The Reminder



September 2024

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

President's Letter



It seems that the older I get, summers go by faster and faster. We know that when the SMCB picnic and the Dream Cruise are over, it is time to begin wrapping up the golf league and get ready for bowling to begin. Each year, we suspend most of the club activities in August so that we all can enjoy the last bit of summer in our own ways. Once again, the SMCB annual picnic was our one big activity for August, and it did not disappoint. The attendance and enthusiasm were great. I believe that there were around 20 vehicles on display including a motorcycle with a sidecar. Thank you to the committee that put this all together so that we all could enjoy the day.

I have had many comments from people both inside and outside the club of how well our activities and meetings run. I always make sure to let them know that it is due to the hard work of our volunteers and committees. Our club thrives because we have so many men helping out to run things. I am glad to announce that Ashok Gupta has stepped up to become the membership chairman. John Burpee recently stepped down from that position and did a great job at it. The membership chair is integral to the success of our club by processing new applications and orienting new associates. If anyone would like to step up and assist Ashok, it is a great position to meet new people.

We are also in need of a new chairperson for the emergency preparedness committee. Dave Dinger recently stepped down after many years in that position and we thank him for all that he did including procurement of an AED device for the club and arranging for the CPR certification of several members. Please let me know if you are willing to help out.

We have a great line up of speakers to look forward to at our upcoming Friday meetings that have been lined up by Bob Lusardi, the speaker chair for September. We have had so many great speakers this year and the rest of the year will not disappoint. The summer dress code for the Friday meetings will be in effect throughout the month and we will resume our regular dress code with the first meeting in September. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

John Maten

September 2024 Speakers



SEPTEMBER 6TH

Rolls & Butter Caesar Salad Mixed Vegetables Baked Mostaccioli Rosemary Chicken Dessert: Brownie

SEPTEMBER 20TH

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

SEPTEMBER 13TH

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

SEPTEMBER 27TH ISLAMIC THEME

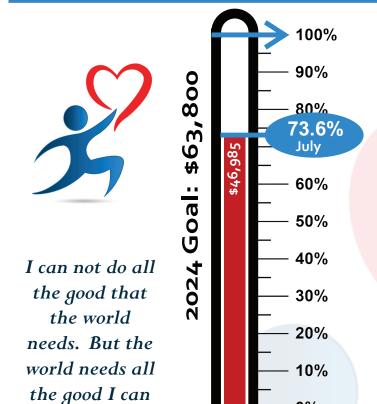
Pita Bread Hummus Tabbouleh Falafel Chicken Shawarma Dessert: Baklava

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Fellowship • Shared Interest • Community Service

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"Reaching Out" - Senior Men's Club at Work - Why We Give

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- Jana Stanfield

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 Maynard Timm (member since 2015) said it well, "As President of the Senior Men's Club in 2021, I was so impressed by the fine men in our Club. It was a difficult year due to the pandemic. In 2021, the Foundation was formed, I have been able to play a part in the brief history since then. The Foundation is a mirror of the goodness of the Club itself. Being focused on serving our community, strikes at the true strength of our group. I encourage others to support. The benefit to our Club in giving to our nearby communities makes our sense of service to others even stronger than before."

Foundation Grant to Michigan Parkinson Foundation



<u>Michigan Parkinson Foundation Grant</u>

After thorough review, a grant of \$10,000 was presented to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. This grant reflects the priorities and values of the Senior Men's Club. Men are 1.5 times more likely to be diagnosed with Parkinson's. Veterans have an even greater risk. Parkinson's is a progressive disease with a need for increased care as the illness matures.

The grant will be given to care-givers. Respite care provides relief to persons (most often family members) who are caring for individuals with Parkinson's disease. Time away from care-giving responsibilities is essential to the well-being of care-givers and can help reduce stress and improve quality of care. Respite care services can be provided through "in-home" care, adult day programs, and short-term respite at a long-term care community.

The grant will be allocated to 5-10 recipients. In each case, there is an application made by the recipient and a thorough review by Michigan Parkinson's professionals.

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!"



Michigan Central Train Visit

Led by SMCB President John Maten, nearly 60 of us disembarked on a sunny and humid July morning and walked back in time to the restored grandeur of the Michigan Central Train Depot at the east end of Roosevelt Park, at Michigan and Vernon, in the Corktown neighborhood of Detroit.

