

# The Reminder



May 2026

Senior Men's Club, Birmingham, Michigan



## From President John P. Rusche

As I write this, we are experiencing the “Days of the Striped Cow.” It refers to an Irish folktale that Rich McGee made me aware of. I should know of it because my middle name is Patrick. The folktale refers to these days in early April that can’t seem to let go of winter weather.

I want to thank Jay Kafarski, Ray Buratto and Tom Dahlem for the outstanding job they do in creating The Reminder every month. The April edition is especially filled with interesting, useful information and outstanding photography. It was so full that my President’s Letter was moved from page 1 to page 5. That’s terrific.

Dennis Winoweicki invited me to the bowling banquet on April 14. We had a wonderful evening of good food and comradeship. It brought back fond memories of one of my high school jobs, working at the WY-7 bowling alley in northwest Detroit. The work involved sitting in the back end doing my homework and then emptying ashtrays and putting out fresh towels and scoresheets between leagues. Occasionally we had to fix jammed automatic pinsetters. The owner made it clear, if he showed up and we were not studying, we should look for another job. Eventually I was allowed to help out at the front counter. That’s where I learned an important life skill. Always keep your cash organized with the presidents’ faces visible and facing the same direction.

April was a month of interesting speakers. We learned about Michigan Chaldeans, Michigan meteorology and the evolving EV policy landscape. In May we will learn about the business of the Olympics, the RV Industry, the veteran’s journey home and, returning from two years ago, novelist Stephen Mack Jones. No meeting on May 22.

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

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# Friday Meeting Menus

**No Meeting May 22**

## New Member

Dave Kruszewski  
Tim Herrick  
Bill Shea  
Bill Sheehan  
Seymour Linovitz  
Bob Sher  
Tom Boyce  
David Rubinstein  
Marshall Hunt  
David Bradley

## Sponsor

John Willis  
Dave Strubler  
Al Hibbert  
Dick Bradley  
Jon Reed  
Alan Reinstein  
None  
Steve Lipton  
Dave Underdown  
Dick Bradley

**MAY 1**

Chips & Salsa  
Spanish Rice  
Refried Beans  
Cheese Quesadillas  
Chicken Enchiladas

Dessert:  
Cookies

**MAY 8**

Rolls & Butter  
Caesar Salad  
Mixed Vegetables  
Baked Mostaccioli  
Rosemary Chicken

Dessert:  
Brownies

**MAY 15**

Rolls & Butter  
Michigan Maple Salad  
Green Beans  
Fettuccini Alfredo  
Parmesan Cod

Dessert:  
Chocolate Chip Cookies

**MAY 29**

Rolls & Butter  
Caesar Salad  
Corn  
Mac N Cheese  
Chicken Picatta

Dessert:  
Brownies

We look forward to their active involvement in Club activities and committees and seeing everyone at our Friday meetings.



## May 2026 Speakers

Monthly Speaker Chair: **Dale Stoy**

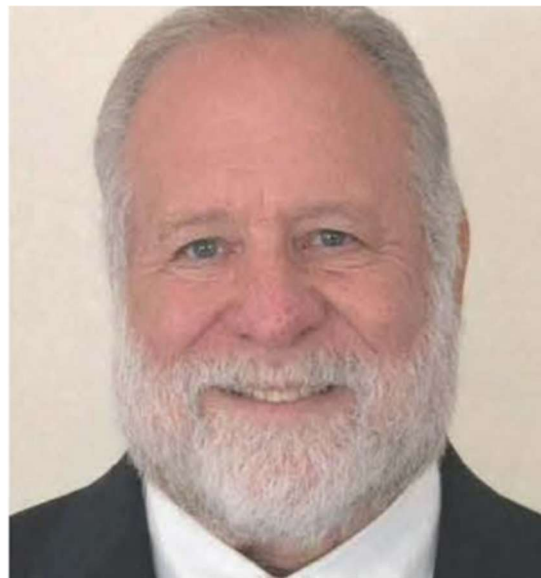
<b>May 1, 2026</b>	<b>Richard Koppel</b> , Management Consultant, Change and Transformational Leader <b>“The Business of the Olympics (1984 Olympics)”</b>
<b>May 8, 2026</b>	<b>John D. Lindley</b> , IOM, President and CEO, Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV and Campground Association   <b>Timothy J. DeWitt</b> , CAE, President and CEO Emeritus, Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV and Campground Association <b>“Past History and Current Outlook for the RV Industry”</b>
<b>May 15, 2026</b>	<b>Troy Schielein, Sr.</b> 1st Sgt., USMC Retired, Founder, Sentinel 1, LLC <b>“The Veterans Journey Home: The Dynamic Journey of a Warrior’s Transition”</b>
<b>May 22, 2026</b>	<b>No Meeting (Memorial Day Weekend)</b>
<b>May 29, 2026</b>	<b>Stephen Mack Jones</b> , Novelist, Acclaimed Detroit Author of August Snow Detective Thriller Novels



## ***Our Friday Speaker***

***May 1st, 2026--10:30 a.m. at  
Iroquois Club or via Zoom***

**Richard Koppel  
Management Consultant, Change and  
Transformation Leader  
"The Business of the Olympics (1984  
Olympics)"**



SMCB member Richard Koppel has over 35 years of domestic and global experience in management consulting, transformation/change management, as well as growth and innovation. His experience includes mergers and acquisitions, business strategy, product management, program management, financial modeling, business process re-engineering, and strategy implementation.

