastor Jones' presentation earlier this year to SMCB, Bob Maxfield and Paul Lieberman have been working on putting together a volunteer tutoring program with the Senior Men's Club in mind. Some of the features of the program are:

The purpose of VolunteerTutor.org is to facilitate the matching of students whose performance level (not grade level) is K-8 who want to be tutored for free with volunteer tutors in the relatively safe environment of zoom or other internet platform.

Convenient: no tutor "training" classes, no finger print or TB testing, no traveling; the Tutor and Students agree to the meeting time and the methodology. (Note: In order to work with Pastor Jones' contacts or Pontiac Schools directly, it may be necessary to go through an additional screening process).

Safe: no in-person contacts; potential tutors will be screened on the "National Sex Offender Public Website". Parents or guardians will sign waivers designed to protect tutors from liability except criminal behavior. Many programs do not have these protections.

Free: many so called free programs are really traps to sell tutors or students their tutoring experience; neither Tutors nor Students will pay to be part of the volunteertutor.org tutoring program.

Complementary: Volunteertutor.org believes that there are significant gaps (due to safety concerns, availability and mobility issues, etc) in what is now available to volunteer tutors and students and it is hoping to fill many of those gaps. It is a complementary program; it does not want to compete with the many good free programs which already meet the needs of their tutors or students. When a program cannot meet the needs of their tutors or students, volunteertutor.org may be a good alternative.

We are now looking for those who are interested in more information as the program with Reverend Jones unfolds. In the meantime, you can visit the website at [www.volunteertutor.org](http://www.volunteertutor.org).

### What Does It Take To Be A Good Tutor?

A good tutor is available on a regular basis least once a week for 20 (younger children) to 40 minutes per session. Remembering that each student has their particular situation and issues, a good tutor tries to tailor each session to the student's needs. Each student makes academic progress at their own pace and therefore a good tutor has a low expectation (and frustration) level. What can be hoped for is that, over time, there is progress with the student's attitude toward the subject matter, then academic performance, then self-esteem.

### What Does It Take To Be A Good Student?

A good student is available on a regular basis least once a week for 20 (younger children) to 40 minutes per session. A good student works as hard as they can that day to try to catch-on to what the tutor is teaching. If they can help it, a good student tries not to get too frustrated or waste the tutor's time.

### How Does It Work?

Potential tutors must fill out TWO online forms: a Tutor's Information Form and a Tutor's Permission Form. After a tutor's application is accepted, their nickname, credentials, the subjects and grade level they want to tutor, and their availability will be given to Students who have applied for tutoring in that subject matter and time slots.

A Student's parent or guardian must complete TWO online forms: a Student's Parent or Guardian





Information Form and a Student's Parent or Guardian Permission Form.

Note: Two forms are required because (i) only the Information Form will be exchanged between potential Tutors and Student's families and (ii) only the Information Form can be modified from time to time without re-submitting a copy of a driver's license or State ID since only the Permission Form deals with legal matters.

After a student's application form is accepted, a list of Tutors whose subjects, grade level and available time slots seem to match will be sent to the parent's or guardian's email. It will be the job of the Student's parent or guardian to contact one or more of the Tutors listed to (i) try to find a match and (ii) interview the Tutor further, if desired.

It will be the job of the Tutor to notify [volunteertutor.org](http://volunteertutor.org) that they are no longer looking for a match.

It will be the job of the Student's parent or guardian to notify [volunteertutor.org](http://volunteertutor.org) that their student is no longer looking for a match.

For more information or to fill out the two Tutor Application Forms or the two Student Application Forms, go to [www.volunteertutor.org](http://www.volunteertutor.org).

-Paul Lieberman & Bob Maxfield



## 2022 Friday Meetings Review

Responsibility for Friday meetings shifted to the 2nd Vice President in 2022. However, the success of the meetings is a collective effort. All the pieces of the puzzle must fit together for successful meetings to occur. I thank a few of the unsung men who contributed to the weekly effort: Frank Mei, Jim King, Jim Zyla and his team, Willy Williams, Lon Kolakowski, Robert Sparks, Gary Melikian and Bob Hayes.

Attendance at Friday meetings rose 8.9% in 2022 with an average of 135 per meeting. This is up from 124 last year. The average attendance since September has increased to 142 persons per meeting. Of those, only 24% are on Zoom in contrast to 42% during the first quarter of the year.

