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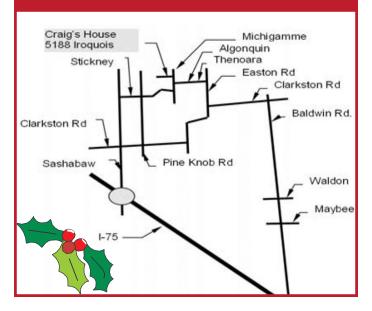
Sat., Dec. 21 • 6:00pm - ?

Craig Petku's Place 5188 Iroquois Ct, Clarkston

GMSC's most memorable holiday get together. Gather with great friends and enjoy the festivities.

BYOB & A Dish to Pass.

Contact: Les Skrzycki, 248-238-0675, skiorsail9@gmail.com





Wellington Pub

Friday, Dec. 20 • 6:30pm

44819 Hayes Road, Sterling Hts

Enjoy the casual, friendly atmosphere. An excellent selection of delicious food, as well as cocktails, beer & wine.

Karaoke every night at 9pm. Hang-out after dinner and sing a few tunes with us!

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



Peabody's

Friday, Jan. 3 6:30 pm

34965 Woodward
Birmingham
peabodysrestaurant.com

Start the New Year off right by joining us for dinner at Peabody's of Birmingham.

From local gristmill, to popular gathering place... this landmark restaurant brings you contemporary American fare like hearty soups, filet mignon and lobster macaroni and cheese. Lofty open spaces, warm wood paneling, rustic beams and subtle lighting create a spacious but intimate upscale dining experience.

Contact Dennis Dembiec, 248-318-1491, dennis4179@gmail.com.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Christine Luhrs

Deadline for the Jan 2014 Issue is Monday, December 23rd.

Dec 25

Send info to Sherry at: newsletter@gmskiclub.org
Treasurer's Report can be found online in the member's area.



Help build the club & help yourself at the same time!

Simply recruit three new members and get a one year membership for free. Just have the new members designate you as the referring member on their membership form when they sign-up. EASY!





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The attendance at our general meetings is simply fabulous. Champps in Troy is proving to be a very good spot to hold our meetings for an extended time. The service was exceptional last month as promised by Champps management. We are hearing a lot of positive comments about the food, service and ambience.

As I look at the past year of trips and events, I am very thankful for the excellent results. Our board has been a pleasure to work with and continues to strive to improve our club. Thank you Board members.

We have a good list of events and trips for the coming year but would like more. If you have any ideas that you would like to share with our members, please contact Darrell (activities chair). We will work with you so that each event is successful and a bonus for the members. Let's get started...

This is an example of the continued effort to give you the best value possible for your membership. I hope you will continue to frequent our events and trips coming up soon.

- Dave Norkus, President GM Ski Club





Holiday Nights

at Greenfield Village

Step into a Christmas card from the past. A lantern-lit journey into a living snow globe, filled with live music, skating, and tons of winter wonder – complete with candlelit paths, costumed presenters, horse-drawn wagon and Model T rides, delightful holiday shops, Santa and live reindeer, a spectacular fireworks display and more.



Saturday, December 14 6:30pm • Cost: \$20

We have 20 spots open for this event. It is a magical step back in time. At the end of the evening we will be meeting in the town square for carols and fireworks. Come join us on this trip back in time. I know you will enjoy yourselves.

We will meet for dinner around 4:45pm and head over to the village by 6:15pm. We will also meet at the end of the evening for a night cap.

SOLD-OUT. Call to be put on the wait-list.

Make your check out to GM Ski Club and mail to:

Les Skrzycki, 160 Manitou Lane 3B, Lake Orion, MI 48362.

Contact: Les Skrzycki, 248-238-0675, skiorsail9@gmail.com



Friday, Dec. 6 • 8pm

Saturday, Dec. 7 • 6pm & 9pm

Ticket Price: \$20

Royal Oak Music Theatre

Staying true to its title, the newest installment of the legendary film series will take ski fans on an action-packed ride to the world's most exotic destinations, including the Alaskan Tordrillos, Switzerland's Jungfrau, Iceland's Troll Peninsula and beyond.

