

The Reminder



October 2025

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan

President's Letter



Hello fellow members,

Ten months into 2025 the Tigers have descended from the best record in baseball, to the best record in the AL, best record in the division, and are now in a best-of-three wild card playoff against their rival Cleveland Guardians. Theirs has been an epic slide. In that same period your Club has added 77 new, excited, and exciting members. You will see them adding their time, talent, and treasure, all to the betterment of this Club. Some of them are featured in photos inside. And be sure to check on stories about Randy Barnett and Dave Bakos, "seasoned" members who have shared their many talents helping this Club be outstanding.

The 2026 Handbook Committee, chaired by Paul Kovceses continues its work and expects all of us to update our contact information for next year's Handbook. Please cooperate in this effort to make the 2026 Handbook as complete and accurate as possible. Notify us at SMCBHandbook26@gmail.com of any changes in your contact information from the current Handbook. You can also confirm your current information is correct.

We're coming off an exciting September with two very successful trips, one to the DIA and one to the Ford Piquette Plant Museum. SMCB member Chris Crossen, a Piquette plant docent, led us on that tour. Our very well received DIA trip was previewed by a great talk by Dr. Chassica Kirchhoff on the history of European armor. See the photos and story inside.

More than 25 Club members and some spouses are midway through a week of "boots on the ground" service to an east side Detroit community as part of LifeRemodeled's "Six Day Project", an annual push to beautify a Detroit neighborhood. The Club is in its third year of support and this year the Foundation pitched in with a very generous financial grant.

Each and every Friday I am thrilled as I look out on the assembly of our wonderful membership and see the happiness the camaraderie offers us. We bring a host of backgrounds, ethnic, political, religious and spiritual, work life and volunteer to one room every Friday. On Friday, October 17 we will learn about and celebrate "Diwali", a celebration of the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, with our Indian friends. Led by new member Kirit Ravani, it's been in planning for months and promises to be quite special. May we see you there?

Please remember it's Dues Renewal time once again. Renewals are \$90.00 which brings you 40+ weeks of outstanding programming, activities, community engagement and camaraderie. A payment nicely rounded to \$100.00 gives you access to all of it for about \$2.50 per week. There is no better value in Oakland County! See instructions in Doug Koschik's article inside. And share a warm welcome back to returning member Ray Opezzo when you see him!

The Club's golf leagues are wrapping up with a season ending outing and dinner while bowlers are rolling out kinks in their legs, shoulders and backs. Enjoy all the beauty that Michigan has to offer as Mother Nature prepares this part of the world for its winter rest! I hope to see you this month as we continue to delight in the many riches of our Senior Men's Club of Birmingham.

Regards,
Ray Buratto

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President Ray Buratto and 1st Vice President John Rusche present the Life Member gold name badge to Dick Rappleye



Senior Mens Club of Birmingham Life Member Induction

Dick Rappleye, August 10, 2025

Dick was born in upstate New York and grew up in a suburb of Chicago. He went to Oxford, Ohio, for a liberal arts degree from Miami University and then spent a year at Boston University School of Theology under a Rockefeller Fellowship. He was working with Deloitte when he took a leave to attend the University of Pennsylvania, where he received a Masters in Business Administration from the Wharton Graduate Division. He returned to the Chicago office of Deloitte working in accounting and management consulting. After eight years he moved to the newly formed United Dairy Industry Association as the head of Finance and then served as the Interim President. He moved to Michigan to be the Group Director of Finance and Special Services for FTD. He was then Vice President of Finance with Erb Lumber Company before moving to the non-profit area. He was with the C.S. Mott Foundation for twenty years as Vice President of Finance and then "retired" but worked another ten years with the S.S. Kresge Foundation in the finance, program and administration area. He remains interested in community and religious organizations and writing and consulting on retirement challenges. He had a wonderful wife for almost sixty years, and has a son in Philadelphia, a daughter in Columbus, four grandchildren and now a great life partner. He is very happy and blessed to be recognized as a SMCB Life Member.

