

# The Reminder



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Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan



Veterans Day Friday Meeting Presenters - Robert Sparks, Dennis Winowiecki, John Maten, Mike Clement, Willy Williams, Jim Suhay, Dennis Shultz, Paul Gold, John Rusche



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

It ends much as it began, with a focus on “Commitment, Community and Compassion”. 2025 has passed with lightning speed, and highlighted by the exemplary “Commitment” to SMCB by this year’s officers, John Rusche, Bo Tamarelli, Rick Paul, George Dilgard, Doug Koschik, and Larry Powe, ably assisted by the various committee chairs, including Rafique Tai and Tom Kimble, installed mid-year as new chairs of Visitation and Health and Community Engagement, respectively. Former Treasurer Jim Suhay added his particular skills as secretary of the Strategic Planning Committee, working alongside chairman John Rusche, and core members Doug Koschik, Paul Kovceses, Swarn Rajpal, John Maten and Bo Tamarelli. Rick Paul led the charge in updating and improving the function of the Governance Committee with Paul Kovceses, Nick Pinciotti and Jay Reynolds taking on the 2026 Handbook revisions, building on Jack Burns’ long-term commitment to the quality and accuracy of that important publication. Bo Tamarelli’s customer service skills produced a QR code to access speaker slides and a hard wiring of our internet connection at the Iroquois Club, resulting in improved in-house and Zoom meeting quality. Membership chair Kevin Doucet has presided over welcoming



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Host: Bo Tamarelli

## President's Letter continued

100 new members in 2025 - the greatest increase in Club history! Each new member brings new ideas and interests to the Club; Richard Koppel's reinvigoration of the Discussion Group and Dave Sanders with Cameras, Photography and Travel are good examples.

Tom Kimble shared his unique strengths and important contacts, moving us forward in our service to "Community", through LifeRemodeled and its "Six Day Project" to assist Detroit residents in the clean up and beautification of their neighborhoods and with Habitat for Humanity and Micah 6 in Pontiac.

2025 marked the third year of SMCB participation in this rewarding LifeRemodeled event. During the week of September 29 through October 4, nearly 30 SMCB members and spouses lent their brains and brawn to success of the project! Seventeen of us worked on an unseasonably hot and humid October Saturday. In the words of volunteer John Skubik, day's end brought a "good kind of exhaustion".

Coordinated by Matt Vorce and Tom Kimble, a mid-October project cleaning up greenhouse gardens at Pontiac community hub Micah 6 yielded new friends, new SMCB member Jim Hoste, and a rewarding day for our sixteen member volunteers. We enjoyed a tour of the former Webster Elementary School being repurposed as a community center, followed by lunchtime conversation which led to a successful joint effort with our Foundation to raise \$25,000 to fund the renovation of a classroom in the building.

Just last week a dozen of us "wannabe construction pros" hung siding on a Habitat for Humanity home in Pontiac. It was a wonderful November day and we shared a great sense of accomplishment, contribution, and a deepening camaraderie marked by an abundance of laughs and good-natured jabs.

The year's events have heightened our sense of "Compassion", notably through the unexpected deaths of former presidents Tim McGee and Maynard Timm. We've said goodbye to other members and comforted their widows and families by our presence at memorial services and remembrance through contributions from the Posh Gulati Deceased Members Memorial Fund to

family designated charities. We shared the stories of our member veterans as part of our November 7 tribute to Veterans Day. Hospitalizations are always with us, whether members, their families or our own friends and loved ones. Former president George Stern has some health challenges. Dick Laimbeer just shared his story of treatment for esophageal cancer and leukemia requiring an internet search for IV treatment to relieve his nausea. I have a dear family friend who lost her vision in thirty short days to "giant cell arteritis", an inflammatory disease of the large arteries in the upper body. We must always remember the fragility of life and make the most of our time together.

It has been my great privilege to serve you and to be part of the accomplishments of 2025. I thank all of you for your part in it!

- Ray Buratto



### MEMBER PROFILE - WALTER OEHRLEIN

Walter Henry  
Oehrlein-U.S. Military  
Academy, 1965 excelled  
at both squash and tennis  
at West Point from  
1963-65. He won six  
varsity letters, captained  
the tennis team and  
capped off his career by  
winning the 1965  
national collegiate squash  
singles title.



Of all his athletic honors, however, the one Walter savors most is never having lost to Navy in squash or tennis.

Following his military career in 1971 he moved to Michigan to become the racquets professional at the Birmingham Athletic Club where he developed an impressive number of nationally ranked junior players, several of whom went on to play collegiately. He continued to "serve" as an Academy Liaison Officer/ROTC representative for seventeen years and retired as an Air Force Reserve LtCol.



More than just “the Pro”, Walter’s contributions carried beyond the courts as he focused on building the BAC brand as one of the leading racquet clubs in the Midwest. Today, the BAC hosts three major tournaments annually; the Deroy Testamentary Foundation Junior Silver, the RacquetUp Detroit Summer Junior Gold, and the Motor City Open.

