



# NEWSLETTER

December 2012

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## **Restaurant of the Month**

**O'Mara's of Berkley**  
**2555 12 Mile Road**  
**Berkley, MI**

Saturday: December 8th 6:30 pm

Cost: \$5 cover plus your tab

Contact: Cindy Hollister 810-444-3630

[cindymhollister@gmail.com](mailto:cindymhollister@gmail.com)

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

**2 Booli**  
**854 E Big Beaver Road**  
**Troy, MI**

Thursday: December 20th 6:30 PM

Cost: Your tab

Contact: Matt Casey 248-770-4247

[mcasey325@comcast.net](mailto:mcasey325@comcast.net)



**December 15th**  
**17360 Lahser Road Detroit, MI 48219**

**White Christmas** *Starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney*

Once again, returning to that grandest of grand old theaters. Still complete with an original Barton Pipe Organ The historic Redford theater is home of Classic Films shown on the big screen the way they were meant to be seen

Dinner beforehand at McVe's Bar & Grille. 23380 Telegraph Road Southfield, MI (just north of 9 mile, just 7 minutes from the theater).

Cost: \$4.00 movie ticket plus your tab at the restaurant.

Time: Dinner at 5:30. Movie starts 8:00 Plan to be at the theater at 7:30.

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg [dahlberg7@comcast.net](mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net) 586-899-8203. Limit 40.

**MAKE SURE YOU RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SINCE THERE IS A LIMIT**

### Editor's Notes

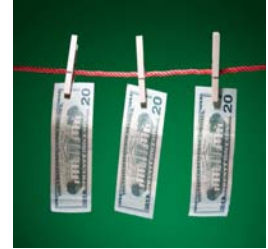
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### Treasurer's Report:

## \$21,294.12



### December Birthdays

Barbara Demopolis	12/01
Brian Demopolis	12/01
Diane Pasik	12/02
Sharon Rose	12/09
Libby Morningstar	12/10
Danny Boyd	12/11
Ann Enghardt	12/12
James Price	12/14
Eugene Wolfbauer	12/17
Christine Luhrs	12/25
Victoria Slicker	12/28

**Correction:** Sorry we missed showing that Debbi Ross had a birthday November 15<sup>th</sup>, good news is that if we don't show your birthday you don't have to count it so Debbi just got a year younger...

Sorry I don't take requests to miss birthdays in the future, you are on your own!

### GM Ski and Travel Club Board of Directors

**President:** Dave Norkus  
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as a  
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**THREE NEW FACES**  
FOR GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP!



**REWARD**

RECRUIT 3, AND GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FREE!  
GM SKI CLUB GROWS BY THREE NEW MEMBERS WHO  
DESIGNATE YOU AS THE REFERRING MEMBER AT SIGNUP!

Matthew J. Casey  
TAX PROFESSIONAL

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AND YPSILANTI, MI  
248.770.4247

Expires 12/12

# From the President

By Dave Norkus



Hello everyone, Now that the leaves have fallen and the day's a little shorter, winter must be close at hand. We have several winter activities that you may be interested in attending, such as local downhill and cross country skiing as weather permits, cross country skiing near Traverse City and two more spots are open for the luxury Copper mountain ski trip. Of course we will have our fun indoor events throughout the year.

I want to mention our Holiday party on December 22 that is highly recommended for our members. Craig Petku opens up his home in Clarkston for a fabulous pot luck dinner extravaganza. It is a highlight for the holidays to share time and food delights with your friends in the club. So don't make excuses... come and enjoy our many activities we have scheduled for you.

I hope that you have a safe holiday season and I will see you at many of the GM ski club events. Our web site <http://www.gmskiclub.org/> will give you the latest and greatest events that we have available for you.



