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Men's Club of Grosse Pointe

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What a year this has been! This crazy virus is causing everyone problems: health at risk, schooling of children, employment workplaces, overwhelming of medical facilities, restrictions on travel and gathering in general, the wearing of masks, the need for vaccinations, the continued fracturing of our political process and overall failure of many groups. We have been blessed during this pandemic by having conscientious, reliable board members and the support of our membership.

Although I cannot promise a return to NORMAL, our chorale is back and eager to buoy our spirits with song and make our meetings more enjoyable and the envy of every organization in our community. The pandemic is far from being over, but normalcy is on the horizon.

Our Charter Member Badges are still available for a contribution of \$20. Dues invoices for fiscal 2022 were mailed with last month's Newsletter. If you have not sent your dues, please do so.

The Tompkins Center is our home for a while. Consider a contribution to the Club to assist in deferring the cost associated with that venue. Make your reservations as requested, so we have a more accurate count of guaranteed lunches the Club pays the caterer. (See RSVP information on page 8)

It has been an honor and privilege to have served

as your Club's President this last year. The challenges have been numerous and at times insurmountable, but perseverance and your support have made the difference between success and failure. Other enterprises and clubs have seen better days, but ours are yet to come.



Immediate Past President Ken Mokray along with Pat McKeever and Ed Wolking will be leaving the Board of Directors. The Club is grateful for their past services and looks forward to their continued involvement in and support of the Club. Thank you, gentlemen!

October 1 will mark the beginning of Henry Fischer's Presidency of the Club. He will make a great President and will need your continued support in making the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe, the premier club of our community. Congratulations Henry! We are all with you and wish you and the Club all the Best!

And for the record, the new officers and directors are listed on the back page of the Newsletter even though their duties do not start until October 1.

Jim Callahan

Program Chairman - Henry Fischer

Future Speakers

All Meetings are at The Tompkins Community Center in GPP

September 14, 2021

September 28, 2021

October 12, 2021

October 26, 2021

Jennifer Bingaman
The Family Center
(see page 2 for information)

Duncan Campbell
Oudolf Gardens
on Belle Isle (see
page 2 for information)

John Campbell
Manager of A. H. Peters
Funeral Home (see
page 3 for information)

Dr. Antoine Garibaldi
President of U of D Mercy



Duncan Campbell has enjoyed a life-long love affair with art and art history. You might call him a museum junkie.” He received a double BA degree in History and Art History from the University of Colorado. He also studied for a year at the American University of Rome. In his thirties, he earned his MBA in marketing from the Eli Broad School of Management at Michigan State University. At sixty, Duncan earned his Master’s Degree in Art History at Wayne State University.

Duncan's professional background includes technology, commercial real estate and political management. He is founder of Mapping Solutions, a business geographic software and consulting company serving the healthcare, grocery, insurance and telecommunications industries.

Duncan is a former treasurer and board member of the Associates of the American Wing at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Currently he conducts tours as a docent at the museum.

Duncan is also a leader in Oudolf Garden Detroit that is installing a garden designed by the internationally renowned garden designer Piet Oudolf on Belle Isle in Detroit. Duncan is a past President of the Scarab Club, a 110-year-old arts club in Detroit, past President of the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, past Board Member of the Elmwood Cemetery Foundation and a former Scoutmaster.

He is married to Maura who both have three grown children. His oldest and youngest are married and he is now Poppy to two grandsons.

His personal interests beyond art include riding Italian motor scooters, laughing about politics, shooting clay birds, identifying deciduous trees, studying history, drinking wine, skiing fast and camping on lakes.



JENNIFER BINGAMAN - THE FAMILY CENTER OF GROSSE POINTE AND HARPER WOODS

Jennifer Bingaman, Executive Director of the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods will present at our first meeting in September perhaps with Larry Burns. The Family Center is a non-profit community organization that provides resources and preventative education to empower families to successfully navigate life’s social, emotional, and physical challenges.

Founded in 2000 by Diane Strickler, The Family Center offers programs on a wide range of topics aimed at building strong families and helping parents raise children and teens who will become competent, caring, and responsible community members.

Jennifer, a Vermont native, received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh in Communications Rhetoric, and received her Master of Education from Indiana University.