Ford Motor Co. spent nearly a billion dollars in the acquisition and restoration of the 1913 Beaux Arts beauty. After decades of abandonment and decline at the hands of vandals and Mother Nature, the building is now a great international symbol of the phoenix-like resurgence of Detroit and a beacon of hope for the Corktown neighborhood.

After our docent-led tour of better than an hour we did what SMCB members and guests do best: ate and enjoyed each other's company, at the lovely Los Galanes Restaurant on Bagley in Mexicantown, a short drive from the station.

Our thanks go to Bill Ford, Jr. for his vision and determination to bring back the station to its former glory. Thanks also to SMCB members Andy Acho for his Ford contacts and to Malcolm Hendy, Art Poe and Dennis Schultz of the Special Events Committee for working on this day for the better part of two years.

If you have a chance to go, don't miss it! Special Events has another SMCB trip to the station in the works so please stay tuned.

Ray Buratto

Special Events Committee member













August Picnic and Car Show

Midway through our summer hiatus, the August 14 Car Show and Picnic at Beverly Park was a resounding success! Special Events Committee members Ray Buratto, Malcolm Hendy and Dennis Schultz, aided by Ken Kamman, made it happen. As part of an all-out push to make it a big day, Ken called upon several of his car club friends to bring their classics to supplement those belonging to club members. Our friends from the Lingenfelter Collection sent a supercharged Corvette. SMCB members Annett, Dahlem, Hansz, Hall, Schultz, Lalka, Haber, Reed, Melton & Pope all brought their 4 wheeled cruising cuties and Larry Nahigian brought his 55 year old BMW motorcycle using me for ballast in the sidecar. The adventurous were rewarded with Larry taking them for spins around the park's parking lot. A special treat was provided by John Paesano bringing a number of his airplane models which attracted lots of interest and conversation.

Our day featured a bocce ball tourney anchored by Tony DiMarco, lunch from Quarton Catering, a raffle drawing, daylong camaraderie, closing with a songfest led by Maynard Timm, Ty Perkins, Ras Desai with special guest star Marv Dery rounding out the chorus. Of course their reverie would not be complete without the accompaniment of Bruce Snyder on the electric keyboard.

The car show and picnic is always a fun day with lots of lovely cars (and motorcycles) good feelings, smiles and happy times. Some of our more senior seniors say this year's was the biggest and best they've seen; 72 members and 12 guests enjoyed this day. Next year will be bigger and better so pencil in August 13 and 20 for one of those days will be the 2025 SMCB Car Show and Picnic. See you there.

Ray Buratto Special Events Committee member

























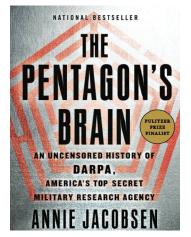




As we begin SMCB's new program year, the reading groups will discuss two award-winning books that will be of interest to many of us. The first deals with some of the national security issues discussed last month in the Oppenheimer book, and the second focuses on the life and contributions of one of our founding fathers.

Kudos to all of the members who nominated an amazing array of books for the next round of discussions beginning in October. The votes have been tallied and the schedule has been completed. This response reflects the consistent level of participation and meaningful dialogue present in our Monday as well as Wednesday discussions. For this Roger and I are most grateful. Here's a link to the new third Monday schedule.

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



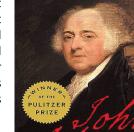
Wednesday, September 4, 10:30 AM: The Pentagon's Brain: An Uncensored History of DARPA, America's Top-Secret Military Research Agencyby Annie Jacobsen

From the publisher: "No one has ever written the history of the Defense Department's most secret, most powerful, and most controversial military science R&D agency. In the first-ever history about the organization, New York Times bestselling author Annie Jacobsen draws on inside sources, exclusive interviews, private documents, and declassified memos to paint a picture of DARPA, or "the Pentagon's brain," from its Cold War inception in 1958 to the present.

From the Publishers Weekly review: "A fascinating and unsettling portrait of the secretive U.S. government agency...Jacobsen walks a fine line in telling the story of the agency and its innovations without coming across as a cheerleader or a critic, or letting the narrative devolve into a salacious tell-all. This discussion will be led by Roger Timm

Monday, September 16, 3 PM: John Adams by David McCullough

From Amazon's promo: "In this powerful, epic biography, David McCullough unfolds the adventurous life journey of John Adams, the brilliant, fiercely independent, often irascible, always honest Yankee patriot who spared nothing in his zeal for the American Revolution; who rose to become the second president of the United States and saved the country from blundering into an unnecessary war; who was learned beyond all but a few and regarded by some as "out of his senses"; and whose marriage to the wise and valiant Abigail Adams is one of the moving love stories in American history. The NY Times reviewer described it as "Lucid and compelling... [Written] in a fluent narrative style that combines a novelist's sense of drama with a scholar's meticulous attention to the historical record." Roger Timm will lead this discussion.