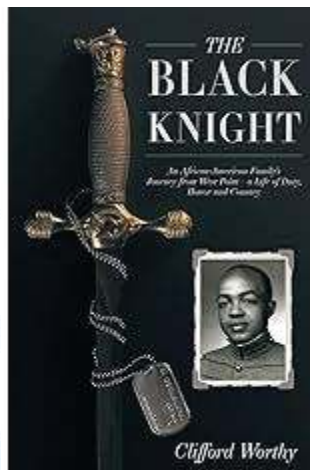
After nine years as head pro, Walter stepped aside to pursue a career as a manufacturer’s representative in the automotive business. True to form, he didn’t just use the Club, he served it, becoming a board member in 1989 and its president in 1991-92.

New Doors Open, New Friends Made. Walter “retired” in 2006, but his altruistic spirit and enthusiasm would create an impressive resume of service. For starters he raised funding for and co-produced two documentary films and collaborated in the publishing of a book.

“Where the Brave Dare to Tread” is the inspiring story of fellow West Point graduate and Ypsilanti war hero, Bob Arvin who died in combat in October 1967.

“Keep Eye on Ball” depicts the extraordinary life of Hashim Khan, considered the father of modern squash, and perhaps the world’s greatest player ever. He and Walter were great friends.

“The Black Knight”- is the autobiography of distinguished West Point graduate, Birmingham resident and SMCB Life member, Colonel Cliff Worthy. It was always Cliff’s dream to share his life’s story in print, in the hope that it might inspire others. With the help of Walter and others, Cliff’s dream became reality.



Restoring the Hitting Wall in Hamtramck’s Veterans Memorial Park. From the nineteen forties to the late sixties. Hamtramck was the epicenter of youth tennis in America. It was there that legendary tennis coach Jean Hoxie started the country’s first tennis camp that produced several hundred national and international champions.

The wall had aged-not so gracefully- a committee was formed by Walter. Uniting with Hamtramck Museum Director, Greg Kowalski, Chuck Brainard, set a goal that

is almost complete, returning the site to its former glory.

“RacquetUp Detroit” In 2010, Walter helped launch



RacquetUp, a nationally recognized education and squash training program for urban youth in Detroit. Beginning with just forty students and housed at the old Jewish Community Center, RacquetUp thrived from the outset. Opened since 2022 is a 19,500 square foot state of the art facility with 8

squash courts, 4 classrooms, and a college and career center on Outer Drive in Northwest Detroit. RacquetUp has seen four cohorts of students complete its eight-year program with a 100% graduation rate. Walter also has an endowed scholarship for students pursuing a college degree.

“What’s Next? In his eighties, Walter hasn’t lost a step. In fact, he says this path of entrepreneurship is his favorite form of exercise. “Make a call, get out, take on an assignment, and help someone, or something.”



## SPORTS TRIVIA QUESTION

I’m surprised that no Lion fan answered last months trivia question correctly. Steve Owens the 1969 Heisman trophy winner from Oklahoma was the first Lion to rush for 1000 yards in a season. In 1971 Owens rushed for 1035 yards in his second season in Detroit. He played only 5 seasons from 1970 to 1974 and struggled with shoulder and knee injuries most of his career and only rushed for 2451 yards during those five years.

Ok, Red Wing fans here is a question for you. The Detroit Red Wings have had plenty of tough guys like, Kocur, Lindsay, Probert, Howe and McCarty to name a few, but who served a career team-record 218 minutes in penalties in their post season career?

Send your responses to [tcdecorte@comcast.net](mailto:tcdecorte@comcast.net)

-Tom De Corte





## COMMUNITY WORKDAY WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Our club continued its commitment to community with a volunteer workday on Wednesday November 19, 2025, at a Habitat for Humanity home at 234 Ferry Ave., Pontiac. Led by Tom Kimble, these SMCB members, Kevin Doucet, Jim Fleck, Jennings French, Arthur Kaye, Paul Kovceses, Paul Lieberman, John Maten, Bob Stevenson, John Willis, and the writer, worked a five and a half hour day, hanging exterior siding and caulking the base plate of the home. A team of five construction professionals gave directions. We enjoyed an unseasonably pleasant November day, filled with laughs and gaffes, and gained new “appropriate for mixed company” vocabulary. Who knew that a sheet of siding was lovingly called a “stick”, or that edges of windows are protected by a “J Channel” or that siding had a “factory edge”, or that a small rotary cutting tool could be set up for right or left handed use? “Very few of us” is the right answer. But with patient direction by the pros, we made do just the same.

During a short lunch break at Habitat Oakland headquarters, Jim Fleck presented a SMC Foundation check for \$5,000.00, thus combining the financial strength of the Foundation with the Club’s “boots on the ground” commitment to community engagement. Each Club member had a chance to self-introduce, talking about our backgrounds, what brought us to SMCB, and

what brought us to that project that day. Tom Kimble set the tone for a comfortable exchange with our hosts who welcomed us as friends they had never met.