— John P. Rusche

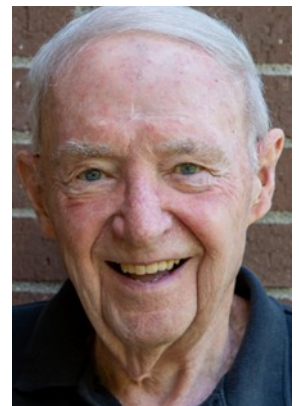


Senior Mens Club of Birmingham Life Member Induction

Charlie Blank, October 20, 2025

Charlie was born October 20, 1940, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from Xavier University with a BS and MBA. He was commissioned a 2nd. Lt, U.S. Army, Air Defense Artillery and served at Ft Bliss, TX from 1962-1964. He married Mary Grace Thomas, in August 1967. He has three children, Molly, Michael and Matthew and four granddaughters. He moved to Birmingham in 1982 and was active with Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church; Choir, Lector and Parish Council. He retired in 2011 after 20 years as Director, Human Resources, BEI Associates, Architects & Engineers. He joined SMCB in 2012 and formed the Chorus and Walking Groups. He resides now at Pomeroy Independent Living with his wife and is involved in many SMCB and other activities. He is very happy to be recognized as a SMCB Life Member.

— John P. Rusche





Special Event—Ford Piquette Plant

"You can get one in any color as long as it's black."

It is a famous line about Henry Ford's Model T, and as it turns out, it is not true.

On a tour of the Ford Piquette Plant on Sept. 16, a group of forty-eight from the Senior Men's Club saw lots of Model Ts in colors other than black, some with pin striping. There were also black ones and some with brass headlamps and radiators. Some restored and others that have not been touched in 75 years.

The museum has been given Model Ts that are rare and priceless — examples that prove that some of the old stories that are repeated over and over, simply are wrong. A docent provided examples as he led the group through the three-story brick building, built in late Victorian Style brick.

It was built in 1904, and it was sold to Studebaker in 1911 after Ford moved to the Highland Park plant in 1910. Astoundingly it has been saved and restored with original fire doors and water lines. Even a time clock.

The group from SMC spent an hour and a half touring the reconstructed plant and then had lunch in a banquet room that is also used for weddings and meetings.

Henry Ford's secret experimental room on the third floor gave the group an appreciation for the time and effort that went into creating the Model T. The room has been recreated with the help of people who have access to some of the original plans and machines, even the lights that were used in the plant 120 years ago.

The Piquette plant is in the Milwaukee Junction area of Detroit where the automotive colossus that became the Motor City developed. A few other cars from the era are on display to provide examples of the Ford Motor Company's competitors in the early 20th Century.

—Jim Zyla

[Ford Piquette Plant Tour Photos \(click here\)](#)





Membership Matters



October Spooktacular Membership Promotion

All members who **bring a guest** to a Friday meeting in October will be entered into a drawing for a special Senior Men's Club of Birmingham gift. Every time you bring a guest, your name will go into the pumpkin!

Drawing Date Friday, October 31st
No Tricks, Just Treats

Don't ghost your friends - Invite them to lunch and help your Club grow!!

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

Tuesday October 14 12:00 Noon (session lasts until 2pm)
Birmingham Baldwin Library Jeanne Lloyd Meeting Room

This Orientation Meeting is for any SMCB Associate Members who wish to progress to full Active Member status. It is a wonderful opportunity 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.
Doucets410@gmail.com
248 977-9394



Attention all Associate Members! Here is your Opportunity to become an Active Member

A group ceremony for Associate Members to move to Active Member status will be held at the October 24 Friday meeting. Associates who have attended an Orientation Meeting are eligible to participate. Attendance of your sponsor will not be required. The ceremony will be brief but meaningful.





