

# The Reminder



February 2026

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan



*From Left: President Rusche, Membership Chair Doucet, Associate Members to Active Member Status include Chuck Columbo, Dave Sommerfeld, Dan Sula, Daniel Bober, Benson Barr, Bruce Annett, Scott Silver, Robert Collesso, and 1st VP Tamarelli (on Zoom - Bob Golding)*



## Letter from President John P. Rusche

As we enter my second month as President of your Club I wish to express my gratitude for your support. In particular, I want to thank the many men who volunteer their time and talent to ensure that we remain a premier organization second to none.

As we move through 2026, I wish many of you will raise your hand and say "Yes." There are many opportunities to help make our Club strong and well-run. I will make you aware of them and hope we hear "Yes."

We started the year with the passing of many members and spouses. I would like to remember them here: Life Member Ben Mangiapane, Phil Levin, Life Member Norm Morrell, Tom Allen, Patricia Peterson, spouse of long-time member Noel Peterson, Nancy Connolly, spouse of member Steve Connolly, Lin Schoelch spouse of member Dick Schoelch, Bob Doll and Ollie Marquette. They will live in our memories.

Our Friday meetings in January have continued the high standards set in the past. We learned about the Soo Locks, Forgotten Harvest, Motown and What Dogs Teach Us When We Are Willing to Listen.

We helped the Iroquois Club install a wired Internet connection that dramatically improved our Zoom capability.

The Special Events Committee took us to the Auto Show and to U of D for a chili cook-off and basketball game against Oakland.

Most important, 125-140 of us braved a frigid, snowy January to share each other's company and take part in the camaraderie. Interest in the Club remains high. We had seven guests on January 9, two on January 16, and four on January 23 (the deadline for Reminder articles.)

So far in 2026 we welcome four new members to the Club:

New Member Sponsor

Richard Homberg	Malcolm Hendy
Ranjit Roy	Larry Powe
Gary Hintz	Robert Loosvelt
John Philips	HP Culp

Looking forward to seeing our new members, and everyone else, every Friday.



### This Month:

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## Speaker Chairman Annual Award 2025



Each year, we recognize a member who has done an outstanding job recruiting and coordinating a compelling lineup of speakers for the club. Typically, a member takes on the responsibility of securing three to five speakers for their assigned month, occasionally leaving room for a “free agent”—a member who suggests a specific speaker to fill an open slot during that month.

The recipient of this honor is selected by a committee of past, current, and incoming program chairmen. For 2025, the committee focused on Google Form evaluation results, actual Friday attendance, and member comments regarding each presenter.

The 2025 Speaker Chair Annual Award is presented to Larry Powe. Larry’s three speakers—Dr. Chassica

Kirchhoff of the Detroit Institute of Arts, TV personality Carolyn Clifford, and Matt Anderson, Curator of Autos at The Henry Ford—earned excellent survey scores, with two of the presenters attracting the highest total weekly attendance of the year.

Congratulations, Larry!

- Bo Tamarelli



## February Speakers

Monthly Speaker Chairs: **Bo Tamarelli, Rick Paul**

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February 6	Don Callihan, Former Director of Engineering and Maintenance, Parke, Davis & Co. “Tetanus in World War I and the Horses Who Saved Lives” Host: John Willis
February 13	Mike Skinner, CEO, Aqueus, the Agricultural Division of Tygrus LLC “How Stabilized Hydrogen Improves Human and Health Life” Host: John Willis
February 20	Ken Post, President, K & R Industries, LLC “An Inventor’s Journey: Honoring Life and Legacy” Host: Gene Dixon
February 27	Peter Provenzano, Jr., Chancellor, Oakland County Community College “Oakland County Community College Lighting the Path Forward” Host: Kevin Doucet

## ***Our Friday Speaker***

***February 6th, 2026--10:30 a.m.***

***at Iroquois Club or via Zoom***



### **Don Calihan Parke-Davis & Co.**

#### **“Tetanus in World War I and the Horses Who Saved Lives”**

This presentation will focus on the threat of tetanus during World War I and how the horses stabled at Parke-Davis in Rochester, Michigan mitigated that threat. The talk will also include a brief history of Parke-Davis and background information on tetanus and its cause.

Before retiring, Don Callihan served as the Director of Engineering and Maintenance at the Parke, Davis & Co. manufacturing plant in Rochester, Michigan. With a strong interest in history, he has spoken at historical societies in Rochester Hills, Royal Oak, and Berkley. He also edits The Museum Corner, the newsletter of the Berkley Historical Committee, and contributes articles to the Royal Oak Historical Society Newsletter.

