



# NEWSLETTER

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## **Restaurant of the Month**

### **Clawson Steak House**

56 S. Rochester Road  
Clawson, MI 48017  
248-588-5788

November 18th 6:30PM

## **Pub and Grub of the Month**

### **Malone's Irish Tavern**

32350 Van Dyke Ave  
Warren, MI 48093

November 11th 6:30PM



## **GM SKI CLUB MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2011**



Please bring a Non-Perishable food item to be donated to the Samaritan House!

**We're back at Shields!**  
**1476 W. Maple Rd.**  
**(Just West of Crooks)**  
**Time: 6:30PM**

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### Editor's Notes

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### Treasurer's Report:

## \$11,260.95

Alan Toomey, Treasurer



### November Birthdays

Denise Sheppard	11-1
Mary Holmes	11-02
Nancy Prall	11-04
Kathy Richardson	11-05
Shirley Hathaway	11-08
Liz Fish	11-10
Richard Hayes	11-13
Jim Walsh	11-14
Roy Cleland	11-16
Christian Johnson	11-16
Marc Arel	11-17
Gail Selaty	11-18
John Zalewski	11-18
Sharyn Russ	11-19
Joe Portera	11-27
Maureen Gades	11-28
Alan Toomey	11-28
Jamie Bardeski	11-30

### GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

**President:** Darrell Ahlberg  
586-899-8203

**Vice President:** Bill Given  
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248-391-5180

**Secretary:** Leslie Musser  
734-634-4475

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248-496-2275

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248-969-1162

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586-754-8151

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248-666-9057

**Past President:** Les Skrycki  
248-236-0837

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame  
proudly recognizes

**GM Ski Club**

as a  
contributing member

We appreciate your support!



### Eastern Region National Ski Patrol Ski Swaps

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	DAY	TIME	CONTACT
Alpine Valley Ski Swap	Alpine Valley	Nov 5 Nov 6	Saturday Sunday	9:00AM - 3:00PM 11:00AM- 3:00PM	Allen Radke - (734) 455-4745 or theradkes@sbcglobal.net
Mt. Holly Ski Swap	Mt. Holly	Nov 19	Saturday	8:00AM - 4:00PM	LJ LaVene – llavene@power-net.net



## From the President

By Darrell Ahlberg, President

Hi folks,

Well the planning of 2012 activities is well under way. On Wednesday 10/19, twenty GM Ski Club members made the rainy trek to my house to offer new ideas, and suggested some repeats of fun activities from last year. I was delighted to see so many new people stepping up to get involved. Some of the events are already posted on the 2012 calendar on the website. Be sure to have a look and start planning your year. Note: there are several events currently in the planning stages, if you would like to lead an activity give me a call, we need all the help we can get! We will be adding new events as they are firmed up.

We would like to continue our tradition for community service events. For example, we have resumed our Grace Center Of Hope activity on the last Wednesday of every month. We are open to suggestions for ways that our club can help the community.

By giving you a look at the 2012 calendar we hope you will get excited about upcoming events and give you a chance to plan ahead. Bring your friends and share your experiences, maybe they'll want to join the club. If you sign up three members, your next year's membership is free. Our calendar covers all kinds of events, we like to eat, drink and have fun! Remember, if you don't see something you enjoy doing, let us know, we are always looking for new ideas.

This month's "From the President" is dedicated to our activities planning process. We believe the activities we offer define what we're about as a club. We strive to offer a diverse array of activities throughout the year. To do this, we need as much input from you as possible. Not only is it an opportunity for you to get the events you want to see, but it is an excellent way for you to get involved in the club.

-Darrell.

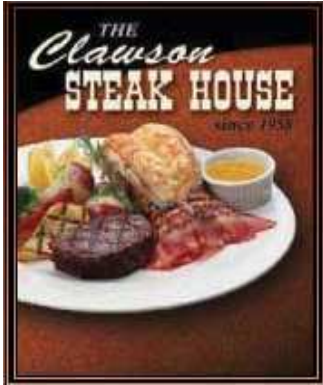
### Activity Planning Night Participants

On behalf of the board and the membership, I would like to thank the following individuals for braving a traffic-filled, rain soaked night to come out and help plan an exciting year of GM Ski Club Activities.

<i>Jan Burrows</i>	<i>Judy Heikkinen</i>	<i>Don Phillips</i>	<i>Kay Sheere</i>
<i>Hannah Costello</i>	<i>Cindy Hollister</i>	<i>Sharon Rose</i>	<i>June Siehda</i>
<i>Anne Demres</i>	<i>Donna Hutchins</i>	<i>Stan Sawicki</i>	<i>Les Skrzycki</i>
<i>Dave Duvali</i>	<i>David Norkus</i>	<i>Stuart Saxalby</i>	<i>Kathy Thornton</i>
<i>Bill Given</i>	<i>Kathy O'Driscoll</i>	<i>Thomas Scott</i>	<i>Alan Toomey</i>

These individuals have made an important contribution to the 2012 Activities program. Since this is only the start of the planning, there will be plenty of opportunity for others to get involved as well.

