

The Reminder



June 2026

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan



L to r: George Gliniski, Steve Zimmer, Troy Schielein (guest speaker), Jim Smallwood, Lindell Holm, Director, Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (guest)



Lessons Learned from Guest Speaker Troy Schielein Sr., Marine First Sergeant (Ret.)

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Thanks to a personal connection with member Dale Stoy, Troy Schielein Sr., Marine First Sergeant (Ret.), recently gave one of our most informative, impassioned, and engaging talks of 2026. His topic was "The Dynamic Journey of a Warrior's Transition." His message was that every returning service person needs our time, support, and patience to re-adjust to civilian life.

Schielein spoke of programs designed to facilitate transition from active duty to day to day living in the US. He characterized his own exit after 22 years of active duty as a "check the box" variety. Preexisting transitional programs did not prepare him for civilian life structures which were totally different from military life. Military life has a standing mission always at hand; preparing for and winning battles. Conversely, civilian life misses the camaraderie and constant and consistent goal. Civilian life goals may change as the organization changes. Schielein noted the vet always had their combat leader or their "battle buddy" that looked out for them and vice versa, but that is not the case in civilian life.

So how do returning vets make the transition? College is not necessarily for them who are not used to sitting still. We've seen a 20% increase in vets seeking apprenticeships within the building and construction trades because vets are not accustomed to sitting on their hands.

He asked the question: How do you move from "warrior for the community" to working to change the community and what stands in the way? The soldier and the civilian must have the same moral values with a heart and passion for others.

A returning vet needs to find civilian identity and purpose to replace the identity once found in the uniform. Who am I now? Schielein found it through helping others but also found he needed personal transparency. Learning from his mistakes, his role in various veterans programs meant he was now responsible for helping others recover from their mistakes. For the first eight years of his retirement, he was adrift. Though he had all kinds of titles he lacked authority, responsibility and

self-respect held as an active-duty Marine of 22 years. The call was in convincing returning vets that the best part of their lives was still ahead.

Employment, health care, education, and quality of life were cited as some of the challenges vets face. When seeking employment, a transferable skill set might be an issue. In service, health care is provided and a serviceperson is expected to see a doctor or dentist on a regular basis. Education is not necessarily what the returning veteran is interested in, and quality of life in terms of attractive and affordable housing is often a concern.

These frustrations often culminate in mental health issues, and veterans are reluctant to ask for help. The experience of Vietnam vets was particularly ugly. Many vets escape from reality and turn to addictions, usually involving drugs and alcohol, but sometimes obsessions with fitness, money, and success.

His personal frustrations led to mental health issues and frequent suicidal ideations. Without a “battle buddy” or command officer who understood what he’d seen and done that he could turn to, Schielein found comfort and “support” in a vodka bottle. Before finding his new purpose Schielein nearly succumbed to a suicidal “dangerous behaviors” mentality and often thought of taking his life in a high-speed motorcycle crash.

Shielein noted many not-for-profits have been quite helpful to returning service people to civilian life, while others have put up a facade of help which mainly benefitted the organization, not the vet. He believes that though underutilized and somewhat out of favor, there is a definite and valuable place for faith-based organizations to lead vets in the transition from military to civilian life. Such an organization saved his life.

Through community engagement and collaboration, a veteran can return to the community on solid footing. Schielein’s credo, easily applicable to all of us regardless of military experience is “Lay it all down for what we believe in. That is how we lead communities.”

His final message was if you, or anyone you know or love, is experiencing difficulty in transitioning from military service to civilian life, feel free to contact Troy Schielein Sr., Marine First Sergeant (Ret.) at troyfs1966@gmail.com or 586.765.6328.

- Ray Buratto



From President John P. Rusche

On May 8 I attended the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial’s special VE Day Commemoration Ceremony. The event honored the 81st anniversary, May 8, 1945, of Victory in Europe Day and Michigan’s extraordinary contributions to the Allied victory. SMCB Past-President John Maten was the master of ceremonies.



These days May 8, May 25 and June 6 invite us to pause and reflect on the sacrifices our forefathers, and their families endured to ensure we can live in freedom. May was Military Appreciation Month.

May 25, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance honoring U.S. service members who died in military service, a tradition that began after the Civil War on May 30, 1868 as “Decoration Day.” Observed on the last Monday in May, it invites us to pause and reflect on lives given in service to our country. Many families and communities mark the day by visiting cemeteries and memorials, placing flags or flowers, and attending remembrance ceremonies.

June 6, 1944 is D Day, when U.S. and Allied forces land in Normandy, France.

Often called the largest seaborne invasion in history, D Day launched the Allied push to liberate Western Europe during World War II. Thousands of U.S., British, and Canadian troops landed on five Normandy beaches, opening a crucial Western front that helped turn the tide against Nazi Germany. It is interesting to note that VE Day took place 337 days after D Day. We knew how to get it done.

As an Air Force veteran I am proud to be among the 144 (nearly 25%) Club members who are veterans.

