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Message from the President

As 2019 draws to a close, I want to wish all a God Jul, Joyeux Noel, Frohliche Weihnachten, Feliz Navidad, Feliz Natal, Buon Natale, or just plain Merry Christmas. as well as a happy and healthy New Year. Also I want to thank the officers, directors, sub club directors, chorale and various helpers for organizing and maintaining the club's activities. These volunteers keep the club running smoothly. Plus, a nod to the leadership and continuing support of our Past Presidents who paved the way and continuing to provide support as we move forward.

The past year has been one of positive change with new activities, a boost in new membership, a variety of interesting speakers reflecting the vibrancy of Detroit, and giving back to the community via the Foundation and Mentoring activities.

As the year progresses I encourage and challenge the entire membership to seek new members and let the board know of activities and speakers

that would be of interest to the group as a whole.

Ken Mokray

President



P S: The MC is in need of an Assistant Treasurer to work with Jim Hoekwater, and an Assistant Secretary to work with David Morrow. If you have any interest, please call me.

P P S: Your Newslette Editor wishes to thank all who helped get the November Newsletter out with his being hospitalized with a new Pacemaker. It seems to be working well.

Program Chairman - Jim Callahan

December 10, 2019

**Grosse Pointe South Choir
Holiday Songs**

January 14, 2020

**Patrick Colbeck
Founder, Freedom Centers at Metro Airport**

January 28, 2020

**Madeline Bialecki
President of Gilda's Club Lakeshore.**

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GOLF NEWS

The 2019 SMC Golf League Banquet was held at Barrister Gardens on October 10th (the Site of the Christmas Party to be held in 5 weeks) with 37 members and guests attending. There were two rule changes made requiring only 2 Mandatory Drives from each team member and in this count would include drives made on par three holes. The vote was 48 to 2 in favor.

The total amount of prize money was \$1,466. Low net score awards went to the Tom Berschback, Jim Regan, and two to Jim Lloyd at the 4 courses we play at. Their net scores were in the mid fifties.

Harve Richardson, George Montle, Tom Berschback, and Bob Travnkar all managed to be on three of the 8 different scramble team winners.

Highlighting our season were the aces scored by Dale Marshall at Plumbrook's #2 hole and John Olmsted and Gary Beauregard aces at Golden Hawk's #12 and #7 holes respectively. Each one earned \$50 for his effort.

Be sure to join us next year. It's a lot of fun being on a scramble team. Many thanks to Mark Jahnke and Jim Regan for managing the records and financing of our League. They did a great job.

Bob Vogler

Arthur T. Stefanski
586-292-4675 (C)

Get Well

The Senior Men's Club extends good wishes for the recovery of all members who are confined by illness. We miss you! Please advise Joe Schneider or Art Stefanski, above, if you have additions or changes about any ill members.. Cards are sent to confined members as we become aware of their illnesses or their confinement. Many request that their names not be published in this space.

MC Bowling News

On November 21, our SMC Bowling members competed for Thanksgiving Day turkeys, compliments of Harbor Lanes. Winning was based on the number of pins scored above each player's average. The winners were Tom Lukosavich, +59, Mike Fried, +43, George Hathaway, +35. Bob Grant, +31, and Tom Kneeshaw, +19. Congratulations to the winners.

The first place team of Roger LeClerc, Cromer Ring, and Tom Lukosavich increased their lead over the other 5 teams by six points by winning all three of their games. There are five weeks left in the first half of the season.

We have two vacant spots to fill in our line up of bowlers. If anyone is interested in joining us for the remainder of the season, just come out to Harbor Lanes on any Thursday at 12 noon. We have a place for you. Any questions, call Bob Vogler at 882=9236



December 12, 2019 – 6:00 pm
Barrister Gardens Banquet Center
24225 Harper Ave.
St. Clair Shores
586-773-4040

\$40.00 Per Person (Open Bar)

Family Style Dinner 6:30 pm

Salad, Roast Sirloin w/mushroom sauce, Breaded Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Penne Pasta w/meat sauce, Green Beans, and Ice Cream
Vegetarian meals with advance notice

Entertainment

Senior Men's Club Choral Group
7:00 pm DJ for Dinner and Dancing Music

Last Day to Register and Pay is
November 27, 2019

Make checks payable to Senior Men's
Club of Grosse Pointe

Mail Payment to:

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32 Lake Shore Drive
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

SMC Luncheon Speaker: Ike McKinnon, Ph.D., former Detroit Chief of Police and University professor

Our luncheon speaker on November 12th was Isaiah “Ike” McKinnon, the former Detroit Chief of Police, Deputy Mayor, and Associate Professor of Education at University of Detroit Mercy. Ike earned his B.A. from Mercy College, his M.A. from the University of Detroit Mercy and his doctorate from Michigan State University. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the United States Secret Service School. McKinnon joined Detroit Mercy in 1998.