We worked hard and with pride in our work and a



post-middle age swagger that speaks volumes about the Senior Men’s Club of Birmingham. But for the top course of siding which had to wait for the completion of the soffit, we sided an entire house in one day! Bob Stevenson and former President Paul Kovceses completely caulked the base plate of the ranch home. Our hosts commented “you all did amazing work at a fast pace” and that Habitat is so grateful for “your gifts of time and treasure.”

We left the job site as the sun began to set in the western sky, able to look back with pride on a job well done, a job that makes a lasting impact on our extended community.





## **AN OPEN LETTER BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS ANNUAL VETERAN CELEBRATION**

Dear SMCB Members and Fellow Veterans,

I am writing to express my appreciation for your enthusiastic response and participation during the Birmingham Public Schools' recent Veterans' celebration.

It is rewarding to note that this year we significantly increased our attendance to 43 SMCB veterans accounting for about one-half of the total attendance of one hundred which included other veteran organizations within the region. While honoring all attendees, of particular importance is the fact this annual gathering honors Birmingham area veterans who sacrificed their lives during the Vietnam conflict.

We can express our gratitude for the important level of support to Dr. Embekka Roberson, Superintendent of Birmingham Public Schools, for the great emphasis she places upon this occasion having had a grandfather and father who were also veterans she honors with us each year.

Reflecting upon the history of this celebration, Joan Crampton deserves special recognition as she honors not only our members and local veterans, but also her father who was a military hero during World War II, barely surviving warfare in the Philippines whose courage she has honored by writing his biography. Joan's son Michael was a Medic in the National Guard during the Afghanistan War and after he returned safely home Joan began the Birmingham Greenfield Elementary School Veterans' recognition day. With its humble beginnings in 2016, it was attended by eleven veterans, including one active duty Marine, Joan's son Michael, John Reddy, former and distinguished SMCB member and previous editor of the Birmingham Eccentric, Dr. Nerad, Superintendent of Schools, yours truly and seven other local veterans from our community.

In discussions with Joan, she has expressed an interest in enhancing the veterans' day celebration which may include greater student involvement for their understanding of the importance of service to our country. Suggested considerations would be the selection of keynote speakers from SMCB to share their special history thus making military experience or other service to our country opportunities for students to consider for their future planning. We also may want to acquaint our local students with our World War II Memorial and Michigan's history as the Arsenal of Democracy and the role our local citizens and military men and women played in preserving the freedoms we all enjoy.

May we continue to be a part of fostering Joan's dream of sustaining and growing participation in celebrating this nationally honored and patriotic occasion in our calendar year for many years to come!

- Jack Davis



## 2026 SMCB DUES

As we approach the end of the year, I'd like to remind you that, if you have not done so already, please pay your 2026 dues! Dues are the same as last year: \$90. Members are encouraged to round up to \$100. Life members are exempt from paying dues, but many continue to pay as a donation to the Club.

You can pay by any of the following methods:

1. Make your check payable to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham (or SMCB) and send it to: **SMCB/Dues, PO Box 1149, Birmingham, MI 48012, or**
2. Deposit your check in the designated box by the registration desk at Friday meetings, or
3. Pay by credit card by going to the SMCB website:  
<https://www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com/shop>  
(Note: WIX is the service provider and will show up on your credit card statement.)

If you're not sure whether you have paid your 2026 dues already, please contact me at [koschik@comcast.net](mailto:koschik@comcast.net) or 586-604-5911, and I'll look you up in my spreadsheet.

Many thanks to the 63% of members who have already paid their dues!

- Doug Koschik  
Assistant Treasurer



## FRIDAY MEETING UPGRADES – GOOD NEWS

Effective November 21 at our Friday meeting we are officially on the Information Superhighway! Previously we had been using one big 18-wheeler, running on a side road that worked well but we would hit an occasional pothole and could go only 25 miles an hour.

Now we are using the expressway and travelling 70 miles an hour with many small efficient trucks using the most efficient route.

The reason we jumped on the Information Superhighway is that the SMCB and Iroquois Club partnered on a direct, wired connection straight into the Internet. No more Wi-Fi, no more flaky wireless connections. We are wired directly into the Comcast modem at the Iroquois Club.

The results of this are two big advantages:

A direct connection means a way more reliable connection; with the previous Wi-Fi connection we

were dependent on the foibles of wireless transmission through two different brick walls and who know how many people that signal had to go through (no wonder I had that itch on my back when I sat down...)

The direct connection gives us 765% (7.6x) faster DOWNLOADS (seeing what the Zoomers are saying and sending us), and 1740% (17.4x) faster UPLOADS (sending out the meeting in the Iroquois Club out to Zoomers). This increase in bandwidth means that the software can work more efficiently...think of it like this, say you had 1,000 bricks to send across town to 25 different locations; before we'd use one large truck carrying 25,000 bricks stopping at each location; now it's like we have 17 trucks, delivering 1,000 bricks to one or two sites each; way faster, way more efficient.

If you are a current Zoomer to our Friday meeting or were in the past but were frustrated with the bad internet connection, please try attending an upcoming meeting and let us know what you think!