Any questions or to sign up, contact Kevin Doucet SMCB Membership Chair
Doucets410@gmail.com
248 977-9394

A Great Opportunity for Associates to Become Active Members


Welcome New Members

 <p>George Glinski <i>Sponsor:</i> <i>Jonathon Haber</i></p>	 <p>John Lloyd <i>Sponsor:</i> <i>Kevin Doucet</i></p>	 <p>Steve Tennent <i>Sponsor:</i> <i>Kevin Doucet</i></p>	 <p>Darrell White <i>Sponsor:</i> <i>Matt Vorce</i></p>
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New Life Members

 <p>Alan Amendt <i>Joined: 2/25/2011</i></p>	 <p>Charlie Blank <i>Joined: 6/29/2012</i></p>	 <p>Ollie Marcotte <i>Joined: 10/9/2015</i></p>	 <p>Ron Zurilla <i>Joined: 9/20/2013</i></p>
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Condolences

 <p>Cliff Wagoner Status: Life <i>Joined: 2/11/2005</i></p>



Member Spotlight

Dave Bakos–SMCB Life Member

Dave Bakos joined the SMCB in February 2013, sponsored by fellow GM'er Rick Ganfield.

Humble Beginnings: Dave was born in Cambridge, Ohio on December 19, 1935, the eighth child of Ralph and Susan Bakos. Both parents were from Austria-Hungary, which became Slovakia after WWI. His father came to the United States in 1894, his mother arrived in 1913, and they married in 1914 and settled in Ohio. His family had a small grocery store and a meat market for 66 years.

Early Years and Career: Graduating from Cambridge Schools Dave attended General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) and did co-op at Chevrolet in Parma, Ohio. Following his 1957 graduation as an Industrial Engineer his career began on the plant floor. He worked in manufacturing plants for 30 years—10 years each in Parma, Ohio; Warren, Michigan; and Livonia, Michigan, as General Superintendent of Production. In 1985, he was transferred to the Tech Center in Warren where he spent his last 15 years as Director of General Assembly for passenger vehicles. Retirement came on March 1, 2001.



Family Life: Dave has 3 children – a namesake son in Oxford, MI (who followed in dad's footsteps, attending GMI and spending his whole career at GM); a daughter, who lives in Atlanta GA; and another daughter in Salinas CA. He has two grandchildren. He and his second wife Judy live in Bloomfield Township.

Hobbies: Post-retirement Dave pursued his interest in glass blowing, as Cambridge, OH was known for glass manufacturing and Cambridge Glass (now closed). However, Cambridge Glass is still valued today among collectors. Though not a hot air guy, Dave blew glass at Michigan Hot Glass in Detroit as a hobby for over ten years, and has several beautiful pieces displayed in his home.

Life in SMCB: Dave became active in the SMCB Genealogy Group and chaired it for over 7 years, stepping down for health issues. He did not know much about his Slovak background and therefore became immersed in using genealogy in finding information about his family history.

Dave became a Life member in February 2023.

Why SMCB: Dave says the intermingling of men with diversified interests and a willingness to share their life stories and become friends supporting each other drive his interest in SMCB. The topics discussed at the meetings enriches all of us with both current and past affairs of our world. He also feels that being among good people with similar interests is good for our mental health. Dave is very impressed with all the great leaders that come forward and continue to enhance the SMCB.

We salute you, David Nicholas Bakos!

—Ray Buratto



Member Spotlight

Randy Barnett

Randy Barnett has been a member of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham since 2016. His current SMC activities include golf, bowling, and the Investment Study Group. He takes pictures for the Club photo directory, is on the golf committee and the Board of the SMC Foundation. In past years he was chairman of the Attendance Committee and made the meeting name tags. A man truly committed to all things SMCB!

Early Years: Born in the Mississippi River town of Quincy, Illinois on April 13, 1947, his family moved to Mississippi when he was one, Virginia when he was four, and Michigan when he was fifteen. Randy graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School (GO MAPLES!) , and Michigan State University (GO GREEN!) with a BS in Building Construction Management. He was a construction manager for general contractors in Virginia, Maryland and Colorado on projects of single-family homes, apartments, commercial buildings, and home improvements.



