

# The Reminder



July 2024

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

## President's Letter



We are reaching the halfway point of 2024, so it is a good time to look back at the last 6 months. Overall, I would have to say that the state of the club is excellent. Our community engagement activities and participation have continued to grow. The hobby and activity groups are all doing well with great participation. The Special Events committee has had a great variety of amazing events. The Friday programs have been outstanding. We are fortunate to be able to have a few members step in as last-minute replacements for speakers and have done a great job.

I am glad to announce that at the June 6 Board of Directors meeting, it was approved to continue to have our Friday meetings at the Iroquois Club for 2025. We also requested and received proposals from the Community House and the Kingsley Inn. Their proposals were significantly higher than the Iroquois Club, which continues to do a great job, providing a nice place to meet and serving amazing meals.

We are down slightly in membership over the last year. One of the reasons was that we have had 33 deaths during that time. The last few years we have been fortunate to have a fairly low number but that has caught up with us this year. There are still many guests attending Friday meetings. A large percentage of those guests become members so please continue to bring guests and potential new members. We increased the number of associate orientations this year due to the large influx of new members over the last few years and have had good attendance at those sessions which has led to a number of the associates becoming active members. If you are an associate and have attended an orientation, please get with you sponsor and schedule your nomination to full active membership at a Friday meeting. For associates that have not attended orientation yet, the next one will be on September 10. We have over 100 associates and would like to move as many as possible to active members.

I hope everyone enjoys the month of August during which there are no Friday meetings but look forward to seeing many of you at the picnic on August 14th.

John Maten

## July 2024 Speakers

**Speaker Chair - Malcolm Hendy**

July 5th ..... **No Meeting**

July 12th ..... **Kym Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor**  
"What is Happening in Wayne County?"

July 19th ..... **Richard Homberg, President & CEO Detroit PBS**  
"What is New and Happening at Detroit PBS?"

July 26th ..... **Gus Mondalek, CIO, Omni Response**  
"Conflict in the Middle East - History and Status / Possible Solutions"



## JULY LUNCHES AT THE IROQUOIS CLUB

### JULY 12TH (IN CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY)

Cornbread  
Caesar Salad  
Grilled Vegetables  
Baked Beans  
Hot Dogs  
Toppings – ketchup, mustard,  
diced onions  
Dessert: Brownies

### JULY 19TH

Rolls & Butter  
Michigan Maple Salad  
Peas  
Mostaccioli  
Sliced Prime Rib  
Dessert: Cookies

### JULY 26TH

Rolls & Butter  
Garden Salad  
Mixed Vegetables  
Fettuccini Alfredo  
Chicken Picatta  
Dessert: Cookies

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## Foundation Grant to Alzheimer's Association of Michigan



**On June 12 the Senior Men's Club Foundation presents Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter with a \$10,000 donation for respite care scholarships.**

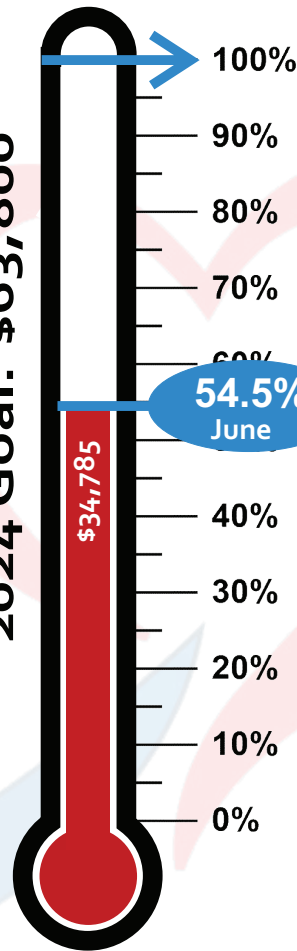
The Senior Men's Club Foundation reflects the will of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. This outreach to our community is emblematic of the generosity and community spirit of the men of the club. Respite care provides care givers a temporary rest from care giving, while the person living with Alzheimer's continues to receive care in a safe environment. Respite care can be provided at home by a friend, family member, volunteer, or paid service or in a care setting, such as adult day care or long-term care community. This care opportunity is focused around the Birmingham area. For many who are care givers to a spouse or relative, it is a 24/7 responsibility. The opportunity for brief periods of relief is most helpful.