- Bo Tamerelli



## DECEMBER MENUS 2025

### DECEMBER 5TH

Rolls & Butter

Garden Salad

Peas

Baked Mostaccioli

Sliced Prime Rib

Dessert: Cookies

### DECEMBER 12TH

Rolls & Butter

Iroquois Club Salad

Rosemary Chicken

Mashed Potatoes

Mixed Vegetables

Dessert: Cake





## A SEASONAL WORD FROM SEPTEMBER'S HEALTH & VISITATION CHAIR

In September, I served as the club's monthly chair for Health and Visitation, no matter the month we do report far too many falls among our members and their loved ones. One member's wife wrote to me with real urgency. She pleaded that we address the issue—before more friends end up injured, hospitalized, or sidelined from the simple joys of daily life. She asked me directly to deal with the issue when giving my Friday report last September.

I took her concern to heart and responded the best way I could at the time—by sharing a poem. Sometimes a gentle rhyme helps a serious message settle more comfortably in our minds. But now, as December arrives and winter stands squarely on our doorstep, we face a whole new set of seasonal challenges. Snowstorms, black ice, early darkness, and slippery steps don't care how careful we think we are. They demand preparation, humor, and a good dose of common sense.

That brings us to the heart of this message: ice is not nice, especially in Metro Detroit. Winter can turn the most confident walker into a part-time figure skater without warning. This is the season when boots with traction become best friends, shoveled walkways become lifesavers, and indoor clutter suddenly becomes an unexpected accomplice in falling. Even stepping out to grab the morning paper can feel like auditioning for "Dancing with the Stars: Senior Edition." And no one is trying to win points for unintended choreography.

Inside our homes, the challenges multiply. Boots bring in snow, floors get slick, daylight fades, and small obstacles hide in shadows. A misplaced shoe, a dark hallway, or a mischievous throw rug can turn into trouble faster than any slippery sidewalk. And let's be honest—none of us wants to explain to our doctor that the fall happened "because the cat scared me" or "the rug moved."

The good news is that staying upright doesn't require fear—just awareness. A bit of daily movement keeps our legs strong. Good lighting keeps our homes friendly. Slow, steady walking keeps us grounded. And as always, a little humor keeps the spirit warm, even if the weather

isn't. Winter may test us, but with wisdom and care, we can meet the season safely, and maybe even with a smile. What follows is the poem I shared back in September, the one that started this ongoing conversation about fall prevention. May it give you both encouragement and a chuckle as we brace ourselves for the months ahead.

- Fr. Richard Dalton

### Staying Upright

By Fr. Richard Dalton with an assistant's help

*Old bones may creak, old knees may groan,  
But stumbling's best left well alone.  
First, walk with shoes that grip the ground,  
Not slippers sliding all around.  
Second, mind the cluttered floor—  
One stray step can wage a war.  
Third, stand tall, don't rush the day,  
Pride falls faster than feet, they say.  
So, laugh at age, keep balance true,  
And let the floor be missing you.*



## TEE OFF THE 2026 SMCB WINTER GOLF SEASON!

The Senior Men's Club is heading indoors for winter golf starting Thursday, January 8, through Thursday, April 9, at the Evolution Sportsplex 141 South Opdyke Road, Auburn Hills

- Thursday mornings, 9:00–11:00 AM
- Reserved hitting stalls for SMCB members
- Unlimited golf balls provided
- Post-golf breakfast or lunch outings are a cherished tradition—come hungry and stay social!

Payment Options:

- Pre-pay discounted (2 weeks) for the full 14-week season
- Or pay by the day, as you go

Whether you're fine-tuning your swing or just enjoying the company, winter golf is a great way to stay active and connected. We look forward to seeing you there!

- Joe Schulenberg

SMCB Golf Committee Chairman

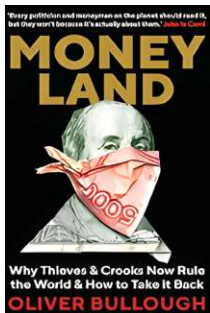
# GROUPS



## MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

In December we will discuss two highly regarded and very different books. The first introduces us to “Moneyland” a secret, trans-national institution that threatens the world’s economy, and the second explores the amazing “raags to riches” life of Merle Oberon.

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



### Wednesday, December 3 at 10 30 AM:

*Moneyland: Why thieves and Crooks Now Rule the World and How to Take it Back*

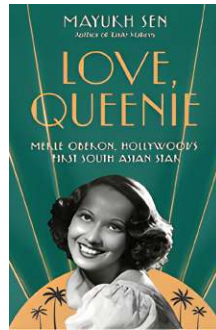
by **Oliver Bullough** (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2019)

Roger Timm will lead this discussion.

From ruined towns on the edge of Siberia, to Bond-villain lairs in London and Manhattan, something has gone wrong. Kleptocracies, governments run by corrupt leaders that prosper at the expense of their people, are on the rise. Join the investigative journalist Oliver Bullough on a journey into Moneyland, the secret country of the lawless, stateless superrich.

Learn how the institutions of Europe and the United States have become money-laundering operations, attacking the foundations of many of the world's most stable countries. Meet the kleptocrats. Meet their awful children. And find out how heroic activists around the world are fighting back. This is the story of wealth and power in the 21st century. It isn't too late to change it.