Prior to joining the Center Jennifer was Executive Director of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Foundation established to preserve and maintain the art and architecture of the Central Library, the only Marcel Breuer designed building in the Detroit area, Jennifer was instrumental in the restoration of the library’s treasured art works. Jennifer is a gallery services volunteer and Vice Chair of the group at the DIA, and was Vice President Historic Preservation with South’s Mothers’ Club. She is the founder and Chairman of Our Kids Can Serve and co-founder of Grosse Pointe Moms’ Club

Patrick G. McKeever
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Memorials

Anthony C. Noto M.D. was born on February 21, 1933 and passed on August 23, 2021 (88). He became a member of the SMCGP on March 13, 2007 (14).



Milton J. Kodidek was born on December 6, 1928 and passed on August 2, 2021 (92). He became a member of the SMCGP on May 9, 1995 (26).



Information on our October 12th Speaker, John Campbell

John Campbell, photo below right, is the Manager at A.H. Peters Funeral Home located on the northeast corner of Vernier and Mack. A.H. Peters was voted "Best Funeral Home" in 2020 by the Detroit Free Press. A.H. Peters Funeral Home was founded by Arthur and Alma Peters in 1917 and currently is operated by their grandson David Peters. Since 2003, they have received the sought-after annual Pursuit of Excellence award by the National Funeral Directors Association which recognizes outstanding service to families and the community, adhering to the highest professional and ethical standards.

John received his bachelor's degree in Mortuary Science and Embalming from Wayne State University in 1994. He has spent the last 26 years as a licensed funeral director. John has served the Grosse Pointe communities for 25 years, of which the last 20 years have been at A.H. Peters. John's commitment to surpass the "standard" funeral has been ingrained in his managerial style as he encourages every staff member to try and create a meaningful service for every family, every time. John is a member of the National Funeral Directors Association.

John and his wife, Wendy, live in Harper Woods and have three children. In his spare time, he enjoys golfing and spending time with family. Their youngest son is a sophomore at Grosse Pointe North, the alma-mater of both John and Wendy. A. H. Peters also is an advertiser in the Men's Club Directory.

His topic will be "What to expect while making funeral arrangements."

David Egner's Talk on August 10

David Egner was appointed president and CEO of the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, a billion dollar plus Foundation and about Mr. Wilson's thoughts on the spend-down philosophy that "Hack" had. It will be an awesome task. Mr. Egner also brought along a booklet, "Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Thoughtful Living and Lasting Impact" by Tom Walsh, which was a splendid read. It may be that the Men's Club has copies.

Jon Dean gets his Men's Club souvenir from Jim Callahan. below



Golf News

Men's Club Golf League Banquet – Time to Sign Up!!

The annual banquet for the Men's Club of Grosse Pointe Golf League is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at The Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Arrival time is 6:00 p.m. or thereafter with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. There will be an open bar for your enjoyment. There is no cost for the banquet for members of the SMC Golf League. However, if you wish to bring a guest (or two!), the cost of the banquet per guest is \$27.00. Payment for guests should be made by check payable to the SMC Golf League and mailed to Mark Jahnke, 7 Fairlake Lane, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236. The Barrister Gardens needs to have an accurate head count for purposes of food preparation so it is critical that you notify us of your intention to attend the banquet (as well as any guests) by Sunday, October 10, 2021. You can notify us by e-mail at mdjahnke18@gmail.com or by contacting Mark Jahnke at 313-882-0271 or via mail to the above address. Please indicate any special requests for seating arrangements at the banquet when you register. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Also, if you respond in the affirmative that you will be attending but realize by October 10th that you will not be able to attend, please make sure to let us know. We are responsible to The Barrister Gardens for no-shows.

It's with a good deal of regret to realize that our 2021 golf season comes to a close on Friday, September 24th. However, attending the annual golf banquet is always a great way to wrap up the season!

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

The Golf Committee

Bowling News

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe will try to reestablish its Bowling League at Harbor Lanes the first Thursday after Labor Day. It was shut down last year due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

If you want to bowl with us this Fall and Winter, give Bob Vogler a call at 313-882-9636 so we can start organizing teams for the coming season of 26 weeks. Our plan is to start bowling at 12 noon with teams of 4 men.

Lee Thomas New Member Profile

Who would have imagined, after growing up on a fifth generation family farm in Central Illinois that Lee Thomas would end up in corporate America? Lee graduated from the University of Illinois after which he earned his MBA in Finance from Indiana University.

Lee's professional career has included management positions with Michigan-based manufacturing and consulting firms including Strand Steel, Weldaloy Products Co., BBK and most recently Avio-Tech Ltd, the Muskegon manufacturer of military components, where he spent ten years as President & CEO.

