The Reminder

November 2026

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan



VETERAN

JOHN RUSCHE



Our President, John Rusche, spent four years in the U.S. Air Force, leaving active duty in 1966 as a Senior Airman (E-4). His journey took him from technical training in Mississippi to Strategic Air Command in Michigan and ultimately to the tense Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) of South Korea. Although the Air Force didn't emphasize personal weapons training as much as the Army, John earned a Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon during basic training skills he credits entirely to his days as a Boy Scout.



After losing his father while in eighth grade, John's college plans were put on hold, leading him to enlist right after high school. He spent his first year at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, training as an electronics technician to maintain ground-based navigational equipment. From there, he moved closer to home, serving at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda, Michigan. His most vivid memory from that Strategic Air Command base? Monthly fire drills during which the fire department would dump and ignite a 55-gallon drum of jet fuel, creating a massive blaze before smothering it with foam.

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John spent his final 13 months in South Korea, where geopolitical tensions remained high more than a decade after the 1953 armistice. While stationed at Osan Air Base, John and a teammate would drive a portable transmitter north to "Nightmare Range," just 22 miles from the North Korean border. There, they provided critical navigational assistance for F-105 Thunderchief supersonic fighter-bombers during live-fire exercises with Republic of Korea troops preparing for Vietnam.



He spent the remainder of his tour at a remote, 12-man radar site on the east coast, near the 38th parallel. Their mission was high stakes: guiding daily reconnaissance flights that tracked North Korean artillery movements along the DMZ. A sign by the runway served as a grim reminder of the importance of their precision: *"Wrong heading, you just bought the farm."*

While on base security duty, known as "Charge of Quarters," John and his fellow airmen were required to carry an M1911 .45-caliber pistol. One morning over breakfast, John mentioned to his commander that none of them actually knew how to use it. Shocked, the commander immediately ordered the sergeant to gather cardboard boxes and ammunition. Half an hour later, the crew was on the beach, learning safety procedures and practicing target shooting. It remains one of John's favorite memories.

That brief experience sparked a temporary hobby. After his discharge, John purchased a Ruger .22-caliber target pistol to shoot with a friend at the Pontiac Lake shooting range. Although he eventually lost interest, the pistol remains safely dismantled and locked away as a treasured keepsake.

Ultimately, John's military service opened an important door. He became a grateful beneficiary of the "Cold War G.I. Bill," signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966. Thanks to that timely legislation, John's undergraduate and MBA tuition were fully covered, setting the stage for his future success.



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Veteran
Mike Albright

Life Member Mike Albright completed four years of ROTC training while pursuing a bachelor's degree in economics at Indiana University (IU). In July 1962, he reported for active duty as a second lieutenant at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he completed infantry officer training.

Following that training, Mike transferred to the Army Intelligence School at Fort Holabird, Maryland. During this assignment, he volunteered to attend the Army Language School in Monterey, California, where he spent six months learning German.

Upon completing his language training, Mike was assigned to the Berlin Station of the Army's 513th Intelligence Group in January 1964. After serving two years in Berlin in the Counterintelligence Section, he was reassigned to the 513th Intelligence Group Headquarters in Oberursel, West Germany. During his service, Mike was promoted to the rank of captain. After fulfilling the service obligation associated with his language training, Mike chose to leave the Army in May 1967. He returned to his alma mater, Indiana University, to pursue an MBA in finance.



Veteran
Ted Barnhart

Like so many veterans who credit their service experience in aiding their "growing up", Ted Barnhart is grateful for his Army duty. Feeling an obligation to serve, Ted volunteered for Army ROTC at MSU. His active-duty service was as a field artillery officer from 1960 to 1962. He was with the First Infantry Division "The Big Red One" at Fort Riley, Kansas. Following active duty, he served three years of active reserve duty with the Michigan National Guard. His main assignment there was as a battery commander of a 105 mm howitzer battery. Following a period of inactive reserve status, he was discharged in 1968 as a captain.

With a smile on his face, this proud Spartan shares "The highlight of my "brilliant" career was the Cuban Missile Crisis. We went through a frantic period of preparation and activity. We didn't know for several days what was going on until President Kennedy came on TV with the news. We were within 48 hours of deployment on the contingency plan when we were ordered to stand down."

- Ted Barnhart



Veteran
John Elkins

John Elkins entered the Army in the fall of 1970 as an infantry first lieutenant, having completed four years of ROTC training while attending Western Michigan University. He served six months at Fort Benning, Georgia, before being assigned to the Army Reserve's 70th Division. After six years of service, John was transferred to the Inactive Reserve. His military career spanned 38 years, including monthly training exercises and five summer training camps. He was ultimately honorably discharged with the rank of captain.

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Veteran Life member Ray Finocchio



Life Member Ray Finocchio had a childhood fascination with aircraft that eventually led him to serve in the U.S. Air Force. Throughout high school, Ray had a love affair with airplanes and flight, building and flying numerous model aircraft, from control-line to radio-controlled planes.

He entered Syracuse University and enrolled in Air Force ROTC. After graduating in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, Ray completed basic pilot training, moving one step closer to his dream of flying F-4 fighter jets.

Unfortunately, a flight physical examination prior to advanced pilot training brought Ray's dream of becoming a fighter pilot to an abrupt end. His vision in his left eye was measured at 20/30, disqualifying him from further pilot training.

But there was a happy twist to the story! Armed with his chemical engineering degree, Ray entered active duty in August 1964 as a project engineer. Assigned to the chemical weapons development group at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, he served four years. His primary project involved developing modified firebombs for tactical air support during the Vietnam War.

As luck would have it, Ray also met his future wife, Gloria, during his Air Force service. Gloria's father was a career Air Force officer and a full colonel, affectionately known as a "full bird" colonel. During his time in the service, Ray also earned an MBA in Marketing.

Ray's four-year active-duty tour ended in July 1968. He left active duty as a captain in the Air Force Reserve and began his civilian career with PPG Industries.

Despite missing out on his dream of piloting F-4 fighters, Ray readily admits that he had a wonderful experience in the Air Force. In fact, he would gladly do it all over again, especially if Gloria were once again the prize at the end of the rainbow!

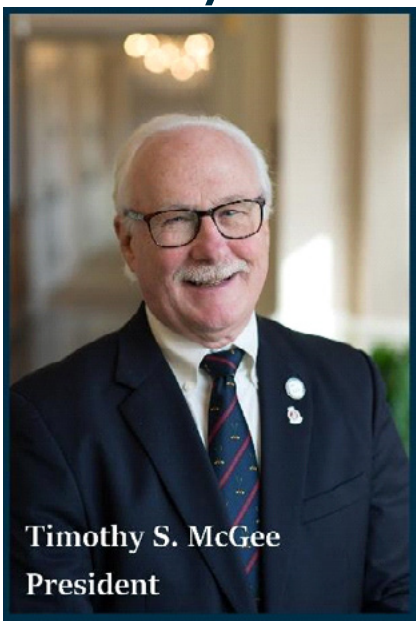
Veteran Life Member Lon Kolakowski



Like so many of his generation, Life Member Lon Kolakowski, enlisted in the military because he didn't know what to do after high school. And like so many, the military taught him discipline, hard work, and values that helped shape him into a future including time as a Detroit cop and as a long-serving and valued member of our Sergeant at Arms corps. Lon admits he enlisted "to keep out of trouble". Without any military service in his family, Lon was able to choose the Navy for himself and served as an Aviation Electronics Petty Officer 3rd class. His duties included the maintenance and repair of navigational, communications and radar equipment on Navy fighter aircraft. His service included stateside stops at Norman, Oklahoma and Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Veteran Timothy McGee