Everyone attending Ticket To Ride will receive:

2-For-1 Lift Ticket To Boyne Highlands Or Boyne Mountain, Free Lift Ticket To Pine Knob, Exclusive Discount On Snow Helmets And Snow Goggles At REI.

Skiwi Christmas Party

Sat., Dec. 7 • \$54
7pm Cocktails
8pm Dinner

American Polish Cultural Center

2975 E. Maple Rd, Troy

Premium Open Bar, Family Style Polish Dinner, DJ, Dancing & Door Prizes.

TOYS FOR TOTS: Bring a new unwrapped toy & help unfortunate kids have a Merry Christmas.

Contact: Matt Casey, mcasey325e@comcast.net, 248-770-4247



December 31st 8pm - 1am

Cost: \$40 In Advance (No Walk-Ins)
Forestre Banquet Center

1919 Star-Batt • Rochester Hills (Just north of M-59 & east of Crooks Rd)

Featuring: Deluxe Carved Beef
Station, Baked Mostaccioli,
Mixed Green Salad, Dinner Rolls,
Decadent Chocolate Table, Count
Down with Live Simulcast of the
Ball Drop at NY Times Square,
Champagne Toast at Midnight,
Hats, Horns, Noisemakers,
Dancing throughout the
Evening & Cash Bar.

GM SKI CLUB WILL HAVE RESERVED TABLES BY THE DANCE FLOOR.

Make checks out to "GM Ski Club." Contact: Tom Scott, 586-739-5199, tescott99@yahoo.com



Darrell Ahlberg, Activities Chair

Hello Everybody,

I hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and that you have very merry plans for the rest of the Holiday Season. Now that we're about to wrap up the year 2013, it's a good time to a look back. It has been a great year for the GM Ski Club. Our calendar boasts 171 events for the year. Averaging it out, that's close to an event every two days. After categorizing our events, here's what I've come up with.

Bike Rides	8
Sunday Breakfasts	51
Grace Center of Hope	12
General Meetings	12
Outings	23
Pub & Grubs	12
Parties/Dances	11
Restaurants of The Month	10
Trips	6
Sunday Wallyball	26
GRAND TOTAL	171

And just for your reminiscing fun, the details on each category are provided on the next page. Please enjoy perusing through the various lists. I hope it brings back happy memories as you recall the events you participated in. Of course, the reason our activity program is so robust is because of all the individual GMSC members participating to make it happen.

As you review the list, please think about events you'd like to see next year and consider getting involved running or helping with some events. Leading events is generally a very simple process. And when it is over, it is very rewarding to know you've helped contribute to a successful year and made new friends.

Cosmic Bowling

Saturday, January 11 • 9:30pm \$15 Members / \$20 Non-Members

Astro Lanes

32388 John R Rd. • Madison Hgts.

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

3 Games - 9 Pin No-tap Shoes • Pizza & Soft Drinks

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

Mohave Cantina

Friday, January 17 • 6:30pm



Fresh Mexican cuisine and signature drinks in a relaxing and festive atmosphere.

Original ethnic dishes cooked from scratch using fresh, local ingredients.

Just relax and enjoy! Cost: Your Tab

Contact: Jan Burrows, 734-645-7964, jan_burrows55@hotmail.com

Maggiano's



Friday, January 31 • 6:30pm

2089 W Big Beaver Rd Troy, MI (map)

Maggiano's specializes in serving lavish portions of authentic Italian-American cuisine served family style. The menu is large & varied, offering a great selection of homemade pastas, signature salads, prime steaks, fresh fish & memorable desserts.

Cost: Your Tab.