From the New Statesman, “You cannot understand power, wealth and poverty without knowing about Moneyland.”



**Monday, December 15: at 3 PM:** *Love Queenie: Merle Oberon, Hollywood's First South Asian Star*

by **Mayukh Sen** (New York: W.W. Norton and Company, 2025).

This discussion will be led by Bhimsen Rao.

In the first biography of Oberon (1911–1979) in more than forty years, Mayukh Sen draws on family interviews and heretofore untapped archival material to capture the exceptional life of an oft-forgotten talent. Born into poverty, Queenie Thompson dreamt of big-screen stardom. By sheer force of will, she immigrated to London in her teens and met film mogul Alexander Korda, who christened her “Merle Oberon” and invented the story that she was born to European parents in Tasmania. Her new identity was her ticket into Hollywood. When she was only in her twenties, Oberon dazzled as Cathy in *Wuthering Heights* opposite Laurence Olivier. Against the backdrop of Hollywood’s racially exclusionary Golden Age and the United States’s hostile immigration policy towards South Asians in the twentieth century, Oberon rose to the highest echelons of the film-world elite, all while keeping a secret that could have destroyed her career. Tracing Oberon’s story from her Indian roots to her final days surrounded by wealth and glamor, Sen questions the demands placed on stars in life and death.

“What does America want from its stars when they come from the margins?” Sen asks in this extraordinary account of the hardship and rampant racism”

- New York Times Book Review

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY:

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 10:30 AM:** *A Death in Malta* by **Paul Cauana Galizia**

(Pete Mehra)

**Monday, January 19 at 3 PM:** *The Crusader: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of Communism* by **Paul Kengor**

(Jim Allen)



# GROUPS (continued)



## CLASSIC MOVIE GROUP

On Monday, December 8th at 1:00 PM, Waller Harris will present, via Zoom, the outstanding Christmas Holiday Classic “Miracle on 34th Street” (1947) (1 hour / 41 minutes).



It's Thanksgiving Day, 1946. The holiday season is in full swing in New York City and preparations are being made for the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The Parade Manager, Doris Walker (Maureen O'Hara) finds the Parade Santa is intoxicated and unable to drive the sleigh. A few moments later, a cultured older gentleman with twinkling eyes, an ample tummy and a snowy beard (Edmond Gwenn) happens to walk by the staging area and is immediately enlisted by Doris to become Macy's Department Store Santa. He claims that his name is Kris Kringle and soon fills everyone with the Christmas Spirit – except for his boss, who is raising her eight-year-old daughter, Susan (Natalie Wood), not to believe in Santa. But when Kris is declared insane and put on trial, everyone's faith is put to the test as old and young alike face the age-old question: Do you believe in Santa Claus? Darryl F Zanuck, co-founder of 20th Century Fox, liked the film but thought it was as much a love story as a Christmas Movie and insisted that it be released in the summer of 1947, instead of holding it until the Fall. The film was both an instant commercial and critical success and remains very popular to this day. It carries a Rotten Tomatoes Rating of 96% and an IMDb rating of 7.9/10. The movie won four Academy Awards, including Best Supporting Actor for Edmund Gwenn. The cast and crew were all put into the Christmas Spirit by him during the production of the film and many of them tell us that he was always kind and full of good cheer on the set and around the studio. Natalie Wood later explained that she thought Gwenn actually was Santa Claus, until seeing

him at the post-production Wrap Party, out of character and in regular clothes.

The trailer for this movie is now available to watch by pressing the CMG Movie Preview Button on the SMCB Homepage.

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join Waller, and the rest of the Classic Movie Group, on December 8th, to watch, enjoy and discuss this classic Christmas Holiday film from the golden age of Hollywood. We know that we will have lots to talk about after viewing this masterpiece of movie making.

Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of December 7, which will be published on Friday December 5. In addition, if you click on the film title, you will be taken to the trailer and if you click on the Additional Information phrase you will be directed to two excellent videos that discuss our movie.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday December 8.

- Fred Hansz

## SCHEDULE FOR 2026

January 12 - Richard Dalton – *Teacher's Pet* (1958) 2 hrs

February 9 - Doug Koschik – *A Face in the Crowd* (1957)  
2 hrs/5 min

March 9 - Swarn Rajpal – *Slumdog Millionaire* (2008) 2 hrs

April 13 - Dave Dinger - *Gettysburg* (1993) 4 hrs/31 min

May 11 - Joel Adelman – *Rope* (1948) 1 hr/23 min

June 8 - Doug Koschick – *The Americanization of Emily*  
(1964) 1 hr/55 min

July 13 - Tom Booth – *The Sting* (1973) 2 hrs/9 min

August 10 - Waller Harris – *The Shawshank Redemption*  
(1994) 2 hrs/22 min

September 14 - Denny Winowiecki – *Secondhand Lions*  
(2003) 1 hr/51 min

October 12 - Tom Booth – *Once Upon a Time in the West*  
(1968) 2 hrs/25 min

November 9 - Fred Hansz – *It Started with Eve* (1941)  
1hr/30 min.