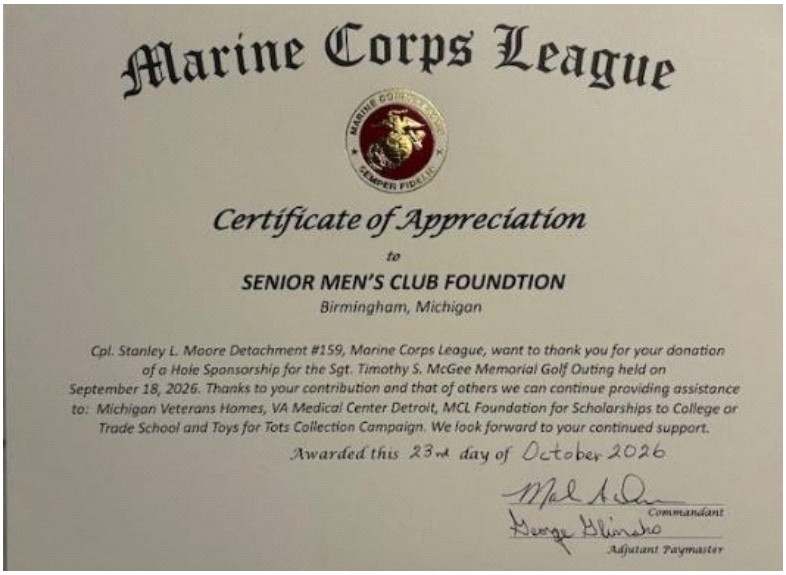
SSgt. Timothy Sean McGee (1947–2025) was a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam as a chaplain's assistant. He continued his military service until 1974, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Remembered for his leadership, community service, and unwavering commitment to veterans, Tim was a dedicated supporter of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation and numerous veterans' organizations. He was also a longtime member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham and one of the original organizers of the Senior Men's Club Foundation.

The memorial golf outing honors Tim's legacy while supporting causes close to his heart, including Michigan veterans' homes, the VA Medical Center in Detroit, and Toys for Tots. Through this annual event, his spirit of service and generosity continues to make a difference.

The Senior Men's Club Foundation is proud to support this meaningful tribute to Tim and his lifelong commitment to serving others.

-Jim Fleck



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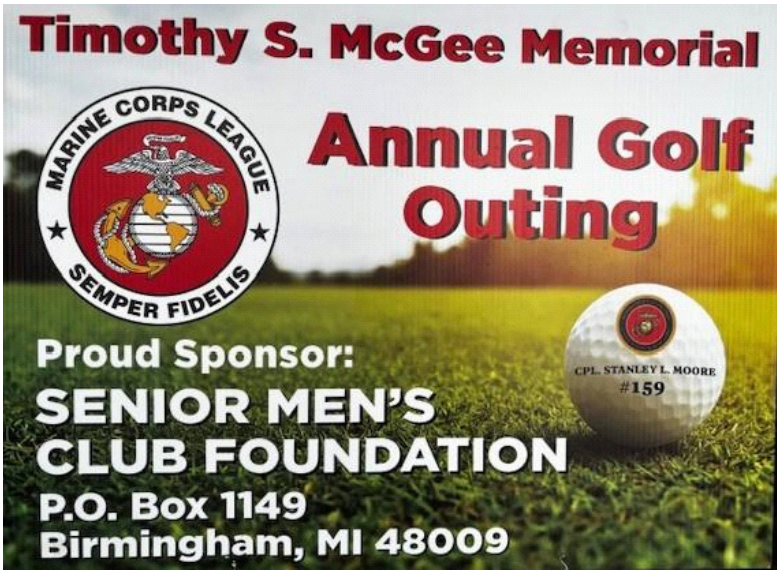
Birmingham, Michigan

Cpl. Stanley L. Moore Detachment #159, Marine Corps League, want to thank you for your donation of a Hole Sponsorship for the Sgt. Timothy S. McGee Memorial Golf Outing held on September 18, 2026. Thanks to your contribution and that of others we can continue providing assistance to: Michigan Veterans Homes, VA Medical Center Detroit, MCL Foundation for Scholarships to College or Trade School and Toys for Tots Collection Campaign. We look forward to your continued support.

Awarded this 23rd day of October 2026

Commandant

Adjutant Paymaster



Veteran
Ralph Tyler Perkins

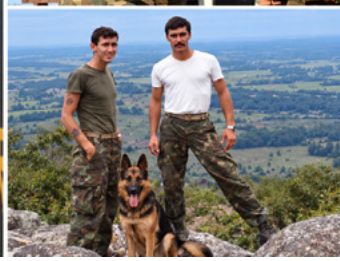
A Metro Detroit native, Ralph Tyler "Ty" Perkins enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945 at just 17 years old. He completed boot camp at the U.S. Naval Training Center in Sampson, New York, graduating on August 21, 1945. Fresh out of boot camp, Ty boarded a train bound for San Francisco, where he embarked on a ship headed for China. Upon arrival, he was assigned to the USS Tappahannock, a fleet oiler that would become his home for much of his two years of military service. Life aboard ship involved a variety of duties. Ty washed dishes, made ice cream, and operated the ship's small stores. But the Tappahannock's primary mission was far more demanding: refueling other Navy vessels at sea. Sometimes ships would come alongside the Tappahannock; other times, his ship would travel to vessels needing fuel. Toward the end of his service, the fleet needed to replenish its own fuel supplies, taking Ty to the Persian Gulf for several days—another memorable stop in his Navy travels. Ty recalls that, had President Truman not brought World War II to an end, he was scheduled to receive training aboard a "bumboat," a small vessel he remembers as particularly dangerous. Fortunately, that assignment never materialized. After two years of service, Ty was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1947, returning home with memories of an extraordinary journey that had taken him halfway around the world.



Veteran
Michael D. "Mike" Schloff







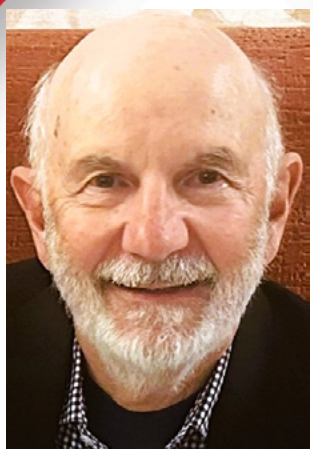
Michael D. "Mike" Schloff joined the Marine Corps' Platoon Leaders Class officer training program in 1966, completing boot camp and Officer Candidates School during 1967 and 1968.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant in September 1969, Mike completed training as an infantry officer and forward observer before volunteering for combat duty in Vietnam. During his 1970–1971 deployment, he commanded a 25-man team stationed on a remote hilltop known as Observation Post (OP) Roundup, Hill 270, near Que Son.

Returning stateside after a year in Vietnam, Mike completed his active-duty service as a company commander of an infantry training unit at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Mike left active duty in 1972 but continued serving in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1977, when he received an honorable discharge with the rank of captain.

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Veteran
Joe Schulenberg

Army veteran and SMCB golf legend Joe Schulenberg was drafted in August 1965 and celebrated his 21st birthday on August 24 while taking basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Joe has a "fond" memory of being called out of formation to read a birthday telegram from Mom. Perhaps the only GI in Army history to receive such an honor?

Joe credits a friend who preceded him into the Army with two valuable pieces of advice: (1) do well on the test given to all inductees, and (2) because driving beats marching, get a military driver's license during basic training. Joe didn't march—he drove!

Doing well on the test gave Joe better opportunities for a military occupational specialty and later promotions. He completed Quartermaster Supply School instead of infantry training and was assigned to the 620th Repair Parts Company in Karlsruhe, Germany. After two years of service, Joe left the Army with the rank of Specialist 5, returning home in August 1967.