In 1980 while working for Strand and attempting to garner financing for a new IBM mainframe computer, Lee met his future wife, Barbara (Hayes), a loan officer at Comerica Bank. Lee and Barb have a son who is married and living in New York.

The Thomases enjoy paddle tennis, pickle ball, and hunting



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We welcome new sub-club thoughts when members express an interest.

STANDING COMMITTEES

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Marty McMillan, Mike Ryan*

BIRTHDAYS

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MEMORIALS

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MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Henry Fischer*

NEWSLETTER

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Dave Morrow*

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Jim Hoekwater*, Pat McKeever, Jerry Teagan, and Ed Wolking

NEWSLETTER REVIEW

Jim Callahan, Jim Hoekwater*, Dave Morrow, Jim Odell, John Snyder, and Jerry Teagan

REPLACE MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE

Henry Fischer, Dave Morrow*, and Jim Regan

*indicates chairman

The MC BIRTHDAY LIST for September

Aitken, Daniel	6	Regan, James M.	3
Arsenault, H. George	30 - 94	Reid, Patrick	21
Bertani, Louis	15 - 87	Reuther, Alfred R.	12 - 87
Brown, Robert M.	28 - 82	Sanders, C. William	1 - 96
Burton, Donald E.	15 - 94	Schettler, Charles C.	10
Clarke, Patrick N.	23 - 87	Stefanski, Arthur F.	24
Collinson, Kenneth	10 - 81	Stewart, Melbourne G.	30 - 94
Dietrich, Edgar	13 - 96	Sultzman, L. Carl	7 - 97
Elert, Karl	16 - 95	Teagan, J. Gerard	23
Figurski, Martin	24	Thomalla, Harry	29 - 84
Grant, Robert G.	9 - 90	Totte, Tymon	24 - 82
Jarvis, Robert P.	23 - 98	Ulrich, Donald J.	25 - 84
Klobuchar, John M.	14	Wilborn, Giles S.	18 - 81
Kotz, Ronald	22	Wolking, Edward A.	21
Krag, William B.	7 - 84	Wright, Alan L.	23 - 83
Lambrecht, Richard W.	29 - 85		
Lloyd, James W.	15		
Madigan, Thomas	6 - 86		
Mc Cabe, D. Graham	6 - 88		
Prus, A. Michael	14 - 89		

A Total of 35 BIRTHDAYS in SEPTEMBER
with 24 Birthdays 80 & OVER

Membership News

First off – Thank you Jody Jennings for the very interesting New Member profiles he is doing—appreciate his time and effort and all of those who spend time interviewing with him – Thank you. Thank you!!!!!!!

Men’s Club Membership continues to grow as we are adding new members each month—but lest we forget about our current members—maybe a few that you have not seen in a month or two—or even a year with the impact of COVID-19—so it’s time to reach out and touch a member or two that you have not seen and give them a call!!!! Can’t think of any – just pick up the membership directory and I am certain a couple will pop out—and invite them to meet you at a future meeting—we have some great guest speakers lined up—Jen Bingaman, Executive Director, The Family Center

(Never heard of The Family Center—you are in for a treat), and more. So get another member and “come on down”.

Also, remember to visit the Men’s Club website for great photos and stories. <https://seniormensclubof-grossepointe.com>

In addition, new members can sign up on the website if they wish—or call me: Chip Rohde, Membership Chairman, 1-313-259-1010.

Your Membership Committee

Chip Rohde, Chairman
Ed Wolking
Jerry Antonelli
Jody Jennings
Dan Follis

RSVP FOR LUNCHEON MEETINGS

You can email gpmcattendance@gmail.com PLEASE WHEN RESPONDING TO MESSAGES, USE REPLY AND NOT REPLY TO ALL

Call or text Marty McMillan at 313-550-9661 if email is not available.

All meetings are being held at The Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Drive, Grosse Pointe Park

Some of our members reportedly have expressed concern over attending functions where others are not wearing masks. Even though not a legal requirement, in order to alleviate their concerns, the Directors request that all members and guests (vaccinated or not) wear masks when not eating or drinking, especially when entering the facility and at the buffet table much like was previously practiced in restaurants during the pandemic. Of course, there will be other times when masks are not practical to be worn such as when singing, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, addressing the group, or asking questions that are meant to be heard by the group. Let's work together so that all members are comfortable attending our luncheons. It may even help avoiding the flu this season.