Select important reminders:

- **June 9** Board of Directors Meeting and Associate Orientation
- **June 17** Detroit River Cruise
- **June 11** 11:30-1:00 Computer/Technology Group Meeting Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom

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



Friday Meeting Menus

New Member	Sponsor
Jay Shah	Kirit Tolia
Chuck Costella	Jerry Reed
Ian Clements	Jerry Reed
Mickey Madden	Steve Lipton
Larry Hadley	Rich McGee
Lyle Raines	Steve Zimmer
Don Schenk	HP Culp
Jeff Stickney	None
Mike Barratt	Bill Peirce

JUNE 5
Rolls & Butter
Garden Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Fettuccini Alfredo
Amaretto Chicken
Dessert:
Chocolate Chip Cookies

JUNE 12
Rolls & Butter
Caesar Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Baked Mostaccioli
Prime Rib
Dessert:
Brownies



JUNE 19
Rolls & Butter
Michigan Maple Salad
Peas
Mashed Potatoes
Rosemary Chicken
Dessert:
Chocolate Chip Cookies

JUNE 26
Rolls & Butter
Caesar Salad
Green Beans
Mac N Cheese
Parmesan Cod
Dessert:
Brownies



June 2026 Speakers

Monthly Speaker Chair: **Doug Koschik**

June 5, 2026	Arthur White , Detroit Opera, Director of External Affairs “What’s Happening at the Detroit Opera?” Host: Doug Koschik
June 12, 2026	Heather Grondin , Chief Relations Officer, Windsor – Detroit Bridge Authority “Gordie Howe International Bridge – From Construction to Opening” Host: Paul Kovceses
June 19, 2026	Stephen Moran , Sr. Special Events Manager, Leader Dogs for the Blind Caroline Ethington , Manager of Personal Giving, Leader Dogs for the Blind “Leader Dogs for the Blind – More Than Guide Dogs” Host: Doug Koschik
June 26, 2026	Roger Faulkner , Founding Board Member of United States Soccer Foundation, Former President of the Michigan Soccer Association, Former General Partner and Executive Director of the Detroit Express North American Soccer League Team, and Soccer and Tennis Broadcaster “World Cup Then and Now: 1994 and 2026” Host: Malcolm Hendy



Special Event "Million Dollar Quartet" at the Meadowbrook Theatre

Approximately 30 members attended the recent outing to see *Million Dollar Quartet*, a lively tribute to the legendary 1956 jam session featuring Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Johnny Cash.

Notably, John Rusche and Joe Buese secured last-minute box office tickets after the club allocation sold out—and ended up in the front row!

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for our upcoming events:

- **June 17:** River Cruise
- **July 13:** Leader Dog School for the Blind Tour
- **August 12:** Picnic and Car Show

We look forward to seeing you there.

- Jay Kafarski and Jim Zyla

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE



MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET



Famous photograph taken during the recording session. L-R: Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash



Special Events – 2026 Detroit River Cruise

It's that time of year for our Annual Detroit River cruise. **This year's date is Wednesday, June 17th.**

The cruise is open to ALL – SMCB members, spouses, significant others, friends, neighbors and relatives.

We will have two buses leaving from the Birmingham Presbyterian Church (1669 W. Maple Rd.) at 9:30 AM arriving at Diamond Jack's (201 Jos Campau (Stroh's dock)) approximately 10:15 AM for our 11:00 AM departure. We will also offer a limited number of "self-drive" tickets for those of you who want to drive to the dock.

Once we board the "Diamond Belle", we will settle in for a 2 ½ hour excursion heading down-river toward Wyandotte, while pausing to admire the new Gordie Howe Bridge and enjoy commentary from the Chief Relations Officer of the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority relative to the bridge.

Tickets are \$65 with the bus trip, \$55 for those who "self-drive" and are available on Ticketstripe until June 8th.

Included in the ticket price is a boxed lunch and beverages. A cash bar is available for those who are NOT driving the boat!

- Paul Kovceses



Special Events – Chaldean Cultural Center

If you enjoy ancient history, the entrance gallery at the Chaldean Cultural Center features artifacts, maps, and images tied to civilizations such as Babylon and Mesopotamia. The Chaldean people trace their roots to this region of the Middle East, with a history that reaches back to the era of Nebuchadnezzar II.

For those more interested in Detroit’s past, another gallery highlights everyday life in the mid-20th century. Displays include grocery bags, soda bottles, bread wrappers, potato chip packages, and milk bottles from Wilson Dairy—nostalgic items that resonate with those who grew up in the 1950s.

“We built the Cultural Center to honor our parents,” said Mary Romaya, the museum’s retired director, who guided a Senior Men’s Club group on April 28. “They were born in Iraq and began coming to the United States in the 1920s.” These immigrants brought with them experience in operating grocery and liquor stores - skills that helped them establish and eventually dominate many neighborhood markets across Detroit. Alongside that expertise came a strong work ethic that shaped their success.

The Center is located within the Shenandoah Country Club, purchased by the Chaldean community in the 1990s. The original 1960s building was replaced around 2000 with a modern facility that includes a golf course, banquet halls, meeting rooms, a fitness center, and a membership waitlist. Shenandoah Country Club currently has 1,500 families, over 7,000 people as members.

Today, the Detroit area is home to approximately 200,000 Chaldeans.

- Jim Zyla



Invocation - Aging Prayer

June invites us to slow down, reflect, and appreciate where life has taken us. This well-known prayer, attributed to St. Thomas More, speaks to the realities of aging with honesty, wisdom, and a touch of humor we can all recognize.

Thou knowest better than I know myself, that I am growing older and will someday be old.

Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject, and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody’s affairs.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wing to get to that point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others’ pains but help me to endure mine with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening arrogance when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a Saint-some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And, give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

- Author Unknown

The Invocation Presented by Paul Kovceses on
Friday, May 1, 2026



Camera/Photography/Travel Group – Cranbrook Educational Community Walk Through

Dorothea Lange, the great American photographer of the 20th century once said, “The camera is an instrument that teaches people how to see without a camera.” Or an iPhone, for that matter!

The Camera/Photography/Travel group has had a few great months, with a very well attended visit to the Apple Store at Somerset to learn about the cameras on our phones and a walkthrough of the Cranbrook campus last week.