**Restaurant Of The Month. Saturday December 8, O'Mara's of Berkley Featuring the music of Blackthorn 2555 12 Mile Rd Berkley, MI**

**PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT AHEAD OF TIME**

Blackthorn welcomes you to the rich tapestry of Celtic music. Traditional songs of emigration, sea shanties, lively jigs and reels, and ancient airs combine with some of Ireland's best contemporary songs for a musical experience that captures the history and legend of Ireland and its people. What makes a Blackthorn show unique is the variety of tunes, tempos and textures. Each member of the band plays multiple instruments, including wooden flute, accordion, tin whistle, five string banjo, cittern, bones and more. These instruments complement the lead vocal of Belfast native Richard McMullen and the band's tight blend of four part harmony. Show starts at 9:30,

Time: 6:30 Cost: \$5 Cover plus your tab

**\$5.00 deposit holds your spot No last minute walk ups.**



**Pub & Grub. Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup> 2Booli's in Troy. 854 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI**

**PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT AHEAD OF TIME**

"Fresh Mediterranean Eats"! Family Recipe's handed down for generations from the small village of Aita al-Foukhar, nestled in the mountains of Lebanon. It's a tradition of fresh, wholesome ingredients and the homemade offerings they inspire.

Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Matt Casey 248-770-4247 [mcasey325e@comcast.net](mailto:mcasey325e@comcast.net)

# GM SKI CLUB PRESENTS

**Saturday  
December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Time: 8:30 PM  
Place: O'Mara's  
2555 W. 12 Mile Rd  
Berkley, MI  
Cost: Your Tab with  
\$5.00 cover charge

**RSVP: \$5.00 to  
hold your spot**  
Applied to the  
cover charge.

**Contact:**  
Cindy Hollister  
810.444.3630

## blackthorn



**YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR BLACKTHORN,  
DROP INS NOT ACCEPTED. \$5.00 HOLDS YOUR SPOT!**

## ANNUAL Holiday Party

**Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

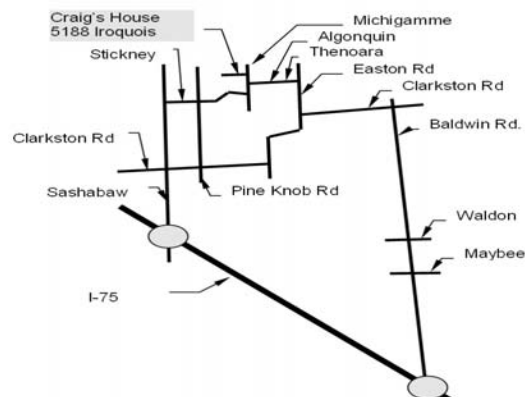
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Craig Petku's House -  
5188 Iroquois Ct., Clarkston  
248 - 394 - 0467

**BYOB and a Dish to Pass**

**Map to Craig's Holiday Party**

### Map to Craig's Holiday Party



**COSMIC BOWLING**  
**ASTRO LANES**  
32388 JOHN R RD. MADISON HGTS., MI

**Saturday, January 12, 2013**



Loud music, Disco lights, black lights, and great fun. Come on down and join us for a COSMIC night of bowling.

3 games  
Shoes  
Pizza  
Soft Drinks  
9 Pin No-tap



**Cost: \$15.00 Members / \$20 – Non members**

**Time 9:30**

**Contact Judy Lay 810-542-3818 [jlay2757@yahoo.com](mailto:jlay2757@yahoo.com)**



**GET READY FOR A FUN FILLED WEEKEND!!!**

**Lake Ann X-Country Ski and Snowshoe Trip**

**Sleeping Bear Resort - Lake Ann, Michigan**

**February 22 thru February 24, 2013**



**Includes:**

Two nights lodging  
Two days breakfast and lunch  
Pot luck dinner Saturday evening  
Access to several cross country trails - snowshoeing areas also  
Downhill skiing available at Crystal Mountain (Lift tickets at your cost)

**Cost: \$80.00 Members, \$90.00 Non-Members**

Contact Kay Sheere at (586) 939-9817/email [ktmc1014@wowway.com](mailto:ktmc1014@wowway.com). Full payment due at signup. Make check payable to the GM Ski Club and mail to Kay at 11318 Jacqueline Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

## Stratford Theatre Trip

Bed and Breakfast, but ready for a great time. After most of the group checked in we were off to see the city, and have dinner at a quaint restaurant called "Let them Eat Cake", and then gathered back at the B&B for a few drinks and games. All retired except our last group to arrive at 1:00am banging on the door to get in when all was dark and everyone was already in bed.