Richard has lived and worked throughout Europe, Asia, and North America. He has a global reputation in operations and technology, enabling innovation for transformational change. He is a published author in the Harvard Business Review, Journal of the AIIE, and Journal of the ACM. After his undergraduate work at U.C. Berkeley and graduate work at Stanford University, Richard joined the business sector as a management consultant. He has held senior positions as Partner at A&Y (Arthur Young & Co), Senior Partner and CTO at PwC (Coopers & Lybrand), Partner and CIO at McKinsey & Co, Senior Vice President Research & Development at IGT (GTECH), and Global Director at Credit-Suisse Mergers & Acquisitions.

Richard spent the last 15 years in the UK and EU before moving to Michigan with his wife of 54 years to be near their daughter's family and two grandsons.

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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***

***May 8th, 2026--10:30 a.m. at Iroquois Club or via Zoom***

**John D. Lindley, IOM, President & CEO**

**Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV and Campground Association**

**Timothy J. DeWitt, CAE, President & CEO Emeritus**

**Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV and Campground Association**

### **"Past History and Current Outlook for the RV Industry"**

John Lindley became President & CEO of the Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV and Campground Association in October of 2021, where he now leads the 85-year-old organization headquartered in Okemos, Michigan, with a combined membership of over 1,500 businesses. John joined the Association after nearly nine years as a lobbyist with Public Affairs Associates, Lansing's most effective government relations consulting firm. John honed his skills through a successful tenure of nearly 12 years as head of government and regulatory affairs for the 18,000-member Michigan Association of CPAs.



Tim DeWitt retired in June of 2016 as the Executive Director of the Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV and Campground Association after 39 years of service. He is the longest serving employee of the Association. During his tenure, Tim served on national, regional, and state committees relating to Housing, RV, Campground and Self-Storage issues. Tim earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation from the American Society of Association Executives and has been inducted into numerous industry Halls of Fame, including the RV/MH Hall of Fame, the Michigan Society of Association Executives Hall of Fame, and the Michigan Self Storage Hall of Fame.



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## ***Our Friday Speaker***

***Friday, May 15th, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. at Iroquois Club or via Zoom***

**Troy Schielein, Sr.  
1st Sgt., USMC Retired  
Founder, Sentinel 1, LLC**

### **“The Veterans Journey Home: The Dynamic Journey of a Warrior’s Transition”**

Troy Schielein served 22 years active duty and retired as a First Sergeant from the United States Marine Corps in November 2010. Troy served in six infantry battalions, two Special Operations units, and as a Drill Instructor at Parris Island and as the first certified Combat Marksmanship Trainer in the Marine Corps. Troy participated in eight deployments including multiple combat tours. Throughout his career, Troy received over seventy awards and citations, including the Bronze Star with Combat Valor and additional awards for combat valor and meritorious service.

Upon retirement, Troy served as the Senior Marine Instructor for the MCJROTC program at River Rouge High School, the Director of Veterans Affairs for Wayne County, and the Regional VA Director for Michigan serving until 2023. He has been recognized as the Veteran of the Year at both the University of Detroit Mercy and the University of Michigan. He was also awarded a Wayne County proclamation for community service and the initial recipient of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial’s Service to Patriotism award in 2016.

Encountering a radical life change in 2017, Troy served as the Director of Operations and Ministry Facilitator for Operation Restored Warrior, a national ministry serving combat veterans. He spoke in Congressional hearings in December 2019 on the topic of Jesus Christ being the foundation to defeat veteran suicide.

Troy continues to serve as the Director of Security for Faith Christian Center, while also providing firearms training to multiple entities for 37 years. Troy recently launched Sentinel 1, LLC to provide crisis response consultation to houses of worship and continues to serve in multiple ministry capacities.



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## ***No Friday Meeting***

***May 22nd, 2026***

Next speaker: May 29th<sup>th</sup>

Stephen Mack Jones, Acclaimed Detroit Author of August Snow Detective Thriller Novels



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## Our Friday Speaker

May 29th, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. at Iroquois Club or via Zoom

### Stephen Mack Jones Acclaimed Detroit Author of August Snow Detective Thriller Novels

Stephen Mack Jones is a novelist, published poet, award-winning playwright, and winner of the Kresge Arts in Detroit Literary Fellowship. He was born and raised in Lansing, moved to Detroit after graduating from Michigan State University, and has remained in the metro-Detroit area. He worked in advertising and marketing communications before turning to writing fiction.

Jones is the author of the critically acclaimed Detroit-based August Snow crime/thriller series of books: August Snow (2017), Lives Laid Away (2019), Dead of Winter (2021), and Deus X (2023). He has been short listed for the Ian Fleming Steel Dagger award and a finalist for the Shamus Award as well as the Strand Critic's Award. The Nero Wolfe Society awarded August Snow the 2018 Nero Award. Also in 2018, the International Association of Crime Writers presented Jones with the prestigious Hammett Prize for literary excellence in the field of crime writing. August Snow was similarly selected for the 2018 Michigan Notable Book Award by the Library of Michigan. Jones received that honor again in 2022 for Dead of Winter.