David McCullough

Looking ahead to October:

Wednesday, October 2: 21 Lessons for the 21st Century byYuval Noah Harari (Swarn Rajpal)

Monday, October 21: Who Killed Jane Stanford: A Gilded Age Tale of Murder, Deceits, Spirits and the Birth of a University by Richard Wright (Doug Koschik)

Bob Maxfield, Chairman







On Monday, September 9th at 1:00 PM, Tom Booth will present, via Zoom, the adventure classic film "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" (1948) (2 hours / 6 minutes). Directed by the legendary John Huston, the story unfolds as two rough—and—tumble wanderers, Dobbs (Humphrey Bogart) and Curtin (Tim Holt), meet up with a veteran prospector, Howard (Walter Huston), in Mexico and head into the Sierra Madre Mountains to search for gold. Although they discover treasure, they also find plenty of trouble, not only from ruthless bandits lurking in the wilderness but from their own insecurities and greed, which threaten to bring conflict at any moment.

The film was both a critical and commercial success, winning three Academy Awards – Best Director and Best Screenplay for John Huston and Best Supporting Actor for Walter Huston – the first time a father and son both won Oscars for the same film. The movie continues to be highly regarded by both critics and audiences and has a current Rotton Tomatoes score of 100% and IMDb rating of 8.2/10.

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 Tom, and the rest of our Group, on September 9, to watch, enjoy and discuss this fascinating film from the golden age of Hollywood.

Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of September 8, which will be published on Friday morning September 6. Looking forward to seeing you on September 9.

Fred Hansz, Chairman



Investment Group



Please join us at our next Investment Group meeting being held on Thursday September 12, 2024 at 2:45PM. The in-person and Zoom meeting will be held in the basement level of the Baldwin Public Library. Brian Patterson is from First Eagle Investments, which is a private and independent investment firm that has approximately \$138 Billion assets under management and traces its history back to 1864! Brian will be speaking on the topic of: Current Market Dynamics & Trends, International/Global Investing and Gold. www.firsteagle.com

In addition to our speaker topic we will be providing the updated rules and forms for the 2023-2024 Stock Game!

We look forward to providing insightful and timely speakers over the next several months. Those who are interested in becoming more involved with the Investment Group please do not hesitate to give me a call (248-990-0305).

Continued Successful Investing!

Mike Korsak, Chairman



Golf

The Senior Men were once again the guests of Stonycroft Hills Club for the 37th Annual Stonycroft-SMCB Invitational. Rainout caused a reschedule two weeks later than planned as 40 golfers tackled the narrow fairways and lightning fast greens. The winning team of Dennis Wade, Mark Schumacher, Sward Rajpal, Steve Carl and Dennis Winowiecki carded a score of 32...three under par.

The battle for second place was decided by a chip-off by Roger Cummings (representing the Tom Utter team) and Greg McComas (representing the Gino Salceiccioli team) as both teams carded a score of 33...two under par. Showing their deft touch and feel for their wedges (neither Roger nor Greg managed to keep the ball on the green), Greg McComas managed to come closer to the pin and walked away with the spoils of second place.

Om Bahsin (5'4") and Gary Milikian (13') won the closest to the pin contest on holes 3 and 9 respectfully.

The season has come to a close at Lincoln Hills as the Monday golfers trade in their clubs for a bowling ball as we start the Bowling Season at Escape Lanes in September. The Thursday golf at Springdale will continue until Jacki tells us to go home.

The next tournament will be in October 8th when we conclude the season with our annual banquet.

Tim McGee, Golf Chairman

CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club will meet on the Third Thursday at Three (September 19, 2024; 3 PM) at the Baldwin Public Library's second floor Board Room.

SMC member Martin Rowell worked for Jaguar from 1956 to 1968 in the UK and Europe. He will share with us his pictures and posters showing the Evolution of the Jaguar E-type —from early thought to launch, of the Series 1 E-type at the March 1961 Geneva Auto Show. (It is always better to come in person to see the posters, as they do not display well on Zoom.)