December 14 - Waller Harris – *National Lampoon's*  
*Christmas Vacation* (1989) 1hr/37 min

- All Shows presented via Zoom at 1:00 PM

# GROUPS *(continued)*



## INVESTMENT GROUP

Thank you to those that attended the November Investment Group meeting! Rick Bloom provided another insightful discussion regarding what has occurred in 2025, and his expectations for 2026.

On Thursday December 11th representatives from Famiglia Wealth ([www.famigliawealth.net](http://www.famigliawealth.net)) will visit us at the Baldwin Library at 2:45 lower level and on Zoom.

Formed in 1961, Famiglia Wealth is an independent wealth management firm focused on helping individuals and families simplify and improve the financial decisions that impact their future. The topic for the meeting is Navigating What's Next: The Economy, Markets, Planning, and AI in 2026 and beyond.

With respect to the Stock Game as of the Reminder writing, Rich McGee is in first place up 18% with his stock picks of Intellicheck (IDN) and Quick Logic (QUIK). In second place is Anil Parikh, who is up 16% and has several stocks with Edgewise Therapeutics (EWTX) and Treehouse Foods (THS), providing positive gains for his portfolio. In third place is Carl Fischer who is up 12% with his picks of Nuvalent (NUVL) and Krystal Biotech (KRYS) leading his stock picks.

Edgewise Therapeutics (EWTX) is the has the highest return of 47% to date.

Anyone who has questions regarding the Investment Group or Stock Game, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email.

Join us for an interesting, informative meeting in December!

- Mike Korsak



## Camera/Photography/Travel Enthusiasts!

We started the year off strong with two speakers covering 'Organizing Your Photographs' and 'Editing Photographs with Lightroom'. Both were very well

received! For November (11/20) we will pivot to discuss composition so that we can all take better photos. Our member, Jim Allen, who is an award-winning photographer and frequent global photography traveler will help each of us - whether we use mobile phones or cameras - learn to be better photographers. I am super excited about this event.

We plan to take our first excursion in December - visiting Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Details forthcoming. We have a full set of topics to cover starting in January as well.

Remember - our sessions are held on the third Thursday of the month, from 3:00 - 5:00 in the Baldwin Library in Birmingham. Hope to see you there!

- Dave Sanders



## SMCB HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE—DECEMBER 10

**TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE !!!**

Our annual Senior Men's Club of Birmingham Holiday Dinner Dance will be held on Wednesday, December 10, at the San Marino Club in Troy, located on the north side of Big Beaver Road between Rochester and John R. Roads. Our evening will begin with Marine Corps League representatives accepting new unwrapped toys for the Annual Toys for Tots Collection; then a social reception at 5:30 PM as usual, featuring an antipasto table of chips, cheese, and crackers with veggies, dip, and punch. We will be seated at 6:45 PM for announcements and introductions, followed by dinner (three entrees served family style) at 7 PM, and dancing thereafter until 10:15 PM. Free valet parking service will be provided.

Tickets for this event are \$75 per person and will be on sale at our Friday meetings or by contacting Jim King (248-645-9388) by December 1.

This is one of our most popular and successful annual SMCB events! We look forward to seeing you there.





## SHARE MY HEALTH STORY

by SMCB Member Dick Laimbeer

My need for immediate hydration, energy boost, and nausea medicine was due to a bad reaction to a chemotherapy treatment. After the treatment I had not eaten any solid food for five days. My diet consisted of popsicles, Coca Cola, ginger ale, and liquids only. My oncologist prescribed nausea pills. Only problem was I could not keep the pills down.

There are a lot of reasons that seniors could be in the same condition as I was. The only thing I knew at the time was I needed immediate help. I searched the web for an IV service that might be able to help and found Purely IV. When I called to make an appointment to my surprise someone would come to the house in 1 1/2 hours. At the appointed time Shanelle arrived complete with all the equipment and supplies. She is a surgical RN who works until 2:00 pm. (All Purely IV staff are RNs. We did a face time with Erin, the owner of the company. Erin was an oncology RN at Sloan Kettering in New York. She knew my condition and guided Shanelle to create a custom mix to address my condition. I was done in 1 hour and felt immediate relief. It was not a substitute for nutrition but acted as a bridge so I could take nutrition. The cost for an in-home IV was \$234 (got a first-time discount of \$25). Total, with tip was \$280. I did not ask Medicare if they would cover it. I did not care. I wanted relief. There are a lot of reasons seniors could have a need for the same type of IV. I did not want to go somewhere. I wanted the IV to come to me. If that is the way one feels, you can turn to Purely IV for help. 248-238-8018



## SCORE TOURS THE D

Our SMCB SCORE mentors and prospective mentors enjoyed a day filled with learning, camaraderie, and exploration as we toured the City of Detroit through the eyes of small business owners.