Last week at Cranbrook we toured the Cranbrook Quad, formerly the center of the Cranbrook School for Boys, opened in 1927. After that, we went to the spectacular Japanese Garden, which was opened in 1915. Our own Tom Booth, a descendant of the founder of Cranbrook, sits on the board for the Garden, and provided a wealth of knowledge about its beginning and updates over the past 100 years! As you can see in the photos, we had wonderful weather (thanks to Pat Gahman for a couple of his photos).

We concluded the afternoon with a walkthrough of Kingswood, formerly the Kingswood School for Girls, a masterpiece of American architecture.

As the weather has finally turned, our focus is to get out and ‘see’ the sights in Metro Detroit, as well as to capture some great photos on the way. Next up is a Detroit Architecture tour. While the plans are not finalized, we are certain that this will be a wonderful opportunity to learn ‘how to see without a camera’ and take some great photos as well. Hope to have you join us in late June (tentative date is Wednesday, June 24).

- David Sanders





A Brief History of SMCB Golf – Lincoln Hills GC and Springdale GC

Springdale Golf Course

Springdale Golf Course in Birmingham, Michigan, has been a local landmark since its opening in **1929**. As the shorter of Birmingham's two municipal courses, it has long attracted both casual golfers and seasoned players. Its rolling layout, renovated greens and tees, and restored Rouge Riverbanks make it one of the area's most picturesque nine-hole courses.

How SMCB Golf Grew

The Senior Men's Club of Birmingham began its golf program with **Thursday mornings at Springdale**. As membership expanded, demand quickly outgrew the single-course format. To accommodate new members, the club added a **Monday group at White Lake Oaks in Pontiac**, creating an associate waiting-list system. A major turning point came in **2007**, when the City of Birmingham made room for Monday play at **Lincoln Hills**. This allowed the club to consolidate both Monday and Thursday golf within Birmingham - a structure that continues today, giving members the choice of two excellent municipal venues.

Current Weekly Play

- **Lincoln Hills** (Mondays) 15-week season
- **Springdale** (Thursdays) 23-week season
- **Participation:** Typically, **30 to 60 golfers** each day

Both courses offer a friendly, competitive environment with weekly play, rotating foursomes, and strong camaraderie.

Special Events & Competitions

SMCB's golf calendar includes a mix of fun and competitive traditions:

- **June 9 - The Heathers Club, Bloomfield Hills** Breakfast, lunch, and a **four-person scramble** highlight this annual mid-season outing.
- **Three-Club Tournament:** Lincoln Hills **June 15th** and Springdale **June 18th** - *a member favorite!*
- **Two-Man Scramble:** Lincoln Hills **July 20th** and Springdale **July 23rd** - *offering a blend of strategy and teamwork.*
- **End-of-Season Scramble & Dinner** Scheduled for **October 6** at Lincoln Hills, this event caps the season with golf, fellowship, and celebration.

- **Joe Schulenberg**





Top Ten Questions - Getting to know . . . Jim Zyla

I caught up with Jim Zyla for a scheduled interview in between his time on secret trout streams and a trip to the British Isles.

1. Tell me about your early years: high school, college or military service. 'What would you now say to an 18 year old Jim Zyla?'

Zyla : You will go to Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan for freshman orientation and meet a girl. You will again find each other a month later when classes start. You will realize she is the one for you and finally marry in a little building called the Clubhouse at Oakland a year after graduating. It will be the best thing you will ever do.

2. What was/were your defining career moment(s)?

Zyla: I spent six years as a reporter and editor with a little weekly newspaper and then with a little larger daily in central Maryland. My reporting work was rewarded when years later the prosecutor told a chamber of commerce luncheon that he had planned to shoot me if he lost the election.

I had a three year old daughter and I was making \$135 a week. I took a job with a paper in Ypsilanti and we returned to Michigan. I worked for a public relations firm after that, and then I met someone who wanted to sell a print shop on Woodward in Royal Oak. I retired from printing in 2012.

3. Who/what brought you to SMCB?

Zyla: John Marsh and I met through Trout Unlimited and fished and shot clays together. He introduced me to the club in 2017. Another early friend in the Club was the late Dave Parker. Robert Sparks and I have enjoyed fishing together.

4. Tell me what you have done in the Club? Friday check-in and Special Events. Thoughts about chairing a committee?

Zyla: I joined the bowling group. That introduced me to a whole new group of men. Paul Kovceses goaded me into becoming a greeter. I got really involved when we started in person meetings after Covid. I led the check-in committee reorganization and accepted leadership of the Special Events Committee.

5. You've been very active and have freely contributed your variety of talents. What inspired/motivated you to get involved in Club activities and Community Engagement projects like LifeRemodeled and Micah6?

Zyla: The men in SMC are good company. I enjoy being with them and keeping busy.



6. How do you spend your free time? What's your favorite fishing spot (generally speaking)

Zyla: I like trout streams. Grayling is a good place to sleep when you're trout fishing but there are other places and lots of rivers.

7. Would you share some family facts??

Zyla: I have two daughters, both of them gainfully employed with kids to raise. One is near Dexter. The other is in Washington D.C. Linda and I are fortunate.

8. Do you have a favorite Club activity? Speaker? Meal?

Zyla: I enjoy almost everything. No need to say which I don't enjoy. SMC is an unusual group of capable, amusing and supportive men.

9. What advice would you give to new members?

Zyla: Go on the River Cruise. It's a wonderful time on the Detroit River and seeing sights from a vantage point most people never enjoy. And it's a great way to meet fellow Club members, their significant others and guests. Especially if the weather cooperates!

10. Any comments on the importance of SMC Foundation and the Clubs upcoming 70th anniversary celebration.

Zyla: The Foundation is further evidence of our unusual ability and dedication.