Saturday morning after a delicious breakfast we were off to the Costume Warehouse. They took us on tour after a description of the goings on at the warehouse. They rent costumes to all 4 theatres in Stratford, along with theatres in Toronto, Montreal, and Broadway. You would never guess what some of the props are made of, it really is amazing. At one point he handed Darrell a round globe the size of a grapefruit that had a 4 to 5 inch sphere on top of it and asked all of us what household item it came from. After several guesses they explained it was a toilet bowl ball. After the tour ended they let us try on several racks of costumes. Everyone was into the game and giggling like school girls. You would never guess how heavy they are. Also we found a new use for vodka. When the performers take the costumes off the prop dept. sprays them w/vodka to refresh them. I say what a waste of perfectly good vodka. After a while and so much fun they made us put everything back.



Street"

We then went on to the Art Fair another very interesting time, we learned a lot about how the Stratford Festival got it's start. The group gathered back at the B&B to relax and get ready for dinner. We ate at the Keystone Alley Cafe, their food was not only delicious, but beautifully presented. We then made our way to the theatre and a very energetic presentation of "42nd



On a misty Sunday morning after breakfast the group broke to make their way back home. The week-end had been rainy and a lot of the leaves had fallen, but looking forward to next year. Marge Hall

## Painting with a Twist

As I had hoped, the fourteen people who participated in Painting with a Twist, found it to be a delightful experience.

Everyone arrived a little early, so it gave us time to pour some wine, add some frozen grapes to keep it chilled, enjoy some snacks, cheese, crackers and pretzels, while we wandered around the studio, admiring all the colorful artwork. I found it interesting that some people gravitated to a few of my favorites as well.



Andrea introduced herself while we donned our red aprons and everyone got their painting game-face on ... she then took us step by step through the process. The nervousness seemed to fade as the paint brushes moved across each canvas and everyone translated her instructions to their own masterpiece.



We took a break about halfway through and visited around the room - fascinated by the creation at each stop. All got a thumbs-up and some even excelled at making the perfect cloud formations. I loved Stan's response, when I asked if he was having a good time, as he is a sign painter by trade, he remarked that it was a nice change to paint side to side instead of up and down.

As we finished up and put our brushes in the water, hung up our aprons and carefully put our artwork in our cars, we toasted 'dusk at the pier' at Rosie O'Grady's. I think I can speak for all of us, when I say we walked away with a new-found talent and a 'priceless' 'original'. Some even came away with extra paint on their hands, which by the way, someone left a nice blue thumb print on my camera; but I consider this as only the evidence of a good time ... the pictures say it all!



Thanks to all who joined me in the fun! Ta-daaaa!!! Jan Burrows

## Euchre Party In Review

Saturday, October 27 was the date Darrell Ahlberg's house was invaded by the scariest bunch of ghosts and goblins, all for the express purpose of playing some euchre and winning some money. Not to mention the opportunity to scare the heck out of their card playing opponents. Well, not all that is true. While Cindy and Carol did come dressed as evil witches, Mary was a harmless bumble bee and Susan came dressed as the strikingly beautiful Marilyn Monroe.

In all, there were 10 cash prizes. The first nine places took home a pile of cool cash, and the euchre pot, topping out at \$27.00 was awarded in a random draw.

Once the cards were done, the karaoke started. For the next two hours, goblins of all sorts took their turn at the microphone and everybody else fluttered their bat-wings as they danced the night away.

The big winners were:

Tag team Jeff Rollins and Chris Johnson tied with Gary Ward for first and second place with 48 points each.

Alan M took third place with 46 points

Chris Luhrs, Al Sleeman, Butch Jones, and Dan Boyd tied for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> place with 45 points each.

New comer Leandra tied with Janice Saur for 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> place with 44 points each.

It was a great party. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who came and we look forward to next year's bash.