Satisfaction surveys conducted throughout the year

showed members enjoy the Friday meeting, with an average score of 8.3 out of 10 (10 being the highest). Three components of a meeting affect the level of satisfaction: the speakers; the meals; and the efficiency of the business portion of the meeting.

Speakers: Each speaker is evaluated on four variables with a possible composite score ranging from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent). The median score for speakers this year was a 4.45/5 with over 75% rated good, very good, or excellent. Speakers addressed a diverse set of topics from the new Gordie Howe Bridge to the ghost army during World War Two.

Meals. On average, over 80 members join us for lunch each week with a high of 124 this fall. Vegetarian/vegan dishes and gluten-free items are now available. There are more frequent theme lunches. Matzah was made available during Passover..



Special items were included for Diwali and Chicken Francese was served the day of the Van Gogh exhibit's curator's talk.

It's critical those coming both for lunch or just the meeting pre-register. This assures adequate seating for all. Beginning January 3, those seeking lunch without pre-registering will be charged an extra \$5.

Business Meeting: Let's admit it. Some of our members like to talk. It is a continuing struggle to keep our meetings on time and reports within the time set by the Club Procedure Manual. Our business meetings will always be a work in progress.

If you have comments or suggestions regarding the Friday meeting, you should direct your remarks to

John Maten, the new 2nd Vice President, or to any of the Club officers.

-Larry Imerman



## Senior Men's Club of Birmingham 2023 Member Dues Notice



*There are a significant number of members who have not paid their dues. Don't be late!*

2023 dues remain at \$70 and are payable by February 1, 2023.

A \$10 late fee is required after February 1, 2023. Life members are not required to pay dues, but many send it as a donation. Please consider including a donation in your check or credit card payment.

Many members "rounded up" to \$100 last year.

**Please make your \$70 check payable to the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham or SMCB and mail to:**



**Senior Men's Club of Birmingham/Dues  
Post Office Box 1149  
Birmingham MI 48012**

*Or, to pay by credit card (Wix is the service provider),  
go to the SMCB website and click on "Pay Dues by Credit Card".*

George Dilgard, Dues Chair



## 2022 DONATIONS

### THE SENIOR MEN'S CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM

(AS OF 12/14/22)

Member dues are not sufficient to totally fund the Club's activities and services. Donations are needed to fill the gap. The Board of Directors thanks the following members who made donations to the Club in 2022.

Joel	Adelman	George	Grove	Chuck	Main	James	Reitz
Gordon	Allardyce	Posh	Gulati	Ben	Mangiapane	Lloyd	Reuss
Bhal	Amin	Dana	Gulick	Tom	Mark	Jay	Reynolds
David	Anderson	Jon	Haber	John	Marsh	Gordon	Ruehs
Dave	Bakos	Don	Haffner	John	Maten	John	Rusche
Randy	Barnett	Steve	Hall	Bob	Maxfield	John	Schafer
Ara	Basherian	Jack	Harned	Walker	Mayhew	Joe	Schulenberg
Cliff	Bath	Waller	Harris	Jack	McCleary	Dennis	Schultz
Charlie	Blank	Bob	Hayes	Greg	McComas	Mark	Schumacher
Dan	Bonbrisco	Jim	Hayes Jr	Rich	McGee	Ray	Shapiro
Tom	Booth	Jeff	Heichel	Tim	McGee	Joel	Shavell
Dick	Bradley	Kevin	Heintz	Herb	Meyer	Dick	Shirley
Ray	Buratto	Alan	Huberty	Ron	Miller	Bob	Siewert
Jack	Burns	Pankaj	Hukku	Jeff	Miller	Fred	Simon
Kirby	Callam	Larry	Imerman	George	Miller	Bob H.	Smith
John	Carter	Bill	Johnson	Raj	Modi	Dennis	Standhardt
Clarence	Cheff	Dick	Judy	Norm	Morrell	John	Steele
Varendar	Chopra	Dick	Kamp	Richard	Moxley	George	Stern
Mike	Clement	Arthur	Kaye	Robert	Munn	Bob	Stevenson
Bill	Cole	Gerd	Keuffel	Bill	Murray	Bob	Stoessel
Ed	Cox	Jim	King	John	Murray	Robert	Storen
Tom	Dahlem	John	Klein	Richard	Muszynski	Tom	Stremпка
Tom	DeCorte	Lon	Kolakowski	Dick	O'Brien	Jim	Suhay
Ed	Demerly	Mike	Korsak	Chuck	O'Connell	Bob	Swanson
Marv	Dery	Paul	Kovceses	Walt	Oehrlein	Maynard	Timm
Piyush	Desai	Walt	Kowal	Sean	O'Keeffe	Chuck	Travers
George	Dilgard	Bill	Krieg	Philip	Owen	Tom	Varbedian
Dave	Dinger	Dave	Ladd	Ty	Perkins	Bob	Veres
Tom	Dolnicek	Art	Lewry	Bill	Peirce	Arun	Vijan
Kevin	Doucet	Roger	L'Heureux	Cliff	Prew	Willy	Williams
Lynn	Evans	Paul	Lieberman	Bill	Price	John	Willis
Fred	Freeman	Jay	Lorber	Swarn	Rajpal	Dave	Wind
Rick	Ganfield	Frank	MacDonell	Bhimsen	Rao	Denny	Winowiecki
Paul	Gold	Don	Magee	John	Reddy	David	Zimmer