Education and Career: Returning to school at age 33 to study Mechanical Engineering, notwithstanding an earlier undergraduate degree, the University of Colorado had him start at the beginning, so it took another four years. His first job as an engineer was at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant north of Denver. He was in the automation group, which allowed him to purchase and program some of the first electric robots made. He was hired by that robot company, American Robots in their Farmington Hills, Michigan office which got him back to Southeast Michigan but the company went bankrupt. He was then hired by KUKA Robots and after seven years moved to Fanuc Robots, and ended his career at SMC Pneumatics as a liaison to GM.

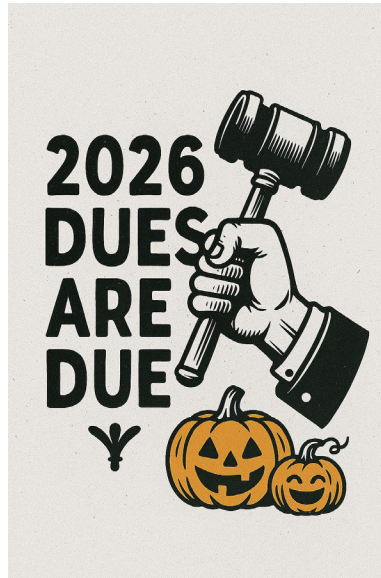
Family Influences: Randy's father Lowell was also a Mechanical Engineer, graduating from University of Illinois (GO ILLINI!). He worked for 49 years as a civilian employee of the Army working on vehicles like tanks, personnel carriers, mine layers, and the Humvee. He rose to become the Director of Engineering at the Tank Automotive Command in Warren, Michigan. Randy has one brother and one sister. The brother is a professor of environmental issues at the University of Louisville (GO CARDINALS!). His sister is a partner in a software company after a career in graphic arts. She worked for Apple and Adobe in the 1980's when they were "start ups".

Randy lost his wife Chris to cancer in 2019. Born in Scotland, Chris came with her family to Michigan when she was seven. Educated as a lawyer, her career included practicing law, doing social work, and 24 years as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources at the Bloomfield Hills School District.

Why SMCB?: Randy's father Lowell Barnett was a member of the Senior Men's Club. He loved it and Randy joined the very first week of retirement. Randy has traveled extensively since Chris passed but says he could never move away from the Senior Men's Club. He says the club has provided wonderful friendships and opportunities to have purpose.

Randy Barnett, we thank you for all that you do and bring to SMCB!

—Ray Buratto



It's that time of year again. September is the month for members to begin paying their dues for the 2026 calendar year. Dues will be the same as last year: \$90. Members are encouraged to round up to \$100.

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

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

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

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

Alternatively, you can pay by credit card by going to the SMCB website: <https://www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com/shop>
(Note: WIX is the service provider and will show up on your credit card statement.)

Thank you!

—Doug Koschik, Assistant Treasurer



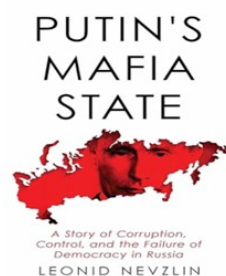
Monday and Wednesday Reading Groups

The October books are likely to generate lots of interest. The first kicks off the Wednesday group's two-month examination of Putin's role in creating modern Russia, and the second tells the remarkable story of the effort to desegregate Detroit metropolitan area schools in the late 60's and early 70's.

Planning continues for our "hot books/hot topics" initiative. Stay tuned.