## ROM Update

I would like to thank the 22 people that attended Friday's restaurant of the month at the Kona Grill. It was a lively group and there were even two people that had birthdays (pictured) on that very day. I would also like to express my appreciation that almost everybody **RSVP'd plenty early** (by Thursday night). It made getting cooperation and space from the restaurant very easy. Dave Duvali





# Copper Mountain

## Colorado Ski Vacation

**March 2 - 9 2013**

- 7 day trip
- 5 day lift tickets at Copper Mountain
- Slope-side condominium lodging
- Non-stop airfare
- Transportation



**All for only \$1,165**

(GMSC or MDSC Members)

Non-members--\$1,190

**On sale at the GMSC general meeting in August**

Make checks payable to: **GM Ski Club**

Mail to:  
Dave Norkus  
4043 Lotus Dr.  
Waterford, MI 48329

Payments:  
August--\$400  
September--\$400  
October--\$365



**Contact: Dave Norkus** [dnorkus@comcast.net](mailto:dnorkus@comcast.net)



# Upcoming Events

<b>Every Sunday—Our “Breakfast Club”</b> 10:00 am at Jimmy’s Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, NE corner at 16 Mile. Just show up. We’ll make room.	<b>Every Sunday Wally ball</b> 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball, Van Dyke at 12 ½ Mile. RSVP to <a href="mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com">gmskiclub@yahoo.com</a>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month —GM General Meeting NEW MEETING LOCATION</b> Marinelli’s Restaurant 4924 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48085 (south of Long Lake or 18 Mile). Contact Greg Ronan @ <a href="mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com">riverdanceiii@yahoo.com</a> .	
<b>Fri 11/30/2012 Warren Miller Films at Royal Oak Music Theater 318 West 4th Street Royal Oak,</b> Time: 6:30 & 9:30 pm Cost \$20. Contact: The music theater at 800-523-7117	
<b>Sat 12/1/2012 Skiwi Ski Club Christmas Dance American Polish Cultural Center 2975 E. Maple Rd, Troy, MI</b> Cost: Early Bird Pricing: \$49 on or before 11/15/2012. \$54 after Time: Cocktails 7:00, Dinner 8:00 Contact: Matt Casey <a href="mailto:mcasey325e@comcast.net">mcasey325e@comcast.net</a> 248-770-4247	
<b>Sun 12/2/2012 Sunday Wallyball - Warren Racquetball &amp; Fitness 29901 South Civic Center Boulevard Warren, MI</b> TIME: 12:30 p.m., CONTACT: Michael 586-776-7685 <a href="mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com">gmskiclub@yahoo.com</a> COST is \$40 per court divided by the number on the court, Usually about \$5 or \$6 apiece.	
<b>Sat 12/8/2012 RoM O’Mara’s of Berkley Featuring the music of Blackthorn 2555 12 Mile Rd Berkley, MI</b> Time: 8:30 Show starts 9:30. Limit: 20 People. Cost: \$5.00 plus your tab. Deposit will Cover the cover charge. Required One week in advance. No last minute walk ups. Contact: Cindy Hollister <a href="mailto:cindymhollister@gmail.com">cindymhollister@gmail.com</a> 810-444-3630	
<b>Sun 12/9/2012 Sunday Wallyball - Warren Raquetball &amp; Fitness 29901 South Civic Center Boulevard Warren, MI</b> TIME: 12:30 p.m., CONTACT: Michael 586-776-7685 <a href="mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com">gmskiclub@yahoo.com</a> COST is \$40 per court divided by the number on the court, Usually about \$5 or \$6 apiece.	
<b>Wed 12/12/2012 MDSC Night @ Boyn Country Sports 27782 Novi Road, Novi MI 48375</b> Cost: No Charge Time: 7:00 pm till closing. Contact: Ron G. <a href="mailto:ronglow65@comcast.net">ronglow65@comcast.net</a> 734-335-6946	
<b>Thu 12/13/2012 GM Meeting: Marinelli's of Troy 4924 Rochester Road Troy, MI</b> Time 6.30 PM Cost Your Tab Contact Greg Ronan 586-979-9512 <a href="mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com">riverdanceiii@yahoo.com</a>	
