President’s Message

Dear Friends,

When I check in on the news (I only do so once a day), I am struck by the many people who are isolated and completely alone during this crisis. I am so grateful to be a part of the City Club, filled with people who care about me and each other.

You, of course, have noted the upcoming events, and you, of course, are aware that we are following our governor’s edict and will remain quarantined as necessary. I know that you will understand our day-by-day, week-by-week changes. As Greg has so aptly stated, “our primary concern is for the well-being of our members and employees.”

Our current officers have all agreed to stay in place until we actually have an Annual Meeting and can elect the new slate which reads as follows:

President-Elect: Anne Beaubien
Assistant Secretary: Marcella Haghgoie
Assistant Treasurer: Alison Carroll
Planning Council Director: Joan Walker
Bylaws Chair: Penny O’Malley
Membership Chair: Ronnie Meade
Physical Plant Chair: Lee Evans
Strategic Planning Chair: Sandra Williams

This slate has been posted at the Club, along with the Planning Council and Finance Committee appointments.

You are all in my head, and very close to my heart. Stay safe and well.

As ever,

Sheila Sikkenga
President

General Manager’s Message

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Club is closed. It will remain so, until approval to reopen is received from various governing agencies and the Board of Directors. At “press time,” it appears unlikely that the Club will reopen before May 1.

While we hope that the events described in this issue of The Beacon will take place as scheduled, we ask for your understanding if we are forced to postpone or cancel them. Our primary concern is for the well-being of our members and employees.

We look forward to resuming normal operations and seeing you as soon as possible! On behalf of the entire staff, “we miss you!”

Be safe and well!

Sincerely,

Greg Fleming
General Manager

NEW DATES!!

65th Annual
Ann Arbor City Club
Flea Market

Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, July 19, Noon – 4 p.m.
(Everything ½ off on Sunday)

Antiques & Collectibles – Jewelry – Linens
Art – Books – Pots & Pans – Housewares – Puzzles
Rugs – Electronics – Lamps – Stemware – Tools
Knick-Knacks – Purses – Picture Frames – Toys Sports
Equipment – Games – Hats – Scarves – Much More!

Free Parking – No Admission Fee
Cash, Checks, and Credit Cards Accepted

1850 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
734-662-3279  www.annarborcityclub.org
Community Outreach

The Community Outreach Committee is very happy to report that the recipient of the Club’s annual charitable grant is Packard Health. The grant is given to a worthy nonprofit organization in Washtenaw County. Packard Health does extremely important work with the most vulnerable in our community, from a Prenatal Program delivered by a nurturing and supportive team of pregnancy experts, to Patient-Centered Health Care for the whole family. Packard Health offers a variety of services including Primary Care, Behavioral Health Care, Women’s Health, Pediatrics, Adolescent Health, Nutrition, and Chronic Disease Management. Packard Health has three locations, and most of their team members are volunteers. It’s an amazing organization, and we are pleased to award them $1,000 for their efforts in our community. They will receive their award at our Annual Meeting in May.

A huge “thank you” goes out to all City Club members who donated items and money to Camp Kesem during the month of February. Camp Kesem operates more than 100 free summer camps in 40 states for children 6-18 years of age who have been impacted by a parent’s cancer. Our local chapter is run by students from the University of Michigan, and they asked for our help in donating art and craft items that they can use with their campers. You donated a trunk full of items and $205 in cash that the counselors can use to enhance their programs for the campers.

THANK YOU, CITY CLUB MEMBERS!

Jean Coolican
Chair, Community Outreach Committee
Notice of 2020 Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 20th
Check-in and Socializing: 11:00 a.m.
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
Annual Meeting: 12:30 p.m.

Reports From the President, Treasurer, Planning Council Director, Endowment Committee, Membership Committee, and General Manager • Presentation of Community Outreach Grant • Election of 2020-2021 Slate • Amendments to the Bylaws • Any Other Business to be Presented

**MENU**
($18.00 inclusive)

**Chicken Caprese** - Grilled and marinated chicken breast with grilled tomato, fresh mozzarella, basil, and topped with a balsamic reduction. Served with sautéed green beans and wild rice pilaf.

-or-

**Vegetarian Shepherd’s Pie** - Sautéed vegetables in a rich mushroom broth topped with whipped potato and baked until golden brown.

**Dessert**
Chocolate Brownie & Mousse Cup - Chunks of chocolate brownie topped with rich chocolate mousse and a whipped cream.

Reservations are requested for the luncheon by Friday, May 15th. Call 734.662.3279 ext. 1 or email info@annarborcityclub.org.
City Club Reads
Presents
THE ILLUSION OF SEPARATENESS
A Three-Part Seminar Facilitated by
LILLIAN BACK
Thursday, June 4 • Thursday, July 30 • Thursday, September 10
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Well, throughout the last four years of reading and discussing together, I know, we have all gone through a perhaps convoluted, but certainly a profound and serious attempt at trying to understand who we are at heart. Although we have often skirted basic human nature, we have always been in search of the magic of the human potential. And, once again, we reach out to three gifted writers who are willing to go in search with us.