Contact: Diane Pasik retiredteacherdiane@icloud.com, 586-219-2833

2013 GMSC Year In Review

OUTINGS	PUB & GRUBS
Sat 1/12 Cosmic Bowling - Astro LanesJudy Lay	Fri 1/11 Big Beaver Tavern
Sat 1/19 Stony Creek Cross Country Ski Kay Sheere	Fri 2/15 . Cass Bar & Grille Al Sleeman
Sun 1/20 . Mt. Holly Stan Sawicki	Fri 3/29 . The Gathering Place Al Sleeman
Sat 2/16 Independance Oaks Cross Country Ski Kay Sheere	Fri 4/26 Champps Restaurant Dennis Dembiec
Sun 2/17 . Pine Knob Stan Sawicki	Fri 5/24 . Boogie Fever
Sat 3/16. WhirlyballJudy Lay	Fri 6/28 Island Bar & Grille
Fri 5/10 Cosmic Bowling - Astro Lanes Judy Lay	Fri 7/19 . BaySide Sports Grill Dennis Dembiec
Sat 5/18. Eastern Market Les Skrzycki	Fri 8/23 . Roger's Roost
Sat 6/8 Community Theater. St. Dunstan's Bill Given	Thu 9/19 . Duelling Pianos at 526 Main Dennis Dembiec
Sun 6/9 Golfing At The Cracklewood Stan Sawick	Thu 10/3 . Club 54 - Big Band Night Dennis Dembiec
Fri 6/21 Detroit Tiger Baseball	Fri 11/22 . Old World Canterbury Village Dennis Dembiec
Sat 6/22. Crawford Armstrong Fun Da Deb Lawson	Fri 12/20 . Wellington Pub & Karaoke Bar Darrell Ahlberg
Sat 7/6 Stony Creek Kayaking Stan Sawicki	
Sat 7/27 Pontoon Boats On Lake Orion Don Phillips	BIKE RIDES
Sat 8/3 Skiwi/GMSC Huron River Canoe Trip . John Zalewski	Sun 4/14 . Rochester Stan Sawicki
Sun 9/8 Golfing At The Boulder Point Stan Sawick	Sun 5/5 . Rochester Stan Sawicki
Sun 9/22 . Renaissance Festival Jeff Rollins	Sun 6/2 Harsens Island Stan Sawicki
Sun 9/29 . Horseback Riding	Sun 6/30 . Rochester Stan Sawicki
Sat 10/5. MDSC Skiing For Women	Sun 7/14 . Rochester Stan Sawicki
Wed 10/16 Activities Planning Night Darrell Ahlberg	Sun 8/4 Rochester Stan Sawicki
Fri 11/1 Painting With A Twist Jan Burrows	Sun 8/25 . Rochester Stan Sawicki
Fri 12/6 Warren Miller	Sun 10/6 . Rochester Stan Sawicki
Sat 12/7. Warren Miller	
Sat 12/14 Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village Les Skrzycki	TRIPS
	1/25 MDSC Boyne Mountain Ski BashMDSC
PARTIES/DANCES	2/22 Lake Ann Cross Country SkiingKay Sheere
Fri 2/8 Rochester OPC Sock Hop Meg Baker	3/2 Copper Mountain Ski Trip Dave Norkus
Sat 2/16 Island Party - Karaoke & Dancing Darrell Ahlberg	8/9 Camping/Canoe WeekendKen Colden / Judy Lay
Sat 3/16. St. Patty's Day - Lucky Saturday Tom Scott	9/13 Stratford Festival Sharon Rose
Sat 5/4 Cinco De Mayo - El Patio Les Skrzycki	10/25 Bald Mountain WeekendLes Skrzycki
Sat 9/7 Corn Roast - GMSC/Sailing Singles Joanne Mok	GENERAL MEETINGS
Sat 9/21 STARS Annual Square Dance Tim & Jan Phannes	
Fri 10/18 . Dakota Inn Oktoberfest Dennis Dembiec	Thu 1/10 . Marinelli's Greg Ronan / Cindy Holister
Sat 11/9 Sands Bash - Barrister House John Zalewski	Thu 2/14 Marinelli's Greg Ronan / Cindy Holister
Sat 12/7 Skiwi Ski Club Christmas Dance Matt Casey	Thu 3/14 . Marinelli's Greg Ronan / Cindy Holister
Sat 12/21 Craig Petku Christmas Party Les Skrzycki	Thu 4/11 . Marinelli's Greg Ronan / Cindy Holister
Tue 12/31 NYE Bash	Thu 5/9 River Woods Park Jan Burrows / Barb Phillips
RESTAURANTS OF THE MONTH	Thu 6/13 . River Woods Park Jan Burrows / Barb Phillips
Fri 1/25 R.U.B Barbeque Vickie Slicker	Thu 7/11 . River Woods Park Jan Burrows / Barb Phillips
Fri 2/8 Bahama Breeze Stan Sawicki	Thu 8/8 River Woods Park Jan Burrows / Barb Phillips
Fri 3/15 J. Baldwins	Thu 8/8 GM Drive Night
Fri 4/19 Ike's Restaurant Dave Duvali	Thu 9/12 . River Woods Park Jan Burrows / Barb Phillips
Fri 5/17 Master's Restaurant Barb Demopolis	Thu 10/10 Champps
Fri 6/7 Tin Fish in St. Clair Shores Dennis Dembiec	Thu 11/14 ChamppsJan Burrows / Barb Phillips
Fri 7/12 Camp Ticonderoga Kathy O'Driscoll	RECURRING EVENTS
Fri 8/2 Crews Inn Stan Sawicki	Sunday Wallyball Michael Bourke 26
Fri 9/6 Joe Bologna Trattoria	Breakfast Sunday: Jimmy's Coney Grille Breakfast Crowd 52
Fri 11/8 Steel House Tavern Darrell Ahlberg	Grace Center of Hope Susan Walker 12