***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:*

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84876805084?pwd=d3U3OGIHT1RlelN2ckpXcnehYTVVQZz09>**

**Dial in: 646-558-8656 - Meeting ID: 848 7680 5084 - Passcode: 901373**





## ***Our Friday Speaker***

***February 13th, 2026--10:30***

***a.m. at Iroquois Club or via***

***Zoom***



### **Mike Skinner**

**CEO, Aqueus, the Agricultural Division of Tygrus LLC**

**“How Stabilized Hydrogen Improves Human and Plant Health”**

Mike is a serial entrepreneur and inspirational leader with a successful track record of launching startup companies. Over the last decade, Mike has leveraged his experience to pursue his passion of championing healthier and cleaner products to improve our lives on earth.

As CEO of Aqueus, the agricultural division of Tygrus LLC, Mike's goals are simple: To find the best people who understand agriculture and agronomy and are open minded to new chemistry that want to help farmers increase yields and produce healthier plants.

In technology, Mike and his team were able to work with AT&T to bring the first wide area networks and data centers (now the Cloud) to businesses. After this company was sold, Mike moved into the food space, building two foods plants that brought high pressure processing to supermarkets, which added significant shelf life to meats and vegetables. After that, Mike started a hydroponic greenhouse, growing leafy greens delivered to the finest restaurants and stores throughout Michigan. At this business, Mike discovered the power of the new technology that Tygrus had discovered and became a complete evangelist on how with this chemistry we can change the world, and Do Good Things! Mike has worked with Aqueus for 8 years now and cannot think of a more fulfilling job to help farmers feed more people and improve our world.

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***Zoom***



### **Ken Post**

**President, K & R Industries, LLC**

**"An Inventor's Journey: Honoring Life and Legacy"**

Ken has been a successful inventor and entrepreneur for over 25 years, and with his revolutionary multi-purpose cleaning tool invention, he has created entirely new automotive and home retail product categories. He is also the lead actor, writer, director, and producer of a feature length biographical film about his life as an inventor; which is the first time in the 150-year history of American filmmaking that feat has ever been accomplished.

He has also established a company dedicated to providing high-end legacy documentaries for individuals who wish to leave a truly lasting and meaningful legacy for future generations to learn from and cherish.

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***a.m. at Iroquois Club or via***

***Zoom***



### **Peter Provenzano, Jr. Chancellor, Oakland County Community College “Oakland County Community College Lighting the Path Forward”**

Chancellor Peter Provenzano, Jr. is a fixture on OCC campuses as he works to infuse a shared vision for student and community success with genuineness and endless energy. Since joining the College in 2014, Provenzano has led several major initiatives, including focusing on the College's strategic goal to double the number of students who graduate by 2028. In his second year as Chancellor, he led the passage of a \$45 million, 10-year millage renewal with a resounding 72% voter approval. He balances the hard data with his personal style, gathering information by walking around OCC's campuses talking and listening to students, faculty, and staff. This approach proved crucial in moving the College to offering more online courses and degrees to address student need and demand; and access to redesigned programs and support services for every student. Provenzano has repositioned OCC for growth during a time of national enrollment decline.

Together with Board of Trustees' support, the College has invested in campus infrastructure and strengthened its collaborative partnerships with businesses, K-12, higher education, state and county partners, and the community—all while maintaining one of the lowest tuition rates in Michigan. His vision of “One OCC” is to be the gold standard in higher education, providing a consistent student experience and modeling the best ways to support individuals in their academic and career goals across the College.

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



Tuesday February 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



## 2026 Dues

If you haven't done so already, please pay your 2026 dues, which are now \$100. (*The amount increased effective February 1.*) Life members are exempt from paying dues, but many continue to make a donation to the Club.

Anyone joining the Club after July 1, 2025 is automatically covered for calendar year 2026.

Well over 400 members have already paid their 2026 dues, for which they deserve many thanks. If you haven't paid your dues yet, I have sent you an email reminder from my personal email account. (*This means that if you haven't received a reminder from my personal email account, you're fine.*)

If you're not sure about your status, please contact me at koschik@comcast.net or 586-604-5911, and I'll look you up in my spreadsheet.