Since then, Joe has wisely limited his marching to golf courses, near and far!





Veteran
Jim Smallwood

We know him as a mild-mannered, soft-spoken member of the Bridge Mensa-ites. Many also know him through his membership at Stonycroft Hills. But did you know that Jim Smallwood is a Marine Corps veteran whose service began in 1963?



Jim entered the University of Oklahoma in 1959 and joined the Navy ROTC program, shifting his focus to the Marine Corps during his junior year in 1962. Called to active duty in 1963, he became part of the 3rd Battalion during the early years of the Vietnam War. Beginning in 1965, Jim served a one-year tour in Vietnam, seeing action in and around Da Nang.

One memorable highlight of Jim's Marine Corps service was his participation in rifle and pistol competitions. As fate would have it, he met his future wife, Ann, at one of those competitions—a prize far greater than any shooting trophy!

And here's one for the "It's a Small World" file: Tim McGee (Marine Corps jet mechanic), Kirby Callam (Navy pilot), and Jim Smallwood all served at the same small naval air station in Millington, Tennessee, although at different times. Three SMCB members, three military careers, and one remarkable connection!

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Veteran Life member Bob Stevenson





Life Member Bob Stevenson served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 to 1962, stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane, Washington. His responsibility was overseeing security for the loading, unloading, and storage of atomic weapons for the B-52 bombers of the U.S. Strategic Air Command.

Bob recalled, "This was the Cold War with Russia, but no regional wars were in progress, and no one was shooting at us. I wasn't sure what other branches of the military would do, but if it started, it would be all over because of the atomic weapons."

Around the time Bob left the Air Force, the movie *Dr. Strangelove* premiered, depicting a rogue base commander who mistakenly sets a nuclear war in motion. Based on his experience at Fairchild, Bob believed such a scenario was highly unlikely in real life. With all the safeguards and cross-checks in place, he felt confident that such an accident would not occur.

70 Years Strong!



The Celebration Starts Here!
70th Anniversary Kick-Off

One Club. Seven Decades. Countless Memories.
Join us for an unforgettable evening of laughter, entertainment and fellowship featuring this hilarious comedy.

Thursday, November 12, 2026

Ticket Price	$35
6:30–7:30 PM	Reception, Refreshments & Fellowship
7:30 PM	Curtain Rises!
Intermission	Beverages & Sweet Treats

Birmingham Village Players - 34660 Woodward Avenue, Birmingham. *Parking at the theater and across Chestnut Street.*

Scan the QR code or visit the Special Events page on the SMCB website to reserve your seats.

Be part of the celebration. Be part of our history!
All are Welcome but Seating is Limited. Don't Miss Out!
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Aiming to make Shakespeare accessible and fun, this irreverent, fast-paced comedy parodies all the Bard's plays, condensing them into a 95-minute show performed by just three actors. It hilariously summarizes the comedies, histories and tragedies including a famously short version of Hamlet.

"I was fortunate to attend the stage play "The Complete Works of William Shakespear" a few years ago on a trip to London. I thoroughly enjoyed the play. It was fun and funny. The small cast played well with the audience, and it was great entertainment. I would go again."
- SMCB Member Jim Fleck

"I saw the play "The Complete Works of William Shakespear" a number of years ago when I lived in Columbus, Ohio. It was a hoot - even the Buckeyes there were roaring."
- SMCB Member John Skubik

PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Fellow Members,

November 2026 is a time to celebrate our democracy. It is a time to vote for your preferred political candidates and honor the choices made by your fellow Americans. Sadly, only half the electorate will turn out to vote, but I suspect among our membership it will be higher than that. Do what you can to encourage participation.

It is also a time to honor and recognize the sacrifices of military members and their families. This year Veterans Day on November 11 will be particularly meaningful as it coincides with the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence.

Locally, Birmingham Public Schools are hosting a 2026 Veterans Celebration on Monday, November 9, 11 AM to 1 PM at the Birmingham Public Schools Administrative Offices on Evergreen Road. It is an opportunity for students to get to know some military veterans.

On November 11 at 11 AM the Piety Hill Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the City of Birmingham are hosting a Wreath Laying Ceremony at Shain Park.

We will wrap up the month with Thanksgiving celebrations, gathering with friends and family. We will celebrate on November 20 with mashed potatoes and gravy, turkey, and pumpkin pie.

Our membership efforts remain strong. In the past month we have welcomed 10 new members:

NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
Steve Morris	Jerry Burton
Surgit Bhasin	Swarn Rajpal
Larry Ashman	Rick Oppenheim
Bob Faught	Bob Stevenson
Mike Hinebrook	Kevin Doucet
David Heiser	James Rillema
Chris Perry	Pat Gahman
Jeff Baker	
William Pinter	Pete Mehra
Steve Pearson	Kevin Doucet

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GUEST SPEAKERS

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Steve Mrozek
Curator, Selfridge Military Air Museum

"Baseball Hall of Famers Who Served"

Host: Bob Lusardi

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SMCB Member Regis Cavender
The MSU Fullback Who Scored the Spartans' Touchdown in the Game
Bill Dow
Freelance Journalist

"60 Years Later: A Look Back at the MSU and Notre Dame 'Game of the Century'"

Host: Ray Buratto

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Jim Fleck
President, SMC Foundation
Kevin Doucet
Grants Chair, SMC Foundation
Dick Bradley
Past President, SMC Foundation; Past President SMCB; Chair, SMCB 70th Anniversary

"Senior Men's Club Foundation in Action and 70th Anniversary Celebration"

NOVEMBER 27 - NO MEETING

2027 MEMBERSHIP DUES

You may now pay your dues for the 2027 calendar year. Dues will remain the same as last year: **$90**. Members are encouraged to round up their payment to $100.

Life Members are exempt from paying dues, but many continue to contribute, considering their payments a donation to the Club.

Please note that the dues we are asking you to pay now are for the **2027 calendar year, not 2026**. If you have not paid your 2027 dues by February 1, 2027, your membership in the Club will be terminated.

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

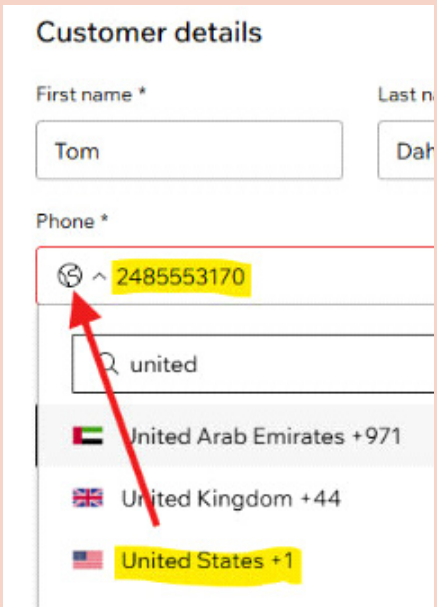
SMCB/Dues
PO Box 1149
Birmingham, MI 48012-1149

You may also deposit your check in the designated box near the registration desk at Friday meetings.

Alternatively, you may pay by credit card through the SMCB website:
https://www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com/shop

Important Credit Card Payment Information

Beginning this year, a country code must be included with your phone number to complete a credit card payment. If the country code is missing, you will see the message: "Enter a valid phone number."



To correct this, click the globe icon next to the phone number field to open the country code list. Scroll or search for United States, select it, and proceed with your transaction.

After completing your payment, you should receive a confirmation email with the subject line "SMCB eBlast."

If you are unsure whether you have already paid your 2027 dues and wish to avoid making a duplicate payment, please contact me using the information below.

Thank you very much!

