

# The Reminder



July, 2022

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

## President's Page



### SMCB Veterans

SMCB is a group of men with distinction. Of our 540 members, 159 are veterans who served in all the five services. We are all honored to be in their company at various events and celebrations. They make our club a premier organization, distinct from any similar entity in our community.

Most recently we celebrated Memorial Day at our Friday, June 3 meeting. A Guard of Honor was presented by veterans Willie Williams and Lon Kolakowski with orders from Dave Dinger. Our chorus performed the songs of the five services, followed by a discourse on the significance of the Memorial Day. Each of our veterans was recognized with his name on the screen. At conclusion the flags of the United States and POW MIA were retreated and Taps was sounded on a bugle.

This month members of SMCB will march with other veterans in the July 4th parade in Clawson. We understand that our Freedom cannot be taken for granted. It has been preserved by the sacrifice of those we remember on Memorial Day. They allow us to celebrate the Independence Day. We are in debt to the martyrs and veterans for our privilege of freedom.

One may label some Americans as arrogant, violent, or dumb, but overall, we know that most Americans are charitable, courageous, kind, and humanist.

As an immigrant who came to this country more than half a century ago, I find it gratifying to have freedom from oppression, dogma and religious conformity. With our freedom of spirit, ideas and body, we have the opportunity to reach our potential. We can choose our profession, life partner and friends.

Veterans are an asset of SMCB who are responsible for making this country great.

America is beautiful!

Swarn Rajpal, *President*

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### July Speakers

Martin Rowell – Program Chair

- July 8 ..... **Olivier Thiroit**, Exec. Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Kelly Services, Inc.  
"Overview of Current and Future Workforce Challenges"
- July 15 ..... **Scott McCormick**, President, Connected Vehicle Trade Association  
"Opportunities to Impact a Changing Mobility Landscape"
- July 22 ..... **Bill Milliken**, President Milliken Realty Co.  
"The Points & Condensers Preservation Society"
- July 29 ..... **Daniel Howes**, Columnist & Associate Business Editor, The Detroit News  
"How Michigan is trailing in the race for leadership in Auto 2.0 – and what it means"

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## George Stern — What SMC Means to Me

I retired from General Motors in 2008. Actually, it was the third time I retired. I had worked for just about fifty years and was nearly 71 years of age. I had always worked pretty hard. When I worked in operations for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, I spent twelve hours a day with train crews, when I became a manager for several railroads, first in operations and then in sales, I traveled five days a week. I always worked a half day on Saturday and usually took papers home to read over the weekend.

So, retirement was scary. I really didn't know anyone outside of work. I took some golf lessons but I knew no one to play with. My wife told me she married me for better or worse, but not for lunch.

I did belong to rotary, which I had joined when I worked in Springfield, Illinois, and then transferred to the local club here in Birmingham. It met for lunch once a week. One day at lunch, I sat with Bob Gualdoni and the Halsted brothers, Dick and Tom and told them of my plight: I had nothing to do. I could wear a tie and jacket to religious services and to rotary but I didn't have to. They chimed in at once, join the senior men's club.

Which I did. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I found a new center for daily activities. (I no longer need to program weekends — yardwork and honey-do projects are all I can handle). More importantly, I found community. The senior men's club is made up of wonderful people. And they care about me. Several members, including Mike Clement and Posh Gulati, called every week after I took sick. I look forward to being with the members each Friday and seeing them at restaurants or the theater or the grocery store. I have friends wherever I go. My wife and I recently visited a prospective senior living complex where I was delighted to find members already housed.

It is great to have friends and to have friends to do things with. I play golf twice a week, often three. I read nearly a book a week so I enjoy the mental stimulation of a reading group. While I only attend one of the book groups, I read the books for both. I try to go on at least one trip a year and, of course wouldn't miss the picnic. My wife looks forward to the annual dinner dance. I have attended meetings of the genealogy and of the investment groups and just wish I could find the time to attend more regularly.

And, of course, I now have a to put on a jacket every Friday morning. I look forward to being with all of you for many years to come.