**Restaurant Of The Month**  
**Clawson Steakhouse**  
**Friday November 18 6:30 PM**



A neat little supper club type place that's a throw back to the late 50's. One Family, one location, 50+ years.

Limited menu, we can't get separate checks, so please bring cash for your meal. There are three choices, price includes tax and tip. Choices and prices are as follows:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef	\$29.96	Chicken Piccata	\$18.70
Grilled Atlantic Salmon	\$19.96	Drinks are separate	

All this plus dancing to the Mark James Band, 8 PM-1 AM. Firm reservation is needed. Please contact Vickie Slicker vslicker@sbcglobal.net or 248-736-4566.

**Pub & Grub**  
**Malone's Irish Tavern**  
**Friday, November 11th 6:30 PM**



All the ambience of a terrific neighborhood watering hole. Great pours, a nice selection of draft beer, and a kitchen that can turn out a great meal. Over 45 TVs, with a variety of programming and flexibility. You can watch your favorite game, enjoy a delicious meal and have an ice cold beverage.

Time 6:30 PM—Contact Al Sleeman at allan.sleeman@ameritech.net  
 Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads, east side.

# Calendar of Events

**Every Sunday**—Our **"Breakfast Club"** starts at 10:00 am at Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, NE corner at 16 Mile. Just show up, and we'll make room for you. No RSVP needed.

**Sunday**—**Wallyball** at 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball, Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile. RSVP to gmskiclub@yahoo.com

**Thu 11/10/2011 GM Meeting: Shield's Pizza Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, MI 48084**  
 Time 6.30 PM Cost Your Tab Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com

**FRI 11/11/2011 Pub & Grub - Malone's 32350 Van Dyke Ave, Warren, MI 48093**  
 Time: 6:30 pm Contact Al Sleeman allan.sleeman@ameritech.net.

**Sat 11/12/2011 Proud Lake Moonlight Canoeing Heavner Canoe Rental, 2775 Garden Rd, Milford, MI**  
 CONTACT: Margaret at 734-721-2821 or e-mail: Mpluscat@yahoo.com.

**FRI 11/18/2011 Restaurant Of The Month Clawson Steakhouse 56 S. Rochester Rd. Clawson, MI**  
 Time: 6:30 pm Contact Vickie Slicker vslicker@sbcglobal.net

**Wed 11/23/2011 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342** Doing our part in giving back to the community by serving meals to those on hard times. Time: Arrive by 4:30 pm and we should be done by 6:30-7:00 pm. Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329

**Thu 12/8/2011 GM Meeting: Shield's Pizza Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, MI 48084**  
 Time 6.30 PM Cost Your Tab Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com

**Sat 12/10/2011 Karaoke Night Darrell Ahlberg's House** Singing Star Talent not required. Get ready to get into character, dance, sing, and have a great time. Time: 1:00 pm Contact Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203 dahlberg2@comcast.net

**Sat 12/17/2011 Craig Petku Christmas Party Graig Petku's House, Clarkston, MI**  
 Time 6:00 pm Cost No Charge Contact Craig Petku 248-394-0467 cpetku@hotmail.com

**Wed 12/21/2011 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342** Doing our part in giving back to the community by serving meals to those on hard times. Time: Arrive by 4:30 pm and we should be done by 6:30-7:00 pm. Contact: Susan Walker swneko@aol.com 248-660-5329

**Sat 1/21/2012 Caribbean Cruise 7 Nights on the Caribbean** Round Trip Airfare From Detroit to San Juan NON-STOP  
 Cost \$1290 (non MDSC embers as \$30) Contact Alan Toomey a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net

**Sat 2/11/2012 Vail Ski Trip 7 nights, Five Ski days** Round trip nonstop air to Denver. Chartered busses to/from Vail:  
 Cost: \$1340.00 (non-MDSC members add \$30). Contact: Dave Duvali at (586)754-8151 or daveduvali@wowway.com





# Cruise the Caribbean

January 21-28, 2012



Mark Your Calendar, ready your passport, and think back to last winter. Miserable cold weather, snow and ice. Brrrrrr. Here's a better idea if you're not a winter person.

## Trip Includes:

- **Round Trip Airfare** \*<sup>1</sup>
  - From Detroit to San Juan NON-STOP
- **7 Night Southern Caribbean (San Juan roundtrip)**
  - Cruise Line: Royal Caribbean \*<sup>2</sup>
  - Cruise Ship: Serenade of the Seas
  - Departure: 01/21/2012
  - Cruise Length: 7 Nights
  - Double occupancy \*<sup>3</sup>
  - \$100 Cruise Ship Credit per room
  - Add-on Activities and Excursions are additional cost and planning on your own
  - Meals included – group dining time 6:00pm (additional cost for select dining rooms)

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart	Activity
Day 1	San Juan, Puerto Rico		8:30 PM	
Day 2	Cruising			
Day 3	St. George's, Grenada	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Docked
Day 4	Castries, St. Lucia	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Docked
Day 5	St. John's, Antigua	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Docked
Day 6	St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands	7:00 AM	6:00 PM	Docked
Day 7	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	7:00 AM	5:00 PM	Docked
Day 8	San Juan, Puerto Rico	6:00 AM		