### You can pay by any of the following methods:

1. Make your check (dated 2026) payable to Senior Men's Club of Birmingham (or SMCB) and send it to: SMCB/Dues, PO Box 1149, Birmingham, MI 48012, or

2. Deposit your check in the designated box by the registration desk at Friday meetings, or

3. Pay by credit card by going to the SMCB website: <https://www.seniormensclubbirmingham.com/shop> (Note: WIX is the service provider and might show up as such on your credit card statement, or your statement might list the payment as going to "Senior Men's Club.")

If you haven't paid by early February, members of the SMCB Board will start contacting you individually to remind you to renew your membership. If you haven't paid by May, you will be dropped from the Club's rolls.

We always hate to lose members, but if you decide that you don't wish to renew your membership in the Club, please let us know, so that we won't pester you with reminders.

Thanks very much.

Doug Koschik  
Assistant Treasurer





## Special Event: Chili Cook-Off and U of D Basketball Game

The Senior Men's Club attended the University of Detroit vs Oakland University basketball game Saturday Jan. 25 and the folks at U of D's Callahan Hall showed their appreciation with a plug on the big screen in the fourth quarter. Complete with the SMCB logo.



Before the game, the boosters at U of D held a chili cook-off in the student union with clubs from the school competing for best in show. There were about 10 chili varieties for sample and there was of course lots of socializing between the people in attendance. Despite the cold temps outside, the walk to Callahan Hall was bearable after a meal of warm and tasty chili.

More photos here:

<https://smcbphotos.smugmug.com/2026/260124-Chili-Cook-Off-and-U-of-D-Game>

- Jim Zyla



## SCORE Southeast Michigan Chapter Wins Midwest Region Chapter of the Year

Our local SCORE chapter, the Southeast Michigan Chapter, has something to celebrate. With more than 250 SCORE chapters nationwide and 25 in the Midwest Region, our chapter was honored as Midwest Region Chapter of the Year. This is a tremendous achievement and one we can all be proud of.

The SMCB mentors played a meaningful role in this success. Twenty percent of our SCORE chapter's mentors are SMCB members, a testament to the experience, dedication, and common-sense guidance our members bring to the table. We made a difference. You might say SMCB won this award. Like SMCB itself, the Southeast Michigan SCORE chapter is a first-class organization, and we are proud to be associated with it.

Our mentors have been busy. Southeast Michigan continues to be a hotbed for entrepreneurship, and recently we've seen a noticeable increase in interest from investors outside the region. Entrepreneurs from New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania are

exploring opportunities to open businesses and invest in residential real estate in Detroit. The word is out: Detroit means opportunity. The client from Manhattan doesn't even have a driver's license—but wants to invest in the Motor City. Amazing! In every case, our mentors provide practical, common-sense advice to help clients thoughtfully analyze their opportunities.

We invite you to join us. Mentoring with SCORE is easy, rewarding, and flexible, typically about three hours a week, scheduled entirely around your availability.

If you're interested, reach out to any of our members:

**LaCount, Powe, Rajpal, Vorce, Kafarski, Stevens, Garner, Culp, Reynolds, Burke, Stone, Rappleye, McGee, Parikh, Rosen, Imerman, Lepsetz, or Anil Desai**

- Rich McGee





# Mangiapane Eulogy



## **In memory of Life member ...** *his eulogy*

*by his children Keri Boyd and Paul Mangiapane, presented by Keri.*

*Each and every parent would like to be remembered in this way.*

[...] indicate edits from original for space considerations

“Thank you for coming to join us in celebrating the life of our dad. I’m

sure he would be overwhelmed with joy to see all of you [...]. Over the past few weeks memories of our dad have been flowing to Paul and me, and I’d like to take a few moments to share some of our memories.

As many of you know, Ben was a huge sports fan. His love of Detroit sports teams carried to me and my brother, so it’s no wonder many of our memories start with sports. He was always one of the first dads in the neighborhood loading up the station wagon and taking all the kids to Tiger Stadium. He wanted us to love the game as much as he did, so he would have us keep score so we would focus on the game [...].

He always coached Paul’s Little League baseball team, and they eventually won the championship. For those of you that are local, the picture of their championship team was on the wall of the stairs at the old Varsity Shop forever. Even as we got older, he never tired of finding that picture.

[... ] At [the] last game [at Tiger Stadium] he asked a worker for dirt from the field that he has at home today in a plastic cube. My dad and I went to the Yankees/Tigers playoff game in 2006 where they clinched the series and he high-fived all the standing room only fans sitting in front of us the entire game. He wanted to enjoy life with whoever was around him. While we have so many memories of sporting events these are ones that mean the most to us.

