



NEWSLETTER

December 2011

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GM CLUB: FOUNDED 1957

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Restaurant of the Month

& Pub and Grub of the Month

Lily's Seafood Grill & Brewery
Royal Oak, Mich

Thursday, December 22, 2011 6:30 PM



**DECEMBER 8, 2011
MONTHLY MEETING**
Visit us at GMSKICLUB.ORG

Please bring an
unwrapped toy to
be donated to the
Toys for Tots!



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

Editor's Notes

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Treasurer's Report:

\$19,427.76

Alan Toomey, Treasurer



December Birthdays

Brian DeLeo	12-01
Diane Pasik	12-02
Robert Malcolm	12-03
Sharon Rose	12-09
Nora Maya Kachaturoff	12-09
Libby Morningstar	12-10
Danny Boyd	12-11
Diana Mente	12-11
Ann Enghardt	12-12
James Price	12-14
Eugene Wolfbauer	12-17
Christine Luhrs	12-25
Victoria Slicker	12-28

GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

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586-899-8203

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248-289-6832

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248-391-5180

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586-754-8151

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248-666-9057

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248-236-0837

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as a
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We appreciate your support!



Bald
Mountain
Camping



From the President

By Darrell Ahlberg, President



Happy Holidays everyone. I hope everyone had a very happy Thanksgiving. To me, Thanksgiving is the best holiday of the year. I remember the tradition of having “breakfast” with the kids. We would look back over the past year and try to put in focus all that happened to us and express our thanks to one another for whatever progress we had made in whatever we were involved in. Believe me, when you’re raising two sons close in age, it was always astonishing how much had changed in a year. It was equally astonishing to reflect on how much we had to be thankful for. Sure, there were always things that didn’t go the way we would have liked, but overall, we would find more things to be happy about.

In the holiday spirit, I would like to express thanks for all the great things the GM Ski Club has become. Over the past year, we’ve had a lot of volunteers come forward and consequently, we were able to have a great year, a lot of events and fun times with our members. So at this time, I just want to say thanks to everyone who’s had a hand in making something happen as well as all who participated in the events and helped to make them all as successful as they were.

I hope as you celebrated Thanksgiving with your family and/or friends, you have something in your life to be thankful for. As we move through the remaining holiday season, be safe, and enjoy!

Happy Holidays Everyone. -Darrell.



Holiday Karaoke

Come out and join GM Ski Club members and friends celebrate the holiday season with some spirited jump and shout (aka singing), and dancing.

Saturday December 10
Darrell Ahlberg’s House
7:00

Contact Darrell at
Dahlberg7@comcast.net 586-899-8203

ANNUAL *Holiday Party*

Saturday, December 17th

6:00 pm---????

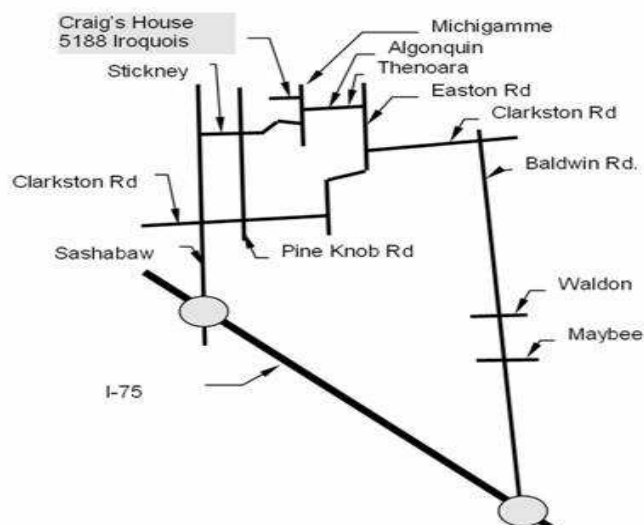
Craig Petku's House—

5188 Iroquois Ct., Clarkston

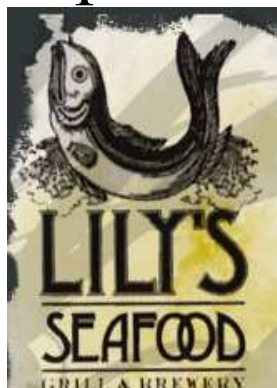
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BYOB and a Dish to Pass

Map to Craig's Holiday Party



Special for December.



Restaurant Of the
Month and
Pub & Grub
Combined

Thursday December 22.

Lili's Grille & Brewery
410 South Washington Ave.
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Steamed mussels, baked Brie, crab cakes and seared tuna typify the appetizer list, and entrees including grilled salmon, blackened catfish, and an array of seafood platters including shrimp, scallops, king crab and shrimp.