Doug Koschik
Assistant Treasurer
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Cell: 586-604-5911



MICAH 6 WORKDAY

Twelve hearty souls from our Senior Men's Club enjoyed a great day of camaraderie, exercise, fresh air, and sunshine last Saturday, October 17, at Micah 6's Webster Community Center in Pontiac. Fortunately, the weather was perfect, with very little wind, as our main project was replacing the 200 feet of plastic covering one of the greenhouses. We pulled, positioned, straightened, and secured the plastic, managing to keep almost everyone's feet firmly on the ground, except for a couple of guys working on ladders.

Additionally, we put five wheelbarrows to work transporting rich soil from the vegetable beds behind one of the houses across the street to the gardens at Webster. We also spread a large pile of gravel to create a washing station for vegetables that are distributed free to neighborhood residents.

Many thanks to our hardworking volunteers: Paul Kovceses and his grandson, Wade Krizanich; Matt Vorce, Kevin Doucette, Pat Gahman, John Willis, Swarn Rajpal, John Skubic, Tom Dahlem, Ralph Bergemann, Adam LaRose, and Daryl Mosely.

-Matt Vorce

LIFE REMODELED SIX DAY PROJECT

Thanks to the men of SMCB and their female family members who set new records this year! For the first time in our involvement with Life Remodeled and its Six Day Project ("6DP") we had boots on the ground on each of the six days, September 28 through October 3. A new record total of 29 Club members, a wife and a daughter, helped revitalize both a northwest and a northeast Detroit neighborhood. We made new friends and got reacquainted with some old ones.

The work was hard but the weather was perfect on each of those days. As John Skubik observed in 2025 "We were exhausted, but it was a good exhaustion and a good feeling." Crews were led by Tom Dahlem and Ray Buratto. Once again, we thank our Foundation for its substantial financial support! Signs recognizing our physical and financial support abounded. Our work was recognized by representatives of Detroit Mayor, The Honorable Mary Sheffield.

Thanks to **John Rusche, Tom DeCorte, Mary, Jennifer and Jay Kafarski, Paul Kovceses, Jim Zyla, Mike Korsak, Ras Desai, Ralph Bergemann, Swarn Rajpal, Adam LaRose, Larry Kramek, Bo Tamarelli, George Dilgard, Ray Buratto, Mickey Maddin, Harold LaCount, John Myers, Daryl Moseley, Bala Setty, Dave Anderson, Tom Dahlem, John Skubik, Paul Lieberman, Jim Suhay, Tom Kimble, Bob Yazejian, John Gartner, Ray Shapiro, and John Willis.**

Consider joining us next year.

- Ray Buratto

Micah 6 Workday



















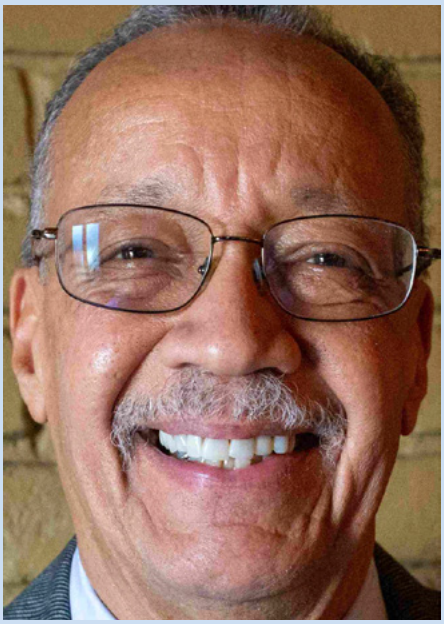







Life Remodeled
Six Day Project

Participating in Community Engagement Programs with SMCB



I'm pleased to give him my thoughts on helping out with a couple of the SMC community outreach opportunities.

After I retired, there came a point where I realized that I missed the satisfaction of providing a needed service to someone in need. For 42 years, I worked to restore smiles and help people regain their dental and some cases their mental well-being. During my working career while raising a family and growing a business there were few opportunities for giving back. There were free dental clinics in the inner city that I participated with but those chances were few and far between where I could participate.

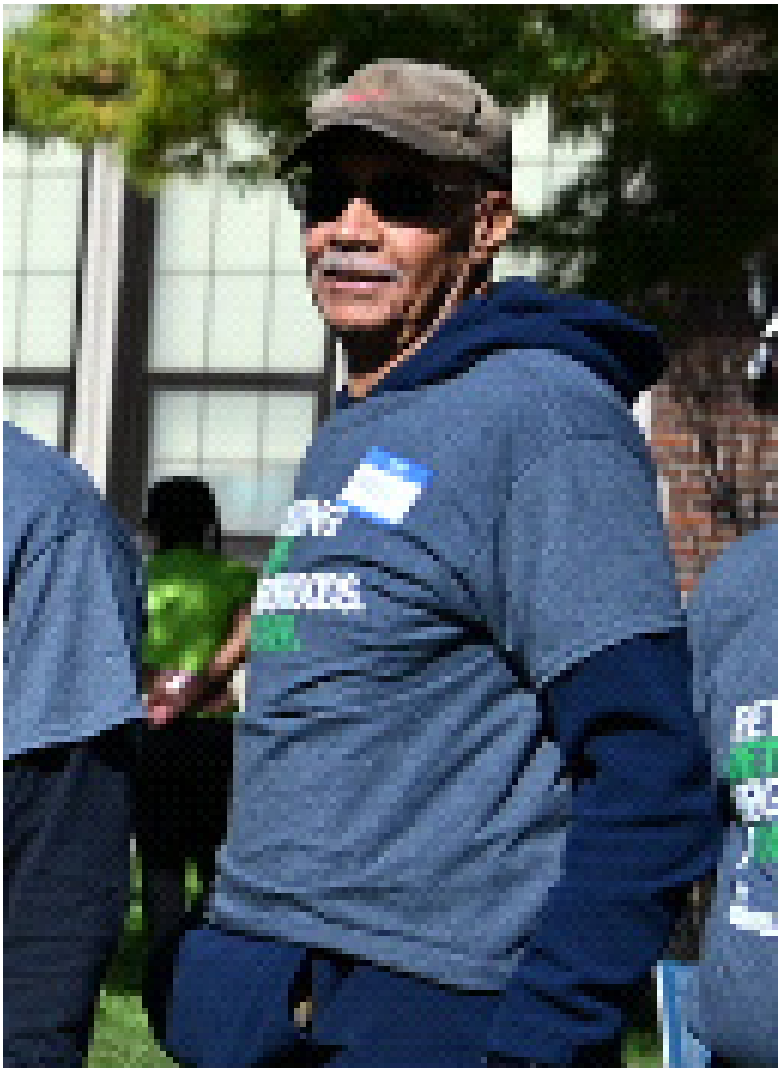
Fast forward to the present, I now find myself missing those opportunities to help others in a meaningful way. The SMC has provided me with the chance to do some good for others. Micah 6 and the 6 Day Project were great chances to once again give back to those less fortunate than myself.

I consider myself extremely blessed, a wonderful family, comfortable home and few financial concerns. It's easy to forget there are many in our communities that don't have any of those things. They live in poverty and despair on a daily basis feeling that things will never change. We each have an opportunity to do something that can help to alleviate a little of that life's despair. A chance for us to give back, to pay forward some of the blessings that have been bestowed upon us.

Take a moment to reflect on how fortunate you have been. You've earned your place by hard work and sacrifice, but resting on our laurels is not what we are meant to do.
Giving back to help make a difference for those less fortunate will put a smile on your face and give you a renewed sense of life satisfaction. We may only touch one persons life, but that one person could someday touch hundreds of lives in a positive way. Give a little of your time, it will pay you back a dividend a hundred times over.