Publishers Weekly praised Deus X, Jones' latest thriller, as "Ripping... Jones never lets his foot off the gas, and he brings Snow's Detroit to vivid life, populating the city with memorable characters and wringing atmosphere from its crime-steeped history. This one's a blast for newcomers and series fans alike."



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## Member Profile: **DAVID STRUBLER PH.D.**

Professor, Human Resource Development Oakland University

### An Unconventional Path

- Lifetime resident of Oakland County (Pontiac, Rochester, Oakland Township and Lake Orion)
- Married to Ann Strubler, a retired violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra; three sons, Mark, Michael and Matthew.
- A passion for hiking and mountaineering, summited twenty-five peaks, graduated four outdoor leadership schools, founded a non-profit wilderness program for disadvantaged youth.
- Degrees: Bachelor of Science, Central Michigan University (1976); Master of Arts in Management & Supervision, CMU (1982); Doctor of Philosophy in Communication, Wayne State University (1996)
- Associate Vice President Kettering University (2000-07)
- Dean of the Robert Stiller School of Business, Champlain University (2007-11)
- Supervisor of Communications and Training, Nissan Technical Center
- Director Delphi Corporate Education and Training, U.S.
- Author of the book *The Good Politics of Interdependent Leadership*
- Executive Producer of two documentary films
- Blog Contributor to Psychology Today
- Recipient of the 2020 Dreamer Award

### Oakland University and the Pontiac Community

Returned to Oakland University (OU) a third time in 2013 to become Chair of the Department of Organizational Leadership. His early OU initiatives included merging the Educational Leadership and Human Resource Development departments and starting a Doctor of Education Program in Organizational Leadership (Ed.D).

He co-established the Talent Development Coalition (TDC) to introduce underemployed citizens to carpentry through a pre-apprentice program between Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, The Pontiac Promise Zone, The Greater Pontiac Community Coalition, Oakland Literary Council, Auch Construction and Michigan Works!

In 2015, David relinquished his administrative role to focus on teaching, research, publishing, and applying his practical expertise as part of the Oakland University-Pontiac Coalition. He wrote grants, organized teams and leveraged his impressive network of community leaders for the cause: “Advancing Pontiac’s vitality while providing students with high-impact experiential learning”.



*“Everyone is a leader because you cannot NOT influence those around you, for better or for worse” - David Strubler*

### The Tapestry- A Musician’s Journey

In 2016 David his wife Ann, and sons Matthew and Michael co-produced a documentary about adoption and Ann’s search to find her birth parents. The film premiered on Detroit Public Television as part of the Detroit Symphony’s New Year’s Eve concert. The Strubler family has established a foundation to raise money in support of OU Organizational Leadership and Human Resource Development students.

### “The Dreamer Award”

On Martin Luther King Day, 2020 David received the prestigious Dreamer Award for his research and community service, particularly the pre-apprenticeship program to build and renovate homes in the Pontiac community.

His 2024 book, *The Good Politics of Interdependent Leadership*, presents five principles of interdependent leadership and is considered a must-read for anyone interested in becoming a more effective real-world leader. It took five years of research and hundreds of interviews with community leaders.

“Over time, he says, I became a more purpose-led and interdependent leader focused on getting to really know and engage people,” Strubler says. “My goal became to

help identify a common purpose and work together civilly to co-create innovative solutions and opportunities – and to do it for a purpose greater than ourselves. It was about redemptive transformation.”

David became a member of the Senior Men’s Club in 2022. He started as Chair of Community Engagement and is now serving as the March Speaker Chair. In March 2024, Dave introduced the club to Coleman Yoakum, President of Micah 6, as a Friday speaker. Subsequently, a group of SMCB volunteers assisted Micah 6 with harvesting its community gardens leading to seed-money donations of nearly \$15,000.00 from SMCB members and the balance from the Senior Men’s Club Foundation to present a grant of \$25,000 which funded a Head-Start classroom in the Club’s name in the new Webster Community Center. This was a historic achievement for both the Club and its Foundation.

Consistent with the principles of his book, *The Good Politics of Interdependent Leadership*, that’s how you connect the dots through community engagement!

- Al Hibbert

## New Life Member Joe Buese



Joe Buese (pronounced “Bee-Zee”) was born in Alma, Michigan, where his parents settled after his father accepted a position with Leonard Refinery (I remember the Leonard ads during the Michigan Outdoors program on TV!). He spent his formative years there and graduated from Alma High School in 1959. He then began college at St. Joseph’s College in Rensselaer, Indiana, before transferring to the

University of Detroit, where he earned both his Bachelor’s and master’s degrees in psychology. His graduate work focused on Industrial Psychology.

Joe’s professional career included several years providing mental health care for developmentally disabled adults. He ultimately completed more than 30 years of service with the Oakland County Mental Health Department, working with mentally ill adults at the Clinton Valley Center (Pontiac State Hospital).

Joe married his lovely wife, Carol, in 1966. She recently passed away. Together, they raised three sons—two now living in Denver and one in the Detroit area—and were blessed with nine grandchildren.

Joe has been an active participant in Friday meetings, both as an attendee and by assisting with check-ins. He has also enjoyed many of the club’s special events. He spoke warmly about the group’s friendly and supportive atmosphere, recalling in particular the kindness shown by Ray Buratto and Dave Ladd when he attended his first meeting following his wife’s passing.