While in many ways typical of our membership, Jim Zyla is a remarkable and fascinating guy, much more complex than this interview would reveal. While fond of a good story or a joke, much like his personal hero Austin Powers, Jim Zyla remains an International Man of Mystery. You will be a better person if you get to know him.

- Ray Buratto

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Welcome New Members!



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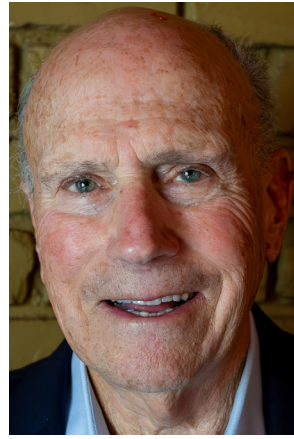
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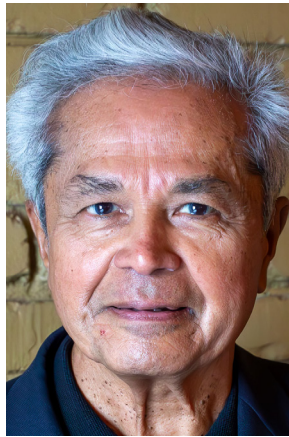
Mickey Maddin



Lyle Raines



Don Schenk



Jay Shah



Bill Shea



Jeff Stickney



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



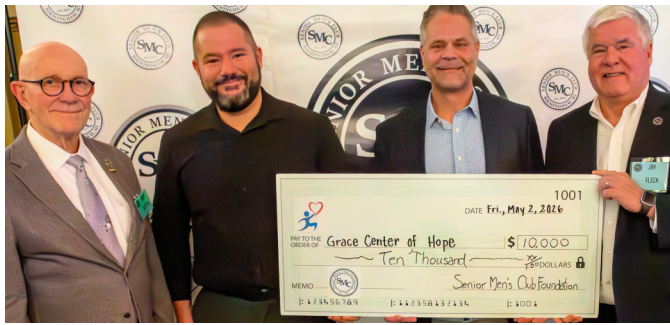
**Tuesday June 9 12:00 Noon (session lasts until 2pm)
Birmingham Baldwin Library Donor Meeting Room**

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



l to r: John Rusche, President SMCB, Kyle Couch, Director of Development Grace Center of Hope, Pastor Darin Weiss, CEO Grace Center of Hope, Jim Fleck, President SMC Foundation



Senior Men's Club Foundation Awards \$10,000 Grant to Grace Centers of Hope

The Senior Men's Club Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac to support older men enrolled in the organization's One-Year Men's Residential Life Skills Program. The grant will help provide housing, meals, counseling, recovery support, life skills training, vocational assistance, and transitional services for men age 55 and older facing homelessness, addiction, and long-term instability. Founded in 1942, Grace Centers of Hope is one of Southeast Michigan's largest faith-based organizations serving individuals and families in need. Nearly one-quarter of the men currently enrolled in its residential recovery program are age 55 or older. "Grace Centers of Hope provides life-changing support for older men facing significant challenges," said Foundation President Jim Fleck. The program focuses on long-term recovery, personal accountability, and helping participants achieve lasting independence and stability.

The Power of Giving - How Generosity Transforms Lives and Communities

At the April 17th meeting, Dick Bradely talked about *fellowship* being the "Special Sauce" of the Club. Our Friday meetings, as well as all the other activities we enjoy, are keys to our shared fellowship.

Another important aspect of the Men's Club is Community Service and giving back. Giving is a fundamental human act that reaches beyond monetary donations or material gifts. It encompasses kindness, time, empathy, and encouragement, all of which can profoundly shape both the giver and the recipient's life. When we give, we not only support others in need, but we also foster a sense of connection and belonging within our communities.

That's where your Foundation comes in...it's a key mechanism to connecting the Club with worthy organizations to support their communities. The Foundation acts as a bridge, leveraging the collective resources and goodwill of Club members to uplift local programs and initiatives. Through careful stewardship of donated funds, the Foundation is able to identify local needs and channel resources where they can have the greatest impact. By partnering with a variety of charitable groups, the Foundation amplifies the Club's reach and fosters a spirit of collective generosity.

Last year, we granted over \$120,000 to various organizations. The Foundation is well on our way to our goal of granting \$160,000 this year. Through April, the Foundation has provided grants totaling \$46,000. Notably, \$10,000 granted to the Parkinson Foundation, \$10,000 to the Pontiac Transportation Museum, \$5,000 to the Matchan Nutrition Center, \$10,000 to Forgotten Harvest, and \$10,000 to Grace Center of Hope. These contributions demonstrate the club's ongoing commitment to supporting vital organizations that make a difference in our community.

Grants do not happen without the support of Club members. In fact, we recently mailed a solicitation asking for contributions to the Foundation. The letter highlighted the impact of previous donations and emphasized how continued support can help further the Foundation's mission of assisting local organizations. Your generosity ensures that the Foundation can keep making meaningful grants and positively influence the lives of many in our community. If you have not already done so, please consider contributing to the Foundation so we can continue our good works on behalf of the Club.



May Discussion Group Recap

A lively and spirited debate on the Iran conflict was held on May 4th. Many views were shared, numerous solutions proposed, and the implications of Iran's positions and threats were examined at length. There were nearly as many ideas about what to do as there were participants.

We had 19 additional members join the discussion, bringing our total to 32 in the room and 4 more on Zoom — the largest gathering we have had to date. Our distribution list for the Discussion Group has now grown to 69 members.

The discussion largely focused on how a democracy should respond to threats and what form that response should take. Looking at our online survey results (see below), as a group we are broadly as divided as the national public. However, as noted on the slides, a poll of polls suggests the general public shows somewhat less support for military or retaliatory action than our Discussion Group does. If we combine certain responses we may identify a trend, but with a sample size of only 35, it is unclear whether the results are statistically significant.