I hope to see you at our next opportunity to help those in need. Together we can make an impact on someone's life in a positive manner that can reverberate for generations.

- Daryl F. Moseley Sr.



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SMCB COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:
From Watermelons to Community Service

What does community service look like?

Sometimes it looks like a $20,000 grant. Sometimes it looks like 25 volunteers praying together before going to work. And sometimes it looks like me standing with a large knife, cutting watermelons and cantaloupes in half!


The Volunteers:
Swarn, Frank and Ray

On September 24, I joined Ray Buratto as a volunteer at the Matchan Nutrition Center (MNC) in Pontiac. Frank Schmid was there too, wrapping my freshly cut watermelon halves in Saran Wrap. I quickly learned that community service at Matchan is very hands-on.

The basketball gym at All Saints' Episcopal Church had been transformed into a marketplace. Tables around the perimeter displayed fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, canned goods, frozen meat, milk, eggs, clothing and shoes. After the volunteers gathered in a circle for prayer, clients entered in an orderly fashion. My job was to hand out gallons of milk and other necessities.


The Matchan Marketplace
Customers and Volunteers

Later, I went upstairs to the cafeteria, where more than 100 people were enjoying a hot, balanced meal, coffee and dessert. The experience took me back to my internship in India in 1968 after graduating from AIIMS. I spent three months at a rural medical outpost with very limited supplies. Every morning, we placed a table and three chairs under a banyan tree and saw patients beginning at 9 a.m. We prescribed medicines for tuberculosis, infections and pain. Unfortunately, our supply of medicine usually ran out by 11 a.m. We then folded the table and chairs and had the rest of the day to ourselves!

From 48 Meals to 200 a Day

My visit made me curious about the history of Matchan and its connection with SMCB.

Matchan began in Pontiac in 1984, when the community was suffering from severe economic hardship following the closing of the Pontiac Assembly Plant. Frank Schmid, then president of the Oakland County District of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and two other Vincentians asked a simple question: **What can we do to help?** They decided to start a soup kitchen.

But when Frank visited St. Pat's Kitchen in Detroit, Sister Watson gave them some important advice: **Don't call it a soup kitchen. Call it a Nutrition Center.** The purpose was to preserve the dignity of the people being served.

Matchan opened on May 15, 1984, serving 48 people after raising just $600. From six to ten original volunteers, it has grown to about **82 active volunteers** and now serves approximately **200 meals twice a week**, along with groceries and other necessities. In 2022, Matchan moved to its current home at All Saints' Episcopal Church on West Pike Street in Pontiac.

Today, its services include hot meals, a food pantry, clothing, hygiene supplies, and assistance with legal and employment needs. In 2024, Matchan distributed more than a million pounds of groceries and benefited from more than 11,000 volunteer hours.

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Where SMCB Comes In

This is where our SMCB tradition of community engagement becomes especially meaningful. SMCB members provide the boots on the ground. The SMC Foundation provides financial support. Matchan puts both to work. The SMC Foundation is providing Matchan with a $20,000 grant this year, distributed quarterly. This is the third year of Foundation support. The funds supplement Matchan's food-purchasing budget and allow the Center to reach more people.

The need is considerable. Approximately 70,000 people live within three miles of Matchan, including an estimated 15,500 living below the federal poverty line. Many of Matchan's clients are seniors.

A Worthy SMCB Connection

We should be especially proud of Frank Schmid, whose lifetime involvement helped build Matchan into the organization it is today. His work represents the best of community service: identifying a need, doing something about it and keeping at it for decades. Our current SMCB volunteers and SMC Foundation support continue that tradition. And I learned one other important lesson at Matchan: community service can be good for you - but watch out when they hand you the big knife and point toward the watermelons!

- Swarn Rajpal



SPECIAL EVENTS

Walk through the Pontiac Transportation Museum, and you'll see carriages from the late 1800s as well as commercial vehicles from the early 1900s. You'll see a 1950 Pontiac Chieftain displayed on a pedestal outside, and you'll learn that Pontiac was the center of the motor vehicle industry before Detroit was.

Walk through the rebuilt Oakland Hills clubhouse, and you'll see pictures of legendary golfers like Jack Nicklaus and Ben Hogan. You'll also learn that the grounds crew can fine-tune the temperature of the greens during the summer by cooling the ground beneath the grass.

Take a walk through the Detroit Institute of Arts with the Men's Club, and you'll see paintings that Georgia O'Keeffe created while living in a skyscraper in New York City. Not the flowers she's known for, but paintings of a barn, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the East River, viewed from near the top of her building.

You can learn a lot by joining the Men's Club on one of its Special Events. We've done all of these things—and enjoyed a three-course dinner prepared by culinary students at Schoolcraft College—all within the last month!

Looking ahead, we kick-off our 2027 70th Anniversary at the Village Players in Birmingham for an exclusive showing of the comedy *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)*, with an opportunity to socialize before the performance.

Scroll through the many photos taken at these events and look for yourself, your fellow SMCB members, and their guests. You'll see that the men on the Special Events Committee have some great ideas for getting out of the house, enjoying new experiences, and having a good time!

See SMCB photos here >
https://smcbphotos.smugmug.com/

- Jim Zyla

R.S. Gregory Founders Council Honored at Special Luncheon

On October 7, the Senior Men's Club Foundation hosted a special luncheon honoring te 2026 members of the R.S. Gregory Founders Council. Membership in the Council recognizes individuals who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to the Foundation through annual contributions of $5,000 or more, by including the Foundation in their will, trust, or estate plan, or by naming the Foundation as a beneficiary of an IRA, 401(k), or life insurance policy.

The luncheon provided an opportunity for meaningful discussion and valuable feedback from Council members. Two important themes emerged: the importance of transparency in the Foundation's operations and continued confidence in our grant evaluation and vetting process. These insights will help guide the Foundation as we work to strengthen our impact in the communities we serve.

We extend our sincere appreciation to our 2026 R.S. Gregory Founders Council members:

Jim Smallwood, Randy Barnett, John Carter, Steve Lipton, Bharat Bhatt, George Miller, Al Huberty, Kirit Ravani, Fred Gade, Rick Ganfield, Doug Koschik, Joel Adelman, Dick Bradley, Dave Dinger, Pete Mehra, Rich McGee, Julie McGee, Pat Jacoby, and Noreen Markley.

Thank you for your extraordinary generosity, thoughtful guidance, and continued commitment to the Foundation's mission. Your leadership and support are helping us make a lasting difference in our community.

"We welcome your support!"

Jacoby Circle Honors 2026 Contributors

The Senior Men's Club Foundation will host its annual Jacoby Circle Luncheon to recognize and honor those individuals who have generously contributed $1,000 or more to the Foundation this year.

Since our inaugural luncheon in 2023, when 24 individuals were recognized, the Jacoby Circle has experienced remarkable growth. This year, we are proud to recognize 65 supporters whose contributions reflect an extraordinary commitment to the Foundation and its mission of serving our community.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the following individuals for their generosity and continued support:

Joel Adelman, Dave Anderson, Randy Barnett, Bharat Bhatt, Mike Bica, Ray Bohnenstiehl, Dan Bonbrisco, Tom Booth, Dick Bradley, Doug Brown, John Brus, Jim Buckley, Ray Buratto, John Carter, Albert Cassar, Fred Conway, Roger Cummings, Tom DeCorte, Dave Dinger, Kevin Doucet, Galen Fisher, Jim Fleck, Fred Gade, Rick Ganfield, Pat Gahman, Vijay Goburdhun, David Hamada, Kevin Heintz, Al Hibbert, Gary Hintz, Al Huberty, Michael Jacob, Pat Jacoby, Jay Kafarski, Gerd Keuffel, Tom Kimble, Jim King, Tom Knasel, Doug Koschik, Anil Kumar, Paul Lieberman, Steve Lipton, Bob Loosvelt, John Mahoney, Bob Maxfield, Rich McGee, Julie McGee, Gary Melikian, George Miller, Tony Parrottino, Don Price, Swarn Rajpal, Kirit Ravani, John Rusche, Joe Schulenberg, John Schaffer, Bala Setty, John Skubik, Jim Smallwood, Mike Somand, Richard Stasys, John Stevens, Dave Strubler, Jim Suhay, and Bo Tamarelli.