## Visitation & Health Committee: Honoring Deceased Members

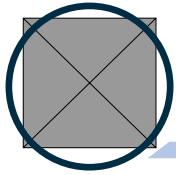
Effective January 2023, to honor deceased SMCB members, Visitation & Health Committee will contribute \$50 to the charity of the deceased member's (DM) choice (in lieu of flowers). The Treasurer will keep track of funds collected each year as a separate line item in their monthly/ yearly reports. Donations to SMCB Club are not tax deductible (FYI).

A locked donation box will be placed on the table at the entrance on Fridays (where you pay for lunches). Hopefully, you will bring your dollar bills, be it 1s, 5s or

10s floating around in your pockets, homes and cars etc., and insert into the Deceased Members Fund (DMF) Box out of the goodness of your heart. We will not stop you, should you choose to drop a check preferably for larger amounts of 25, 50, 100 ....250 or 500! Needless to say, you will receive our undying gratitude!!

Please be generous to member friends who are no more and did so much for us and the club during their lives!!!!

-Posh Gulati



## Investment Group

The next Investment Group meeting will be held Thursday January 12th at 2:45 PM at the Baldwin Library. Thank you all who continue to join in person and via Zoom!

2022 has been quite a year with interest rates rising, inflation of various forms and what almost seems like a daily 1-2% swing in the stock markets. We have been fortunate to have several speakers share their expertise with respect to stocks, bonds and other items that affect our financial lives. The plan is to continue providing timely financial industry expertise to the Investment Group in 2023.

We will take a shift with our next speaker from paper assets of our investment portfolio and learn about physical assets such as silver and gold. John Abbott of Abbott's Coin, Jewelry and Appraisals will share his industry leading knowledge with our group. John and his family started the business in 1956 as a coin dealer and have grown over the years helping people with their personal property needs. This present day Birmingham,

MI based business is internationally recognized corporation, and will share their expertise with the group.

Despite the recent down swings in the market, the Stock game which began on October 14th, is led by Jerry Peck who is up 54%, 2nd place is held by John Murray who is up 42%, and Randy Barnett is in 3rd place up 39%. The top three stocks are Moderna (MRNA) up 54%, ASML Holding (ASML) up 53% and Nvidia Corp. (NVDA) up 51%. These percentages compare to the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which is up 11% and S&P 500, which is up 8% since 10/14/22. Proud to write that 44 of our 54 stock game entries are above the starting point of the original \$100,000 game investment starting point, and 22 are beating the S&P returns!

Anyone who is interested in the Stock Game results, please feel free to email me at [mjk7805@yahoo.com](mailto:mjk7805@yahoo.com) or give me a call (248-990-0305) to arrange on how we can get the information to you.

Happy Holidays!

Mike Korsak



## MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

We are looking forward to a New Year full of a wide variety of interesting and provocative books to be discussed by the Monday and Wednesday Reading Groups. The two January books could not be more different. One is a novel about understanding sexual and gender identity and the other challenges us to rethink our assumptions about meritocracy.