Our survey results, with commentary synthesized from public polling, can be retrieved at [HERE](#).

Of our first six Discussion Group gatherings, this may have been the one characterized by the strongest viewpoints and the greatest number of facts and data points brought in by members. As with all our meetings to date, there was a rich exchange of knowledge — yet no clear consensus emerged on where the solution lies. But that is precisely the point: a vigorous exchange of knowledge and perspectives to help us all better understand the topic at hand.



Upcoming Discussion Group on Current Events of Interest to be held June 1st:

A selection of topical interests are to be brought up by Discussion Group members. The member will introduce the current event and why it is of interest to them and have a brief discussion on what other members think about the current event. These are not full discussions but just a short-form summary of what we think about the event.

Several contributors to the current events discussion had overlap, and with apologies if your name and thought were left off the list. As time permits, we have the following current event topics under consideration:

From John Rushe - the Justice Department Creates Unusual \$1.8 Billion 'Anti-Weaponization Fund' and the permanent indemnity for the President, his family, and his business from investigation in perpetuity.

From Harv Minkin - More colleges are closing. It's about time. Wall Street Journal opinion page, May 7. 442 private nonprofit colleges are at risk of closing within a decade. We should do all we can to accelerate market forces in higher education. The good news is the schools doing the most for upward mobility are not the ones closing.

From John Paesano - Primary Public Education (K-12) Issues of Credibility and Product Results; What are the Core Solutions for improvement! Reading and math scores which are at their lowest levels in decades.

From Larry Immerman - The question of Detroit's direction was raised in an article a couple of weeks ago. It depends on the statistics used. I thought that most of those who attend will have lived in this area for at least 50 years and possess firm ideas on whether the city and the metro area are improving.

From Al Hibbert - the sexual abuse case in the Boston Archdiocese in 2002 and how investigative reporting by the Boston Globe's Spotlight team uncovered the rot among the priesthood that was known and ignored by everyone, including Cardinal Law himself. This case was documented in the movie "Spotlight," which won two Academy Awards including Best Picture, and led to Law's resignation and other investigative work in more than a hundred Archdioceses around the world.

Additional current event topics which we may get to include:

From Swarn Rajpal - how scientists think they may have come across a third human body system.

From Pete Mahra - WSJ: Mamdani Can Make Moms Into Millionaires, with extension topic, also from the WSJ: Seattle Turns Hostile to the Great Businesses It Made.

-Richard Koppel



Classic Movie Group - *The Americanization of Emily*

On Monday, June 8, at 1:00 PM, Doug Koschik will present, via Zoom, the 1964 romantic comedy/drama *The Americanization of Emily*, a black-and-white movie two hours in length.



Set in wartime London, *The Americanization of Emily* stars Julie Andrews as Emily, an English driver for the US Navy, who meets a scheming, immoral American officer named Charlie, played by James Garner. Against their wills, the two fall in love. Charlie then gets roped into a reckless, pointless stunt, fueled by his superiors, to become a war hero by becoming the first American sailor to be killed on D-Day.

Having coming out during the early stages of the Vietnam War, the film was praised for its cynical anti-war stance. Both Julie Andrews and James Garner have considered this film to be the favorite of all the movies they made. Andrews was especially pleased to be offered a serious comedic and dramatic role that required no singing and didn't portray her as a nanny.

The film also features Melvyn Douglas, James Coburn, Joyce Grenfell, and Keenan Wynn, and was directed by Arthur Hiller. Its screenplay was written by Paddy Chayefsky, who remains the only person in Academy Award history to have won three solo Oscars for Best Screenplay—for *Marty*, *The Hospital*, and *Network*.

The Rotten Tomatoes score is 92%, and the IMDb rating is 7.3/10.



The trailer for this movie is now available to watch by pressing the CMG (Classic Movie Group) Movie Preview Button on the SMCB homepage.

<https://youtu.be/kuSBTMk1hKM>

Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of June 7, which will be published on the morning of Friday, June 5. In addition, if you click on the film title, you will be taken to the trailer, and if you click on "Additional Information," you will be directed to other items of interest regarding this movie.

We're looking forward to seeing you on Monday, June 8!

New Computer and Technology Group Kick-off



**June 11th,
Baldwin Library,
11:30-1:00**

This is to be the kick-off and organizational meeting to determine areas of interest, format for the meeting, scheduling, and time of day.

Are you curious about technology, and occasionally baffled by your own smartphone?

You're in good company. Come along for a relaxed monthly get-together where we explore the world of modern tech — no jargon, no experts, no pressure. Just good conversation. The scope of the discussion will range from smartphones, tablets, and laptops to a fuller exploration of technology: apps, software, cybersecurity, quantum computing, modern chemistry, physics, and medical technology, as we set the topics and agenda for future meetings based on the interests of the participants.

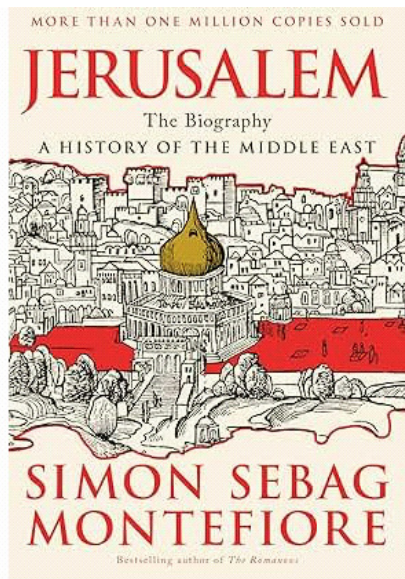
-Richard Koppel



Monday and Wednesday Reading Groups

Our June discussions will focus on two very different books. The first is the much-acclaimed history of Jerusalem and the second explores the often-contradictory legacy of Woodrow Wilson. Each will likely provoke lively conversations.