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

Wednesday, October 1 at 10:30 AM: *Putin's Mafia State: A Story of Corruption, Control, and the Failure of Democracy in Russia* edited by Leonid Nevzlin (Tel Aviv: Self-published, 2024) Roger Timm will lead this discussion



By the end of the 1980s, it seemed that totalitarianism was a thing of the past. Mikhail Gorbachev's Perestroika, or "restructuring," brought Russia closer to Western democracy than ever before. The economy was primed to boom. The citizens of Soviet Russia expected a liberated, free, transparent republic. What they got was a violent and imperial mafia state. Why did the Restructuring fail? How did Russia reject democracy in favor of satisfying the interests of the people in power? What was Vladimir Putin's role in Russia's transformation into a gangster state? Co-authored by anonymous experts, and edited by a prominent Israeli philanthropist, *Putin's Mafia State* is a brave collaborative effort exposing the chilling turn of events that laid the foundation for Putin's ironclad hold on Russia's political system.

Monday, October 20 at 3 PM: *The Containment: Detroit, The Supreme Court and the Battle for Social Justice in the North* by Michelle Adams (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2025) This discussion will be led by Gordon Allardyce.



In 1974, the Supreme Court issued a momentous decision: In the case of *Milliken v. Bradley*, the justices brought a halt to school desegregation across the North, and to the civil rights movement's struggle for a truly equal education for all. How did this come about, and why?

In this book the University of Michigan's esteemed legal scholar Michelle Adams tells the epic story of the struggle to integrate Detroit schools—and what happened when it collided with Nixon-appointed justices committed to a judicial counterrevolution. Adams chronicles the devoted activists who tried to uplift Detroit's students amid the upheavals of riots, Black power, and white flight—and how their efforts led to federal judge Stephen Roth's landmark order to achieve racial balance by tearing down the walls separating the city and its suburbs.

From the Washington Post's review: "Adams chronicles the case with a compelling blend of academic rigor, reportorial legwork and engaging prose..."

Note: Professor Adams will discuss this book in person at the Southfield Library at 6 PM on October 16.

Looking ahead to November:

Wednesday, November 5 at 10:30 AM: *Putin's Kleptocracy: Who Owns Russia? (A Modern History of Russia)* by Karen Dawisha (Roger Timm)

Monday, November 17 at 3 PM: *An Immigrant Love Letter to The West* by Konstantin Kisin (Richard Koppel)

—Bob Maxfield



Classic Movie Group

The Classic Movie Group will hold our **Annual Meeting** on Tuesday, October 7, from 2 to 4 PM, via Zoom, to select the films to be shown during the coming year. If you enjoy movies and would like to make some suggestions, or possibly sponsor one of your favorite films for presentation next year, please plan to join us. You can also let any member of our Group know of any films that you would like to have considered for presentation in 2026. Watch for the Meeting Zoom Link which will appear in the Weekly Activities eBlast for the week of October 5. We hope to see all interested film buffs at our October 7, Meeting.

—Fred Hansz, Chairman

Cape Fear



On Monday, October 13th at 1:00 PM, Waller Harris will present, via Zoom, the outstanding horror/thriller film “Cape Fear” (1962) (1 hour / 46 minutes).

After serving an eight-year prison sentence, Max Cady (Robert Mitchum) targets Sam Bowen (Gregory Peck), one of the lawyers who helped in Cady’s conviction. When Max finds Sam and his family, he begins a terrifying stalking spree, intending to ruin Sam’s life. Not being able to obtain meaningful assistance from local law enforcement, Sam finds that, ultimately, he must take matters into his own hands to save his family from certain death at the hands of this violent psychopath.

Produced by Peck’s company, Melville Productions, the film team includes several key cast and crew members who had previously worked with Alfred Hitchcock, including editor George Tomasini and composer Bernard Herrmann, so the film has both a frightening look and the appropriate eerie music to keep the audience in high suspense and dread throughout the movie. The excellent supporting cast includes Polly Bergen, as Sam’s wife and Lori Martin as his 14-year-old daughter.