2025 Member Dues Notice



It's that time of year again. September 1 is the date for members to begin paying their dues for the 2025 calendar year. Dues will be the same as last year; \$90. Members are encouraged to round up to

Life members are exempt from paying dues, but many continue paying as a donation. Thank you.

Please make your check payable to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham or SMCB and mail to:

> SMCB/Dues PO Box 1149 Birmingham, MI 48012

Alternatively, you can click on the link below to pay by credit card (WIX is the service provider).

Online Dues Payment

(Requires Members Portal Login)

SEPTEMBER 2024 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

	2024 SE	PT Calenda	ir at a Glance as of:	Wednesday, August 21, 2024		
Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	Sept 2		Labor Day	No Activities		
Tuesday	Sept 3	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
First Tuesday	Sept 3	10:00 AM	Special Events Committee	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Ras Desai	(248) 722-4411
Tuesday	Sept 3	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
First Wednesday	Sept 4	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	Sept 4	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Sept 5	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	Sept 5	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	Sept 6	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Sept 6	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Week 2		•				
Monday	Sept 9	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Second Monday	Sept 9	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	Sept 10	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	Sept 10	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib - Rotary Room	John R Maten	(248) 251-9339
Tuesday	Sept 10	11:30 AM	Associate Orientation Training	Baldwin Lib - Rotary Room	Ashok Gupta	(248) 681-6577
Tuesday	Sept 10	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Sept 11	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Second Wednesday	Sept 11	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher Must Pre-Registe	Birmingham Fire Station- Adams Rd/248-530-1906	David Dinger	(248) 310-4583
Thursday	Sept 12	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	Sept 12	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Sept 12	12:30 PM	SMCB SCORE Meeting	Dick O'Dows, Birmingham	Rich McGee	(248) 703-7231
Second Thursday	Sept 12	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library- Donor Room + Zoom	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	Sept 13	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Sept 13	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Week 3		!		,	· ·	
Monday	Sept 16	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Third Monday	Sept 16	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	Sept 17	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Sept 17	10:00 AM	SMC Foundation	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Mike Bica	(248) 791-3633
Tuesday	Sept 17	NOON	SMC Finance Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Rich McGee	(248) 703-7231
Tuesday	Sept 17	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Sept 18	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Sept 19	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	Sept 19	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Third Thursday	Sept 19	3:00 PM	Camera Group	Baldwin Lib - Delos Bd. Rm + Zoom	Jay Hall	(248) 644-1455
Friday	Sept 20	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Sept 20	CANCELLED	Bridge Group	Library Closed	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Third Friday	Sept 20	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com	Maynard Timm	(248) 303-5490
Week 4						(= := / = := = := :
Monday	Sept 23	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	Sept 24	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Sept 24	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Sept 25	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Sept 25	7:00 AM	Golf- Springdale	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Hills	Tim McGee	(248) 643-0971
Thursday	Sept 26	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
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Friday	Sept 27		Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Sept 27	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(248) 646-5938
Week 5			T -		T	T
Monday	Sept 30	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
September 1	* Don Foehr	September 9	Kevin Doucet	September 16	* John Mahoney
	* Goldy Hullinger		a Brad Host		* Bob F. Smith
	Bill Price	September 10	Jack Burns	September 17	a Dick Keefer
September 2	Gary Melikian	September 11	David Carl Anderson	September 18	Tom Fogarty
	Chuck Robinson	September 12	Dr. Ollie Marcotte	September 22	Dick Bradley, Past Pres 2018
	Tom Schrift		Lee Morris	September 23	Chuck Allen
	Marc Secontine	September 13	Richard Aginian		Bob Maxfield
September 3	Al Beke		* Bob Munn	September 24	* Gordon Allardyce
	* Mike Frank		* Bob Seeley		a Brian Blake
September 4	Ed Biskup		Dr. Joel Shavell		Maynard Timm, Past Pres 2021
	* Ed Cox	September 14	a Gary Cummings	September 27	a Max Kapadia
September 5	Paul Kovceses, Past Pres 2023		Bill Klindt		a Roy Richie
	* Larry Price		a Mort Meisner		a Gord Ruehs
	Bob Stoessel		Jamie Rainey	September 28	Charles Bruggemann
September 6	Dr. Ashok Gupta		Ted Schuster	September 29	Dan Swanson
September 7	Dave Baumhart III	September 15	* George Benko	September 30	a Paul Obermeyer
	* George Miller		* Bob H. Smith		





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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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