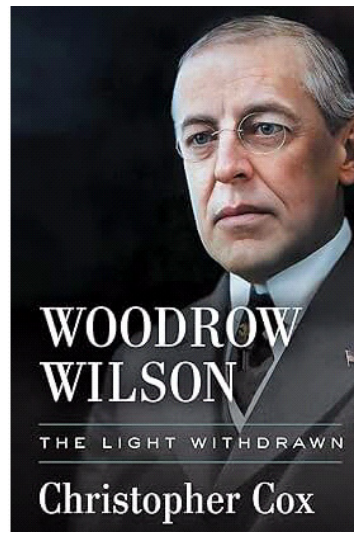
We urge members to check the Club’s website for the schedule of books to be discussed later this year. The two groups will continue to meet via Zoom throughout the summer. As always, all members and their guests are welcome.



Wednesday, June 3 at 10:30 AM: *Jerusalem: The Biography* by **Simon Sebag Montefiore**. (New York: Vintage Books, 2012) Doug Koschik will lead this discussion.

The history of Jerusalem is the story of the world: Jerusalem is the universal city, the capital of two peoples, the shrine of three faiths. The Holy City

and Holy Land are the battlefields for today’s multifaceted conflicts and, for believers, the setting for Judgment Day and the Apocalypse. How did this small, remote town become the Holy City, the “center of the world” and now the key to peace in the Middle East? Why is the Holy Land so important not just to the region and its many new players, but to the wider world too? Drawing on new archives and a lifetime’s study, Montefiore reveals this ever-changing city and turbulent region through the wars, love affairs and revelations of the kings, empresses, amirs, sultans, caliphs, presidents, autocrats, imperialists and warlords, poets, prophets, saints and rabbis who created, destroyed, chronicled, and believed in Jerusalem and the Holy Land. From the Wall Street Journal: “Magnificent. . . Montefiore barely misses a trick or a character in taking us through the city’s story with compelling, breathless tension.”



Monday, June 15 at 3 PM: *Woodrow Wilson: The Light Withdrawn* by **Christopher Cox** (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2024) This discussion will be led by Gordon Allardyce

More than a century after his death, Woodrow Wilson’s influence on American politics remains strong while

his contradictions loom larger than ever. With panoramic sweep, *Woodrow Wilson: The Light Withdrawn* examines his life and times, focusing especially on the 28th president’s opposition to the movements for racial equality and women’s voting rights. The Wilson who emerges is a man superbly unsuited to the moment when, as he ascended to the presidency in 1912, the struggle for women’s voting rights in America reached the tipping point.

The first southern Democrat to occupy the White House since the Civil War era brought with him to Washington like-minded men who quickly set to work segregating the federal government. Wilson’s own sympathy for Jim Crow and states’ rights animated his decades-long hostility to the Susan B. Anthony Amendment, which promised universal suffrage backed by federal enforcement.

Writing in the *Washington Post*, George Will: “Cox presents an Everest of evidence that Wilson’s progressivism smoothly melded with his authoritarianism. . . . A stunning chronicle.”

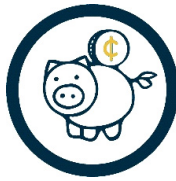
Looking Ahead July

July 1: *The Shortest History of India: From the World’s Oldest Civilization to Its Largest Democracy* by **John Zubrzycki** (Bhimsen Rao)

July 20: *The Ghost Soldiers: An Astonishing Story of one of Wartimes Greatest Escapes* by **Hampton Sides** (Doug Koschik)

Investment Group

Thank you to those that made it to our recent May Investment Group meeting with our speakers Steve Connolly and Jerome Dixon, who shared their wisdom on personal real estate. Very insightful!



The next Investment Group meeting will be on Thursday June 11th at 2:45pm at the Baldwin Library lower level and on Zoom. This is our final meeting before taking the months of July and August off. Please watch for the weekly Friday eBlast for further information as the meeting comes up the second week of June. Also, please check the SMC website Investment Group section as we are placing information from past speakers as well as the Stock Game.

The upcoming meeting has the most interesting speakers, in my opinion, us. We will award the winners of the stock game and talk about why certain stocks were picked. We will discuss investments made so far this year, and more importantly what members plans are for the remainder of 2026.

As of this writing, the Stock Game is tightening up. The current leaders since the game began in mid-October are:

- * **1st Place: Jack Burns** - 178% in gains with the primary holding Micron Technology (MU).
- * **2nd Place: Richard Harrison** - 148% of gains with the primary holding Bloom Energy (BE).
- * **3rd Place: Rich McGee** - 110% of gains led by Quick Logic (QUIK).

Sandisk Corporation (SNDK) stock is the top stock pick within the group and has jumped considerably up 445% since the start of the game!

If you have any questions about the Investment Group or the Stock Game, please feel free to call or email me.

Continue on with your wise Investment decisions!

- Mike Korsak

Senior Men's Club of Birmingham and the Senior Men's Club Foundation Tax Returns Filed on Time!



Special thanks to Gary Melikian, Jim Suhay, George Dilgard, Steve Lepsetz, and Rich McGee for preparing

and filing our required 2025 tax returns which were due May 15, 2026.

The Foundation files a 990-EZ, while the Club files both a 990-EZ and a 990-T. The Foundation operates as a 501(c)(3), and the Club as a 501(c)(7).

The Foundation pays no income tax. The Club pays tax on investment income classified as unrelated business income. For 2025, the Club's tax was \$817.

We use the online software Tax990 to prepare and file the returns.