George Stern  
*Past President*



## Golf Report

PGA, USGA and LIV can't hold a candle to the SMC and its hardy golfers who withstand soggy fairways, windy breezes and temperatures better intended for hockey to the opening of the 2022 golf season. But we do live in Michigan and as predicted the winds turned from the north to the south and the temperature rose above 55 as record numbers of golfers appeared in the early morning hours at Springdale and Lincoln Hills.

The season's first competitive action began with the Annual 2-Man Scramble on June 9 and 13 at Springdale and Lincoln Hills with the winners posting impressive scores to net handicaps:

### Springdale

1st

2nd

### Flight A

Milikian & McGee (-9.3)

Anderson & Ernst (-9.2)

### Flight B

Cheff & Waffan (=11.8)

Rajpal & Shah (-10.4)

### Lincoln Hills

1st

2nd

3rd

L'Heureux & Pape (-9.2)

Schoonover & Utter (-9.0)

Gold & Lieb (-8.0)

Bonbrisco & Saliccioli (-10.3)

Ernst & Reynolds (=9.7)

DiMaria & Schaffer (-8.8)

The next competition will be the 3-Club Tournaments in August and the 35+ Year Stonycroft Hills-SMC Invitational on Tuesday, August 2nd.

Special recognition goes out to Greg McComas who has set a modern day record for scoring at Springdale with consecutive rounds of 31 and 32 for a total of 63...5 under par! Congratulations Greg!

Tim McGee



## JULY LUNCHESES AT THE IROQUOIS CLUB:

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

### July 8th 2022

Rolls & Butter Michigan Maple Salad Mixed Vegetables Baked Mostaccioli Rosemary Chicken,  
DESSERT: Chocolate Chip Cookies

### July 15th 2022

Rolls & Butter Caesar Salad Green Beans Mac N Cheese Chicken Picatta,  
DESSERT: Lemon Tarts

### July 22nd 2022

Rolls & Butter Garden Salad Mixed Vegetables Baked Mostaccioli Chicken Marsala,  
DESSERT: Brownies

### July 29th 2022

Rolls & Butter Michigan Maple Salad Mixed Vegetables Fettuccini Alfredo Baked Cod  
DESSERT: Chocolate Chip Cookies

### NO CHARGE LUNCH PROGRAM FOR GUESTS NOW EXTENDED

As you know, our club was offering No -charge Lunch for all guests for a three month trial period of March, April and May of 2022. This was conditional upon review of the results after this period. At the Executive Board meeting of June 14, 2022 the results were presented and reviewed by the Board. We had 18 guests and 16 of them have already become members. The Board has agreed to continue this incentive for the rest of the year to support and encourage our efforts of building up a substantial number of new members.

This would not have been possible without your enthusiastic support and soliciting potential members. Please, take full advantage of this incentive and continue inviting qualified individuals to our Friday meetings.

On behalf of the entire membership committee I extend my sincere thanks to you all.

Rasesh Desai, *Chair Membership Committee*



## SMC Veterans in Birmingham Parade

I was Honored to lead the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham Veterans in their inaugural event; the Celebrate Birmingham parade in May, just before Memorial Day. I was joined by approximately 20 SMCB members; Veterans who marched behind our new banner, and non-Veterans who marched behind us carrying the banner honoring Birmingham residents who lost their lives in the service of their country in Vietnam. A number of people know some of those listed on that banner. A couple of vehicles were used to transport members who were unable to walk. Everyone can participate in some manner.

Join me on Monday, July 4th, 2022 in Clawson for the 4th of July parade there. We'll stage in the Clawson Shopping Center, on the South side of 14 Mile Road, East of Crooks Rd. Be there at 0800-0830. Step off is at 0900. It's a long parade, at 1.7 miles, with 1,000s of enthusiastic spectators from beginning to end. You can drive a vehicle in the parade carrying those can't walk.

I think it's important for us to get out into other communities, show our Colors, and develop solidarity with not only other Veterans, but Civic groups as well.