McKinnon has authored three books and co-authored two others, in addition to numerous articles on crime victims. He won an Emmy as the NBC News/Safety Consultant. He has met six U.S. Presidents and Nelson Mandela, and has appeared on the “Today Show,” “Good Morning America,” “Oprah,” and “The History Channel.”

Ike began his talk by telling us how he has a wonderful life, even though he was shot at eight times and stabbed twice. The first time he was stabbed, the knife hit his belt buckle and broke. Ike grew up in Detroit, enlisted in the Air Force, came back and joined the Detroit Police Department, rising through the ranks to become Chief. He credits his father for the success he has had. His father had a third-grade education and was a sharecropper in Alabama before moving to Detroit. Ike remembers his father asking him to read the Bible to him, saying that was not a good enough reader to read it himself. Ike later realized that it was a way for his father to teach him how to read and spend time with him. His father used to tell him that he played professional baseball in the Negro league and played with Satchell Paige. Ike said, “Sure you did” not believing his father. But years later Ike was on duty at the Olympia Stadium when the Harlem Globetrotters were playing. Their guest was Satchel Paige, and Ike, wearing his police uniform, walked up to him and asked him whether he ever played ball with a McKinnon. Paige said, “I don’t think so.” But as Ike walked away, Paige turned around and said, “Wait, did you mean Cody McKinnon?” He went on to say what a great player Cody had been and how he would have played in the Major Leagues had the color barrier been broken. When he went home, his father then told him that he didn’t play more because his team went on barnstorming tours and he wanted to stay home and work and take care of his family. He told Ike that he would never lie to him.

Years later, Ike told the story to his sons, and of course they didn’t believe him. They asked Ike what he did and he told them that he almost made the 1964 US Olympic team after

winning the Military Olympics as a sprinter. He couldn’t go to the Olympics because he was serving in Vietnam. One of Ike’s sons is now trying to convince his 11-year old daughter that he almost made the Michigan men’s basketball team. Ike thinks it is important to learn to listen to older people. When Ike was serving in Vietnam, he was surprised when his chaplain asked Ike to accompany him to the Danang orphanage. There they held and fed orphan babies that were getting very little attention. They started doing this every weekend, seeing how the infants responded. Recently Ike saw a story on a Sunday morning news program that showed the same orphanage, still in operation.

Ike also talked about how dangerous it was serving as a patrolman during the 1967 Detroit riots. Bullets flew around him, and he was sure he was going to die. As the riot ended, they were driving down Buchanan Street and saw a house on fire. He was told that there were children in the house, so he went into the fire, crawling on the floor in the dark until he reached a body. He pulled a little girl out, but she was not responsive. He administered mouth-to-mouth necessitation until she finally started breathing. Two of her siblings did not survive. Ten years later he got a call at the station from a woman saying she was sure he wouldn’t remember, but years ago he had saved her from a fire on Buchanan Street. He remembered her complete name, because the event had made such an impression on him. She said she was calling because she was getting married next week and she wanted him to walk her down the aisle. He agreed, and he took a girl on their second date to the wedding. She saw him as a hero, and they are still married 45 years later.

Another time they were patrolling in the Tenth Precinct and they stopped a stolen car. One of the passengers took off and Ike pursued him on foot, chasing him into a building. The car thief ran into an apartment and slammed the door. Ike kicked it in, grabbed the guy, and was confronted by three men with AK-47’s. Ike pulled his 38 caliber revolver out and squeaked, “You’re under arrest!” The lead bad guy said, “Let him go.” Ike responded, “No, he’s coming with me.” As he backed out the hall, his arm around the neck of the perp, he was sure he was going to die. He had a vision of his mother looking at his body in a casket. The shooters followed him out to the street, guns raised, where a crowd had gathered. The crowd started chanting, “Let him go!” but as the AK-47’s moved in, it became “Let Ike go.” People shouted that Officer Ike is a great guy that helps us and the kids. The bad guys took off and Ike survived again.

Ike took questions on several subjects, including what a good job is being done by Mayor Duggan. He thinks the Detroit Police Department is gaining ground, but when Ike was Chief he had 4400 officers. Chief Craig has 1800, so it is a challenge. We thank Ike McKinnon for taking the time to visit the Men’s Club.