From 2000 to 2024, the incidence of death from Alzheimer's increased by 73%. Alzheimer's makes up 60-70% of dementia cases.

It is the practice of the SMC Foundation to give “targeted grants” to help and support senior men in need in the Birmingham area.

**“We welcome your support!”**

2024 Goal: \$63,800



*I can not do  
all the good  
that the  
world needs.  
But the  
world needs  
all the good  
I can do.  
- Jana Stanfield*



## “Reaching Out” - Senior Men's Club Foundation at Work

The men of the Senior Men's Club are generous by nature. We believe in the three pillars of Fellowship, Shared Activities and Community Service. The goal of the Foundation is to fully reflect the spirit of the Senior Men's Club to reach out in service to our community.

Club Member Joel Adelman said it well, “*I have supported the SMC Foundation since it began . The Mission of the Foundation is to help senior men in the Birmingham area. In the end, I want to help those who need help. Our club is a beacon in our community and the Foundation makes the light even brighter.*”

## 2025 Officers Selection:

As President, John Maten has appointed the Nomination Committee members as required in the SMCB Constitution. Per Article IV, Section 3, the members of the Nomination Committee are charged to select candidates for Club Officer Positions for 2025. The Committee members are: Paul Kovceses - Chairman, plus Past Presidents Swarn Rajpal and Maynard Timm. Also on the Committee are members Rasesh Desai and Randy Barnett. Nomination and the election of officers for 2025 will take place during the last two weeks of October. Members with officer candidate suggestions are encouraged to contact any committee member.

Paul Kovceses

## SCORE Tours Newlab!

As President, John Maten has appointed the Nomination Committee members as required in the SMCB The SMCB SCORE group June tour was at Newlab. Newlab is the building next to the newly renovated Michigan Central Station. It was formerly known as the Book Depository Building. Now it's a fabulous technology hub for nearly 100 startup companies; big and small. The SCORE group had a tour, lunch and a meeting discussing mentoring best practices. The view from the rooftop reception area is breathtaking. SCORE mentors help create and grow small businesses. It's fun and rewarding. Plan on a four hour per week commitment at your own schedule. Everyone in our club is able. You may think you don't know enough to be a mentor. But you can! Many of these budding entrepreneurs have a dream and just need someone to talk to. If you have an interest in joining our SCORE group call Rich McGee, 248 703 7231 or talk to him at a Friday meeting. Look into it.



## Investment Group



Thank you to those that attended this past meeting in June where we shared amongst ourselves best practices of how to find good stocks along with some money savings ideas. Costco gasoline certainly was brought up a few times as the best gas savings place in the area to get quality gas at a low price.

The Investment Group will be taking the next two months off, and will meet again in early September for a meeting.

With respect to the Stock Game here are the winners this year along with the payouts:

First Place - Jon Haber (\$252.50) - Portfolio with his one stock pick OSCR - Oscar Health, which ended up 291% since the start of the Stock Game! This stock started at the low entry point of the game of \$5.00.

Second Place - Joe Schulenberg (\$151.50) - His portfolio was up 95% - Joe's primary stock was ELAN - Elanco Animal Health.

Third Place - Jay Hall (\$101) - Jay's portfolio was up 92%. Jay held several stocks in his portfolio. CVNA - Carvana - has had a nice run since the stock game started being up 222%! Jay also had two other portfolios that ended up in 5th and 6th position, which were each up 58%. Jay - Time to brush up the resume and provide some consulting service for stock picking!!

Bill Halbert had the top Stock Pick (\$25) - Viking Therapeutics - VKTX, was up 412% since the start of the stock game.