The film was released to positive reviews and enjoyed commercial success. It remains popular to this day as an outstanding crime/thriller having an 88% Rotten Tomatoes Score and an IMDb of 7.7/10 rating. Many film critics consider “Cape Fear” to be an outstanding masterpiece of revenge, confrontation and murder.

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

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join Waller, and the rest of the Classic Movie Group, on October 13th to watch, enjoy and discuss this classic neo-noir suspense thriller. There is no question that this film is scary enough to well prepare you for the Halloween season.

Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of October 12, which will be published on the morning of Friday October 10.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 13.

— Fred Hansz, Chairman



Investment Group

Please join us at our next Investment Group meeting being held on Thursday October 9, 2025 at 2:45PM. The in-person and Zoom meeting will be held in the lower level of the Baldwin Public Library. Our speaker will be Paul Nickodemus, CIMA –Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO), Senior Vice President, Account Manager, U.S. Global Wealth Management. www.pimco.com

Paul will bring his years of investment experience to us with the topic—Ahead of The Curve. The last five years have been challenging for bond investors; however, higher yields are on the horizon.

REMINDER: Please bring your stock game sheets with you to the meeting, as we will be collecting the forms to start the game in mid-October. Stock Game forms can be found in several places. See the eBlast that was sent out the evening of 9/11/25, forms are available at the luncheons and you can reach out to me at 248-990-0305 and I will email you a form.

—Mike Korsak



Monthly Sports Trivia

Do You Know?

I knew last month's question was very difficult and several members knew two of the recent players: Joe Burrow and Cam Newton. My Lions fans forgot about the third, Leon Hart. By the way Leon Hart is also the only lineman to win three college football National Championships and also three NFL Championships. The fourth answer was Angelo Bertelli, quarterback also from Notre Dame. When he won the Heisman in 1943 he played in only 6 of 10 games! He had joined the Marine Corp earlier that year and got called up after his sixth game.

Let's keep is this month's trivia close to home. As the Tigers approach the playoffs they could use his services again. He is the ONLY MLB player to have had 500 hits with four Major League Teams. Who am I?

Please send your answer to tcdecorte@comcast.net.

—Tom De Corte



SCORE Lunch at the Moose Preserve

*We met for some lunch, we met for a bite,
 At the Moose Preserve—oh, what a sight!
 We shared our best stories, we shared what we know,
 With 120 clients, our impact will grow!
 Our mentees are eager, with ideas galore,
 Sometimes too many—they need to choose four!
 We listen, we guide, with good common sense,
 And call-in co-mentors when things get intense.
 Detroit is our home, where the dreamers reside,
 They work and they hustle with passion and pride.
 Their energy fills us with hope we can see,
 For a bright, booming future in our great city.
 But here is the twist—we need more like you!
 No business degree? No problem, it's true!
 Two hours a week and a kind, open ear,
 That's all it will take—you'll make futures clear.
 So, join us, dear friends, come give it a try,
 With SCORE you'll do good, and the good will fly high!
 Just visit SCORE.org, or give us a shout,
 We'd love to have you—come check it out!
 Reach out to: LaCount, Powe, Rajpal, Vorce, Kafarski,
 Stevens, Garner, Culp, Reynolds, Burke, Stone, Rappleye,
 Jacobs, Zeid, McGee, Parikh, and Desai.*

—Rich McGee

Join us in Celebrating Diwali!

The 2025 Holiday season is fast approaching. On Friday, October 17, SMCB is glad to celebrate Diwali, festival of lights signifying light over darkness and good over evil. Culture and traditions emanating from south Asia are celebrated over thousands of years all over the world, and SMCB members who've enjoyed Diwali all their lives, are volunteering. They are excited to share some of the traditions including eye-pleasing decorations, delicious food and colorful holiday memories. Observing Diwali will delight our hearts and minds in the openness and inclusivity of this Indian or Bharatiya culture. Be there!