Almost all of the Readers gave *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World* five stars and felt it opened their eyes to a history they had been unaware of. Weatherford did years of research, including helping to decipher a secret history that had been lost for centuries. Despite being an academic, he has created an eminently readable and enlightening history.

Our next meeting of the Readers on December 21st at 5 pm will be our annual poetry meeting. Bring several poems to read aloud and discuss with the group. We will meet at the home of David Morrow, 244 McMillan Rd, Grosse Pointe Farms. RSVP to David at (313) 640-9756.

Patrick G. McKeever
313-719-7829 (C)

Memorials

Name: Richar J "Dick" Caretti
Died: November 22, 2019 (96)
Born: November 1, 1926
Joined: April, 23, 2002 (17)
Memorials: St. Peter Catholic Church
Mt, Clemens

Name: Robert Steiger reprint from November
Memorial Notice with name corrected
Died: October 17, 2019 (95)
Born: August 25, 1924
Joined: November 14, 2000 (18)
Memorials: Friends of Detroit Rowing

Choral Group News

Jerry Partridge has been the director of the Men's Club Choral Group since 2015. Jerry was raised as a Eastside Detroit. He attended and presumably graduated from Osborn High School. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Bob Murphy urged Jerry to "grab the baton" when the chorus lost its director. Thank you, Bob!

With baton four years in hand, Jerry and his partner Louise Veltri, our very talented piano accompanist, have conspired to extract melodious sounds from mediocrity. Jerry's creativity is further displayed by his design of the Choral Group Crest which is proudly worn by our choral members.

At rehearsals, Jerry reminds us; "To not look at the music in our laps but to look at him." Out of the mediocre came a response. "But Jere, you ain't so good lookin' no more."

Join us if you can carry a tune and enjoy the camaraderie and fun!

Looking forward to 2020...

"Winter Wonderland" will be the theme on January 8th.

Stay Tuned!

Reported by Joe

Schneider





The Reading List

Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World

by Jack Weatherford

Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World by Jack Weatherford is a New York Times best-selling biography of the great Mongol leader Genghis Khan. The book expands into a history of the Mongol Empire that dominated much of the world in the Thirteenth Century. Weatherford is a cultural anthropologist who taught anthropology at Macalester College in Minnesota starting in 1983, and becoming the DeWitt Wallace Professor, Emeritus, before retiring. He graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1967, with a B.A. in Political Science followed by a M.A. in Sociology in 1972. Although best known for this 2004 book, his other books include *The History of Money, Indian Givers, and The Secret History of the Mongol Queens*.

In the Twelfth Century, the nomadic tribes that were to become the Mongols lived in a corner of present-day Mongolia on harsh steppes where they herded horses, cows, and other animals and hunted other small animals. The boy who became Genghis Khan was born as Temujin in 1162 and “grew up in a world of excessive tribal violence, including murder, kidnapping, and enslavement.” His father stole his mother from her first husband in a raid, and he was himself killed when Temujin was a boy. The tribe abandoned his surviving family of two wives and seven children, and they struggled to survive. This seemed to teach Temujin that he was in charge of his own fate, and he should rely on alliances of trusted associates rather than family. He became an excellent horseman and fighter as he grew and built a reputation as an effective leader. He married a woman who had been selected years earlier and tried to live a quiet life, but she was kidnapped in a raid. The alliance he built to seek vengeance and successfully recover her was the first of his conquests. By 1206, Temujin had united all of the Mongol tribes, and at a council of Mongol chiefs took the title Genghis Khan.

With the approval of a large tribal council in 1211,

Genghis Khan crossed the Gobi Desert to the south and attacked a large Chinese clan that had demanded his obeisance. Although greatly outnumbered, the Mongols used proven techniques, such as inciting the peasants against their rulers, creating confusion and then instilling fear to break their enemy’s spirit, using the speed of their disciplined all-cavalry army to harass and surround enemy troops that came out of their city walls, driving frightened civilians into the cities to exhaust their supplies, and using captured civilians to help supply the army and operate the siege engines that destroyed any cities that refused to surrender. Genghis Khan demanded loyalty from his troops and in return Mongol troops were respected and not squandered. Similar tactics were used over and over as the Mongols moved west and south, capturing city after city in Asia and Europe, from Korea to the Balkans. Weatherford writes: “In twenty-five years, the Mongol army subjugated more lands and people than the Romans had conquered in four hundred years....Whether measured by the total number of people defeated, the sum of the countries annexed, or by the total area occupied, Genghis Khan conquered more than twice as much as any other man in history.” The author attempts to correct the common characterization of the Mongols as savage, barbaric people. He points out that Genghis Khan and most of his successors outlawed torture, tolerated numerous religions among the people they conquered, respected and utilized professionals among those people, promoted the rule of law, supported written languages and encouraged the printing of books, established a postal system, organized the towns along the Silk Road into history’s largest free-trade zone, introduced paper currency, created primary schools, and consolidated many small warring states into working confederations. One of Genghis Khan’s grandsons, Kublai Khan, completed the conquest of China and built the city now known as Beijing as his capital, including the Forbidden City for his Mongol court. Other descendants grew the empire for 150 years after the death of Genghis Khan in 1227.