Look forward to seeing everyone in September,

Mike Korsak



## Detroit River Cruise Photos



### SPECIAL EVENTS

- Renovated Train Station and Book Depository Building  
Tuesday, July 23, 2024  
One Bus...Lunch  
Tickets: \$ 45 SOLD OUT !  
Those who signed up for the cancelled trip in October 2023 were given first preference.  
FMC will allow one bus only. We need to plan another trip soon.  
Contact : Malcolm Hendy.
- Annual Picnic and Collectible Car display at Beverly Hills Park  
Wednesday, August 14, 2024  
Annual Picnic and Collectible Car display at Beverly Hills Park. Only stag event of the year with Games.  
Choir and Lunch  
Tickets: \$ 25 Go on sale in July  
Contact : Raymond Buratto

### GAMES UPDATES

#### **BOWLING**

Bowling at the Escape Bowling (1950 E Square Lake Rd, Troy) on Mondays at 10:00am will begin September 9th. Great way to start out the week to keep your body in shape during the long cold fall and winter months. Join a team today...contact Denny Winowiecki for more information!

#### **BRIDGE**

If you can count to 13, then you too can learn to play Bridge! Play resumes every Friday at 1:30pm upstairs at the Baldwin Library. Contact Kirby Callam for more information!

#### **GOLF**

Golf has resumed on Mondays at Lincoln Hills and Thursdays at Springdale and we are on record pace to record a record number of rounds. We just completed the 2-Man Team Scramble at both courses with the following winners:

##### LINCOLN HILLS

FLIGHT A		FLIGHT B	
1ST	PARROTTINO & TIMM -9	1ST	WINOWIECKI & KORSAK -10
	HAYES & OBRIEN -9		KOVCESES & SETTY -10
			SALCICCIOLI & WENSKAY -10

##### SPRINGDALE

1ST	CALLAM & MILIKIAN -11	BOHENSTIEHL & BRADLEY -11
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Our next competition will be the 3-Club Tournament scheduled for July 25 at Springdale and July 29 at Lincoln Hills and the 37th Annual SMCB - Stonycroft Hills Invitational on Tuesday August 6.

There's still plenty of time to join us...so dust off those old clubs and tee off every Monday and Thursday between 7:00-9:00am.



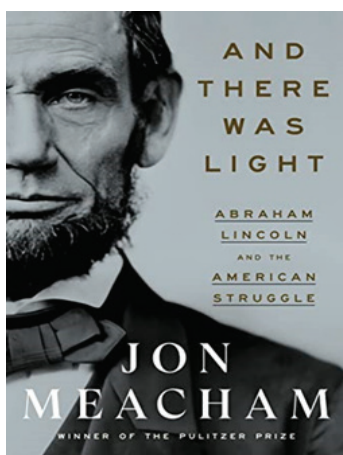
## MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

July 2024

The Monday and Wednesday book groups will continue to meet through the summer. This month we will begin with John Meacham's recent discussion of Abraham Lincoln's life and legacy and then move to John Grisham's first and only work of non-fiction dealing with a successful effort to exonerate a former baseball player who was awaiting execution.

Both groups will continue to meet via Zoom. As always, all members and their guests are welcome.

Looking way ahead: In July we will begin soliciting nominations for the next round of Monday books. The Monday schedule runs from October through the next September



**Wednesday, July 10, 10:30 AM:** And There was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle by John Meacham.

This book tells the story of Lincoln from his birth on the Kentucky frontier in 1809 to his leadership during the Civil War to his tragic assassination in 1865: his rise, his self-education, his loves, his bouts of depression, his political failures, his deepening faith, and his persistent conviction that slavery must end. In a nation shaped by the courage of the enslaved of the era and by the brave witness of Black Americans, Lincoln's story illustrates the ways and means of politics in a democracy, the roots and durability of racism, and the capacity of conscience to shape events.