While most of our mentoring happens online via Zoom, many of the businesses and projects we support are right here in the city. We had coffee in Rosedale Park,

breakfast in Mexicantown, lunch in Greektown, and mocktails near the University of Detroit. Along the way, we explored Eastern Market, the Alger Theater District, Clark Park, Little Village, and the Avenue of



Fashion—and even stopped by the Heidelberg Project! Throughout the day, we met many new contacts to add to our growing network—people who can help our mentees with business plans, funding, and community connections. We also learned about the unique history of Detroit's neighborhoods: how they once thrived, faced decline, and are now being rebuilt. Although we still saw areas struggling with blight, the spirit of redevelopment is gaining momentum. Overall, we came away seeing more hope than despair.

A special congratulations to Swarn Rajpal, who has stepped up to serve as Client Intake Coordinator for the entire Michigan SCORE chapter. As the saying goes, if you want something done, ask a busy man to do it—and Swarn is that man!

We invite you to join us! Mentoring with SCORE is easy, rewarding, and only requires about three hours a week (completely flexible with your schedule) —and plenty of common sense.

Reach out to any of our members: LaCount, Powe, Rajpal, Vorce, Kafarski, Stevens, Garner, Culp, Reynolds, Burke, Stone, Rappleye, Jacobs, Zeid, McGee, Parikh, Rosen, Imerman, Finn, Lepsetz or Anil Desai.

- Rich McGee



## Senior Men's Club Foundation Supports Meals on Wheels Pontiac

The Senior Men's Club Foundation proudly presented a \$10,000 grant to Meals on Wheels – Pontiac (MOWP) to support their immediate operational needs. Founded in 1996, MOWP serves more than 300 homebound seniors and provides congregate meals to an additional 100+ clients in the Pontiac community. Their mission is simple and vital: ensuring no senior goes hungry or without the companionship and dignity they deserve.

With recent federal and state budget cuts placing essential services at risk, this grant helps sustain MOWP's critical programs. After a facility tour and full vetting, the Foundation determined that this investment will have a direct and meaningful impact on vulnerable seniors.



## Supporting the Senior Men's Club Foundation

In late October, about ten SMCB members volunteered at the Micah 6 project at Webster Community Center. They were so inspired by the work that they committed \$13,000 toward a \$25,000 goal to support the project. These volunteers have now asked the Foundation to help bridge the remaining gap. Their request reflects both their enthusiasm and the broader community's confidence in the mission and impact of Micah 6 Community.

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

## 2025 – Our Best Year Ever! A Remarkable 270 Contributions and \$155,000 in Support A Heartfelt Thank You

The Senior Men's Club of Birmingham continues to demonstrate what generosity and fellowship truly mean. As 2025 draws to a close, we anticipate finishing the year well ahead of 2024 in both contributions and total dollars raised. This extraordinary response reflects the deep compassion of our members and your shared commitment to helping those who need us most. Thank you—again and again—for all you do.

### Stewardship You Can Trust

Your Foundation board takes its responsibility seriously. We are committed to being thoughtful, transparent stewards of every dollar received. Our primary expenses are printing and postage. The Foundation pays no salaries, no stipends, and no personal expenses—ensuring that your contributions directly support meaningful programs for seniors.

### High-Impact Grants

Each grant we award is examined closely to ensure it delivers maximum benefit within our community. Only requests that clearly meet our mission—to support seniors and those in need—are approved. This careful vetting ensures that your generosity creates real, measurable impact.

### Strength Through Service

When the Club and the Foundation come together to lift others, we strengthen not only our community but also ourselves. Helping those who are less fortunate creates a rising tide of goodwill—one that lifts every boat in the harbor and reflects the best of who we are.







