



The Commonwealth Crier

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President's Report

I would like to thank all who attended the AGM meeting a couple weeks ago. There were three open positions for the 2019/20 board of directors. President, Secretary & Entertainment, which also covers hall/bar manager. I had mentioned at the Bi-Annual meeting that Joann & I were stepping down this year. There were no volunteers to take any of the open positions for the next year - leaving this board shorthanded as it already is, we decided to keep going. This will be the 7th consecutive year for both Joann and I on the board, Tracy's second term with Doug being the longest running board member covering many positions since the 90's, Steve Hanbury with years of Entertainment, Vice President/PR positions along with the current board Lori Monley - Treasurer, Paul Boland - Newsletter and Marty Hunter for Membership. Anyone with comments or concerns that did not attend nor express their concerns in an open forum can keep it to themselves as anything else is hearsay and rubbish.

I first stepped into this building in 1969 at the age of 6; over the years, as with many of the Commonwealth Club kids, I attended all the kid's parties, plays, picnics and such. As I grew to a young adult, I continued to make the Club a big part of my life, joining soccer teams and then at the age of 17 the Men's Dart League. I played on many teams over my twenty some years, but the best were alongside my father. I served three years in the mid 2000's as Entertainment chairman, followed by the position of President. The Club was experiencing a transition during those times from what had always been done in the past - to "what are we going to do now to keep the Club solvent for the years to come". I rejoined the board as president during one of the Club's hardest times. We all then and now kept this Club above water to keep it going for the membership. I've shared my history with the Club as not to gleam on what I've done, but to share what this Club means to myself and my family. And when I say family, that is the majority of the members of this Club I have known since my childhood.

With that said, I am deeply saddened in the passing of long time members John Hook & Jim Savage. Jim as a past president always had his heart in the Club right to the end of his life. He and Betty came down to Friday Fish & Chips, as they did every week, and I spoke to Jim the Friday prior to his passing. Jim's comment, of course: "Stephen, when can we put the next dance on". That will always be the comment I remember him by. Thoughts and prayers to both the Hook & Savage family.

Enough said for this month, take care,

Stephen

Hall Manager's Report

Happy Fall!

The calendar is really filling up. Please take a look and pencil those dates in! The construction in front of the Club on Dequindre is now finished, so come on down and enjoy your Club.

At the end of the month is our Sixties Smackdown/Battle of the Bands. This event usually sells out, so don't wait on getting your tickets.

November 2nd is our Pub Night with Doug Simonsen. It is a potluck so bring a dish to pass if you wish.

See you at the Club!

Joann

Membership Secretary's Report

It is with sad hearts that we announce the passing of long time members John Hook and James Savage.

Diane Hinkley also lost her brother Doug.

May your memories and God bring comfort to you at this time of grief.

Marty

Trivia News

We're off to a great start for the new season! Don't miss October 12th; Doors open at 7:00, play begins at 7:30. \$3.00 per person to play. And remember - there is a team limit of eight members.

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Editor's Comments

Editor's Note: The following is the last e-mail that Jim Savage ever wrote. While I did not know Jim very long, he was easy to both like and respect. I will never forget the recollections he shared at the WWII Remembrance this year regarding the blitz of Coventry.

Paul

To the Commonwealth Club:

My Friend Norm Lindsay died Sunday September 1, 2019. Norm and his first wife Ina, and friends Pat & Bill Gittens, joined the Club in 1966/67. Soon after, we became close friends and we were all part of the Commonwealth Club family. Norman and his second wife Mamie became a big part of our lives and of the Commonwealth Club. Mamie is back in England now, but we still keep in touch. Norm had been in a nursing home in Royal Oak for over 2 years; I visited him often and although our visits were brief, they were good. I wish I could have been there for a final goodbye.

Betty and I don't get out much these days. Mild dementia and old age, we feel we are winding down, but we have a life time of wonderful memories, mostly connected with the Club. Just a few of the events that come to mind are the dances, the picnics, Halloween, New Year's Eve, and the shows. My favorite show has to be Camelot. I can still picture Ted Hemsworth as King Arthur performing the Soliloquy. Best regards Ted and thanks for the memory, and thanks for the memories to all the friends who have touched our lives and thanks to the Commonwealth Club for being there for us. I wonder if there is a Commonwealth Club in Heaven where we will be able to reminisce about the good old days

Rest in Peace Norman

--Jim Savage



The Commonwealth Club Calender

October - November 2019



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| <p>Saturday, October 5th</p> <p>Chili Cook-Off</p> <p>Doors Open at 6:00</p> <p>Maximum 16 Chefs - spaces are filling up fast!</p> | <p>Saturday, November 2nd</p> <p>Pub Night with Doug Simonsen</p>  <p>Doors Open at 7:00 p.m. \$5.00</p> |
| <p>Saturday October 12th</p> <p>TRIVIA LEAGUE</p>  <p>Doors Open at 7:00/Play Begins at 7:30</p> <p>Maximum 8 players per team \$3.00 per person</p> | <p>Saturday November 9th</p> <p>TRIVIA LEAGUE</p>  <p>Doors Open at 7:00/Play Begins at 7:30</p> <p>Maximum 8 players per team \$3.00 per person</p> |
| <p>Thursday, October 17th</p>  <p>THE RIVERBOAT RAMBLERS</p> <p>Doors Open at 7:00, Music until 10:00 p.m. \$3.00</p> | <p>Saturday, November 16th/23rd</p> <p>To Be Determined Check out our website for the most up to date info!</p> |
| <p>Saturday October 19th</p> <p>Private Party</p> <p>Lounge open to Members Only after 9:00</p> | <p>Wednesday, November 27th</p> <p>Ladies' Darts Fundraiser 7-10</p> |
| <p>Saturday October 26th</p> <p>SIXTIES SMACKDOWN BATTLE OF THE BANDS!</p>  | <p>Friday & Saturday, November 29-30th</p> <p>THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED</p>  <p><i>Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart</i></p> |
|  <p>The Commonwealth Club: Serving the BEST Fish n Chips EVERY FRIDAY!</p>  | <p><i>Happy Birthday!</i></p> <p>Sir Winston Churchill Born November 30, 1874</p>  |



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SIXTIES SMACKDOWN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

\$100 PRIZE FOR BEST SIXTIES COSTUME!

Ticket includes dinner of Italian fettuccine with meat sauce or traditional English bangers and mash plus a late night snack. Advanced tickets are \$20 and must be purchased online at CommonwealthClubMI.com.

This show sells out every year. Limited tickets available at the door for \$25.

Any questions call Joann Barber at 586-596-4669.