<b>Sat 12/15/2012 Redford Theater - White Christmas 17360 Lahser Road Detroit, MI</b> Cost: \$4.00 per ticket. Time: 5:00 Dinner beforehand at McVees. Arrive at theater 7:30. Movie starts 8:00. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg 586-899-8203 <a href="mailto:dahlberg7@comcast.net">dahlberg7@comcast.net</a>	
<b>Sun 12/16/2012 Sunday Wallyball - Warren Raquetball &amp; Fitness 29901 South Civic Center Boulevard Warren, MI</b> TIME: 12:30 p.m., CONTACT: Michael 586-776-7685 <a href="mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com">gmskiclub@yahoo.com</a> COST is \$40 per court divided by the number on the court, Usually about \$5 or \$6 apiece.	
<b>Thu 12/20/2012 P&amp;G 2Booli's In Troy 854 E Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI "Fresh Mediterranean Eats"</b> Time: 6:30 Cost: Your Tab Contact: Matt Casey 248-770-4247 <a href="mailto:mcasey325e@comcast.net">mcasey325e@comcast.net</a>	
<b>Sat 12/22/2012 Craig Petku Christmas Party 5188 Iroquois Ct. Clarkston, mi</b> Time: 6:30 Contact Les Skrsycki <a href="mailto:skiorsail@yahoo.com">skiorsail@yahoo.com</a>	
<b>Sun 12/23/2012 Sunday Wallyball - Warren Raquetball &amp; Fitness 29901 South Civic Center Boulevard Warren, MI</b> TIME: 12:30 p.m., CONTACT: Michael 586-776-7685 <a href="mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com">gmskiclub@yahoo.com</a> COST is \$40 per court divided by the number on the court, Usually about \$5 or \$6 apiece.	
<b>Wed 12/26/2012 Grace Center of Hope 35 E Huron St, Pontiac, MI 48342</b> Time: 4:30 pm. Contact: Susan Walker <a href="mailto:swneko@aol.com">swneko@aol.com</a> 248-660-5329	
<b>Sun 12/30/2012 Sunday Wallyball - Warren Raquetball &amp; Fitness 29901 South Civic Center Boulevard Warren, MI</b> TIME: 12:30 p.m., CONTACT: Michael 586-776-7685 <a href="mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com">gmskiclub@yahoo.com</a> COST is \$40 per court divided by the number on the court, Usually about \$5 or \$6 apiece.	
<b>Sun 1/6/2013 Sunday Wallyball - Warren Raquetball &amp; Fitness 29901 South Civic Center Boulevard Warren, MI 48093</b> TIME: 12:30 p.m., CONTACT: Michael 586-776-7685 <a href="mailto:gmskiclub@yahoo.com">gmskiclub@yahoo.com</a> COST is \$40 per court divided by the number on the court, Usually about \$5 or \$6 apiece.	
<b>Thu 1/10/2013 GM Meeting: Marinelli's of Troy 4924 Rochester Road Troy, MI</b> Time 6.30 PM Cost Your Tab Contact Greg Ronan 586-979-9512 <a href="mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com">riverdanceiii@yahoo.com</a>	
<b>Fri 1/11/2013 RoM - TBD</b>	
<b>Sat 1/12/2013 Cosmic Bowling - Astro Lanes 32388 JOHN R RD. MADISON HGTS, MI</b> Cost: \$15.00 Members / \$20 – Non members Time 9:30 Contact Judy Lay 810-542-3818 <a href="mailto:jlay2757@yahoo.com">jlay2757@yahoo.com</a>	



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

## December at a glance

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At Jimmy’s Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, NE corner  
at 16 Mile.

Every Sunday Wallyball, 12:30 pm at Warren Racquetball

12/01	Skiwi Christmas Dance Amer. Polish Center
12/08	ROM O’Mara’s of Berkley
12/12	MDSC Night @ Boyne Country Sports
12/13	General Meeting - Marinelli’s of Troy
12/15	Redford Theater - White Christmas
12/20	P&G 2Booli’s in Troy
12/22	Craig Petku Christmas Party
12/25	Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas
12/26	Grace Center of Hope

## GM SKI and TRAVEL CLUB Website:

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(recent photos, upcoming events, membership  
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