[...] On the weekend our dad would make his famous

spaghetti sauce in celebration of his Sicilian heritage, and he would always say it was his best sauce ever. For the past few years, Paul and I have been making the sauce with our dad, and we filmed videos of him the last time this past spring which will now be cherished memories.

[...] Ben worked at Ford Motor Company for 41 years where he met our mom. His coworker sent an email to the retiree group sharing the news of his passing. A few highlights, “this one really hits home...the patience of a saint...he was such a kind and gentle soul.”

When he retired from Ford he got a job at Hollingsworth Logistics in Dearborn. Top 2 reasons: he wanted to buy a Volvo (Ford owned them at the time) and Brooks Robinson was the brother-in-law of the owner. To this day, we still aren’t sure whether the car or being able to get pictures and autographs from one of his baseball heroes was the main reason for his continued employment. When I got my job at DFCU in Dearborn he wanted to take me to all his favorite restaurants in town. This went on for quite a while and was a great way to transition from parent child to our adult relationship.

[...]

His ultimate dream was to have a great grandchild, and Conrad was born in May of 2025 which made him so happy!

Ben made friends wherever he went, as a kid it was so embarrassing that he talked to everyone but as we transitioned to being adults, we knew his goal was to make people smile or laugh. He’s built a wonderful community in his retirement. He bowled twice a week with Senior Men’s and attended the speaker events every Friday and worked the lunch ticket table. It was his way of meeting everyone as they checked in. He packed food for Meals on Wheels every Thursday. He joined a coin club and loved being in charge of the raffle tickets. He was so happy when I bought tickets each year. He walked at the mall several times a week and would sit afterwards with his friends in the center of the mall having coffee. [...]

Running errands with our mom or communicating with friends over the past week everyone has been

saddened by the news about Ben, from the pharmacist to the lady at the Hallmark store to his doctor of 30 years to former coworkers and especially all of his friends. The common theme, he was one of the nicest, most enjoyable people they have ever met, worked with or known.

Things we've learned over the past 3 weeks:

Love your spouse, it's the foundation for your family. Our dad loved our mom so very much. It built our close 4-person family unit which has now extended to the larger family we have today.

Take pictures regularly, not only at special events.

When traveling, add yourself to the scenery especially if you are the photographer. Our parents travelled the world, and they have bins of pictures. Our dad is in less than 10.

Don't wait until tomorrow, do it today. Call your parents, visit a friend, say you are sorry, say I love you, take the trip, do the thing you've been meaning to do. Ben left this world with no regret. He truly enjoyed everything he was doing every day and always said I love you.

And finally, our family is so blessed and lucky to have such a wonderful community of family and friends that surrounds us. We truly thank you for your support."



## **Caring for Our Sick Members: A Quiet Act of Compassion**

Visiting or contacting our sick members is a simple yet powerful way to show compassion and solidarity. Across many faiths and cultures, being present with those who are ill affirms their dignity and reminds them they are not alone. A visit, phone call, card, or email does not require special words—listening, offering encouragement, or sitting quietly can bring comfort. By giving our time and attention, we strengthen community bonds and reflect the shared human responsibility to care for one another, especially in times of vulnerability.

As your February Visitation and Health Chairman, I encourage you to reach out if you become ill or learn of another member who needs support. Please email me at [limerma@gmail.com](mailto:limerma@gmail.com) or call me at 248-760-4966.

- Larry Imerman



## **February Lunch Menus**

### **February 6th**

Rolls & Butter  
MI Maple Salad  
Mixed Vegetables  
Fettuccini Alfredo  
Chicken Marsala  
Dessert: Brownies

### **February 13th**

**\*Valentines Day\***

Rolls & Butter  
Caesar  
Salad  
GreenBeans  
Baked Mostaccioli  
Chicken Parmesan

Dessert: Something romantic and fun

### **February 20th**

Rolls & Butter  
Garden Salad  
Peas  
Roasted Redskins  
Parmesan Cod  
Dessert: Cookies

### **February 27th**

Rolls & Butter  
Caesar Salad  
Mixed Vegetables  
Baked Mostaccioli  
Buffaloaf  
Dessert: Brownies

# GROUPS



## Classic Movie Group

On Monday, February 9, at 1:00 PM, Doug Koschik will present, via Zoom, the 1957 satirical drama *A Face in the Crowd*, a black-and-white movie two hours in length.