~ Kirit Ravani



**Grant – Alzheimer's Association
of Michigan**

The Board recently voted to award a grant of \$10,000 to Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. The grant will be used for ten scholarships. Each scholarship is to enable a 'caregiver' to participate in professional respite services, offering a much-needed reprieve from daily responsibilities. More than 202,000 individuals in Michigan are diagnosed with Alzheimer's and approximately 385,000 caregivers provide around 872 million hours of unpaid care annually. This highlights the significant impact of the disease on families and communities across the state.

Below are two experiences because of our grant of last year recipients ...

- *At 64, David is a full time 'care giver' for his wife Cathryn, 63 who is living with early onset Alzheimer's disease. David reduced his work schedule to three days a week to care for Cathryn. He takes his wife to an adult day center on his work days. The scholarship enabled David to take an extra day off once per month to be with Cathryn. This allowed David to meet personal needs such as grocery shopping, cleaning his house, health appointments, exercise etc. David shared that the kindness and generosity of the scholarship gave him a chance to prioritize his own health and wellbeing. David stated that "He is incredibly thankful, and it is a gift he will not forget."*
- *Douglas is the primary 'care giver' for his 82-year-old mother Diane in addition to his own family responsibilities. David is with her each day, and hires help for nights and weekends. The respite care scholarship gave him increased time to be with his own family. The scholarship did more than provide care for Diane: it gave Douglas the chance to breathe, to be both a devoted son and a more present father, and for that he is deeply grateful.*

"We welcome your support!"

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2025

September Matching Challenge Champions

Special Thanks to the Senior Men's Club supporters below who through their generous donations made possible the September Matching Challenge! Their donations will match contributions made in the month of September.

Joel S. Adelman, Bharat K. Bhatt, Thomas L. Booth, Charles R. Bradley, Douglas E. Brown, John C. Carter, Kevin G. Doucet, James M. Fleck, Richard A. Ganfield, Alan L. Huberty, Patricia Jacoby, Jay N. Kafarski, Gerd H. Keuffel, James G. King, Noreen Markley, George A. Miller, John P. Rusche, Bala A. Setty, George L. Stern.

I can not do all the good that the world needs.

But the world needs all the good I can do.

- Jana Stanfield



OCTOBER 2025 BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME	
October 1	Rich Teets	October 19	Mike Fritz	
October 2	Pat Cronin	October 20	Charlie Blank	
October 4	* Kirby Callam		* Frank Gunkel	
	Al Gladner		Jim Hayes Jr	
	Bob Pliska	October 22	Rick Ganfield	
October 5	* Mike Clement		Mark Moyer	
	Ken Kamman		Gordon Rinschler	
	a Jim Tompkins		* Frank Schmid	
	a Ron Wong		John Steele, Past Pres 2014	
October 6	* Ty Perkins		* Bob Stevenson	
	a Arnie Phatak		Steve Zimmer	
October 7	Dick Laimbeer	October 23	Ron Zurilla	
October 8	* Dick Glass	October 24	* Norm Morrell	
	Dr. Tracy Grindling	October 25	* Fred Bond	
	Dave Muir		* Perry Driggs	
October 9	Dr. Adoor Amanullah	October 26	Tom DeCorte	
	Sven Anden	October 27	* Joel Adelman	
	Mark Geoffrey		Jim Bayson	
October 12	Richard Muszynski		* Dr. Al Panah	
October 13	Dr. Lou Schwartz		Mike Wilson	
October 15	Alan Amendt	October 28	Ray Bohnenstiehl	
	Dr. Jay Shah		Tom Scholl	
October 16	John Gartner		a John Taube	
	Dr. Vishwa Mali	October 31	Peter Daly	
	a Chris Sande		Tom Mark	
October 17	a Larry Cavanaugh			
	Fred Eckhout			
	Paul Ferszt			
	a Scott Silver			
	Dr. Kirit Tolia			
	* Tom Waffan			