In honor of Grandma Lily please join the GM Ski Club this holiday season to relax and make yourself at home

RSVP requested. Time: 6:30 Contact Matt Casey
mcasey325e@comcast.net 248-770-4247



Spooktakular





Holiday Nights At



Greenfield Village

December 22, 2011

6:30 PM -10:00 PM

Come and enjoy the Christmas Spirit with the GM club!

Ticket Price: \$17 (non-GM members \$20)

(limited number so purchase early!)

Note: As a group we will not be charged the \$5 parking fee- \$SAVINGS for you\$

Please purchase tickets from Julie DiMambro by November 18.

Program Highlights

4 performance stages with nonstop events

6 delightful holiday shops

7 food stops (i.e. hot chocolate and cookies)

Live musical performances including: carolers bands and string bands and a fife and drum corp

6 enchanting holiday vignettes including a great photo-op
Strolling costumed presenters

Horse-drawn wagon – **MEET in line at 7:30 to ride together as a group**

Model T rides

Skilled artisan demonstrations

Visit Santa with his live reindeer at the Robert Frost House

Bonfires

A real ice rink: Skates will be available for loan

Fabulous fireworks finale and sing-along at 9:00 **meet by GV Town Hall**



For those wanting to have dinner before the event:
we will meet at Cheli's in Dearborn at 4:30.

Cheli's **Cost is your own tab J**

21918 Michigan Ave

Dearborn, MI 48124

Northwest corner of Michigan and Oakwood Boulevard, 3 miles west of Southfield **RSVP for Cheli's by December 16 to Julie DiMambro/ juliemd03@yahoo.com**

Meet at Greenfield Village entrance at 6:15 to go with the group.
Questions- contact Julie at 586-979-8198 or juliemd03@yahoo.com

Euchre Spooktakular in Review

October 29th was the night it all happened. It was the night of the annual GM Ski Club Euchre Spooktakular. For the 4th year in a row, GMSC members and friends gathered together for a night of cards and partying.

Is it a Euchre Tournament or a Halloween Party? Only the folks showing up can tell you... This year, all 48 Euchre Tournament spots were filled a full three weeks before the event. Regrets and apologies to those who wanted to play but could not get in. In addition to the 48 Euchre players, we had another 20 scary party people. Since the tournament ended about 10:00, the party kicked into full swing.

The big winner of the night was June Siehda who took home the first place prize of \$100. Second, was Stan Sawicki who took home \$85, and tied for 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th, were Dave Norkus, Don Phillips, Julie Dimambro, and Tricia Lloyd. Congrats to all and a huge thank you for making this annual event another outstanding success.

Euchre Spooktakular Final Standings

June Siehda	49	Frailnk Mallon	39	Suzanne Viviane	33
Stan Sawicki	46	Judy Kennedy	39	Carol Levy	32
Dave Norkus	45	Karen Kish	39	John Zalewski	32
Don Phillips	45	Leslie Musser	39	Judy Heikkinen	32
Julie Dimambro	45	Stella Mouton	39	Roger Darling	32
Tricia Lloyd	45	Doug Levy	37	Diane Bobcean	31
Barbara Clark	42	Dana Buxton	36	Kathy O'Driscoll	31
Chris Luhrs	42	Danny Boyd	36	Libby Morningstar	31
Ken Colden	42	Mary Zalewski	36	Christy Gonzalez	30
Diane Vandeberghe	41	Samantha Modzierz	36	Connie Casey	28
Marge Hall	41	Ed Musser	35	Judy Lay	28
Sharon Rose	41	Karen McCalister	35	Cindy Wowk	27
Jane Robertson	40	Cindy Holister	34	Barb Phillips	25
Paul	40	Mary	34	Jeanne Davis	25
Amy Fedor	39	Butch Jones	33	Kay Sheere	24
Cindy Taylor	39	Stu Saxalby	33	Carol Stanek	21

Bald Mountain Campout 2011

What a great weekend we had this year. It was blue skies and cool temperatures, the rain left before we started. Friday night brought out 14 people which is more than we've had in a while. This made the 15th year that we've gone to Bald Mountain for camping. We had plenty of wood thanks to Dale G and Bob S. Once the bonfire was lit, it remained going until we left at 2:30 pm on Sunday. Thanks to Bob S, we had a keg of beer for the weekend, which is always great after a hike.

Many people came out and enjoyed a bit of nature with the bonfire, the pulled pork sandwiches and stew for dinner just added to a great time. Michael B brought out some flares to shoot in the air, we also had some colored smoke flares.