Please let Roger Timm or Bob Maxfield know if you would like to be included in our distribution list. The annual schedules for both the Monday and Wednesday groups are posted on the club's website.

Both Groups will continue to meet via Zoom.

**Wednesday, January 4, at 10:30 AM:** *In One Person: A Novel* by John Irving. (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2012)

From the publisher's overview: "In One Person is a story of unfulfilled love—tormented, funny, and affecting—and an impassioned embrace of our sexual differences. Billy, the bisexual narrator and main character of In One Person, tells the tragicomic story (lasting more than half a century) of his life as a 'sexual suspect.' In One Person is a poignant tribute to Billy's friends and lovers—a theatrical cast of characters who defy category and convention. Not least, In One Person is an intimate and unforgettable portrait of the solitariness of a bisexual man who is dedicated to making himself "worthwhile."

From the NY Times review: "In One Person gives a lot.

It's funny, as you would expect. It's risky in what it exposes.... Tolerance, in a John Irving novel, is not about anything goes. It's what happens when we face our own desires honestly, whether we act on them or not."

Swarn Rajpal will lead this discussion

**Monday, January 16 at 3 PM:** *The Meritocracy Trap: How America's Foundational Myth Feeds Inequality, Dismantles the Middle Class, and Devours the Elite* by Daniel Markovits. (New York: Penguin Press, 2019)

From the Amazon overview: "Meritocracy cuts to the heart of who we are. It sustains the American dream. But what if, both up and down the social ladder, meritocracy is a sham? Today, meritocracy has become exactly what it was conceived to resist: a mechanism for the concentration and dynastic transmission of wealth and privilege across generations. Upward mobility has become a fantasy, and the embattled middle classes are now more likely to sink into the working poor than to rise into the professional elite."

The Boston Globe review: An imaginative new book that will prompt endless debate in the faculty lounge, the country-club tap room, and the family dinner table. . . a book that will jolt and provoke the reading public." This book was nominated by George Stern, and the discussion will be led by Bill Price.

## Looking Ahead to February and March

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| February 1 .....  | <i>The Man Who Ate His Boots: The Tragic History of the Search for the Northwest Passage</i> by Anthony Brandt<br>(Tom Booth)                            |
| February 20 ..... | <i>Big Sister, Little Sister, Red Sister: Three Women at the Heart of 20th Century China</i> by Jung Chang (Don Haffner)                                 |
| March 1 .....     | <i>Gone for Soldiers</i> by Jeff Shaara (Roger Timm)   |
| March 20 .....    | " <i>In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex</i> " by Nathaniel Philbrick (Nominated by Roger Timm; discussion led by Bob Stevenson) |



## CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP

On Monday, January 9, at 1:00PM, via Zoom, John Maten will start our new year with a most extraordinary motion picture, *They Shall Not Grow Old* (2018) (2 hours/9 minutes). Using state-of-the art audio/video technology and original historic film footage from the BBC and the Imperial War Museum, Filmmaker Peter Jackson takes us back in time to the front lines of World War I, where the fighting men who were there tell us their stories in vivid color along with an outstanding soundtrack. Jackson intended for the film to be an immersive experience of “what it was like to be a soldier” rather than just a story or a newsreel style recount of events.

Please be sure to watch the trailer for this film, using the Movie Preview Button on the SMC website, to gain an appreciation of what the producer accomplished with the production of this movie.

The movie was a critical and commercial success and earned a nomination for the BAFTA Award for Best Documentary. The film also holds an approval rating of 99% on the Rotten Tomatoes Best Films List.

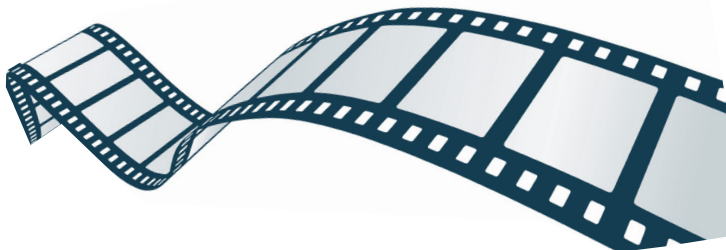
As an added bonus, at the conclusion of the film, Mr. Jackson explains some of the processes used to bring this film to life.