He appreciates the mix of professions within the group and even enjoys the “luck-of-the-draw” seating at Friday meetings, noting that it offers a good challenge in making new connections. He looks forward to attending many more meetings and special events.

Finally, Joe expressed his appreciation for Dave Kearney at the check-in desk, who always offers him a warm greeting, as well as the staff at the Iroquois Club. The club hosted his wife’s wake, and the staff continue to check in on him during meetings to make sure he is doing well.

Bo Tamarelli





# Congratulations to Our Newest Life Member

## James “Jim” King



I recently had the chance to speak to Jim regarding his life’s journey before becoming an SMCB Life Member.

*Jim, where did you grow up and where did you go to college:*

I grew up in Wooster, Ohio, and attended The College of Wooster, graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree in Liberal Arts with a major in Chemistry.

*Jim, tell me a little about your work history, experiences and places visited for work:*

I began work in 1964 immediately after graduation at the DuPont Automotive Coatings R&D Lab in Flint, Michigan, where I worked as a Chemist in a variety of technical assignments for ten years. I transferred to DuPont’s Sales and Marketing office in Southfield, Michigan, where I worked for five years as a Product Specialist and then transferred back to the R&D Department in Troy, Michigan. I worked in automotive color design/formulation and pigmentation technology for the remainder of my 40-year career at Dupont, retiring as a Senior Research Fellow in 2003. My work took me to Japan and Europe regularly to collaborate with DuPont colleagues, customers, and pigment suppliers.

*What roles and activities through the years have you participated in with the club:*

I am a regular attendee at Friday morning meetings and an active member of the Special Events Committee, where I lead the subcommittee which plans and executes our annual Holiday Party. I have previously led other special

events, such as our baseball game excursions to Toledo and Comerica Park.

*Tell us a little about your family:*

I’ve been married for over 59 years to my wife Nan Johnson King. We have two daughters, Karen and Kristen.

Karen Mongoven (JD) lives in Arlington, VA, where she is Policy Director of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies. Kristen Conrad (PhD) lives in Wilmington, NC, where she is an Autism Specialist at the UNC TEACCH Autism Center and Assistant Professor at the UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine. Each have two children (four grandchildren).

*Is there anything you would like to say regarding your time so far as a member of the club?*

I joined the club to enjoy the company and fellowship of men in my age group. This experience has been all I had hoped for, wonderful and fulfilling for me.

*Is there anything else you would like said regarding your induction as a life member?*

It’s a real honor to have achieved Life Membership in our club and to become a member of this exclusive group of talented and experienced men. I hope that I can continue to be an active member for many years to come!



## 2026 SMCB Golf Season

The SMCB golf season is officially underway! Play began Monday, April 20th at Birmingham’s Lincoln Hills Golf Course and Thursday, April 23rd at Springdale Golf Course. This year, Tee Times at Lincoln Hills are nearly fully subscribed, and we have strong representation at Springdale as well. We’re looking forward to a year of great golf, good friends, and friendly competition.

### The Heathers Invitational

The Heathers have once again invited us to play their course. The tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 9th and includes breakfast, 9 holes of golf, and lunch in the Main Dining Room. Registration is now open and limited to 36 players, sign up early to secure your spot.

Here’s to another great season!

- Joe Schulenberg and Your SMCB Golf Committee



# Jon Reed Our Newest Life Member



I recently had the opportunity to chat with Jon Reed, our newest Senior Men's Club Life Member. I spoke with Jon while he was wintering in sunny Palm Springs California, lucky guy!

Jon grew up in Dearborn Michigan and was a graduate of Fordson High School (Go Tractors!). With graduation in his rear-view mirror, he began a 40+ year education and work experience career with General Motors. Starting out at General Motors Institute (now known as Kettering University) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering, he was sponsored by Cadillac Motor Car Division while attending GMI and finished some work at Wayne State for a graduate degree but work at GM took over much of his time.

Jon spent a total of 42 years at General Motors, holding several positions in manufacturing engineering and product engineering, North America Operations Planning and finally with Powertrain Planning. (I think if you want to know more about how to build a car, ask Jon).

Jon is a published author, penning a novel *The Cadillac Hiking Club* based on his experiences working at GM, and a civil war thriller titled *Lieutenant Curtis Z Pratt*, a Civil War adventure story of a newly-wed 24-year-old Curtis Pratt who joins Michigan's 6th infantry regiment, first training at Fort McKim, Baltimore, and then engaging the enemy in the Union's November, 1861 Virginia Expedition.

His family includes his long-time wife of 58+ years, Joan, one son living in Dearborn, and one daughter, in Pleasant Ridge, along with one grandson.

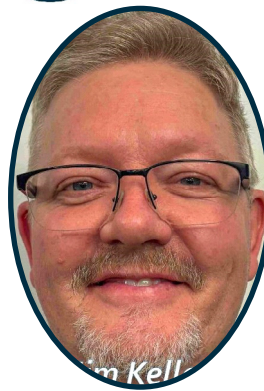
Jon has presented to our book club group about the civil war and enjoys our Friday meetings with the engaging

speakers and topics. He mentioned that the speakers seem to connect with all phases of life- legal, education, health and technology, and finds it a great way to stay connected and to share companionship and fellowship with his fellow SMCB members. One last thing, Jon has climbed all the 4,000'+ peaks in the eastern United States, including Mt Washington...four times! and has offered to provide consulting to the SMCB should we ever create a mountain climbing group!