Finally, thanks to Steve Lalka and Harold LaCount for suggesting procedural improvements that should help streamline next year's filing process.



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The community needs you. There are more mentee requests than available mentors. If you're interested, reach out to any of our members: LaCount, Powe, Rajpal, Vorce, Kafarski, Stevens, Garner, Culp, Reynolds, Burke, Stone, McGee, Parikh, Rosen, Imerman, Lepsetz, Rafique Tai or Anil Desai.

- Rich McGee



Our Friday Speaker

*June 5, 2026 -10:30 a.m. at
Iroquois Club or via Zoom*

Arthur White
**Detroit Opera's Director of Community and
Audience Engagement**
"What's Happening at the Detroit Opera"



Arthur White is Detroit Opera's Director of Community and Audience Engagement. He has worked in multiple aspects of opera as a singer, manager, and community leader. In addition to having sung in several productions at Detroit Opera and with the professional opera companies in Chicago, he has spent the last 20 years in artist management, the marketing of operatic productions, audience engagement and as an impresario. He has produced and presented artists in concert at venues across the United States and Asia including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, San Francisco's War Memorial and on the Bund in Shanghai, China.

Arthur originally joined Detroit Opera—then called Michigan Opera Theatre—in 2013, tasked with increasing community engagement. During this time, he created its Opera Clubs Program, where opera singers give free community performances throughout Metro Detroit, followed by lectures of Detroit Opera's upcoming operas. Arthur's efforts were recognized by Opera America in 2015 as an example of successful and impactful grassroots engagement in the United States.

Outside of opera, he has served as the personal manager of Grammy Award-winning singer William Warfield and legendary folk singer Odetta. He also produced baritone Robert Sims' recital in the new and recently opened Zankel Hall in Carnegie Hall and managed his second appearance for Carnegie Hall in Jessye Norman's "Honor".

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

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Our Friday Speaker

June 12, 2026 -10:30 a.m. at

Iroquois Club or via Zoom

Heather Grondin

**Chief Relations Officer
Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority
"Gordie Howe International Bridge – From
Construction to Opening"**



Heather Grondin has 20 years of experience, specializing in strategic planning, communications and engagement. Holding the executive position of Chief Relations Officer at Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) since 2015, Heather leads an integrated team of professionals who inform, inspire and interact with others in support of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project.



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Our Friday Speaker

June 19, 2026-10:30 a.m. at Iroquois Club or via Zoom

Stephen Moran
Special Events Manager, Leader Dogs for the Blind
Caroline Ethington
Manager of Personal Giving, Leader Dogs for the Blind

“Leader Dogs for the Blind – More Than Guide Dogs”

Stephen Moran is a seasoned Special Events Manager based in Rochester Hills, bringing creativity, precision, and leadership to every event he produces. With more than 26 years in the running industry, Stephen has developed a deep understanding of event operations, participant engagement, and community building. His extensive background has shaped his ability to deliver high-quality experiences that resonate with participants and stakeholders alike.



In addition to his long-standing career in the running industry, Stephen has spent the past five years with Leader Dogs for the Blind, where he has played a key role in organizing impactful events that support the organization's mission.

Caroline Ethington is an experienced fundraising professional whose passion is connecting people and purpose. Prior to joining Leader Dogs for the Blind, she worked in philanthropy at Kettering University (formerly General Motors Institute) in Flint, which is also her Alma Mater. As a dog-lover, and someone who has personal appreciation for the challenges of vision loss, she is thrilled to be part of the Leader Dog family.



When not at work, you'll frequently find Caroline and her husband walking their Golden Retriever, Riesling, or enjoying time with their non-furry family and friends.

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Our Friday Speaker

*June 26, 2026 -10:30 a.m. at
Iroquois Club or via Zoom*

Roger Faulkner

Founding Board Member of United States Soccer Foundation, Former President of the Michigan Soccer Association, Former General Partner and Executive Director of the Detroit Express North American Soccer League Team, and Soccer and Tennis Broadcaster



"World Cup Then and Now: 1994 and 2026"

Roger Faulkner grew up in wartime England and as a junior tennis player was ranked in the top ten in the U.K. He is a graduate of University College, London, and was captain of the London University tennis team.

In 1963 he joined Burroughs Machines Ltd in London and in 1965 transferred to Burroughs Corporation in Detroit where he became Personnel Manager of the International Marketing Division, before later moving to the corporate staff.

Faulkner became involved in the game of soccer in 1968 when he helped promote a match at Keyworth Stadium between Coventry City and Hertha Berlin. Further promotions followed including a closed circuit telecast of the 1970 World Cup and a Silverdome exhibition featuring Pele and the New York Cosmos.

The success of these events led to the creation of the Detroit Express of the North American Soccer League in 1977 where Faulkner was a General Partner and Executive Director. The Express played for three years at the Silverdome before relocating to Washington DC in 1981.

Faulkner then built a 28-year career as a Vice President of Merrill Lynch in Bloomfield Hills before retiring in 2008.

As President of the Michigan Soccer Association in 1989, his Bid Committee successfully won the right for Detroit to stage matches of the 1994 USA World Cup, where for the first time World Cup matches were played on indoor grass at the Silverdome, with Faulkner serving as Host Committee Chairman. He has since served as Chair of the Michigan Host Committee Foundation, a founding Board Member of the US Soccer Foundation, and a soccer and tennis broadcaster.