## Welcome New Members



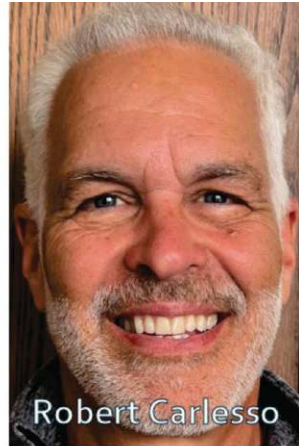
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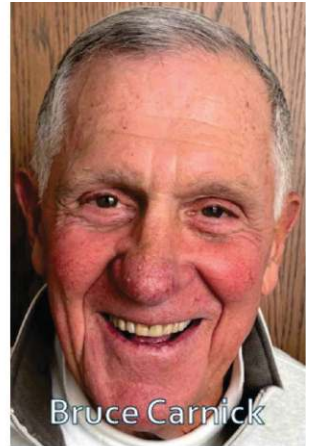
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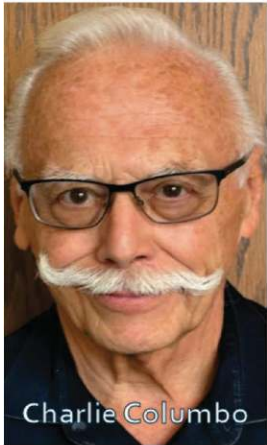
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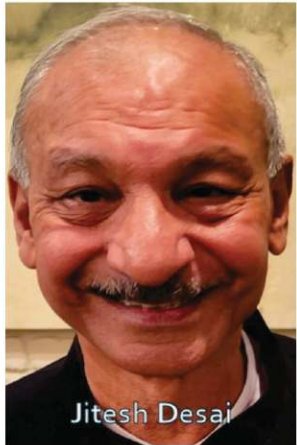
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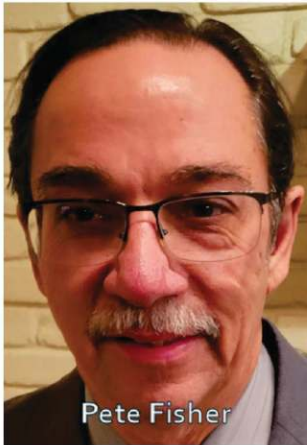
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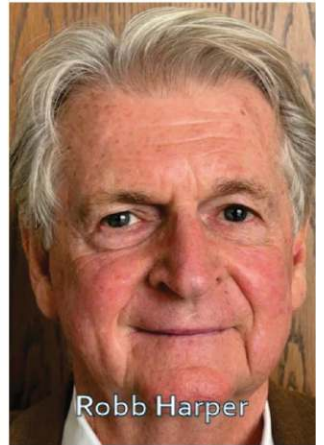
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Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Notes	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	Dec 1	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy		Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
First Monday	Dec 1	1:00 PM	Genealogy	Baldwin Lib- Donor Room	Screen + OWL	John Maten	(248) 251-9339
First Monday	Dec 1	2:30 PM	SMC Discussion Group	Baldwin Lib- Donor Room	Screen + OWL	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326
Tuesday	Dec 2	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North		Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
First Tuesday	Dec 2	10:00 AM	Special Events	Baldwin Lib- Donor Room	Screen + OWL	James Zyla	(248) 561-1520
First Wednesday	Dec 3	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom		Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	Dec 3	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Dec 3	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac		Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Dec 4	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North		Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	Dec 5	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom		Bo Tamarelli	(248) 388-2443
Friday	Dec 5	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
Week 2							
Monday	Dec 8	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy		Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Second Monday	Dec 8	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom		Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	Dec 9	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North		Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Dec 10	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	Screen + OWL	Ray Buratto	(248) 390-6244
Wednesday	Dec 10	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Dec 10		Pickleball	Cancelled		Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Wednesday	Dec 10		SMC Holiday Party	San Marino Club, Big Beaver Road, Troy		Jim King	(248) 895-4357
Second Wednesday	Dec 10	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher Must Pre-Register	Birmingham Fire Station- Adams Rd		David Dinger	(248) 310-4583
Thursday	Dec 11	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North		Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Second Thursday	Dec 11	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room	Theater Style + OWL	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	Dec 12	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom		Bo Tamarelli	(248) 388-2443
Friday	Dec 12	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
Week 3							
Monday	Dec 15	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy		Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Third Monday	Dec 15	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom		Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	Dec 16	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North		Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Dec 16	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	Screen + OWL	Ray Buratto	(248) 390-6244
Wednesday	Dec 17	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Dec 17	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac		Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Dec 18	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North		Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Dec 18	3:00 PM	Camera/Photography/Travel Group	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	Screen + OWL	Dave Sanders	(248) 563-6123
Friday	Dec 19	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday		Bo Tamarelli	(248) 388-2443
Friday	Dec 19	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday	Card Table Set Up	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
Friday	Dec 19	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com		Ray Buratto	(248) 390-6244
Week 4							
Monday	Dec 22	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy		Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	Dec 23	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North		Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	Dec 24		Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Dec 24		Pickleball	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday		Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Dec 25		Walking Group	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday		Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	Dec 26		Weekly Friday Mtg	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday		Bo Tamarelli	(248) 388-2443
Friday	Dec 26		Bridge Group	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday		Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
Week 5							
Monday	Dec 29	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy		Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	Dec 30		Walking Group	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday		Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	Dec 31		Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday		Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Dec 31		Pickleball	Cancelled- Christmas Holiday		Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Blake Green, Dr. C.H. Pujara                          | 18 John Lloyd                                    |
| 2 Noel Peterson   | 19 Dave Bakos, Ferd Doll Jr                      |
| 4 Nicholas Pinciotti, Tom Tabor                         | 20 Larry Frankland, Arnie Nielsen, Dick Schoelch |
| 7 Sean O'Keeffe, Larry Smith                            | 21 John Borden, Tony DiMaria, Rich Harrison      |
| 8 John Minni  | 22 George Kachnowski, Arthur Kaye                |
| 9 Tom Anderson, Ed Burke, Dennis Fiore, John Monnich Sr | 23 Bud Feely Jr.                                 |
| 10 Jay Parikh, Hemant Rajput                            | 24 Robert Sparks                                 |
| 11 Bill Peirce  | 26 Larry Pazol, Logan Robinson                   |
| 12 Ed Assad, Dr. Don Overy, Jack Withrow                | 27 Gord Bardell, Bob Yazejian                    |
| 13 Dennis Wolf  | 28 Willy Williams                                |
| 14 Paul Lieberman, Anil Parikh                          | 29 Dr. Bhimsen Rao                               |
| 15 Doug Brown   | 31 Ron Haller                                    |
| 16 George Dilgard, Pat Gahman                           |  |



### THE REMINDER

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