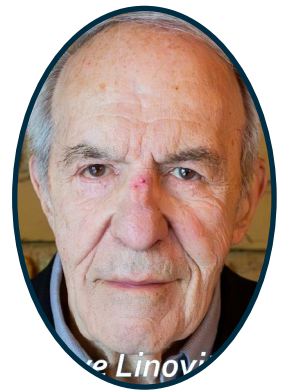
Congratulations Jon on becoming our newest Life Member!



## Welcome New Members!



Jim Keller



Sye Linovitz



Dave Kruszewski



Bill Sheehan



David Rubinstein



Bob Sher



## Invitation for Possible New Interest Group – Up North Downstate

Several members found they each own a northwest Michigan seasonal home in the Grand Traverse Bay area as well as a “city” home in the SMCB service area.

This suggests an opportunity to organize a new interest group in the SMCB - **Up North Downstate**. Members could share interests in northern Michigan quality of life, environment, services, fishing, regulations, property rights and values, restaurants and more.

Turns out there is a northern property owner network into which we can tap. Its service area includes four townships in Antrim County, Michigan stretching between the shoreline of East Grand Traverse Bay to the Chain of Lakes (Torch Lake, Elk Lake and more) from Elk Rapids to Norwood. This network already includes seasonal residents in the Senior Men’s Club service area.

### **Elk Rapids Township, Milton Township, Torch Lake Township, and Banks Township (west of US 31)**

If you own a seasonal home in one of these townships and are interested in connecting within SMCB reach out to kbtermaat@gmail.com or text to 248-249-8416.

I will manage organization and logistics.

- Keith Termaat, Member



## Discussion Group - AI Regulation

Attendance was strong, with 17 people in person and 3 participating remotely via our pilot Zoom add-in.

*Topic: Should AI be regulated, and if so, by whom and how?*

Opening vote: 16 in favor of regulation, 4 opposed.

### *Discussion Highlights:*

The conversation began with members sharing their personal AI experiences, which varied widely — from casual everyday use to more advanced applications like large language models (LLMs), traditional AI that provides “answers” to prompts, to agentic AI which “acts” autonomously, and fully autonomous decision-making

systems. This gap in familiarity shaped much of the debate.

### *Key questions that emerged included:*

- Who regulates? Self-regulation by industry vs. government oversight
- How? What mechanisms and penalties would apply
- Constitutional concerns — Freedom of Speech, copyright, name/image/likeness (NIL) rights, harmful speech, and misinformation
- National security — Over-regulating AI could allow bad actors to outpace U.S. development, leaving the country vulnerable to AI-driven cyber and electronic warfare

Members also highlighted significant benefits — particularly in medicine, pharmaceuticals, and productivity — while raising the question of whether we understand AI’s risks well enough to regulate it responsibly, or whether we risk acting prematurely on an evolving technology.

The closing sentiment leaned toward balance: new technologies always carry both risk and reward, and society has successfully navigated regulation before — in healthcare, finance, transportation, and pharmaceuticals.

### *Feedback on the availability of Zoom:*

Remote participants found the experience positive and would like it to continue. They asked the meeting leader to periodically check in to ask if anyone online would like to contribute.

### *Closing vote:*

14 favored and 4 opposed some form of government regulation. Two Zoom participants had left before the vote, accounting for the lower total.

### *Next meeting of the Discussion Group:*

Given current events the next topic should be the status and outcomes from the Iranian War. Of course, current events may overtake any specific thoughts although it provides a meaty topic for debate with respect to actions leading to the War (or excursion), the current state of the battle, the terms being offered for peace settlement and likely outcomes.

### *Changes in Published Topics:*

The Group voted unanimously to reschedule topics to respond to evolving current events.

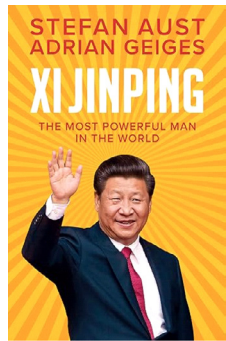
- Richard Koppel and Larry Nahigian



## Monday and Wednesday Reading Groups

In May our discussions will focus on two leaders who, while separated by 1000 years, had or are having profound impacts on world history. The first is the leader of today's China and the second conquered and ruled much of Asia and parts of Europe more than 1000 years ago.

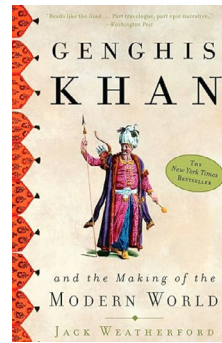
We urge members to check the Club's website for the schedule of books to be discussed later this year. The two groups will continue to meet via Zoom. As always, all members and their guests are welcome.



**Wednesday, May 6 at 10:30 AM:**  
*Xi Jinping: The Most Powerful Man in the World* by Stefan Aust and Adrian Geiges (New York: Polity Books, 2002)  
 Roger Timm will lead this discussion.