It was great seeing so many people return for this fun weekend. Cindy C, Mindy B, and Gwen V joined us this year, hope to see you next year!

Cheers, Les



Vail, Colorado 2012

Feb 11th to Feb 18th 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
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



BEARS DEN

Lake Ann

Cross country ski and snowshoe weekend

February 24- 26, 2012

It's time for a winter adventure! Enjoy the outdoors in the scenic Lake Ann area near Traverse City and Sleeping Bear Dunes. The group will be staying in two lodges, the Bears Den and right next door in The Lodge. Limited to 25 people.

The trip includes:

- Lodging for both Friday and Saturday nights
- Continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday
- Saturday lunch and a potluck dinner on Saturday night.

Cost : \$75 GMSC members, \$85 non-members.

Contact Kathy O'Driscoll. kathyod7@comcast.net or 248.421.4001. Make check payable to GMSC and mail to Kathy at 6514 Crest Dr., Waterford, MI 48329.

GM Ski Club Proudly Presents the
| Resurrection of the

BLACK & WHITE PARTY



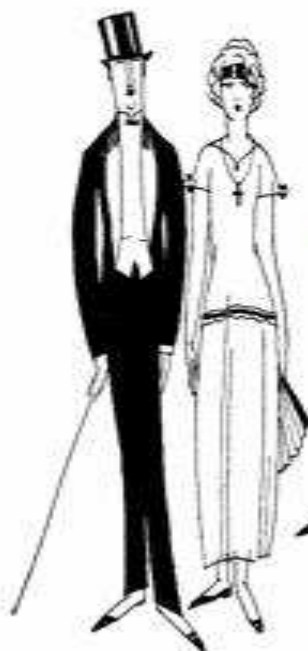
Saturday, October 13th

Black & White Party?

It is a Halloween Party where the only rule is to be dressed in Black & White. You can wear costumes, dress formal, or come casual. All Ghouls in Black & White are welcome.

Plan is music, dancing, Hors D'oeuvres, & fun.

Date Set - Details to follow — Ideas forming



Upcoming Events

Every Sunday—Our “Breakfast Club” 10:00 am at Jimmy’s Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, NE corner at 16 Mile. Just show up. We’ll make room.	Every Sunday Wallyball 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball, Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile. RSVP to gmski-club@yahoo.com
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 Party Darrell Ahlberg's House Time: 7:00 Contact Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203	
Sat 12/17/2011 Craig Petku Christmas Party Graig Petku's House, Clarkston The GM Ski Club Tradition Continues. 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	
Thu 12/22/2011 Pub & Grub/RoM - Lili's Grille & Brewery, Royal Oak 410 S. Washington Ave., Royal Oak MI 48067 RSVP requested. Time: 6:30 Contact Matt Casey mcasey325e@comcast.net 248-770-4247	
Wed 12/28/2011 Down Hill Skiing - Alpine Valley 6775 Highland Road White Lake, MI 48383 GMSC/Skiwi's and meet up with friends and let's do some skiing. Time: 1:00 Cost: \$33.00 lift ticket Contact Stan Sawicki ssawicki@comcast.net	
Sat 1/7/2012 Caberfae Bus Trip - Skiwi Ski Club Bus will leave locally for Caberfae Ski Resort near Cadillac Cost: \$70 Ken Colder 248-494-0578 kenlee1083@yahoo.com	
Tue 1/10/2012 Down Hill Skiing - Mt Holly 13536 S. Dixie Highway, Holly MI Tremendous Tuesdays. mid-week downhill skiing. Cost: \$20 Time: 10:00 - 5:30 Contact Mike Nalley michaelnalley@hotmail.com	
Thu 1/12/2012 GM Meeting: Shield's Pizza Restaurant 1476 W. Maple Rd. (Just West of Crooks) Troy, MI 48084 Time 6.30 PM Cost No charge Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com	
Fri 1/13/2012 Pub&Grub Boogie Fever 22901 Woodward Avenue Ferndale, MI 48220 Boogie Fever salutes the funky 70's and flashes back to the 80's. . RSVP Requested TIME: 8.00 PM COST: Your Tab: RSVP Requested CONTACT: Al Sleeman 586-596-5276 allan.sleeman@ameritech.net	
Sat 1/14/2012 Down Hill Skiing - Alpine Valley 6775 Highland Road White Lake, MI 48383 GMSC/Skiwi's and meet up with friends and let's do some skiing. Time: 1:00 Cost: \$39.00 lift ticket Contact Stan Sawicki ssawicki@comcast.net	
Sun 1/15/2012 Cross Country Ski - Independent Oaks 9501 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston MI. Meet for a nosh afterward at Union Woodshop in Village of Clarkston, 18 S. Main St., Time: 10:30 a.m. Cost: \$5.00 Park entrance fee. Rentals available for \$10 (skis, boots and poles rental) Contact Kay Sheere ktmc1014@wowway.com	
Sat 1/21/2012 RoM - Cowleys and Coolhenry Restaurant 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Live entertainment starts at 9:00. Music from the 80's and 90's. Time 7:00 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Judy Heikennen woma-natsea@yahoo.com 248-202-2361	
Sat 1/21/2012 Caribbean Cruise Caribbean Cost \$1290 Contact Alan Toomey. a.k.toomey@sbcglobal.net 248-391-5180	
Tue 1/24/2012 Down Hill Skiing - Mt Holly 13536 S. Dixie Highway, Holly MI Tremendous Tuesdays Cost: \$20 Time: 10:00 - 5:30 Contact Mike Nalley michaelnalley@hotmail.com	
Wed 1/25/2012 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	