From Doris Kearns Goodwin: "Biography at its best, the great historian Barbara Tuchman wrote, paints an intimate portrait of an individual which simultaneously provides a sweeping view of history. With this deep, compelling work, Jon Meacham has achieved this gold standard. Written with wisdom and grace, his story of Lincoln's complex moral journey to Emancipation mirrors America's long quest to live up to its founding ideals."

This discussion will be led by Bob Maxfield

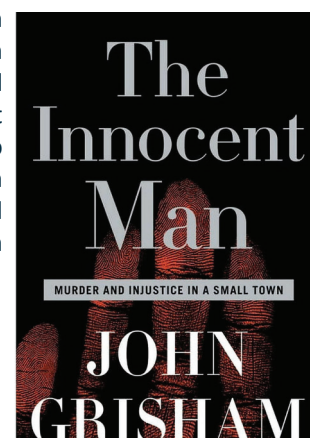
**Monday, July 22, 3 PM:** The Innocent Man by John Grisham In the town of Ada, Oklahoma, Ron Williamson was going to be the next Mickey Mantle. But on his way to the Big Leagues, Ron stumbled, his dreams broken by drinking, drugs, and women. Then, on a winter night in 1982, not far from Ron's home, a young cocktail waitress named Debra Sue Carter was savagely murdered. The investigation led nowhere. Until, on the flimsiest evidence, it led to Ron Williamson. The washed-up small-town hero was charged, tried, and sentenced to death—in a trial littered with lying witnesses and tainted evidence that would shatter a man's already broken life, and let a true killer go free. One reviewer described it as "Impeccably researched, grippingly told, filled with eleventh-hour drama, The Innocent Man reads like a page-turning legal thriller. It is a book no American can afford to miss" George Stern will lead this discussion.

### Looking ahead to August:

Wednesday, August 7 10:30 AM: The Luck of the Draw: My Story of the Air War in Europe by Frank Murphy (Bill Price)

### Monday, August 19, 3 PM: American Prometheus:

The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer by Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin (Bob Maxfield)





## CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP



On Monday, July 8th at 1:00 PM, John Maten will present, via Zoom, the classic comedy/horror film "Young Frankenstein" (1974) (1 hour / 46 minutes).

Directed by Mel Brooks and adapted from the original novel by Mary Shelley (first published in 1818), the film is a parody of the classic 1931 film "Frankenstein" released by Universal Pictures and directed by James Whale.

The story opens as respected medical lecturer Dr Frederick Frankenstein (Gene Wilder) learns that he has inherited his infamous grandfather's estate in Transylvania. Arriving at the castle, Dr Frankenstein soon begins to recreate his grandfather's experiments with the help of servants Igor (Marty Feldman), Inga (Teri Garr), and Frau Blucher (Cloris Leachman). After he creates his own monster (Peter Boyle), new complications ensue with the arrival of the doctor's fiancée, Elizabeth (Madeline Kahn.)

The film was nominated for two Academy Awards: Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Sound. The movie was very well received by the critics and was a commercial success grossing about thirty times its cost. The film has a strong following to this day. It has a current Rotten Tomatoes Approval Rating of 94% and an IMDb Rating of 8.6/10. The consensus reads, "Made with obvious affection for the original, Young Frankenstein is a riotously spoof featuring a fantastic performance by Gene Wilder."

A preview of the movie is now available to watch by pressing the CMG Movie Preview Button on the Club's Homepage.

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join John, and the rest of our Group, on July 8, to watch, enjoy and discuss this fascinating film from the creative minds of Mel Brooks and Gene Wilder.

Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of July 7, which will be published on Friday morning July 5.