Today, Xi Jinping faces a series of monumental challenges that would make other global leaders tremble: a trade war with the USA, political unrest in Hong Kong, accusations of genocide in Xinjiang, stuttering economic growth and a devastating global pandemic that originated inside China. But who is Xi Jinping and what does he really want? To rejuvenate China and bring economic prosperity to all its people? To challenge American supremacy and turn China into the world's dominant power? Avoiding both sycophantic flattery and outright condemnation, this 2002 biography by gets inside the head of one of the world's most mysterious leaders. Skilfully unravelling the hidden story of Xi Jinping's life and career, from his early childhood to his rise to the pinnacles of the Party and the State, the authors flesh out his views and uncover how he became the most powerful man in the world.

The Sydney Morning Herald reviewed it as "a good introduction to contemporary China viewed from the perspective of Xi's rule."



**Monday, May 18 at 3 PM:**

*Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford (New York: Crown, 2005)

This discussion will be led by Tom Booth.

The Mongol army led by Genghis Khan subjugated more lands and people in twenty-five years than the Romans did in four hundred. In nearly every country the Mongols conquered, they brought an unprecedented rise in cultural communication, expanded trade, and a blossoming of civilization. Vastly more progressive than his European or Asian counterparts, Genghis Khan abolished torture, granted universal religious freedom, and smashed feudal systems of aristocratic privilege.

From the story of his rise through the tribal culture to the explosion of civilization that the Mongol Empire unleashed, this brilliant work of revisionist history is nothing less than the epic story of how the modern world was made.

"It's a fascinating book portraying Genghis Khan in a totally new light. It shows that he was a great secular leader, among other things."—Manmohan Singh, Former Prime Minister of India.

- Bob Maxfield

*Looking Ahead June:*

**June 3:** *Jerusalem: The Biography* by Simon Sebag Montefiore (Doug Koschik)

**June 15:** *Woodrow Wilson: The Light Withdrawn* by Christopher Cox (Gordon Allardyce)

# GROUPS



## Classic Movie Group



Farley Granger, James Stewart and John Dall

On Monday May 11th at 1:00 PM via ZOOM, the Classic Movie Committee will be showing the 1948 Alfred Hitchcock psychological crime thriller “ROPE” (1hr 23min) starring James Stewart, Farley Granger, John Dall, Cedric Hardwicke, Constance Collier and John Chandler. Two wealthy and affected prep school graduates, played by John Dall and Farley Granger, strangle to death a former classmate in their Manhattan apartment, purely as an intellectual exercise to demonstrate their superiority in being able to commit, and get away with, the perfect murder. They hide the body in a large antique chest and, flaunting their supposed superiority, host a dinner party using the chest containing the body of their murdered classmate as a buffet table for the food. Among the guests at the dinner party are family and friends of the deceased and the classmates’ much admired former prep school housemaster, played by Jimmy Stewart. As the action progresses and the tension rises, Jimmy Stewart’s character becomes suspicious and other troubling indicators surface, raising doubts about whether this will really turn out to be the perfect murder.

“ROPE” is Hitchcock’s first Technicolor film and is notable for taking place in real time, continuously running with no breaks in the action and almost entirely in one room. This is one of Hitchcock’s least known and least appreciated films and the contemporary reviews were 14

mixed; however, almost every reviewer praised the film’s innovations and acting and one respected reviewer called it “an exceptionally fine psychological thriller with excellent acting and an ingenious technique, and under Hitchcock’s superb handling it serves to heighten the atmosphere of mounting suspense and suspicion”. Today, the film is appreciated by a new generation of Hitchcock fans and carries a Rotten Tomatoes Rating of 93% and an IMDb Rating of 7.9/10.



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

So, mark your calendars now and plan to join the members of the Classic Movie Group, on May 11, to watch, enjoy and discuss this outstanding Hitchcock classic film.

Please note that the Zoom link for the movie will be at the top of the Scheduled Events eBlast for the week of May 10, which will be published on Friday May 8. In addition, if you click on the film title, you will be taken to the trailer and if you click on the Additional Information phrase you will be directed to links for interesting videos and stories regarding our movie.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday May 11.

- Joel Adelman



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## Investment Study Group

Thank you to those that made it to our recent April Investment Group meeting with our long-time speaker Michael Dzialo, President & Chief Investment Officer for Managed Asset Portfolio (MAP). Here is the MAP website for further review:

<https://www.managedassetportfolios.com>.

The next Investment Group meeting will be on Thursday May 14th at 2:45pm at the Baldwin Library lower level and on Zoom.

Those that have attended have heard topics such as how much should I have in bonds, is my estate plan prepared, and overviews of the markets to viewpoints from an individual company - Agree Realty. This month we will discuss a different segment of the personal balance sheet of our residential homes.

For many of us we have been in a home for 30-40 years, to say we have accumulated “stuff” might be an understatement. We will have one of our own SMC members, Steve Connolly, who has been a residential real estate agent for 40+ years speak with us. Steve will bring his knowledge of what we should do and more importantly not do to coordinate a home to be sale ready.

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

- 1st Place: Jack Burns - 85% gain from Micron Technology (MU).
- 2nd Place: Rich McGee - 84% gain led by Quick Logic (QUIK).
- 3rd Place: Richard Harrison - 71% with Bloom Energy (BE).