See our website gallery for more photos of our latest events! www.gmskiclub.org



The MDSC has existed since 1955 and is the umbrella organization for twenty ski clubs located in the Metro

Detroit area, Toledo Ohio, and from Grand Rapids to Windsor and Sarnia, Canada. MDSC member clubs are

for singles, couples, the very young and the very young at heart.

The GMSC is a member of the MDSC. As such we are allowed to attend other MDSC Clubs' advertised trips at their member fee. There are also discounts and many other benefits.

To download the Ski Guide or for more info go to: www.mdscski.org

Super Bowl XLVIII Party



Sunday, Feb. 2nd

4pm - 10pm (or whenever game ends)

Cost: \$35

Club Venetian

29310 John R Road, Madison Heights

Over six hours of fun, food, and drinks in the beautiful Club Venetian Banquet Room.

Plenty of Big Screen TV's.
Chili and Appetizers upon arrival,
All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Dinner,
followed later with Pizza and Subs.
Includes an Open Premium Bar.
Opportunities for football squares
and free give-aways.

Contact: John Gentilia, 248-879-2244, Johngentilia@hotmail.com

Utah Ski Vacation

March 1-8, 2014

Non-Members: \$1305

Only \$1,280

GMSC/MDSC Members

- 7 Day Trip
- 5 Day Lift Tickets: 2 days Park City,
 - 2 days Deer Valley,
 - 1 day Canyons
- 2 Bedroom/2 Bath Condo Lodging (Park City)
- Non-Stop Delta Flight
- Transportation



SOLD OUT!

Sign-up for the Wait-List

Make checks payable to: GM Ski Club. Mail to: Dave Norkus, 6514 Crest Dr., Waterford, MI 48329

Contact: Dave, dnorkus@comcast.net

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY - Just show up!

10:00am • BREAKFAST CLUB - Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre (at 16 Mile).

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

4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH Dec 25 / Jan 22 / Feb 26 / Mar 26 / Apr 23 / May 28

Grace Center of Hope • 4:30pm - 35 E Huron St, Pontiac.