OCTOBER 2025 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Week 1	Date	Time	Group	Location or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
First Wednesday	Oct 1	10:30 AM	Readers Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	Oct 1	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Oct 1	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Oct 2	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park- Birmingham	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	Oct 3	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Bo Tamarelli	(248) 388-2443
Friday	Oct 3	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
Week 2						
Monday	Oct 6	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
First Monday	Oct 6	1:00 PM	Genealogy	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	John Maten	(248) 251-9339
First Monday	Oct 6	2:30 PM	SMC Discussion Group	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326
Tuesday	Oct 7	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park- Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
First Tuesday	Oct 7	10:00 AM	Special Events	Baldwin Lib- DeLos Room	James Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Tuesday	Oct 7	11:30 AM	SMC Governance Committee	Baldwin Lib- DeLos Room	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Tuesday	Oct 7	2:00 PM	Classic Movie Group Annual Meeting	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	Oct 7	3:00 PM	SMC Golf End of Season Tournament	Lincoln Hills- Registration @ 2:00 PM	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Oct 8	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Oct 8	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Second Wednesday	Oct 8	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher Must Pre-Register	Birmingham Fire Station- Adams Rd	David Dinger	(248) 310-4583
Thursday	Oct 9	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park- Birmingham	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Second Thursday	Oct 9	2:45 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room + Zoom	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	Oct 10	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Bo Tamarelli	(248) 388-2443
Friday	Oct 10	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
Week 3						
Monday	Oct 13	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Second Monday	Oct 13	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	Oct 14	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park- Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	Oct 14	10:00 AM	Board of Directors	Baldwin Lib- DeLos Room	Ray Buratto	(248) 390-6244
Second Tuesday	Oct 14	NOON	Associates Orientation Training	Baldwin Lib- Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kevin Doucet	(248) 977-9394
Wednesday	Oct 15	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Oct 15	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Oct 16	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park- Birmingham	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Oct 16	1:00 PM	Strategic Plan Committee	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	John Rusche	(248) 731-7068
Friday	Oct 17	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Bo Tamarelli	(248) 388-2443
Friday	Oct 17		Bridge Group	Cancelled- no room availability at BPL	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
Week 4						
Monday	Oct 20	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Thrid Monday	Oct 20	3:00 PM	Readers Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	Oct 21	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park- Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	Oct 22	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Oct 22	2:00 PM	Pickleball Tournament	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Oct 23	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park- Birmingham	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Thursday	Oct 23	3:00 PM	Camera/Photograpy/Travel Group	Baldwin Lib - Donor Room	Dave Sanders	(248) 563-6123
Friday	Oct 24	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Bo Tamarelli	(248) 388-2443
Friday	Oct 24	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
Friday	Oct 24	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com	Ray Buratto	(248) 390-6244
Week 5						
Monday	Oct 27	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	Oct 28	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park- Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	Oct 29	NOON	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Bev. Hills Club, Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Oct 29	1:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	Oct 30	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park- Birmingham	Charlie Blank	(248) 390-8208
Friday	Oct 31	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Mtg	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Bo Tamarelli	(248) 388-2443
Friday	Oct 31	1:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Lib - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369



October Lunches at the Iroquois Club

October 3 Oktoberfest

Rolls & Butter
German Potato Salad
Honeyed Carrots
Spätzle
Chicken Schnitzel
Dessert: Pumpkin Cheesecake

**Beer and wine may be purchased at this event*

October 17 Diwali Celebration

Naan Bread
Rice Pilaf
Garden Salad
Samosas
Chicken Curry (mild)
Vegetarian: Palak Paneer

October 31 Happy Halloween

Rolls & Butter
MI Maple Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Baked Mostaccioli
Sliced Prime Rib
Dessert: TBD

October 10

Rolls & Butter
Caesar Salad
Peas
Mac n Cheese
Baked Cod
Dessert: Cookies

October 24

Rolls & Butter
Caesar Salad
Baby Green Beans
Fettuccini Alfredo
Chicken Piccata
Dessert: Cookies

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