



TRAVEL & SOCIAL

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2013 • GMSKICLUB.ORG • FOUNDED 1957 • VOLUME LVI, ISSUE III



Sat., March 16 • 2:30 - 5:00pm

Cost: \$23 Members / \$28 Non-Members
19781 15 MILE RD, CLINTON TWP

Food, snacks and pop will be provided.
Bring your own alcoholic beverages.

You Must RSVP!

Contact: Judy, 810-542-3818,
jlay2757@yahoo.com

GMSC Elections

Club Elections will be held at the April 11th General Meeting. Our club needs your support to keep running smoothly and growing strong.

THE FOUR ELECTED POSITIONS ARE:

President, Vice President,
Secretary, & Treasurer.

If you wish to nominate someone (or yourself) for any of these offices, please contact the Nominating Committee by March 25th:

Sherry Letavis, newsletter@gmskiclub.org,
Stan Sawicki, ssawicki@comcast.net
Suzanne Wasmundt, suzannewaz@gmail.com

CURRENT NOMINEES:

PRESIDENT: open
VICE PRESIDENT: **Don Phillips**
SECRETARY: **Kay Sheere**
TREASURER: **Dan Boyd**



J. Baldwin's
Fri, March 15
6:30pm

16981 18 Mile Road
in Clinton Township

Voted the BEST New American Cuisine Restaurant in the Metro Detroit Area! After spending more than 20 years at fine establishments such as the Van Dyke Place Restaurant, the Whitney Restaurant, and Mac & Ray's, Chef Jeff Baldwin opened up his own restaurant featuring his award winning stone fired pizza. Cost: Your Tab.

Contact: Kay Sheere, 586-939-981,
ktmc1014@wowway.com



The Gathering Place

Friday, March 29 • 5:30pm

3985 John R in Troy (at 17 Mile)

Happy Hour until 6pm: most wells & beer \$2.
Good food & great pizza! Please RSVP!

Hope to see you there!

Contact: Ken Colden, 248-494-0578,
kenlee1083@yahoo.com

Coupons Online: gatheringplacetroy.com
and in the Entertainment Book.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 02	Carol Kent
March 03	George Kelly
March 11	Steven Ahlberg
March 13	Darwin Tuttle
March 14	Kathy Thornton
March 16	Paul (Gary) Barden
March 19	Julie Pawlos
March 23	Carol Stanek
March 24	Jeff Rollins
March 26	Jim Hartwig
March 31	Marchta Acheson Julie DiMambro



FROM THE EDITOR

**Deadline for the April 2013 Issue
is Monday, March 25th.**

Send articles, information and/or photos for
newsletter submission to Sherry at:
newsletter@gmskiclub.org



TREASURER'S REPORT

Our current balance is \$21,484.06.

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WANTED!

**THREE NEW FACES
FOR GM SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP!**



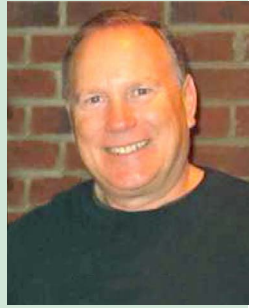
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RECRUIT 3, AND GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP FREE!
(GM SKI CLUB GROWS BY THREE NEW MEMBERS WHO
DESIGNATE YOU AS THE REFERRING MEMBER AT SIGNUP)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last time I sent you my message from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, vacationing at one of our member's (Dennis Dembiec) time share. This month it's from Kay Sheere's fabulous up north trip at Lake Ann. Twenty-two adventurous souls are enjoying once-in-a-life-time weather conditions of perfect snow (upwards of 30" on the ground) and sunshine. Kay's first weekend trip is one of the best I have experienced. I am sure others on this trip would strongly agree. To list some of the fun stuff: an abundance of food delights, fantastic lodging accommodations, guitar music & vocals (from our VP-Don), ping pong tournament by director Steven, full moon snowy walk to the covered bridge, cross country skiing and snow shoeing. It was all good! I am glad to be part of such an active club that produces quality trips for its members. Thanks to all our trip and event leaders. It's a tough job and the membership appreciates your efforts. Keep up the good work!