Andy Griffith and Patricia Neal

Larry “Lonesome” Rhodes (Andy Griffith) is a charismatic, but uncouth entertainer discovered in an Arkansas drunk tank by Marcia Jeffries (Patricia Neal), a local radio producer with high ambitions. She enables Lonesome’s rise to the heights of national television stardom and political demagoguery, but then is forced to grapple with the monster she has created.

This movie was Andy Griffith’s screen debut. He delivered a powerful and sinister performance, vastly different from his later role as sheriff of Mayberry. In addition to Patricia Neal, the film featured such major actors as Walter Matthau, Lee Remick, and Anthony Franciosa. It was directed by Elia Kazan—the Academy Award-winning director of *Gentleman’s Agreement* and *On the Waterfront*—and written by Budd Schulberg.

The Rotten Tomatoes score is 89%, and the IMDb rating is 8.2/10.

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/9lrmxkF-UKM>

Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of February 8, which will be published on the morning of Friday, February 6. 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, February 9!

- Doug Koschik



## Investment Study Group

Please join us for our February Investment Group meeting, to be held on Thursday, February 12th at 2:45 PM. The meeting will take place in person at the Baldwin Library (lower level) and will also be accessible via Zoom. See the Zoom Link in the weekly eBlast and SMCB website.

We are pleased to welcome long-standing SMCB Investment Group guest speakers Dawn Schulter and Kristin Hughes, along with members of their CPA team. They will provide timely insights on the upcoming tax season and discuss potential tax changes anticipated for 2026. An important topic such as tax preparation is right around the corner.

You may learn more about their firm here: <https://www.schluterhugheslaw.com/>



## Stock Game Update

As of this writing, the leaders since the game began in mid-October are:

**1st Place:** Jack Burns — 65% gain from Micron Technology (MU)

**2nd Place:** Nick Pinciotti — 61% gain with iShares Silver Trust (SLV)

**3rd Place:** Gerd K — 45% gain led by Barrick Mining (B)  
Notably, Micron Technology (MU) currently holds the highest individual stock return, up 120% since the start of the game.

Several members have asked whether spouses or guests may attend Investment Group meetings. As many couples make financial decisions together, or simply want to stay informed, guests are welcome at the February and future meetings.

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

Happy Investing!

- Mike Korsak



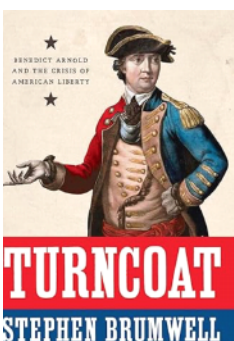
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## Monday and Wednesday Reading Groups

In February we will explore very different, but important, individuals who shaped American History. The first concerns often-misunderstood Benedict Arnold, and the second focuses on the Dulles brothers who profoundly shaped American foreign policy after World War II.

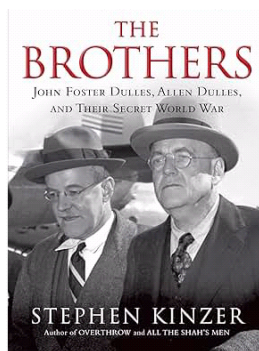
We urge members to check the Club's website for the schedule of books to be discussed in 2026. The two groups will continue to meet via Zoom. As always, all members and their guests are welcome.



**Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 10:30 AM:** Turncoat: Benedict Arnold and the Crisis of American Liberty by Stephen Brumwell. (New Haven: Yale university Press, 2018) This discussion will be led by Swarn Rajpal and Mike Basile.

Why did the once-ardent hero of the American Revolutionary cause become its most dishonored traitor? General Benedict Arnold's failed attempt to betray the fortress of West Point to the British in 1780 stands as one of the most infamous episodes in American history. In the light of a shining record of bravery and unquestioned commitment to the Revolution, Arnold's defection came as an appalling shock. Contemporaries believed he had been corrupted by greed; historians have theorized that he had come to resent the lack of recognition for his merits and sacrifices. Stephen Brumwell challenges such interpretations and draws on unexplored archives to reveal other crucial factors that illuminate Arnold's abandonment of the revolutionary cause he once championed. Brumwell's research leads to an unexpected conclusion: Arnold's mystifying betrayal was driven by a staunch conviction that America's best interests would be served by halting the bloodshed and reuniting the fractured British Empire.