Sandisk Corporation (SNDK) stock has jumped considerably up 237% 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 with your wise Investment decisions!

Mike Korsak



## Genealogy Group

Have you said, “I would like to do my family tree but don’t know where to start?” Have you started to work on your tree and don’t know what to do next? Are you wondering what all the fuss is about DNA tests and how it can help you with your family tree? Then the SMCB Genealogy Group is the place for you.

The SMCB Genealogy Group meets on the first Monday of each month from 1:00-2:00 pm at the Baldwin Library and also by Zoom. We explore a wide range of topics including how to get started, what the different programs are that can be used to help organize and build your family tree, how to document your family stories and preserve them for future generations, DNA tests and how to use them, and, of course, the latest buzz, how can AI help you with your genealogy.

At each of our meetings we try to choose a topic to discuss but also leave time so that we can have working meetings, where you can either show work that you have done or get help where you need it. At our last meeting, we viewed a presentation from the Roots Tech conference that was recently held in Salt Lake City, which talked about some new AI features in Family Search (an online program).

Next month, we are going to talk about how to get started with Ancestry.com, another online platform that many people have heard of and use. We are also putting together a Genealogy 101 packet to help you get started. Everyone is welcome to our meetings, from the novice to the expert. Contact John Maten if you are interested or just come to the next meeting on May 4.

- John Maten

## Foundation Establishes Endowment Fund



The Senior Men's Club Foundation recently approved the establishment of an Endowment Fund, which is a permanent fund established to support the long-term mission and financial stability of the Senior Men's Club Foundation. The principal amount donated to the endowment is invested, and only the income generated from those investments are used to fund grants, ensuring ongoing support for community initiatives year after year.

Many members choose to make special bequests to the Endowment Fund as part of their estate plan. End-of-life gifts to the Endowment Fund ensure that the Foundation's work continues for future generations and provides lasting support to the organizations we champion. By including the Foundation in your will or trust, you create a meaningful legacy that extends your impact well beyond your lifetime and strengthens our community for years to come.

In recognition of those members that include the Endowment Fund in their estate plan, we have established the R.S. Gregory Founders Council. As many of you know, R.S. Gregory was the founder of the Senior Men's Club with its first meeting held in Birmingham in 1957. It is only fitting that we honor

his legacy by naming this council after him, recognizing those who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the Foundation's enduring mission. The R.S. Gregory Founders Council is a tribute to the vision and generosity of members who help secure our future through planned giving, ensuring that the Foundation continues to thrive and support our community for generations to come.

Membership is open to anyone who notifies us that they have provided for the Senior Men's Club Foundation through a provision in their will, trust, or estate plan, or have named the SMC Foundation as a beneficiary of an IRA, 401K, or life insurance policy. To recognize and honor those who have pledged their support, SMCF hosts a luncheon each November to honor these individuals.

Recent Honorees include Eugene P. 'Gene' Jacoby, John S. Flintosh, Charles R. 'Dick' Bradley, Joel S. Adelman, Richard O. 'Rich' McGee, Timothy S. 'Tim' McGee, Maynard L. Timm, and Randy Barnett.

We genuinely appreciate the support these men have given to the Foundation. Their generosity and commitment have made a lasting difference, ensuring that our programs and grants can reach those who need them most. We are grateful for their dedication and proud to honor their contributions to the community.

If you have included us in your plans but have not yet shared that with us, please do so at your earliest convenience! We would like to thank you and welcome you to the R.S. Gregory Founders Council. By letting us know, we can also ensure that we fulfill your planned gift exactly as you intend.

For more information about End-of-life gifts or the Foundation's Endowment Fund, please contact either Dick Bradley 248-390-5559 or Jim Fleck 704-576-8832.