My Royal Oak American Legion Post, as well as Disabled American Veterans Chapter is participating. It's a fun event.

If anyone has a suggestion for an event, bring it up. Tim McGee is looking for us to go to the new Michigan Veterans Home in Clinton Township to provide some support for the residents there.

Put this on your calendar. More info as the 4th draws closer.

Dave Dinger



## Memorial Day SMC Observance



*THANK YOU - Willie, Lon and Dave for organizing this event.*

## Significance of Memorial Day

*By Lon Kolakowski*

Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those American Service Members who gave the ultimate sacrifice and died in service to our country. General John Logan, of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed the first "Decoration Day" in 1868. Flowers and grave decorations were promoted on the first Decoration Day. 20,000 Union and Confederate gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery were decorated. After WW I, the holiday changed to honor Americans who died fighting in any war and not just the Civil War. Since 1971, this day is observed on the last Monday of May. Several Southern states have an additional separate day for honoring Confederate War dead: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. In 2000, Congress passed a resolution called "National Moment of Remembrance" which asks that at 3pm local time for all Americans to observe a moment of remembrance pausing for a moment of Silence or listening to "Taps"



## MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

Get ready for some fascinating summer reading. On July 6 we'll discuss a book that revisits the investigation of the Kennedy assassination by an author who has spent his career challenging what we know about high profile deaths. On July 18 the Monday group will discuss the frightening and thrilling story of an expedition into what some call the "gates of hell" in the jungles of Central America. Both groups will continue to meet via Zoom, and the complete schedule of books is now available on the club's website.

Note: Because the Monday group is on an October to September schedule, it's time to start thinking about books for the next cycle of meetings. The request for nominations will be disturbed in mid-July.

**Wednesday, July 6 at 10:30:** *Denial of Justice: Dorothy Kilgallen, Abuse of Power, and the Most Compelling JFK Assassination Investigation in History* by Mark Shaw (New York: Post Hill Press, 2018)

From the publisher: "Denial of Justice—written in the spirit of bestselling author Mark Shaw's gripping true crime murder mystery, *The Reporter Who Knew Too Much*—tells the inside story of why Kilgallen was such a threat leading up to her unsolved murder in 1965. Shaw includes facts that have never before been published, including eyewitness accounts of the underbelly of Kilgallen's private life, revealing statements by family members convinced she was murdered, and shocking new information about Jack Ruby's part in the JFK assassination that only Kilgallen knew about, causing her to be marked for danger"

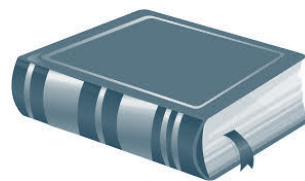
*Sean O'Keefe will lead this discussion*

**Monday, July 18 at 3 PM:** *The Lost City of the Monkey God* by Douglas Preston

Douglas Preston is the author of more than 30 books, both fiction and nonfiction. This is a compelling story of a group of explorers penetrating the Honduran jungle in search of a lost city – and finding it. For centuries, legends of the White City—the City of the Monkey God—have infused Central American culture and fired the imaginations of explorers and adventurers worldwide. The conquistadores heard of this marvel, but were never able to penetrate the jungle to find it. Preston accompanied a team of film makers on this remarkable expedition in 2015. The documentary film based on this adventure is available.

The book was a number 1 bestseller on the New York Times best-seller list. It was named a notable book of the year by the New York Times and a best book of the year by National Geographic, the Boston Globe, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

*This book was nominated by George Stern.  
The discussion will be led by Bob Maxfield*



## MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS cont.

Looking ahead to August -

**Wednesday, August 3 at 10:30:** *To Rule the Waves* by Bruce D. Johnson (Gordon Allardyce)

**Monday, August 15 at 3 PM:** *When Truth Mattered: The Kent State Shootings 50 Years Later* by Robert Giles (Fred Freeman)

*Submitted by Bob Maxfield and Roger Timm*



## CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP

On Monday July 11th at 1.00 p.m., Malcolm Hendy will present, via Zoom, the British movie "Reach for the Sky" (1956) (2 hours / 3 minutes), which is based on the true-life story of Group Captain Sir Douglas Bader - A World War II RAF Ace Fighter Pilot.