Dave Norkus



Lake Ann Weekend



Cosmic Bowling Recap

by Judy Lay

Saturday January 12th the Cosmic Bowling Event began at 9:30pm. Lanes went on, lights went out, disco ball and music started. 28 people tested their skills for three games of Nine Pin No Tap bowling and satisfied their appetites with pizza and beverages. Everyone came with a smile and interacted with fellow members. We also met six non-members and enjoyed a fabulous evening.

A lot of laughs, high-fives, fun and socializing. Whether it was skill, talent or just pure luck -- three ladies using one bowling ball or one lady using three bowling balls -- this first time event for GM Ski Club was a wonderful success. Thank you to all who participated!



Lake Ann Ski Weekend

by Kay Sheere & Darrell Ahlberg

It was a wonderful weekend for skiing – lots of snow, good weather, and great people to share it all with! As in the past, we stayed in both facilities of the Sleeping Bear resort: The Lodge and the Bear's Den.

This year, we had the most generous supply of snow we've ever had. As the temps hovered near a toasty 30 degrees and snow gently fell from the sky, our hearty group of 22 split up. Some went to the Sand Dune area and others went to the VASA Trail in Traverse City. We also had more snow shoe adventurers than in the past.

The Saturday night Pot Luck Dinner was awesome, with such an assortment of delicious food, that it was almost impossible to try everything! The evening was capped by a raucous party which featured the first ever Ping Pong Tournament, organized by Steven Ahlberg. The field gradually dwindled down until Marie Weis bested Dave Norkus in the final round to become the reigning GM Ski Club Lake Ann Ping Pong champion.

Sixteen people took part in the night time hike, in what has become Lake Ann tradition. We made our sojourn to the infamous "covered bridge" for some great photos. With about two feet of snow on the ground, we kept our hike short. We headed back to the cabins for some late night sing along, card playing, and interesting pool on a very unlevel table.

Thanks to everyone who brought something to share. Trip leader Kay wants to thank everyone who helped, especially Kathy O'Driscoll, Darrell Ahlberg, Diane Bobcean, Dave Norkus and Jan Burrows.

More photos can be found on our website:
<http://gmskiclub.org/gallery.htm>



GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY

10:00am • BREAKFAST CLUB – Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, (at 16 Mile). Just show up!

12:30pm • WALLYBALL – Warren Racquetball, Van Dyke at 12 Mile. RSVP: gmskiclub@yahoo.com

ONE WEDNESDAY A MONTH

Grace Center of Hope • 4:30pm - March 27 / April 24 / May 22

35 E Huron St, Pontiac. Contact: Susan Walker, swneko@aol.com, 248-660-5329

FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG

Sat 3/2 – 3/9 • Copper Mountain Ski Trip - SOLD OUT – WAITLIST BEING TAKEN

Cost: \$1,165 members, \$1190 non-members. Contact: Dave Norkus, dnorkus@comcast.net

Thu 3/14 • GM Meeting: Marinelli's of Troy - 4924 Rochester Road, Time: 6:30pm,

Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, 586-979-9512, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

Fri 3/15 • ROM: J. Baldwins - 16981 18 Mile Road, Clinton Twp,

Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Kay Sheere, 586-939-981, ktmc1014@wowway.com

Sat 3/16 • Whirlyball - 19781 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp, Time: 2:30 - 5:00pm, RSVP by March 1st!

Cost: \$23 Members / \$28 Non-Members. Contact: Judy Lay, 810-542-3818, jlay2757@yahoo.com

Fri 3/29 • P&G: The Gathering Place - 3985 John R, Troy, Time: 5:30pm (Happy Hour ends at 6pm).

Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Ken Colden, 248-494-0578, kenlee1083@yahoo.com

Thu 4/11 • GM Meeting: Marinelli's of Troy - ELECTION NIGHT - 4924 Rochester Road, Troy

Time 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, 586-979-9512, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

Fri 4/12 • ROM: Vinsetta Garage - 27799 Woodward Avenue, Berkley,

Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Mindi Biglin 248-310-8697 biglinf@sbcglobal.net

Sat 4/20 • Polska Night & Theater Hammtramck - Dinner and a Play in Hammtramck.

Details to come. Contact: Dave Norkus, dnorkus@comcast.net

Sat 5/4 • Cinco De Mayo - Details to come. Contact: Les Skrzycki, skiorsail9@gmail.com

Thu 5/9 • GM Meeting: River Woods Park - 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, Time: 6:00pm

Cost: \$4 members, \$6 non-members. Contact: Greg Ronan, 586-979-9512, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

Fri 5/10 • ROM: Master's Restaurant - 1775 East 13 Mile Road, Madison Heights

Time: 6:30pm, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Barb Demopolis, 586-977-5765, barbk53@ameritech.net

Sat 5/18 • 25th Annual Eastern Market Flower Day - 2460 Market St, Detroit, Breakfast at Vivio's

Time: 8:00am, Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Les Skrzycki, 248-236-0837, skiorsail@yahoo.com

Sat 6/1 • Community Theater - St. Dunstan's - 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills,

Outdoor Presentation of "Spamalot the Holy Grail. Cost: \$22 Members / \$27 Non Members.

Contact: Bill Given, bill_given@phmic.com

Sun 6/9 • Golfing At The Cracklewood - 18215 24 Mile Road, Macomb, Time: 2:00pm, Cost: TBD.

Pay at the golf course. Contact: Stan Sawicki, 586-808-3406, ssawicki@comcast.net

Thu 6/13 • GM Meeting: River Woods Park - 300 N Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, Time: 6:00pm

Cost: \$4 members, \$6 non-members. Contact: Greg Ronan, 586-979-9512, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

Sat 6/22 • Detroit Tiger Baseball vs. Boston Red Sox - Further details to come.

Contact: Don Phillips, bjp21@wowway.com, 248-217-0866

Have a Great Idea for an fun event or exciting trip? Let us know!

Contact our Activities Director: Darrell Ahlberg, dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203





Island Party Fun

by Darrell Ahlberg

Well, the Island Party is now in the History books. On February 16th, nearly 70 GMSC members and friends descended upon my house for a mid-winter warm weather getaway – without the need of leaving town. Even as the snow was falling outside, on the inside everyone dressed in their hottest and brightest island/ beach attire. The colors were fabulous and there was plenty of eye candy for everybody. People brought great dishes and drinks to share. There were several rum-punch drinks, Long Island Ice Tea's and more. All of these populated the Tiki Bar put in place just for the occasion.

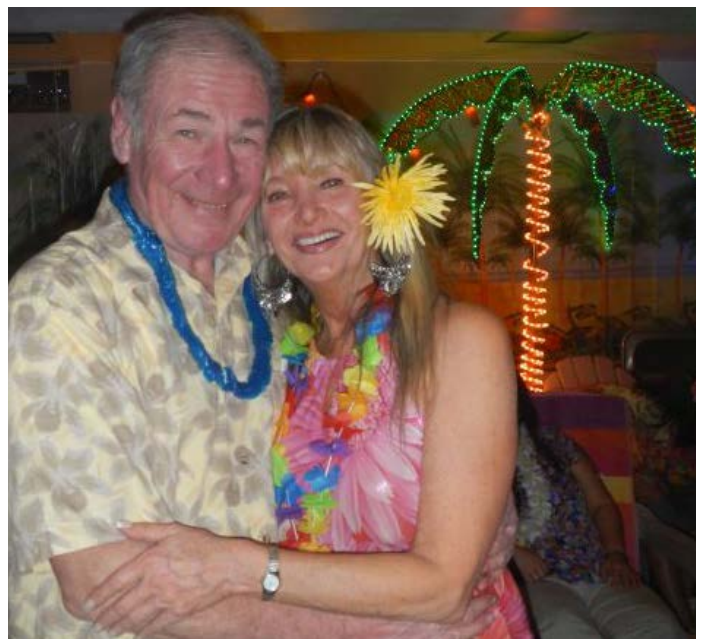
Transformation of the basement into a beachside Tiki Hut was truly a labor of love. I would like to thank Jan Burrows for sticking with me and giving 110% for making it all happen. I'd also like to thank Kathy O'Driscoll for agreeing to run the show for the night.