From the Wall Street Journal: "Deftly weaving the story into the larger military history of The American Revolution, Mr. Brumwell vividly sketches characters and recounts pivotal episodes."



**Monday, February 16 at 3 PM:** The Brothers: John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles, and The Secret War by Stephen Kinzer ((New York: St. Martins, 2014) Fred Freeman will lead this discussion.)

During the 1950s, when the Cold War was at its peak, two immensely powerful brothers led the United States into a series of foreign adventures whose effects are still shaking the world. John Foster Dulles was secretary of state while his brother, Allen Dulles, was director of the Central Intelligence Agency. In this book, Stephen Kinzer places their extraordinary lives against the background of American culture and history. He uses the framework of biography to ask: Why does the United States behave as it does in the world? Propelled by a quintessentially American set of fears and delusions, the Dulles brothers launched violent campaigns against foreign leaders they saw as threats to the United States. These campaigns helped push countries from Guatemala to the Congo into long spirals of violence, led the United States into the Vietnam War.

From the Washington Post: "Kinzer, a former foreign correspondent for the New York Times, displays a commanding grasp of the vast documentary record, taking the reader deep inside the first decades of the Cold War."

### Looking Ahead to March:

**Wednesday, March 4:** Camera Man by Dana Stevens (Tom Booth)

**Monday, March 16:** Trust by Herman Diaz (Benson Barr)

- Bob Maxfield

Below are proposed slates of officers and board members to be voted on at the Board meeting on February 3, 2026, all interested individuals are welcome to attend. This meeting will be held at the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham.

## Senior Men's Club Foundation Officers and Board Members – 2026

### Officers

James M. 'Jim' Fleck	President
Jay N. Kafarski	Vice President
John C. Schaffer	Secretary
James W. 'Jim' Suhay	Treasurer

### Board Members

Charles R. 'Dick' Bradley	Development Chair
Kevin G. Doucet	Grant Coordinator Chair
John R. Maten	Governance Chair
R.O. 'Rich' McGee	Finance Chair
Thomas E. 'Tom' Kimble	
John S. Skubik	
Kirit T. Ravani	
Mike Korsak	
Linda A. Filipczak	
John C. Schaffer	



### Eugene (Gene) P. Jacoby Leadership Circle

Gene was a dear friend and a beloved former President of the Senior Men's Club of Birmingham. He set a powerful example for all of us through his generosity, leadership, and genuine care for others. In his honor, the Senior Men's Club Foundation recognizes members of the Eugene (Gene) P. Jacoby Leadership Circle—those who contribute \$1,000 or more during the Foundation's fiscal year.

Each year, the Foundation hosts a luncheon and reception for Leadership Circle members, bringing together friends who share a commitment to service. These gatherings include an update on the Foundation's goals, objectives, and accomplishments, and provide an opportunity for members to offer input that helps guide future grant making. The inaugural luncheon, held in November 2023, was also a time to remember Gene Jacoby and reflect on the lasting impact of his leadership. During the event, the Foundation was honored to make a special presentation to Mrs. Pat Jacoby, expressing our heartfelt thanks to the Jacoby family for their enduring support of the Senior Men's Club Foundation.

The Senior Men's Club Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Great news . . . In 2025, the Foundation was able to carefully manage expenses, keeping administrative costs—including marketing, postage, and printing—below 0.7% of total contributions. As a result, 99.3% of every dollar donated goes directly toward current and future grants that make a real difference in the lives of those in need.

# Fellowship • Shared Interests • Service

## 2026 SMCB/SMCF FEBRUARY CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

UPDATED:

1/30/2026

Week 1	Date	Start / End	Group	Location and/or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Monday	Feb 2	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
First Monday	Feb 2	1:00 / 2:30 PM	Genealogy	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	John Maten	(248) 251-9339
First Monday	Feb 2	2:30 / 4:00PM	Discussion Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326
Tuesday	Feb 3	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
First Tuesday	Feb 3	10:00 / 11:30 AM	Special Events Meeting	Baldwin Library - Rotary Room & Zoom	James Zyla	(248) 561-1520
First Tuesday	Feb 3	10:30 / 12:30 PM	SMCF Board Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	James Fleck	(704) 576-8832
First Wednesday	Feb 4	10:30 AM	Reading Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	Feb 4	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Feb 4	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Jim Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Thursday	Feb 5	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Thursday	Feb 5	9:00 / 11:00 AM	Golf at the Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, 141 S Opdyke, Auburn Hills	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Friday	Feb 6	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	Feb 6	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
<b>Week 2</b>						
Monday	Feb 9	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Second Monday	Feb 9	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	Feb 10	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Second Tuesday	Feb 10	10:00AM / Noon	Board of Directors Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Second Tuesday	Feb 10	Noon / 2:00 PM	Associate Orientation Meeting	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	Kevin Doucet	(248) 977-9394
Wednesday	Feb 11	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Feb 11	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Jim Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Second Wednesday	Feb 11	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher (Must Pre-Register)	Birmingham Fire Station-Adams Rd (248) 530-1906	David Dinger	(248) 310-4583
Thursday	Feb 12	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Thursday	Feb 12	9:00 / 11:00 AM	Golf at the Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, 141 S Opdyke, Auburn Hills	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Second Thursday	Feb 12	2:45 / 5:00 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom / Laptop	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	Feb 13	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	Feb 13	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
<b>Week 3</b>						
Monday	Feb 16	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Third Monday	Feb 16	3:00 PM	Reading Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	Feb 17	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	Feb 18	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Feb 18	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Jim Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Thursday	Feb 19	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Thursday	Feb 19	9:00 / 11:00 AM	Golf at the Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, 141 S Opdyke, Auburn Hills	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	Feb 19	3:00 / 5:00 PM	Camera/Photography/Travel Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom / Laptop	Dave Sanders	(248) 563-6123
Friday	Feb 20	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	Feb 20	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369
Friday	Feb 20	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	smcbreminder@gmail.com	Ray Buratto	(248) 390-6244
<b>Week 4</b>						
Monday	Feb 23	9:30 AM	Bowling	Escape Lanes, 1950 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy	Dennis Winowiecki	(248) 722-6626
Tuesday	Feb 24	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	Feb 25	Noon / 3:30 PM	Lunch/Amazon Fulfillment Tour	< See TicketStripe for Details >	Jim Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Wednesday	Feb 25	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	Feb 25	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Jim Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Thursday	Feb 26	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Somerset Mall North	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Thursday	Feb 26	9:00 / 11:00 AM	Golf at the Dome	Evolution Sportsplex, 141 S Opdyke, Auburn Hills	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Friday	Feb 27	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	Feb 27	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam	(773) 339 8369





## February Birthdays



- 1 Keith Deyer, Dr. Anant Shah
- 2 Richard Koppel, Al Reynolds, Mark Rheaume
- 3 Jay Kafarski
- 4 Frank Ritacco, Dr. Lalit Shah, Tom Utter
- 5 Bruce Carnick, Dr. Paul Gold, Jack Ray
- 6 Jack Baker, Gerry Danner, Dexter Snyder
- 9 HP Culp
- 7 Jennings French, John Kamins, Bob Rosen, John Schaffer
- 8 Dr. Umesh Gowda, Dr. Rick Schultz,
- 9 Mohinder Diwan
- 10 Jay Sim
- 11 Robert Carlesso, Greg McComas, John Stevens
- 12 Louis Guidone
- 13 Dr. Bob Lesser, Bill Murray, Dr. Rafique Tai
- 14 Fr Richard Dalton, Tony DiMarco
- 16 Al Hibbert, Bob Siewert, Jim Suhay
- 19 Dick Halstead
- 20 Cliff Prew
- 21 Don Duncan, Mike Leib, John Maten, Past Pres 2024, Walker Mayhew
- 23 David Hamada, Eugene Seaborn, Byron Warner
- 24 Tom Obear
- 25 Ken Beres
- 26 Carroll DeWeese, Chuck O'Connell
- 27 Walt Denison, Gene Dixon, Dr. Ghalib Talia
- 28 Carl Fischer



## Sports Trivia

Last months trivia question was answered correctly by Pete Fisher and Ray Buratto. The Silverdome was previously named the Pontiac Metropolitan Stadium and will be visited again by SMC members on the trip to Amazon this month.

I'm sure all SMC football fanatics will be watching the Super Bowl, so to get more members involved this question will also require knowledge of American Presidents and Universities.

There are only four Universities that have a super bowl winning Quarterback and an American President in the Alumni base. Name the four Universities, their winning super bowl winning quarterbacks and their President of the United States.

Good luck! Answer to [tcdecorte@comcast.net](mailto:tcdecorte@comcast.net).

- Tom De Corte



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