This movie tells the story of an airman who believed anything was possible and achieved great acclaim despite losing both legs at an early age.

Born 1910, at St. John's Wood, London, he graduated from Oxford and the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell. He joined the RAF in 1928 only to leave in 1933 after a near fatal air crash which caused the loss of both his legs.

However, Bader rejoined the RAF in 1939, despite his handicap, and became a renowned Ace Fighter Pilot in his Spitfire, claiming 22 Aerial victories, 4 shared, 6 probables, 1 shared probable and 11 damaged Enemy aircraft. For his bravery and achievements, he received many distinctive awards including the CBE, DSO & Bar, DFC & Bar, DL and FRAeS.

The film was a commercial success and fared very well with the public, winning the BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) Award for Best British Film of 1956.

As a reminder, you can watch the trailer of this film by pushing the Movie Preview Button on the SMC Homepage

So, join the large Zoom audience we anticipate on Monday July 11th. at 1.00 p.m.

Zoom details will be advised by eBlast in early July.

Looking forward to seeing you on July 11.

- Malcolm Hendy / Monthly Chairman for July



## INVESTMENT CLUB

The winners of the Stock Game, which ended May 31st, were Jay Hall, Gordon Allardyce followed by John Murray who all had positive returns in the stock game. Congratulations to the winners! To those in the Game who did not receive the final report an email will be sent to you in late June to early July for the game participants. If you do not participate and just want the report, please call me at 248-990-0305 and/or email me at [mjk7805@yahoo.com](mailto:mjk7805@yahoo.com) and will get a copy to you.

Normally we do not meet over the summer; however, with the recent changes in Interest Rates by the Fed, continued high fuel prices, other inflationary pressures and continual ups and downs in the market there are several members that want to meet in July. Watch for an email to meet at the Birmingham Library on Thursday July 21st at 1pm along with a Zoom link. We can share ideas and thoughts on the market. Is Ostrich Investing the best strategy or investing more along the lines of a Top Gun approach? Or is there a better method out there?

Mike Korsak

### UPCOMING EVENT

~ Wednesday, July 20 ~

# Annual SUMMER RIVER CRUISE

**Plus:  
Cash Bar**

**ABOARD THE HURON LADY II**

**\$55**

**Includes:**

- Bus to Port Huron
- 3 Hour Cruise
- Lunch On Board (w/tea, coffee and water)