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

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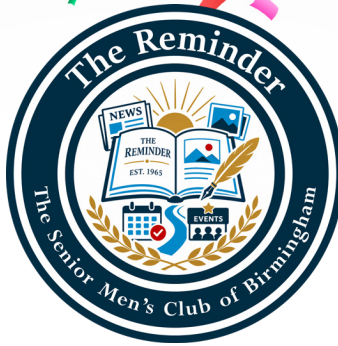


June 2026 Calendar

SMCB/SMCF CALENDAR AT A GLANCE - JUNE 2026

UPDATED: 5/30/2026

Week 1	Date	Start / End Time	Group	Location and/or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	June 1	7:00 AM	Monday Golf - Lincoln Hills GC	2666 W 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
First Monday	June 1	1:00 / 2:30 PM	Genealogy	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	John Maten	(248) 251-9339
First Monday	June 1	2:30 / 4:00PM	Discussion Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326
Tuesday	June 2	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
First Tuesday	June 2	10:00 / 11:30 AM	Special Events Meeting	Baldwin Library - Rotary Room & Zoom	James Zyla	(248) 561-1520
First Wednesday	June 3	10:30 AM	Reading Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	June 3	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	June 3	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Greystone Pickleball Club, 900 N Opdyke Rd, Auburn Hills	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	June 4	7:00 AM	Thursday Golf - Springdale GC	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Township	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	June 4	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Friday	June 5	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	June 5	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	June 8	7:00 AM	Monday Golf - Lincoln Hills GC	2666 W 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Second Monday	June 8	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	June 9	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	June 9	10:00AM / Noon	Board of Directors Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Second Tuesday	June 9	Noon / 2:00 PM	Associate Orientation Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	Kevin Doucet	(248) 977-9394
Wednesday	June 10	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	June 10	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	Greystone Pickleball Club, 900 N Opdyke Rd, Auburn Hills	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Second Wednesday	June 10	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher (Must Pre-Register)	Birmingham Fire Station-Adams Rd (248) 530-1906	Dave Basile	(248) 761-7464
Thursday	June 11	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Thursday	June 11	7:00 AM	Thursday Golf - Springdale GC	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Township	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	June 11	11:30 AM/1:00 PM	Computer/Technology Group Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom / Laptop	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326
Second Thursday	June 11	2:45 / 5:00 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom / Laptop	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	June 12	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	June 12	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	June 15	7:00 AM	Monday Golf - Lincoln Hills GC	2666 W 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Third Monday	June 15	3:00 PM	Reading Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	June 16	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	June 16	10:30 / 12:00 PM	SMC Foundation Board Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	James Fleck	(704) 576-8832
Wednesday	June 17	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	June 17	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Wednesday	June 17	9:30 AM/3:00 PM	Detroit River Cruise	See TicketStripe for Details	James Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Thursday	June 18	7:00 AM	Thursday Golf - Springdale GC	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Township	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	June 18	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Third Thursday	June 18	3:00 / 5:00 PM	Camera/Photography/Travel Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom / Laptop	Dave Sanders	(248) 563-6123
Friday	June 19	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	June 19	N/A	Bridge Group	Cancelled - Library Closed	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
Third Friday	June 19	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com	Ray Buratto	(248) 390-6244
Week 4						
Monday	June 22	7:00 AM	Monday Golf - Lincoln Hills GC	2666 W 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Tuesday	June 23	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	June 24	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	June 24	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	June 25	7:00 AM	Thursday Golf - Springdale GC	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Township	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	June 25	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Friday	June 26	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	June 26	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
Week 5						
Monday	June 29	7:00 AM	Monday Golf - Lincoln Hills GC	2666 W 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Tuesday	June 30	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426



June Birthdays

- 3 Chris Thompson
- 4 Stewart Harman, Dr. Sujan Shetty
- 5 John Nemazi
- 7 Bill Bartlam, John Carter
- 8 Dr. John Paesano, Bob Parker Jr, Marty Reisig, Steve Tennent
- 9 Robb Harper
- 10 Tom Boyce, Jeff Stickney
- 11 Jerry Dayinian, Larry Imerman, Dr. Bala Setty
- 12 Mike Albright
- 13 Art Hesskamp
- 14 Fred Freeman, Doug Maskin, Riggs Miller
- 15 Walt Ebling
- 16 Jitesh Desai, Paresh Khandhadia, David Rubinstein, Dr. Khota Singal
- 17 Pete Good
- 19 Gerd Keuffel, Steve Lepsetz
- 20 Yann LeBaron
- 22 Lou Baughman, Rody Yezman
- 24 Jim Britton, John Juroe, CDR Middleton, John Wargelin
- 25 Brian Haw
- 26 Dr. Gino Salciccioli
- 27 Walt Kowal
- 28 Dave Ashland
- 29 Tom Longhway, Jack McCleary, Tom Smith, Frank Snower
- 30 Mark Donna, Vipul Kinariwala



Sports Trivia - Who was the First to Clear the Roof?

Last month Nick Pinciotti and Mike Clement knew that Monachos was the second fastest Derby winner in 2001 at 1:59.97. However, the question was who ran the second fastest in the Derby. That would be Sham in 1973 at 1:59.74 when he finished second to Secretariat's time of 1:59.40. These are the only three horses to ever run the Kentucky Derby in under two minutes.

In 1938 Briggs Stadium completed construction of the upper deck fully enclosing the stadium. From that time there had been 35 home runs which have cleared the rooftop; 4 over left field and 31 over right field. We all know Norm Cash leads the way with four home runs followed by Mickey Mantle with three. But I would like to know who was the first hitter to clear the right field roof and who was the first to clear the left field roof? Send your answer here: tcdecorte@comcast.net

- Tom De Corte, 757-634-4818 (cell)

A Bit of Humor.....

I was holding a bottle of Paul Newman salad dressing when my niece asked me who Paul Newman was. I told her he was an actor, kind of the Brad Pitt of Mom's generation.

Then, she hit me with "Who's Brad Pitt?"

If anyone needs me, I'll be at the senior center eating applesauce.



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