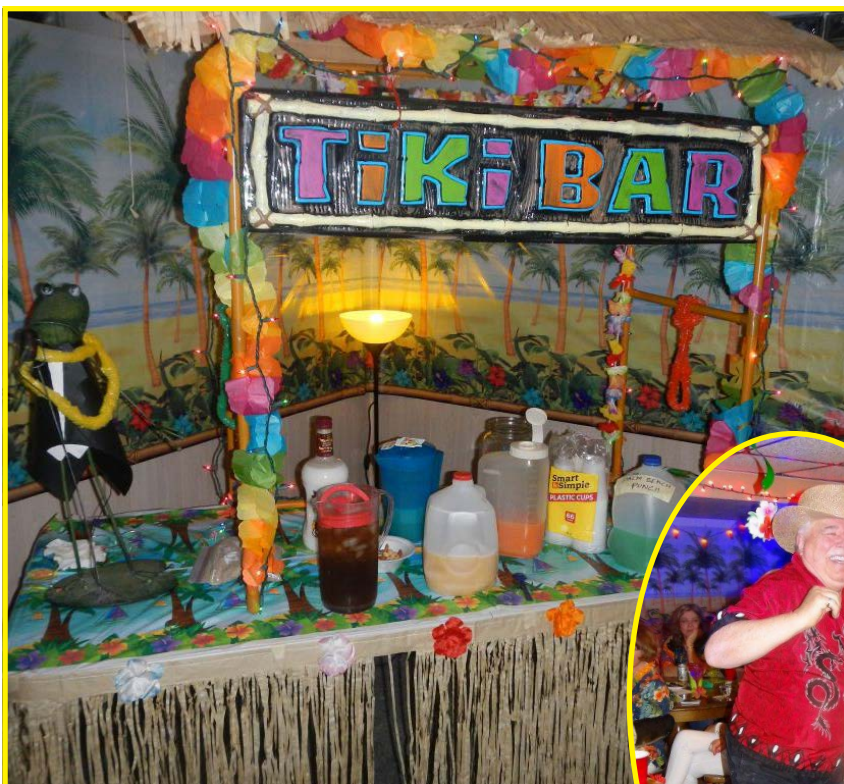
Special thanks to Don & Barb Phillips who lit up the night not only with their sparkling personalities, but also their palm tree, which provided many great photo opps. Also, thanks to John Zalewski and Tom Scott for the great memories via the pictures. Also thanks to Prez Dave and Dennis D. who returned from south of the border, in their beach garb, just in time to help the singers select their songs on the new computer equipment! But for the biggest thanks of all, huge kudos go out to all the spirited party goers who dropped whatever inhibitions they had and just let loose in grand fashion for a great time. It was a karaoke and dancing extravaganza that couldn't be beat. Thanks to all the great singers and dancers that made it such a festive evening.

We have several pictures in this newsletter commemorating the event with many more published on the website. For those who attended, I hope you enjoy the early trip down memory lane. In a few short months, summer will be here for real and this party will be just a great memory.

More photos can be found on our website:
<http://gmskiclub.org/gallery.htm>







Island Party



***"A ski and travel club...
and a whole lot more!"***

Coming Attractions!

Polska Night & Theater Hammtramck
Saturday, April 20

25th Annual Eastern Market Flower Day
Saturday, May 18

Detroit Tigers vs. Boston Red Sox
Saturday, June 22

GMSC Camp & Canoe Trip
August 9-11, 2013 • Old Log Resort

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB WEBSITE:

www.gmskiclub.org

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



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www.mdscski.org

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