To all our Jacoby Circle members, thank you! Your generosity makes a meaningful difference, allowing the Foundation to continue supporting worthy organizations and improving lives throughout our community. We are truly grateful for your commitment and support.

September Matching Campaign Sets New Record!

The Foundation's September Matching Campaign was an outstanding success, making September **the strongest fundraising month in our history!**

A heartfelt thank-you to the 84 members whose generosity made this remarkable achievement possible. Their enthusiastic support demonstrates a strong commitment to our mission and confidence in the Foundation's responsible stewardship of donor funds.

Together, we are making a difference! Your generosity allows the Foundation to expand its impact and continue supporting worthy organizations throughout our community.

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Third Annual SMCB Pickleball Tournament

On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, the Third Annual SMCB Pickleball Tournament was held at the Paddle & Par Sports Complex. A total of 29 SMCB members competed in the tournament, while 37 members gathered afterward to enjoy a delicious dinner, great fellowship, and lively conversation at the Paddle & Par restaurant.

Congratulations to Bill Krieg, who captured first place and took home the highly coveted SMCB Pickleball Tournament trophy, along with a cash prize! (continued)

Piyush Desai earned second place, followed by **Matt Vorce** in third. Both received cash awards and beautiful pickleball towels in recognition of their accomplishments.

With another successful tournament in the books, plans are already underway for next year's event. Organizers promise an even bigger and better tournament in 2027, with more friendly competition, plenty of camaraderie, and another opportunity to enjoy one of SMCB's growing traditions.

Whether you're a seasoned player or just enjoy the fellowship, we hope you'll join us next year!

- Dave Anderson



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Do you want to learn more about our Club and to meet other members?

SMCB Associate Member Orientation

Tuesday November 10 12:00 Noon (session lasts until 2pm)
Birmingham Baldwin Library Donor Meeting Room

This Orientation session is for any SMCB Associate Members who wish to progress to full Active Member status. It is a wonderful opportunity, especially for our new members, to learn more about our Club and the various Activity Groups, as well as to meet other SMCB members.

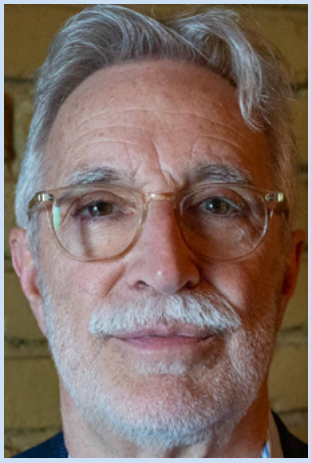
Please contact SMCB Membership Chair Kevin Doucet if you have any questions, and to confirm your attendance.

Email: Doucets410@gmail.com
Cell: (248) 977-9394

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Larry Ashman



Paul Davis



Dave Heiser



Mark Krysinski



Yann LeBaron



William Piontkowski

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Richard Aginian – SMCB's Newest Life Member



It was a pleasure speaking with Richard a few days ago, and it was fascinating to learn about his background, career, and life after retirement!

Richard is a local guy, having grown up in the area and graduated from Royal Oak High School. After graduation, he attended Wayne State University (Go Tartars!), where he earned a Bachelor of Philosophy (PhB) degree with a minor in Chemistry. He later earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree, with a concentration in Finance and Accounting, from Rutgers University (Go Scarlet Knights!).

Richard and his wife, Diane, have been happily married for more than 60 years. They have two daughters—one who lives locally and the other in Seattle. Although their two grandchildren in Seattle are a long way from home, Richard and Diane enjoy visiting them, as well as spending time at their second home in Sarasota, Florida.

Richard began his career in public accounting at Arthur Andersen, where he earned his CPA designation and spent 11 years. He eventually transitioned into finance at the Birmingham Eccentric, successfully working his way through the executive ranks. He ultimately became President of the Eccentric and later served as CEO of Suburban Communications/Hometown Communications, the newspaper group of which the Eccentric eventually became a part.

Richard also served in the military reserves. However, when he was called to active duty during the Vietnam War, a medical issue was discovered that resulted in his discharge.

In retirement, Richard has remained active in the golf community. He recently stepped down as President of the Golf Association of Michigan and continues to enjoy playing golf at nearby Oakland Hills Country Club.

Richard has enjoyed attending our Friday meetings and particularly appreciates the excellent speakers. More recently, he has participated via Zoom. He also fondly recalls attending the Investment Club when George Miller first established it.

Please join us in congratulating Richard Aginian on becoming SMCB's newest Life Member!

- Bo Tamarelli

End-of-Season Scramble & Banquet Recap - Lincoln Hills, October 6

The Senior Men's Club wrapped up the 2026 outdoor golf season on Tuesday, October 6th at Lincoln Hills with a 4-man scramble and our annual banquet.

Fourteen foursomes competed, and the scoring was tight. Two teams posted outstanding rounds of 31 (4-under par), requiring a scorecard playoff to determine the champion.



Tournament Winners - Team 4, Tom Decorte, Chuck Costella, Dan Sula, and Jack Burns. Their playoff score edged out the strong performance by **Team 2, Greg McComas, Dick Bradley, and Om Basin**.

Closest to the Pin on #2 went to Jerry Reed, 12 Ft 7 In; the team did make a birdie putt.

Congratulations to all participants for a great day of golf and camaraderie. Following play, members enjoyed a clubhouse dinner catered by **The Iroquois Club,** closing out the season in style.

Looking forward to indoor golf starting January 7th at the Evolution Sportsplex.

- Joe Schulenberg
SMCB Golf Committee Chairman



Computer and Technology Group

The successful Apple Store visit with a focus on the main new capabilities of iOS27 with principal focus on what the new advanced Siri capabilities. We had 10 people show up which is about 75% of our usual attendance to the Computer and Technology Group.

The next Computer and Technology Group meeting is being planned for another field trip to University of Michigan (Go Blue!) for a Tour, Lecture and demos at the Advanced Technology Labs. This has been confirmed so that now we may plan transportation.



MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY READING GROUPS

The November discussions will focus on two quite different non-fiction books. The first is a provocative study of the immigration crisis at our southern border, and the second deals with a little-known murder mystery of George Wythe (pronounced With), America's first professor of law, mentor to Thomas Jefferson, and signer of the Declaration of Independence, that reveals much about 18th century America.

By now members have received information about nominating books for the Monday and Wednesday groups in 2027. Please submit these as soon as possible.

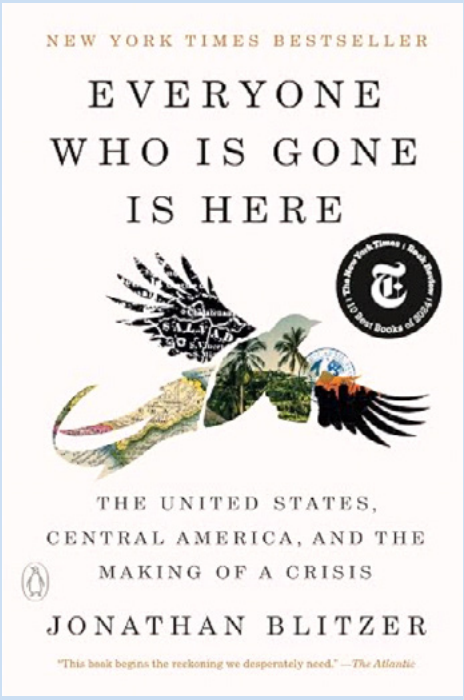
Both groups will continue to meet via Zoom. As always, all members and their guests are welcome.