Looking forward to seeing you on July 8. / Fred Hansz / Chairman



# JULY 2024 CALENDAR -AT A GLANCE



2024 JULY Calendar at a Glance

as of:

Friday, June 21, 2024

Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	July 1	7:00 AM	Golf- Lincoln Hills	2666 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Tuesday	July 2	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	July 2	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	July 3	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	July 4	CANCELLED	Golf- Springdale	No Meeting July 4	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	July 4	CANCELLED	Walking Group	No Meeting July 4	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	July 5	CANCELLED	Weekly Friday Mtg	No Meeting July 4 Weekend	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	July 5	CANCELLED	Bridge Group	No Meeting July 4 Weekend	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Week 2	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	July 8	7:00 AM	Golf- Lincoln Hills	2666 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Monday	July 8	10:00 AM	Special Events Committee	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Ras Desai	(248) 722-4411
Second Monday	July 8	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	July 9	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	July 9	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room + Zoom	John Maten	(248) 251-9339
Tuesday	July 9	CANCELLED	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	No Spinning Today	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	July 10	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	July 10	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Second Wednesday	July 10	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher Must Pre-Register	Birmingham Fire Station- Adams Rd/248-530-1906	David Dinger	(248) 310-4583
Thursday	July 11	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	July 11	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Second Thursday	July 11	CANCELLED	Investment Group	No Investment Club meeting in July/August	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	July 12	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	July 12	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Week 3	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	July 15	7:00 AM	Golf- Lincoln Hills	2666 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Monday	July 15	2:00 PM	Genealogy Group	Zoom	John Maten (acting)	(248) 251-9339
Tuesday	July 16	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	July 16	10:00 AM	Friday Speakers Program	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 731-7068
Tuesday	July 16	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	July 17	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	July 18	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	July 18	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Third Thursday	July 18	CANCELLED	Camera Group	No Camera Club meeting- July/Aug	Jay Hall	(248) 644-1455
Friday	July 19	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	July 19	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Week 4	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	July 22	7:00 AM	Golf- Lincoln Hills	2666 W. 14 Mile, Birmingham	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Monday	July 22	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	July 23	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	July 23	Noon	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Tuesday	July 23	TBD	SPECIAL EVENT	Renovated Train Station and Book Depository Tour	Ras Desai	(248) 722-4411
Wednesday	July 24	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	July 25	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	July 25	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	July 26	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	July 26	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938

## JULY BIRTHDAY'S

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
July 1	Tom Allen	July 11	Jim Tittsworth	July 23	Bill Burke
	John Marsh	July 12	Tom Demrick		Dr. Jay Lorber
	a Dave Woollard	July 13	Dick Donnelly		Jeff Miller
July 2	* J. Martin Rowell	July 14	* Jack Corey	July 24	Jay Hall
July 3	Ron Froehlich		a George Madias		a Vance Neff
July 4	Keith Brown	July 15	Jack Davis	July 25	Phil Button
	Harry Stewart	July 16	a Tom Garner	July 26	Art Ciagne
July 6	Jim Brisko	July 17	Larry Nahigian		* John Reddy
July 7	Dr. Peter Ajluni		John Rusche	July 27	John Elkins
July 8	a Dr. Pankaj Hukku	July 18	a Steve Hix		Dave Ladd
July 9	a Steve Murray		a Bill Krieg	July 28	Rich McGee
	Jim Whitledge		a Roger Melton	July 29	Lyle Beadle
July 10	Phil Levin	July 20	Dr. Piyush Desai	July 30	* Dr. Jim Labes
	a Hal Schwartz	July 22	Dr. Swarn Rajpal, Past Pres 2022		Herb Meyer
					Tim Parsons
				July 31	Raj Modi
					Tom Russell



## 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 2024 are:

- President, John Maten;
- First Vice President, Ray Buratto;
- Second Vice President, John Rusche;
- Recording Secretary, Jim Hayes;
- Corresponding Secretary, Bo Tamarelli;
- Treasurer, Rich McGee;
- Assistant Treasurer, George Dilgard

### THE REMINDER Team:

- Tom Dahlem, Publisher;
- Maynard Timm, Co-Editor
- Tim McGee, Co-Editor
- Tom Dahlem & Tom Booth, Photography.

*\*The Reminder Deadline for articles is July 21, 2024*

*\*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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