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9:30 am – Bus Leaves Church

11 am - 2 pm – Cruise & Lunch

3:30 pm – Back at Church





# JULY 2022 CALENDAR - AT A GLANCE

as of June 22, 2022

	Day	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Library Rooms	Notes	Contact	Phone Number
Week 1	Friday	Friday, July 1, 2022	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	NO MEETING July 4 Weekend				
	Friday	Friday, July 1, 2022	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	NO MEETING July 4 Weekend		Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
Week 2	Monday	Monday, July 4, 2022	7 - 9:30 AM	Golfing	No Golfing July 4 Holiday			Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
	Tuesday	Tuesday, July 5, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432
	First Tuesday	Tuesday, July 5, 2022	10:00 AM	Special Events	Baldwin Public Library	Delos Board Room		Mike Clement	(248) 644-4963
	First Wednesday	Tuesday, July 6, 2022	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom			Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
	Wednesday	Wednesday, July 6, 2022	12 Noon	Spinning Group	Beverly Hills Club			Joe Schulenburg	(248) 885-6194
	Thursday	Thursday, July 7, 2022	7 to 9:00 AM	Golfing	Springdale Country Club			Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
	Thursday	Thursday, July 7, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking Group	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432
	Friday	Friday, July 8, 2022	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom				
Week 3	Friday	Friday, July 8, 2022	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	JLR	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
	Monday	Monday, July 11, 2022	7 to 9:30 AM	Golfing	Lincoln Hills Country Club			Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
	Second Monday	Monday, July 11, 2022	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom			Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
	Tuesday	Tuesday, July 12, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432
	Second Tuesday	Tuesday, July 12, 2022	10:00 AM	Executive Board	Baldwin Public Library + Zoom	Rotary & Donor	Conference Style	Swarn Rajpal	(248) 792-1112
	Wednesday	Wednesday, July 13, 2022	12 Noon	Spinning	Beverly Hills Club			Joe Schulenburg	(248) 885-6194
	Thursday	Thursday, July 14, 2022	7 to 9:00 AM	Golfing	Springdale Country Club			Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
	Thursday	Thursday, July 14, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432
	Second Thursday	Thursday, July 14, 2022	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Public Library + Zoom	Rotary & Donor	Theater Style	Mike Korsack	(248) 990-0305
	Friday	Friday, July 15, 2022	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom				
	Friday	Friday, July 15, 2022	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	JLR	Card Table Set Up		
	Third Friday	Friday, July 15, 2022	5:00 PM	No Reminder Newsletter in August	smcbreminder@gmail.com				
Week 4	Monday	Monday, July 18, 2022	7 to 9:30 AM	Golfing	Lincoln Hills Country Club			Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
	Third Monday	Monday, July 18, 2022	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom			Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
	Tuesday	Tuesday, July 19, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432
	Wednesday	Wednesday, July 20, 2022	12 Noon	Spinning	Beverly Hills Club			Joe Schulenburg	(248) 885-6194
	Third Wednesday	Wednesday, July 20, 2022	1:00 PM	Computer Group	Zoom			Tom Allen	(248) 288-6125
	Thursday	Thursday, July 21, 2022	7 to 9:00 AM	Golfing	Springdale Country Club			Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
	Thursday	Thursday, July 21, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432
	Third Thursday	Thursday, July 21, 2022	3:00 PM	Camera Group	Baldwin Public Library + Zoom	JLR or Board Room		Jay Hall	(248) 644-1454
	Friday	Friday, July 22, 2022	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom				
Week 5	Friday	Friday, July 22, 2022	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	JLR	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938
	Monday	Monday, July 25, 2022	7 to 9:30 AM	Golfing	Lincoln Hills Country Club			Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
	Tuesday	Tuesday, July 26, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432
	Wednesday	Wednesday, July 27, 2022	12 Noon	Spinning	Beverly Hills Club			Joe Schulenburg	(248) 885-6194
	Thursday	Thursday, July 28, 2022	7 to 9:00 AM	Golfing	Springdale Country Club			Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
	Thursday	Thursday, July 28, 2022	8:30 AM	Walking	Location depends on weather			Larry Imerman	(248) 624-9432
	Friday	Friday, July 29, 2022	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom				
	Friday	Friday, July 29, 2022	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Public Library	JLR	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callum	(248) 646-5938

## September REMINDER Deadline: August 19th

*NOTE: Due to potential fluxuations in venue location (staffing or operating hours) or schedule, revisions to this calendar are possible. Please watch your email and [www.seniormensclub.com](http://www.seniormensclub.com) for updates or potential cancellations.*



HAPPY  
4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY  
INDEPENDENCE DAY



~ FROM THE SENIOR MEN'S CLUB



## The Reminder

A monthly publication of the Senior Men's Club, which meets Friday at 10:30 AM at the Iroquois Club\* in Bloomfield Hills.

### Officers for 2022 are:

- President, Swarn Rajpal;
- First Vice President, Paul Kovceses;
- Second Vice President, Larry Imerman;
- Recording Secretary, John Maten;
- Corresponding Secretary, Ray Buratto;
- Treasurer, Jim Suhay;
- Assistant Treasurer, Rich McGee;
- Officers at Large, Jim King, Tom Russell

### THE REMINDER Team:

- Dick Harper, Editor Emeritus;
- Jay Kafarski, Publisher;
- Maynard Timm, Co-Editor
- Tim McGee, Co-Editor
- Tom Booth, Photography.

*\*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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