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MC BIRTHDAY LIST for December

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Bernard, J. Charles	17 - 80	Prielipp, Marvin H.	26 - 89
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Callahan, James A.	24	Schneider, Joseph A.	5 - 84
Catalano, John J.	12 - 90	Scrace, Dale N.	11
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Leonard, H. Bayard	23		
Liebold, Charles W.	17 - 81		
March, David J.	15		

A Total of 44 BIRTHDAYS in DECEMBER
with 27 Birthdays 80 & OVER

Mike Ryan 586-256-9207

All members and guests are welcome at our semi-monthly meetings. Please remember to sign up in advance at our lunch meetings.

Call in to make any additions or changes in your reservation. Print your names clearly on the attendance record, and record your badge number.

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON DECEMBER 10 WITH NO MEETING ON DECEMBER 24. Your telephone calls or emails to gpmcattendance@gmail.com are important by Monday, the day preceding the meeting, if your plans change. THIS means

Attendance

Call anyone on the following Attendance Committee:

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Raffle Winners

November 12, 2019	John Woodhouse	\$50
	Bob Hafel	\$50
November 26, 2019	Jerry Teagan	\$50
	Bob Murphy	\$50

SMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2 to January 10, 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
December 2 10:00am TENNIS 11:00am BILLIARDS 12:00am CARD PLAYERS (CONTRACT BRIDGE) Rod Guest's House	December 3 8:45am MAIL NEWSLETTER 9:30am CHORAL GROUP	December 4 10:00am TENNIS	December 5 12:00 noon BILLIARDS	December 6 10:00am TENNIS 11:45am BOWLING 12:30pm BRIDGE (DUPLICATE)
December 9 10:00am TENNIS 11:00am BILLIARDS 12:00am CARD PLAYERS (CONTRACT BRIDGE) Rod Guest's House	Dec. 10 9:00am BOARD MEETING 9:30am CHORAL GROUP 11:00am MC MEETING 1:00pm EUCHRE GAME	Dec.11 10:00am TENNIS	Dec. 12 9:00am BILLIARDS	Dec. 13 10:00am TENNIS 11:45am BOWLING 12:30pm BRIDGE (DUPLICATE)
Dec. 16 10:00am TENNIS 11:00am BILLIARDS 12:00am CARD PLAYERS (CONTRACT BRIDGE) Rod Guest's House	Dec. 17 9:30am CHORAL GROUP 5:00pm THE READERS	Dec. 18 10:00am TENNIS	Dec. 19 9:00am BILLIARDS 11:45am BOWLING	Dec. 20 10:00am TENNIS 11:45am BOWLING 12:30pm BRIDGE (DUPLICATE)
Dec. 23 10:00am TENNIS 11:00am BILLIARDS 12:00am CARD PLAYERS (CONTRACT BRIDGE) Rod Guest's House	Dec. 24 9:30am CHORAL GROUP	Dec. 25 10:00am TENNIS Christmas Day	Dec. 26 9:00am BILLIARDS 11:45am BOWLING Boxing /Day	Dec. 27 10:00am TENNIS 11:45am BOWLING 12:30pm BRIDGE (DUPLICATE)
Dec. 30 10:00am TENNIS 11:00am BILLIARDS 12:00am CARD PLAYERS (CONTRACT BRIDGE) Rod Guest's House	Dec. 31 \\ New Year's Eve	January 1 10:00am TENNIS New Year's Day	January 2 9:00am BILLIARDS 11:45am BOWLING	January 3 10:00am TENNIS 11:45am BOWLING 12:30pm BRIDGE (DUPLICATE) 6:00pm Holiday Party
January 6 = 10:00am TENNIS 11:00am BILLIARDS 12:00am CARD PLAYERS (CONTRACT BRIDGE) Rod Guest's House Epiphany	January 7 8:45am MAIL NEWSLETTER 9:30am CHORAL GROUP	January 8 10:00am TENNIS	January 9 9:00am BILLIARDS 11:45am BOWLING	January 10 10:00am TENNIS 11:45am BOWLING 12:30pm BRIDGE (DUPLICATE)

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