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2nd Thursday of Month —GM General Meeting Winters at Shields Pizza In Troy, Summers at Hamlich Park In Warren. Contact Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630 cindymhollister@gmail.com	Every 4th Wednesday — Grace Center Of Hope Doing our part in giving back to the community 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
2nd Friday Of Month— Pub & Grub Specific locations to be announced each month. Time: 6:30, Cost: Your Tab. CONTACT: Al Sleeman 586-596-5276 2 nd Friday rule subject to change.	3rd Friday Of Month —Restaurant Of the Month Specific locations and Contact to me announced each month. Time: 6:30, Cost: Your Tab. 3 rd Friday rule subject to change
Trips	
Sat 1/21/2012 Caribbean Cruise Full Week Caribbean	
Sat 2/11/2012 Vail Ski trip Full Week Vail Colorado	
Fri 2/24/2012 Lake Ann Cross Country Skiing and Snowshoeing 7700 North Reynolds Road, Lake Ann, MI 49650.	
Fri 6/1/2012 Dude Ranch Weekend - Outback Lodge 12600 Buchanan, Stanwood, MI 49346	
Thu 8/23/2012 Ludington Three Day Weekend Ludington State Park	
Sat 9/1/2012 Mackinac Bridge Walk Weekend	
Fri 9/14/2012 Muskegon Irish Festival Weekend Muskegon, Michigan	
Sat 9/22/2012 Art Prize Weekend Grand Rapids, MI	
Fri 10/19/2012 Bald Mountain Cabin Campout Weekend	
Cross Country & Downhill Skiing	
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Tue 1/24/2012 Down Hill Skiing - Mt Holly 13536 S. Dixie Highway, Holly MI	
Sun 2/5/2012 Down Hill Skiing - Pine Knob 7778 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, MI	
Tue 2/7/2012 Down Hill Skiing - Mt Holly 13536 S. Dixie Highway, Holly MI	
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GM Ski Club – 2012 at A Glance Cont.

Outings	
Sat 3/17/2012	Rat Pack Show - Macomb Center For Performing Arts 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI
Sat 5/19/2012	24th Annual. Eastern Market Flower Day: Breakfast at Vivio's 2460 Market St. Detroit, MI 48207
Sat 6/9/2012	Community Theater. St. Dunstan's 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
Fri 6/15/2012	Hazel Park Raceway 1650 E 10 Mile Rd Hazel Park, MI 48030
Thu 6/28/2012	Greenfield Village Symphony & Fireworks Greenfield Village
Sat 7/21/2012	Detroit Tiger Baseball
Sat 8/4/2012	Air Show & WWII Flights
Sat 9/29/2012	Dancing With Our Local Stars Troy
Sun 9/30/2012	Renaissance Festival 12600 Dixie Highway, Holly, MI 48442
Sun 10/7/2012	Corn Maze TBD
Sat 11/17/2012	Stagecrafters Royal Oak, MI
Parties	
Sun 2/5/2012	Superbowl Party - Bailey's Pub 1965 West Maple Road, Troy, MI
Sat 3/24/2012	Euchre Night at Stu's 2160 W. Buell Rd., Oakland, MI 48363
Sat 5/5/2012	Cinco De Mayo
Sat 8/11/2012	GMSC Annual Picnic
Sat 10/13/2012	Black and White Party TBD
Sat 10/27/2012	Euchre Party



Attack of La Nina (or Les)

More Bald Mountain





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

December at a glance

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12/10	Karaoke Party
12/17	Christmas Party—Craig Petku’s House
12/21	Grace Center of Hope
12/22	P&G & ROM Lili’s Grille & Brewery
12/22	Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village
12/28	Down Hill Skiing—Alpine Valley

GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB

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

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