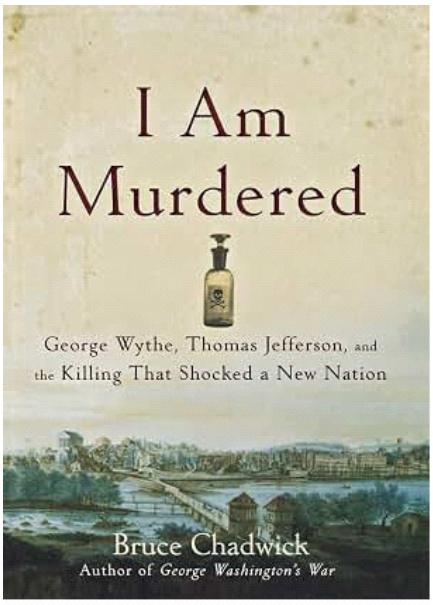
Wednesday, November 4 : *Everyone Who is Gone is Here: The United States, Central America and the Making of a Crisis* by Jonathan Blitzer. (New York: Penguin Books, 2025) (This discussion will be led by Paul Lieberman)

Everyone who makes the journey faces an impossible choice. Hundreds of thousands of people who arrive every year at the US-Mexico border travel far from their homes. For years, the majority came from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, but many more have begun their journey much farther away. Some flee persecution, others crime or hunger. They may have already been deported, but the United States remains their only hope for safety and prosperity. They will take their chances.

Blitzer argues that this crisis is the result of decades of misguided policy and sweeping corruption. He brilliantly weaves the stories of Central Americans whose lives have been devastated by chronic political conflict and violence with those of American activists, government officials, and the politicians responsible for the country's tragically tangled immigration policy.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer: "The new book every American needs to read before they vote . ."





Monday, November 16 *I Am Murdered: George Wythe, Thomas Jefferson, and The Killing That Shocked the New Nation* by Bruce Chadwick (New York: Trade Paper Press. 2009) Doug Brown will lead this discussion.

I Am Murdered tells the bizarre true story of Wythe's death and the subsequent trial of his grandnephew and namesake, George Wythe Sweeney, for the crime—unquestionably the most sensational and talked-about court case of the era. Hinging on hit-and-miss forensics, the unreliability of medical autopsies, the prevalence of poisoning, race relations, slavery, and the law, Sweeney's trial serves as a window into early nineteenth-century America. Its particular focus is on Richmond, part elegant state capital and part chaotic boomtown riddled with vice, opportunism, and crime. In I Am Murdered, this signer of the Declaration of Independence, mentor to Thomas Jefferson, and "Father of American Jurisprudence" finally gets the justice he deserved.

From an Amazon reviewer:" If you are interested in history, this book is a must read. Being a history tour guide, I often speak of George Wythe and others of the Revolution

Looking ahead to December:

Wednesday, December 2: *Death of a King* - by Travis Smiley and David Ritz (Fred Freeman)

Monday, December 21: *The Long Ships: A Saga of the Viking Age* by by Frans Gunnar Bengtsson (Doug Koschik)

Submitted by Bob Maxfield

Classic Movie Group Reminder Announcement for November 9

On Monday, November 9th at 1:00 PM, Fred Hansz will present, via Zoom, the romantic musical comedy film "It Started with Eve" (1941) (1 hour 30 minutes). The story opens as young Johnny Reynolds (Robert Cummings), returning from Mexico City, is rushing through cold and rainy New York City streets to see his gravely ill millionaire father, Jonathan Reynolds (Charles Laughton), who, the doctors say, will not last through the night. He arrives and his father asks, as a last wish, to meet his new fiancée before he passes on. Johnny rushes to the hotel to find his fiancée, Gloria Pennington, but the front desk manager tells him that she is out with her mother. Desperate, he asks the first plausible woman he sees, hat check girl Anne Terry, if she can play Gloria for a brief introduction to his dying father. She agrees and is kind to the beleaguered man who takes an instant liking to her. The next morning, Jonathan, to everyone's amazement, feels much better and asks to see Gloria again. The doctor, still concerned with the health of his patient, asks Johnny to keep pretending that Anne is Gloria. Anne, who wants to be an opera singer but did not meet with success in the Big Apple, was boarding the morning train to return home when Johnny finds her at the station and convinces her to return with him to carry on the ruse with his dad. Things then get extremely complicated for everyone involved, but eventually true love conquers all obstacles for Anne and Johnny. Deanna sings three great songs during the movie including the spiritual "Going Home".

The movie was both a commercial and critical success. It remains popular today with a Rotten Tomatoes score of 85% and an IMDb score of 7.6/10. Deanna Durbin was extremely popular in the early 1940's, having starred in a number of musical films for Universal over a ten-year period. Her looks, acting style and outstanding singing voice won her the title of America's Sweetheart. Charles Laughton enjoyed making this movie and felt it was one of his best performances. Many film reviewers consider this film to be Deanna's best picture.

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 Fred, and the rest of the Classic Movie Group, on November 9th, to watch, enjoy and discuss this outstanding musical comedy.



Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of November 8, which will be published on the morning of Friday November 6. In addition, if you click on the film title, you will be taken to the trailer and if you click on the Additional Information items you will be directed to some excellent videos and essays regarding this month's presentation.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday November 9.
– Fred Hansz



Discussion Group Debates Economic Risks

On October 5, the Discussion Group tackled a timely question: "Is the U.S. and world economy at risk of a steep decline?" Larry Nahigian led the discussion, with Richard Koppel moderating. Twenty-five members attended in person, with three participating via Zoom.

Before the debate, members voted 20–5 against the likelihood of a steep economic decline, excluding Zoom participants. Larry opened with a well-researched presentation outlining economic warning signs, potential risks, and counterarguments supported by verifiable data.

The lively discussion highlighted the complexity of distinguishing strong macroeconomic indicators from the financial challenges facing individual households. Optimists cited America's economic resilience, consumer spending, business investment, and technological innovation. Others expressed concern about mounting national debt, government deficits, Social Security obligations, housing affordability, and growing inequality.

Additional discussion focused on artificial intelligence, aging populations, geopolitical instability, tariffs, supply chain disruptions, and rising energy costs. Members acknowledged that these interconnected factors could influence economic stability in unpredictable ways.

A concluding vote revealed little change in opinion. Approximately 75% remained confident in the economy's resilience, while 25% believed substantial risks persisted, particularly from sovereign debt and long-term government commitments.

The group's takeaway: While an imminent economic collapse appears unlikely, unresolved structural challenges could gradually weaken economic growth and prosperity. The spirited exchange reinforced the value of informed discussion and differing perspectives on complex issues.



Friday Lunch Menu

November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27 NO MEETING
MENU Rolls & Butter Caesar Salad Mixed Vegetables Roasted Redskins Parmesan Cod Dessert: Cookies	**MENU** Rolls & Butter MI Maple Salad Green Beans Baked Mostaccioli Prime Rib Dessert: Brownies	**MENU** Rolls & Butter Caesar Salad Green Beans Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Turkey Dessert: Pumpkin Pie	

Our Friday Speaker

November 6, 2026 -10:30

a.m. at Iroquois Club or

via Zoom



Steve Mrozek

Curator, Selfridge Military Air Museum
"Baseball Hall of Famers Who Served"

Historian, author, veteran, historical museum professional, and experienced traveler, are all ways to describe Steve Mrozek. Currently the Curator of the Selfridge Military Air Museum, he has had a life-time interest in military history.