Contact: Susan Walker, swneko@aol.com, 248-660-5329

FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG

Fri, Sat, Dec 6 & 7 • Warren Miller "Ticket To Ride" - Royal Oak Music Theater. 8pm (Dec 6), 6pm & 9pm (Dec 7). Pay at door (or advance tickets available at REI stores). Cost: \$20.

Sat, Dec 7 • Skiwi Christmas Party - American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd, Troy. Time: 7pm Cocktails, 8pm Dinner. Cost: \$49 Before Nov 21, \$54 After. Contact: Matt Casey, mcasey325e@comcast.net, 248-770-4247

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Tue, Dec 31 • New Year's Eve Bash - Forestre Banquet Center, 1919 Star-Batt, Rochester Hills. Cost: \$40 in advance; No Walk Ups. Cash Bar. (Successfully Single event, GMSC will have reserved tables) Make checks out to GM Ski Club. Contact: Tom Scott, 586-739-5199, tescott 199@yahoo.com

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Sat Jan 18 • Game Night - GMSC Members Only. Location TBA. Time: 7:00pm. Cost: No Charge. Contact: Diane Pasik, retiredteacherdiane@icloud.com, 586-219-2833

Fri, Jan 31 • Maggiano's Little Italy - 2089 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy. Time: 7:00pm. Cost: Your Tab. Contact: Diane Pasik, retiredteacherdiane@icloud.com, 586-219-2833

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March 1-8, 2014 • Utah Ski Vacation: Park City / Deer Valley Canyons - 5-day lift tickets SOLD OUT! To get on the wait-list, contact: Dave Norkus, dnorkus@comcast.net



Painting With A Twist

The second annual Painting with a Twist came off with flying colors! I'd like to thank all of the 15 painting participants, who made this event a success. We spanned three generations. Special thanks to Barb, who stepped up to the task of my 'Girl Friday' and Kathy, who took pictures.

Along with snacks people brought to share, we had twisted pretzels, twisted cheese sticks and Twizzlers. As we munched and sipped, our white canvases transformed into the 'Midnight Blues.'

I think everyone left happy with their 'original' and 'priceless' art pieces.

As we walked out of the studio and stepped into the city lights of Nine Mile Road, the scene looked a lot like the streetscape we'd just painted.

- Jan Burrows





BALD MOUNTAIN WEEKEND RECAP 2013

Our 18th year running this event has just finished. It was a bit nippy, but a warm fire helped keep the chill out. Friday night brought out the Uno cards and I think for the first time we really played by the rules, which Michael B brought with him. Eight souls spent Friday night and since this was the original Jack Kavorkian cabin we thought we might have gotten a glimpse of him roaming around, but alas no such luck. Darrell A and Dale G cooked hot dogs over the open fire and man were they good! Marta A and Mary B, were having a little discussion about what is best on a hot dog, just mustard or mustard and catsup. You will have come out next year for the answer.

Saturday morning brought out the coffee and Darrell's famous French toast. Our fire was still going strong and people gravitated around it all day. Stan S led the hike at 11am and I believe they did 4 or 5 miles. Everyone that came back from the hike was warm, must have been the pace that Stan set. Lunch was pulled pork and mac and cheese. All ate and

mingled in and out of the cabin. Don P brought some

more munchies to help fill people up. The evening was clear and cool as everyone sat around the fire. Talk varied and I think we covered every topic known to man. Ten people spent the night, some new and some old; by "new" I mean they weren't there Friday night.

It is just hard to put into words what goes on and how much fun there is and how relaxing it can be. It is outdoors and it really isn't far from most members' homes. I hope you will join us next year and see for yourself.

I would like to thank those who attended this year and brought wood, beverages, an electric light, a boat and kayak (thanks Dale).

Cheers Les











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Score 1 point for every \$1 spent. Every 100 points = \$10 reward.

Enroll now & receive a FREE burger just for signing-up!

champps.com/Events/MVPLeague.aspx

General Meetings

2nd Thursday of every month

Champps • 6:30pm

301 W. Big Beaver, Troy (btwn I-75 & Livernois)