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# MAY CALENDAR

## SMCB/SMCF CALENDAR AT A GLANCE - MAY 2026

UPDATED: 4/21/2026

Week 1	Date	Start / End Time	Group	Location and/or via Zoom	Contact	Phone Number
Friday	May 1	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	May 1	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
<b>Week 2</b>						
Monday	May 4	7:00 AM	Monday Golf - Lincoln Hills GC	2666 W 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
<b>First Monday</b>	May 4	1:00 / 2:30 PM	Genealogy	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	John Maten	(248) 251-9339
<b>First Monday</b>	May 4	2:30 / 4:00PM	Discussion Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326
Tuesday	May 5	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
<b>First Tuesday</b>	May 5	10:00 / 11:30 AM	Special Events Meeting	Baldwin Library - Rotary Room & Zoom	James Zyla	(248) 561-1520
<b>First Wednesday</b>	May 6	10:30 AM	Reading Group B	Zoom	Roger Timm	(248) 644-4050
Wednesday	May 6	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	May 6	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	May 7	7:00 AM	Thursday Golf - Springdale GC	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Township	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	May 7	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Friday	May 8	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	May 8	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
<b>Week 3</b>						
Monday	May 11	7:00 AM	Monday Golf - Lincoln Hills GC	2666 W 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
<b>Second Monday</b>	May 11	1:00 PM	Classic Movie Group	Zoom	Fred Hansz	(248) 559-3105
Tuesday	May 12	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
<b>Second Tuesday</b>	May 12	10:00AM / Noon	Board of Directors Meeting	<b>Baldwin Library - Delos Board Room &amp; Zoom</b>	John Rusche	(248) 219-8114
Wednesday	May 13	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	May 13	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
<b>Second Wednesday</b>	May 13	7:00 PM	CPR/AED Refresher (Must Pre-Register)	Birmingham Fire Station-Adams Rd (248) 530-1906	Dave Basile	(248) 761-7464
Thursday	May 14	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Thursday	May 14	7:00 AM	Thursday Golf - Springdale GC	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Township	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
<b>Second Thursday</b>	May 14	2:45 / 5:00 PM	Investment Group	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom / Laptop	Mike Korsak	(248) 990-0305
Friday	May 15	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	May 15	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
<b>Week 4</b>						
Monday	May 18	7:00 AM	Monday Golf - Lincoln Hills GC	2666 W 14 Mile Rd, Birmingham	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
<b>Third Monday</b>	May 18	3:00 PM	Reading Group A	Zoom	Bob Maxfield	(248) 481-9791
Tuesday	May 19	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Tuesday	May 19	10:00 AM	Amazon Fulfillment Tour/Lunch	<a href="#">See TicketStripe for Details</a>	James Zyla	(248) 561-1520
Wednesday	May 20	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	May 20	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	May 21	7:00 AM	Thursday Golf - Springdale GC	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Township	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	May 21	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
<b>Third Thursday</b>	May 21	<b>TBD</b>	Camera/Photography/Travel Group	Cranbrook 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills	Dave Sanders	(248) 563-6123
Friday	May 22	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	May 22	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767
<b>Third Friday</b>	May 22	5:00 PM	REMINDER Submission Deadline	<a href="mailto:smcbreminder@gmail.com">smcbreminder@gmail.com</a>	Ray Buratto	(248) 390-6244
<b>Week 5</b>						
Monday	<b>May 25</b>	<b>N/A</b>	Monday Golf - Lincoln Hills GC	<b>No Golf - Memorial Day</b>	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Tuesday	May 26	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Shain Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Wednesday	May 27	Noon / 1:00 PM	Cycle For Life (Spinning)	Beverly Hills Club, 31555 Southfield Rd	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Wednesday	May 27	1:00 / 3:00 PM	Pickleball	UWM Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac	Dave Anderson	(248) 408-8096
Thursday	May 28	7:00 AM	Thursday Golf - Springdale GC	316 Strathmore Rd, Bloomfield Township	Joe Schulenberg	(248) 885-6194
Thursday	May 28	8:15 AM	Walking Group	Barnum Park - Birmingham	Wei Feng	(248) 935-0426
Thursday	May 28	2:00 / 4:00PM	Computer/Technology Group - Kick Off	Baldwin Library - Donor Room & Zoom	Richard Koppel	(248) 210-9326
Friday	May 29	10:30 AM	Weekly Friday Meeting	Iroquois Club + Zoom	Rick Paul	(248) 521-9247
Friday	May 29	1:30 / 4:30 PM	Bridge Group	Baldwin Library - Jeanne Lloyd Room	Kirby Callam Frank Schmid	(773) 339 8369 (248) 647-0767

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# Happy Birthday



## May Birthdays

- 1 Dr Anant “Dr. B” Bhogaonker
- 2 Mike Bica, John Burpee Jr., Tom December, Bill Seng
- 3 Bruce Annett
- 4 Jim Cleary
- 5 Jim Page
- 6 Gil Livingston
- 7 Mike Basile, Bob Storen
- 8 Jim Behrendt, Tom Knasel, Dr. John Mills
- 9 Eugene Meso
- 11 Tom Thoresen
- 12 Ken Skrzyniarz
- 13 Jeff Kitson
- 14 Dave Basile, Waller Harris
- 15 Gary Ford, Ed Steepe
- 16 Dr. Chuck Colombo
- 17 Mike McKale, Tom Rankin
- 18 Pete Cwik
- 19 Vince Butterly, Dr. K.P. Ravikrishnan
- 21 Kevin Heintz, Roger Pryor, Roger Timm, Matt Vorce
- 22 Dr. Jim Larkin
- 23 Rick Paul, Arun Vijan
- 24 Denny Winowiecki
- 25 Mark Elliott, Lon Kolakowski, Chuck Tholen
- 26 Dan Sula
- 28 Dr. John Schmitt
- 29 John Mitchel, Tommy Thompson
- 30 Ras Desai, Dr. Kurt Neumann, Dr. Pat Quigley
- 31 Lou Paull, Dennis Wade





## Sports Trivia

Last month's question was answered correctly by Jennings French and Nick Pinciotti, who knew that Jack Morris started on Opening Day 11 times during his Tigers career. A fun follow-up would have been: who was second? But I was fairly sure no one would remember that George Mullin made 10 Opening Day starts from 1903 to 1913. Fan favorites Mickey Lolich and Justin Verlander each opened seven times for the Tigers.

Horse racing season kicks off in May with the Kentucky Derby. Secretariat is often considered the greatest racehorse of all time. On his way to a still-standing track record of 1:59 2/5, he also ran each quarter-mile faster than the one before—meaning he was still accelerating in the final quarter-mile.

We all know those facts—but who holds the record for the second-fastest Kentucky Derby time?



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