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join John to see how this film pays brilliant cinematic tribute to the sacrifice of a generation.

Please visit our webpage to review our Schedule of Films for 2023.

Looking forward to seeing you on January 9.

-Fred Hansz



## GENEALOGY GROUP

The Genealogy Group next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 17, 10am-11am** (Note special day and time.)

Topic: “Resources Available at the Latter Day Saints Family History Library”

Location: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: 37425 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

*Space is limited to 15 people due to room size.*

Priority will be given to first responses among Genealogy Group members, then others if space allows. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity & contact me for reservations!

Jack Withrow  
248-797-7070







## MUSIC TO DELIGHT AT MEADOW BROOK

MARCH 8, 2023 - Meadowbrook Theatre Musical

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

SMCB members, spouses, and guests are invited to attend the musical “Blues in the Night” on at Meadowbrook Theater on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2pm.

This is a self-drive event with no lunch.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the February Friday meetings, beginning on February 3rd.

## Blues In The Night



### Special Event:

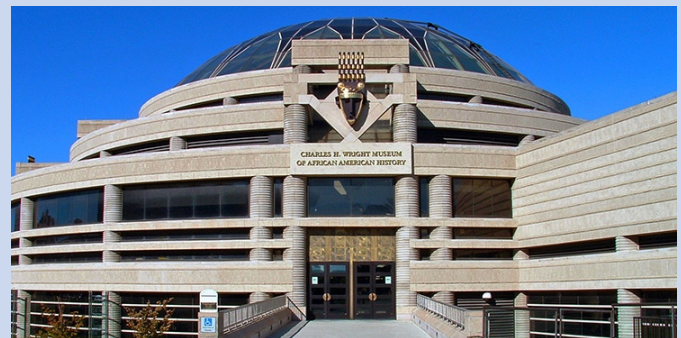
#### Wright Museum of African American History – Wednesday, January 25, 2023

The Senior Men's Club will visit the Wright Museum of African American History on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. This beautiful museum is one of the finest in Detroit and a “Must-See” for residents and visitors.

The bus will leave First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, parking lot at 9:00 AM and our small-group guided tours of the museum will start at 10:00. The two-hour tour includes the presentation “We Shall Rise Again” and the Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit. After the tours we'll enjoy lunch on-your-own at the nearby Detroit Institute of Arts. The bus will return to FPC Birmingham about 3:00 PM.

Tickets are \$40 and they will be on sale Friday, January 6. This will be the last sales day as we shall commit our attendance number to the Museum on January 11. For further information call Peter Hollinshead at 248-835-6657, John Willis at 734-626-5989 or Mike Clement at 248-644-4963.