Note the letter Jim Callahan received recently from a non resident Men's Club Member below:



John R. Dickerson
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August 19 2021

Men's Club of Grosse Pointe,
Jim Callahan, President.

Dear Jim.

I find myself now over ninety (90) years of age, in fairly good health, while enjoying my last days living in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Enjoy reading the "NEWSLETTER" as it always reminds me so much of the wonderful times while living in our Grosse Pointe Woods home several years ago.

The many events held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, over the years, were all vary outstanding as were the Senior Men's luncheon's by the water.

May God bless you and everyone for the truly magnificent work you folks do for each and every Member of the Club.

Sincerely:

John R. Dickerson



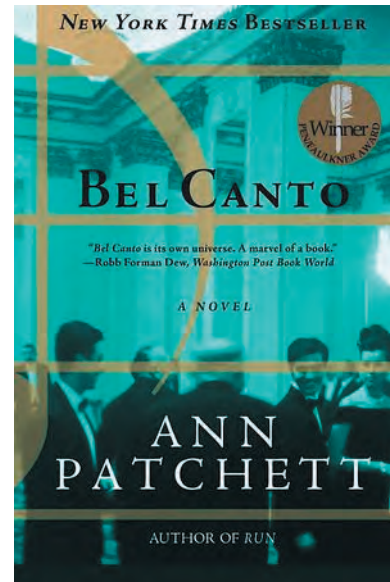
Bel Canto by Ann Patchett

Ann Patchett is one of America's preeminent writers. She has written seven novels, three books of nonfiction, a collection of essays, and a children's book. A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and the Iowa Writer's Workshop, Patchett has been the recipient of numerous awards and fellowships. Her books have been both New York Times Notable Books and New York Times bestsellers and have been translated into more than thirty languages. She lives in Nashville where she is a co-founder of Parnassus Books. Patchett has become a spokesperson for independent booksellers in the national media and has been named by Time magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

Last year the Readers enjoyed her latest novel, *The Dutch House* (a finalist for the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction), so much that this year we went back to her 2001 novel, *Bel Canto*. *Bel Canto* won both the Orange Prize for Fiction and the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and has been adapted into both an opera and a movie starring Julianne Moore and Ken Watanabe.

Although it was inspired by the Japanese embassy hostage crisis in Lima, Peru in 1996-97, it cannot be considered historical fiction. As with most of her novels, Patchett wanted to explore the relationships between a disparate cast of characters. In this case, she introduces us to Roxane Coss, a famous lyric soprano, and one of her fans, the head of a large Japanese company whose birthday is being celebrated in a lavish dinner party in a "God-forsaken Latin American country."

Under the impression that the Japanese company may build a plant there, the host country offers a large sum of money to Roxane to convince her to sing at the party to convince Mr. Hosokawa, the company's president, to attend. When, after the final aria is sung, rebel guerillas burst in to take the country's president hostage, they are disappointed to find that the president has stayed home to watch his favorite soap opera. Negotiations to free the hostages drag on for weeks, and Patchett portrays Stockholm Syndrome, as the hostages begin to identify with the terrorists, as



well as the power of music to break down boundaries between people who do not speak the same language. As Janet Maslin wrote in the NY Times, "One of the delightful things about the way "Bel Canto" unfolds is the way Ann Patchett uses the ordeal of entrapment to locate unexpected resources in her characters, like Roxane's new leadership potential." Mr. Hosokawa's translator must translate for both terrorists and hostages, and he finds his language skills can lead to love. While the pace of the book is deliberate, it accelerates as the hostage situation is resolved.

Even the Readers who are not opera fans enjoyed this volume, and most gave it a rating of 5 stars. We loved the beautiful writing, appreciated the flashes of humor that illuminated a tense situation, and were moved by the connections made between the various captors and captives.

Our next meeting of the Readers is on September 21st at 5 pm when we will discuss *The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story* by Douglas Preston, an adventure bestseller that was also made into a movie.

We will meet at the home of Joe Schneider at 76 Lochmoor Blvd, Grosse Pointe Shores. Please RSVP to 313-882-6156.

Arthur T. Stefanski
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The Men's Club extends good wishes for the recovery of all members who are confined by illness. We miss you! Please advise 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.

New Member Frank Wilberding, Jr., who was profiled last month. However, you might not recognize him if he has his mask on!!



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