Over the years, Steve has had an extensive historical museum career as well, working with several local museums, including the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, the Detroit Historical Museum, and the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Steve also conducts World War II battlefield tours in Europe and is the author of several books on airborne warfare.

Steve retired from a 26-year career in the Army, where he served 12 years as a paratrooper and deployed to Afghanistan with the 82d Airborne Division.

Meeting at the Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Township

North of Square Lake Road. Lunch reservation required by previous Monday. ***To participate via Zoom, Click on this link:***

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SMCB Member ***Regis Cavender***
The MSU Fullback Who Scored the Spartans' Touchdown in the Game

Our Friday Speakers
November 13, 2026 -10:30 a.m.
at Iroquois Club or via Zoom

Freelance Journalist ***Bill Dow***
***"60 Years Later: A Look Back at the MSU and Notre Dame "Game* of the Century"**



Regis Cavender is a Michigan State University Hall of Fame athlete whose football career includes one of the most memorable moments in college football history. A standout for the Spartans, he was named to the All-Opponent Notre Dame team and scored the touchdown in the infamous 10-10 tie between MSU and Notre Dame in November 1966 – a game still regarded as one of the great classics of college football. His accomplishments on the field earned him a lasting place in MSU athletic history.

Following his playing days, Regis built an accomplished professional career with Chrysler, later serving as a consultant for the company's Asia-Pacific operations. He went on to dedicate 12 years to Brother Rice High School as Athletic Director, where his leadership helped guide the school's athletic programs to an extraordinary 26 State Championships. His career reflects a lifelong commitment to leadership, athletics, education, and developing young people through the power of competition and teamwork. Today, he is retired and lives in Troy.

Bill Dow is a Birmingham-based freelance journalist who for the past 25 years has written numerous articles for the Detroit Free Press sports page, Hour Detroit and D Business magazines, Baseball Digest, and Vintage Detroit's sports history blog. He is a co-editor of the book, Tiger Stadium: Essays and Memories of Detroit's Historic Ballpark, 1912-2009 and was a board member and a spokesperson with the Tiger Stadium Fan Club's effort to save the historic ballpark.

Bill was the guest writer for the Detroit Historical Museum's exhibits, "Year of the Tiger: 1968" and "Lindell AC: America's First Sports Bar". For nine years, he was a major gifts officer for the Beaumont Health Foundation until his retirement in 2020. He previously practiced law for 15 years.

Meeting at the Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Township

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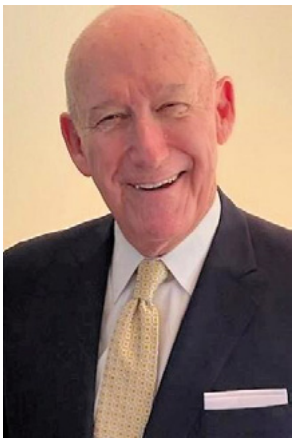
Our Friday Speakers

November 20, 2026

10:30 a.m. at Iroquois Club or via Zoom







Jim Fleck, President, SMC Foundation

Kevin Doucet, Grants Chair, SMC Foundation

Dick Bradley, Past President, SMC Foundation; Past President, SMCB; Chair, 70th Anniversary

"Senior Men's Club Foundation in Action and SMCB 70th Anniversary Celebration"

Jim Fleck joined the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham in 2022 and has served on the Senior Men's Club Foundation since early 2023. Currently President, Jim also served as Chair of the Grants Committee and helped establish vetting guidelines and procedures for grant activities.

Kevin Doucet became a Senior Men's Club of Birmingham member in 2021, and joined the SMC Foundation Board in 2026 as Grants Chair. Kevin has also served as the SMCB Membership Chair since 2025. He was awarded the SMCB President's Award in 2025.

Dick Bradley was elected President of the Senior Men's Club Foundation in January 2024. He also served as President of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham in 2018. Dick was Chair of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham 60th Anniversary celebration in 2017 and is the Chair of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham 70th anniversary celebration this year.

Meeting at the Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Township

North of Square Lake Road. Lunch reservation required by previous Monday. ***To participate via Zoom, Click on this link:***

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No Friday Meeting – Thanksgiving Holiday

November 27, 2026



Next speaker: December 4:

Meeting at the Iroquois Club, 43248 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Township

North of Square Lake Road. Lunch reservation required by previous Monday.

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

	SMCB/SMCF CALENDAR AT A GLANCE - NOVEMBER 2026				UPDATED:	10/22/2026
Week 1	**Date**	**Time**	**Group**	**Location or Via Zoom**	**Contact**	**Phone No.**
Monday	Nov 2	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd. Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Monday	Nov 2	1:00 / 2:30 PM	Genealogy	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room (*)	John Maten	(248) 251-9339
Monday	Nov 2	2:30 / 4:00 PM	Discussion Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room (*)	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326
First Tuesday	Nov 3	11:30 AM / 1:30 PM	SCORE Meeting	Baldwin Library - Delos Room & Zoom	Rich McGee	(248) 703-7231
Tuesday	Nov 3	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	Nov 3	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Classic Movie Group Annual Meeting	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
First Wednesday	Nov 4	10:30 AM	Reading Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	Nov 4	11:30 AM	Special Events Meeting	OCC Culinary School 739 S. Washington Ave. Royal Oak	James Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Wednesday	Nov 4	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Nov 4	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Paddle & Par, 31535 Southfield Road	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Nov 5	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Friday	Nov 6	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John P. Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Nov 6	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
Week 2						
Monday	Nov 9	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd. Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Second Monday	Nov 9	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	Nov 10	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	Nov 10	10:00 AM / Noon	Board of Directors Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Second Tuesday	Nov 10	Noon / 2:00 PM	Associate Orientation Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	Kevin Doucet	(248) 977-9394
Wednesday	Nov 11	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Nov 11	2:00 / 4:00 PM	Pickleball	Paddle & Par, 31535 Southfield Road	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Nov 12	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Thursday	Nov 12	6:30 PM	Special Event	70th Anniversary Kick-Off, The Village Players, Birmingham	James Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Second Thursday	Nov 12	2:45 / 4:00 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	Nov 13	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John P. Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Nov 13	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
Week 3						
Monday	Nov 16	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd. Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Monday	Nov 16	10:00 AM	Computer/Technology Group	UoM Adv Tech Lab Visit - Ann Arbor (No Zoom)	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326
Third Monday	Nov 16	3:00 PM	Reading Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	Nov 17	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	Nov 18	10:00 /12:00 PM	SMC Foundation Board Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	James Fleck	(704) 576-8832
Wednesday	Nov 18	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Nov 18	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Paddle & Par, 31535 Southfield Road	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Nov 19	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Friday	Nov 20	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	John P. Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Nov 20	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - DISCOVERY Room (*)	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
Third Friday	Nov 20	5:00 PM	*REMINDER* Submission Deadline	*smcbreminder@gmail.com*	Ray Buratto	(248) 390-6244
Week 4						
Monday	Nov 23	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd. Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	Nov 24	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	Nov 25	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Nov 25	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Paddle & Par, 31535 Southfield Road	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Nov 26	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Cancelled-Thanksgiving Holiday	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Friday	Nov 27	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Cancelled-Thanksgiving Holiday	John P. Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Friday	Nov 27	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Cancelled-Thanksgiving Holiday	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
Week 5						
Monday	Nov 30	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd. Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Monday	Nov 30	2:30 / 4:00 PM	Discussion Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room (*)	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326

*Indicates room change



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