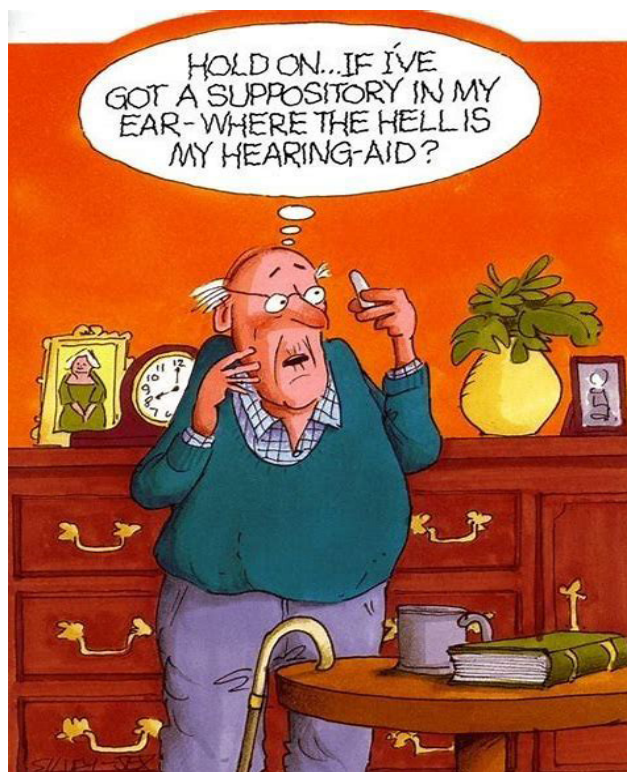
Mike Clement



# JANUARY 2023 CALENDER -AT A GLANCE



Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Library Rooms	Notes	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	2-Jan	-- n. a. --	Bowling - No meeting	Escape Lanes, Troy		NYD Observed	Denny Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
First Monday	2-Jan	-- n. a. --	Genealogy - No Meeting	Jan. mtg is moved to Jan 17		NYD Observed	Jack Withrow	(248) 797-7070
Tuesday	3-Jan	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North			Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
First Tuesday	3-Jan	10:00 AM	Special Events Committee	Baldwin Public Library	Delos Board Room		Mike Clement	(248) 644-4963
First Wednesday	4-Jan	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom			Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	4-Jan	1:00 PM	Pickleball	Oakland Fieldhouse, Rochester Hills			Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	5-Jan	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North			Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Thursday	5-Jan	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills		\$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	5-Jan	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd			Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Friday	6-Jan	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom			John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Friday	6-Jan	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	Jeanne Lloyd Room	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 2	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Library Rooms	Notes	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	9-Jan	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy			Denny Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	10-Jan	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North			Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Second Tuesday	10-Jan	10:00 AM	Executive Board	Baldwin Public Library	Rotary + OWL	Conference Style	Paul Kovceses	(248) 255-2042
Wednesday	11-Jan	1:00 PM	Pickleball	Oakland Fieldhouse, Rochester Hills			Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	12-Jan	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North			Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Thursday	12-Jan	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills		\$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	12-Jan	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd			Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Second Thursday	12-Jan	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Public Library	Rotary & Donor	Theater Style	Mike Korsack	(248) 990-0305
Friday	13-Jan	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom			John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Friday	13-Jan	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	Jeanne Lloyd Room	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 3	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Library Rooms	Notes	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	16-Jan	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy			Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Monday	16-Jan	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom			Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Third Monday	16-Jan	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom			Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	17-Jan	8:30 AM	Walking	Somerset Mall North			Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Tuesday	17-Jan	10:00 AM	Genealogy (Special date)	Ch. Of Later Day Saints, Woodward Ave. Bl. Hills		self drive, meet@ 10:00	Jack Withrow	(248) 797-7070
Third Wednesday	18-Jan	10:00 AM	Communications Committee	Baldwin Public Library	Delos Board Room	Screen & OWL	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Wednesday	18-Jan	1:00 PM	Pickleball	Oakland Fieldhouse, Rochester Hills			Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	19-Jan	8:30 AM	Walking	Somerset Mall North			Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Thursday	19-Jan	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills		\$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	19-Jan	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd			Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Third Thursday	19-Jan	3:00 PM	Camera Group	Baldwin Public Library + Zoom	Delos Board Room	Screen & OWL	Jay Hall	(248) 644-1454
Friday	20-Jan	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom			John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Friday	20-Jan	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	Jeanne Lloyd Room	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Third Friday	20-Jan	5:00 PM	Reminder Newsletter Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com			Maynard Timm	(248) 303-5490
Week 4	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Library Rooms	Notes	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	23-Jan	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy			Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	24-Jan	8:30 AM	Walking	Somerset Mall North			Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Special Event	25-Jan	9:00 AM	Wright Museum, Detroit	Bus leaves @9:00a.m. from 1st Presbyterian Ch on Maple		9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Mike Clement	(248) 644-4963
Wednesday	25-Jan	1:00 PM	Pickleball	Oakland Fieldhouse, Rochester Hills			Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Fourth Wednesday	25-Jan	4:00 PM	Computer Group	Zoom			Tom Allen	(248) 288-6125
Thursday	26-Jan	8:30 AM	Walking	Somerset Mall North			Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432
Thursday	26-Jan	9:00 AM	Golfing-Indoor Bubble/Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, Aub Hills		\$20 at the door	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	26-Jan	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd			Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Friday	27-Jan	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom			John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Friday	27-Jan	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	Jeanne Lloyd Room	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 5	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Library Rooms	Notes	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	30-Jan	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, Troy			Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	31-Jan	8:30 AM	Walking	Somerset Mall North			Larry Imerman	(248) 642-9432



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*\*The Iroquois Club is located on the east side of Woodward Avenue, just north of Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. The meeting is also accessible via ZOOM for those not able to attend in person.*

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