## Why a CRUISE?

Tropical Theatre  
Musicals  
Las Vegas inspired  
shows  
Fashion Shows  
Game Shows  
Guest Talent Shows

Comedy Acts  
Parties and Theme  
Nights  
Welcome Parade  
Captain's Welcome  
Party  
Toga Party

50's and 60's Night  
Honeymooner's Party  
Singles Party  
Masquerade Ball  
Pirate Theme Night  
Parades  
Sports Deck

Rock Wall  
Johnny Rockets  
Ben & Jerry's  
Shore & Land  
Excursions

Themed parties and events are based on ship and itinerary

\*<sup>1</sup> Base airfare ticket price guaranteed. The GMSC is not responsible for increases in taxes/surcharges that affect ticket price at time of travel and must be paid by the participant. Airfare does not include cost of checked or carry-on baggage.

\*<sup>2</sup> Royal Caribbean International reserves the right to impose a fuel supplement on all guests if the price of West Texas Intermediate fuel exceeds \$65.00 per barrel. The fuel supplement for 1st and 2nd guests would be no more than \$10 per guest per day. The participant will be responsible for this fuel supplement at checkout.

\*<sup>3</sup> Double occupancy suggests for you to bring a friend. The GMSC would prefer you arrange your own roommate. Single signup will be waitlisted with deposit until a roommate can be found.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Additional baggage, increases in airport taxes, flight or ship fuel surcharges, ground transfers, any gratuities (cruise gratuities \$82 per person for the entire cruise includes for the stateroom steward, head waiter, waiter and assistant waiter), alcoholic beverages and specialty drinks, select on board restaurants & food, shore excursions.

To get started with this great winter getaway vacation, send an email to [a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net) and get your signup package.

**ONLY 20 spots available.**

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE – Member Only Pricing/non-member add \$30

	Total Cost ↓	Due at signup (Till Oct 7 <sup>th</sup> ) ↓	2 <sup>nd</sup> payment (or total due) Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Paid in full (or total due) Dec 16 <sup>th</sup> 2011
Upgraded Ocean View Room	\$1290	\$322	\$484 (\$806)	\$484 (\$1290)





# Vail, Colorado 2012

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> to Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2012

Party and ski with us in America's premier ski destination. We have put together a modestly priced package that will enable you to enjoy the dining, nightlife and the spectacular and vast slopes of Vail and, if you are so inclined, try out Beaver Creek, Breckenridge or Keystone which all share the same lift ticket. We get you there, provide a place to crash, and give you slope access. You just have to eat, ski, party, recover and do it all over again and again. This will be a great trip!



## Included in the trip:

- Round trip nonstop air to Denver
- Chartered busses to/from Vail:
- Seven nights lodging in the Simba Run two bedroom, four people per unit condominiums at the Lionshead end of Vail.
- Lift tickets for five of six skiable days, good at the resorts mentioned above.

Cost: **\$1,340.00** for GM members or MDSC affiliated club members; \$30.00 more for those with no MDSC club affiliation.

Contact Dave at (586)754-8151 or [daveduvali@wowway.com](mailto:daveduvali@wowway.com)  
Make checks payable to the GM Ski Club

Mail to: Dave Duvali, 27216 Dover, Warren, MI 48088

Payment schedule: \$450.00 at sign-up, \$450.00 by Oct. 1,  
final: \$440.00 by Dec. 10, 2011



## ArtPrize 2011

Seventeen GM Ski Club members attended ArtPrize 2011 in Grand Rapids recently. Talented artists, 1582 to be exact, competed for about a half million dollars in prize money with the first place winner taking home \$250,000. Winners were decided by a public vote. Some of us voted, some of us just browsed, but we all enjoyed two beautiful sunny fall days as we walked through the Artprize venues, mostly in the downtown area. Most of us met at The B.O.B. (Big Old Building) for lunch or a drink and then again at Twenty-five Kitchen and Bar for dinner where many of us (but not quite all) enjoyed watching the Spartans beat Ohio State on the nearby big screen. The gorgeous Amway Grand Plaza hotel was a great place to relax and spend time with other club members. This was the third annual ArtPrize - a first for the GM Ski Club, but it may become an annual event for us too!

More pictures can be found here on the GMSC website:

<http://www.gmskiclub.org/ActivityPhotos/Activities2011-12/artprize/artprizepics.htm>



Oct 9th,  
bike ride in  
Rochester



Les Skrzycki receiving a life  
time membership at the general  
meeting in October.



**“A ski and travel club...  
and a whole lot more”**

## November at a glance

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11-11	Pub & Grub Malone’s
11-12	Proud Lake Moonlight Canoeing
11-18	ROM Clawson Steakhouse
11-23	Grace Center of Hope

## GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

### Website:

[www.gmskiclub.org](http://www.gmskiclub.org)

(recent photos, upcoming events, membership  
applications, bylaws, forms, and fun music)

MDSC Website: [www.mdscski.org](http://www.mdscski.org)

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