The “glue” that refuses to allow any one of this three-part seminar to disengage from any other part is articulated by a smart and philosophical writer, Samuel Van Booy; thus, we take our title for this seminar from him: “The Illusion of Separateness.”

Each of the three novels seem to come from different worlds: it is up to us to bring them together. And, together, we will do it. The deeper we explore, the more we dig, the closer we get to the very cavern of our souls, we find, at the very bottom, a world peopled with those who, just like us, are always searching for love and acceptance.

We begin our work with what seems like a straight-forward story: The Huntress, by Kate Quinn. But what we see before our eyes is, as usual, the cover up for what we can’t see. Did you know that during World War II, the Russians were desperate (the Germans were attempting to destroy them and doing a pretty good job for a while), so in that desperation, the Russians, allowed women to become fighter pilots, real fighter pilots. The Germans called these fighters “the Night Witches.” And, what driven fighters these women became.

Although, all along in our discussions, we have alerted ourselves to the roles that memory and storytelling have played in our lives, but, now The Huntress shows me how deeply and profoundly the act of silence, the act of “unstorytelling,” the act of forgetting, assails us to hide our pasts. Those stories we want to forget, at a singular level, we might call repression, but at a more inclusive level we will find words and meaning in the act of telling stories that help us delete memories, that help us “forget.”

Now, please do forget everything I have just said about memory and forgetting when you begin reading The Water Dancer. The subject is there, very there. And the author insists we pay attention, that we remember and remember. He addresses us directly, asking us to make memory and storytelling sacred, a human involuntary part of our being. But we have to ask about this question of remembering. When talking about the slaveowners, he points us once again to understand the essential need to deny, to forget, to concentrate on the separateness of human beings.

What as readers are we to do with his telling us: “They knew our names and they knew our parents. But they did not know us, because not knowing was essential to their being. They know that mother only in the thinnest way possible. To strip a man down, condemn him to be beaten, flayed alive, then anointed with salt water, you cannot feel him the way you feel your own.” Do we not retort. “oh that was them, not us?” Sounds familiar making those others really others. We will be fighting this conclusion throughout these discussions.

Appropriately, the next novel we will discuss will help us do that. Samuel Van Booy, The Illusion of Separateness, is a call for sanity, a call to think, examine, and analyze—a call to displace the surface in search of the quintessential nature of humanness.

Note: The first two books are long and thoughtful; the final book in the series is short and super thoughtful. As the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting Amazon shipments, we suggest that you download the books immediately from mac store or on kindle.
Calling all baseball fans for a summer group outing to the Toledo Mud Hens vs. the Indianapolis Indians game at Fifth Third Stadium!

Wednesday, July 1st at 12:00 p.m.

AACC Member: $15.00 • Non-member: $20.00
Open to family and friends!

Optional meal package (hot dog, chips, soda, or water): $5.00
Seating along the right field line, under the overhang

You will have to make your own travel arrangements or coordinate with others to carpool

For additional information, contact Linda Atkins at 734-741-8032 or atkins.linda@att.net

Make reservations by contacting the front desk at 734-662-3279 ext. 1, or info@annarborcityclub.org

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:** Friday, May 29th

---

**Payment Policy:** City Club members can charge their trip reservations to their member accounts. Non-City Club participants must provide a personal check made out to AACC or credit card information when they make their trip reservations. VISA, Mastercard, Discover, and American express cards are accepted.

**Cancellation Policy:** Trip reservations cancelled within 3 business days after they are made will not be charged. Reservations cancelled more than three business days after they are made will be charged the full price of the trip; refunds/credits will not be given.
12th Annual
Classics
at the
City Club

Saturday, May 23, 2020
Noon to 3:00 p.m. • Rain or Shine!

FREE FOR THE VIEWING PUBLIC

VEHICLES ARE PARKED FOR UP-CLOSE
AND PERSONAL VIEWING

FOOD TENT

CLASSIC MUSIC

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

Modest fee to enter show vehicles. Space is limited
so reserve yours now! Registration forms available at

For additional information, contact Greg Fleming at
greg@annarborcityclub.org or 734-662-3279 ext. 6
Upcoming Events

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>May 2020</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Lunch &amp; Learn w/ Jonathan Overpeck  11:30 a.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>Cinco de Mayo Dinner Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.  Dinner: 6:45 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Mothers’ Day Brunch 11: a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>Annual Meeting  11:00  Social: 11:30  Lunch: 12:30 Meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Saturday</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>Classic Car Show  Noon - 3:00 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>It’s your Birthday Lunch  11:30 a.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Photograph by Wendy Werner
Manistee North Pierhead Lighthouse
Lake Michigan, Manistee, Michigan