



A Ski Club... And A Whole Lot More!

NEWS

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Dinner & Dance Event

Friday, April 8 • 6:30pm

Clawson Steak House

56 Rochester Road, Clawson (South of 14 Mile)

Great steaks are just the beginning of the wide variety of entrees offered on their menu. Enjoy a tempting array of appetizers and specials. This should be a great evening. Live music begins at 8pm. Dressy or dressy-casual attire suggested.

YOU MUST RSVP! Limited to 24. You must arrive on time and be seated by 6:30pm. Separate checks – a 22% gratuity will be added to your bill. Attendee names and phone numbers will be needed. Please call in cancellations.

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



PLEASE COME OUT AND VOTE!

Roger's Roost

Thursday, April 14 • 6:30pm

Officer elections will take place at the April General Meeting. Please submit nominations for officer positions to support the club.

Other non-elected board positions are available as well. Get involved today!

Current Nominees are:

PRESIDENT: Darrell Ahlberg

VICE-PRESIDENT: Joe Yoblonski

SECRETARY: June Siehda

TREASURER: Dan Boyd

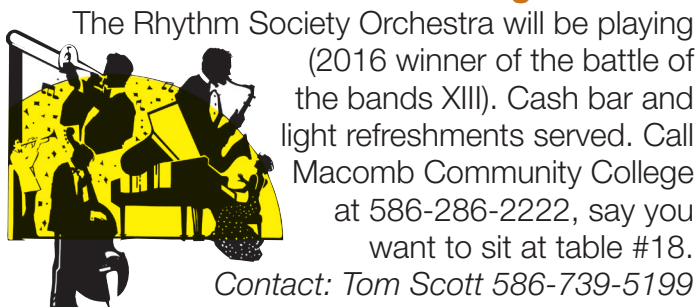
*If you are interested in helping out or have any questions, contact: Dave Duvali
daveduvali@wowway.com, 586-754-8151*

Big Band Swing Dance

Saturday, April 16 • 6:00pm • \$15

MCC, 44575 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp.

Join us for a WW2 Era Swing Dance!



The Rhythm Society Orchestra will be playing (2016 winner of the battle of the bands XIII). Cash bar and light refreshments served. Call Macomb Community College at 586-286-2222, say you want to sit at table #18.

Contact: Tom Scott 586-739-5199

Summer Membership

New members can join now for only \$10!

Summer Membership is valid now through September 30. Save \$2 each month on our Spring/Summer meetings in Auburn Hills.

Plus pay a reduced cost to attend any Club activity requiring advance payment (ex: Tiger Game, Club Picnic, Square Dance).

Download a membership application from our website and mail it in with a check or sign up at any meeting or club event.



GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ACTIVITIES: Open

SPORTS & SKI INSTRUCTION: Open

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 9 Don Phillips

April 12 Tim Pfannes

April 16 Gary Ward

April 18 Jan Burrows

April 19 Elaine Garvin

April 20 Peggy Bocks

April 22 Russell Boyd
Richard Marx

April 25 Josephine Navetta



**Your Ticket
To FREE
Membership:**



Recruit 3 new members to the club. Have the new members designate you as the referring member when they sign-up – **EASY!**



**Metropolitan
Detroit
Ski
Council**

Promoting Sports & Social Activities

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.

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.

www.mdscski.org

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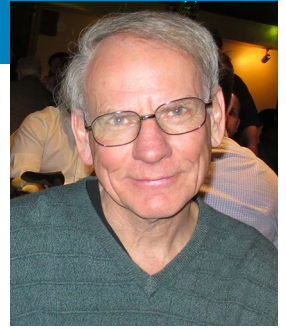
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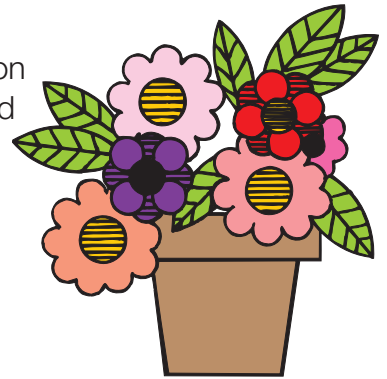
Bernie Stevens
VP of Special Events

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the coming of spring this April, the club is having a karaoke party at Darrell Ahlberg's house. The party has a Hawaiian theme, so if you want, dress in your best native outfit, and be ready to hear some good and spirited singing. Later, on the 8th, there is a dinner with dancing afterwards at the Clawson Steakhouse. The steakhouse offers an excellent dance band. With the warmer weather, there is another hike scheduled for Sunday the 10th. It will be at a moderate pace, so you do not have to be that avid of a hiker to attend. The following week on the 17th there is a bike ride on the Paint Creek Trail. It is set up so you can go at your own pace, either fast or slow. For the swing dancers, or those that just like to dance, Tom Scott has reserved a couple of tables at the Big Band Swing Dance on Saturday the 16th. It is a dance that is set up to recreate the big band era during WW2.



REMEMBER TO VOTE THIS ELECTION SEASON. Our club is having its election of officers during the April 14th general meeting at Rogers Roost. Please attend and place your ballot. Finally, for those skiers that like to look into ski travel, there is a MDSC Ski Travel Expo at the Doubletree Hotel in Dearborn on Thursday May 5th. If you're interested in going on our next trip out West this might be a good event to attend.



Looking forward to a wonderful Spring,

– **Stanley Sawicki, President GM Ski Club**



Hike at Stony Creek MetroPark

**Sunday, April 10
1:00pm**

4300 Main Park Dr, Shelby Twp

We will meet at the Stony Creek Nature Center.

This will be a moderately paced hike of about 4 to 5 miles. Remember to dress in layers!

There is a park entrance fee.

(Hike will be cancelled if thunderstorms occur.)

Contact: Bonnie, 248-589-2251
lthousebon@aol.com



GM Bike Ride

Paint Creek Trail

Sunday, April 17 • 1:00pm

500 Olde Towne Rd, Rochester

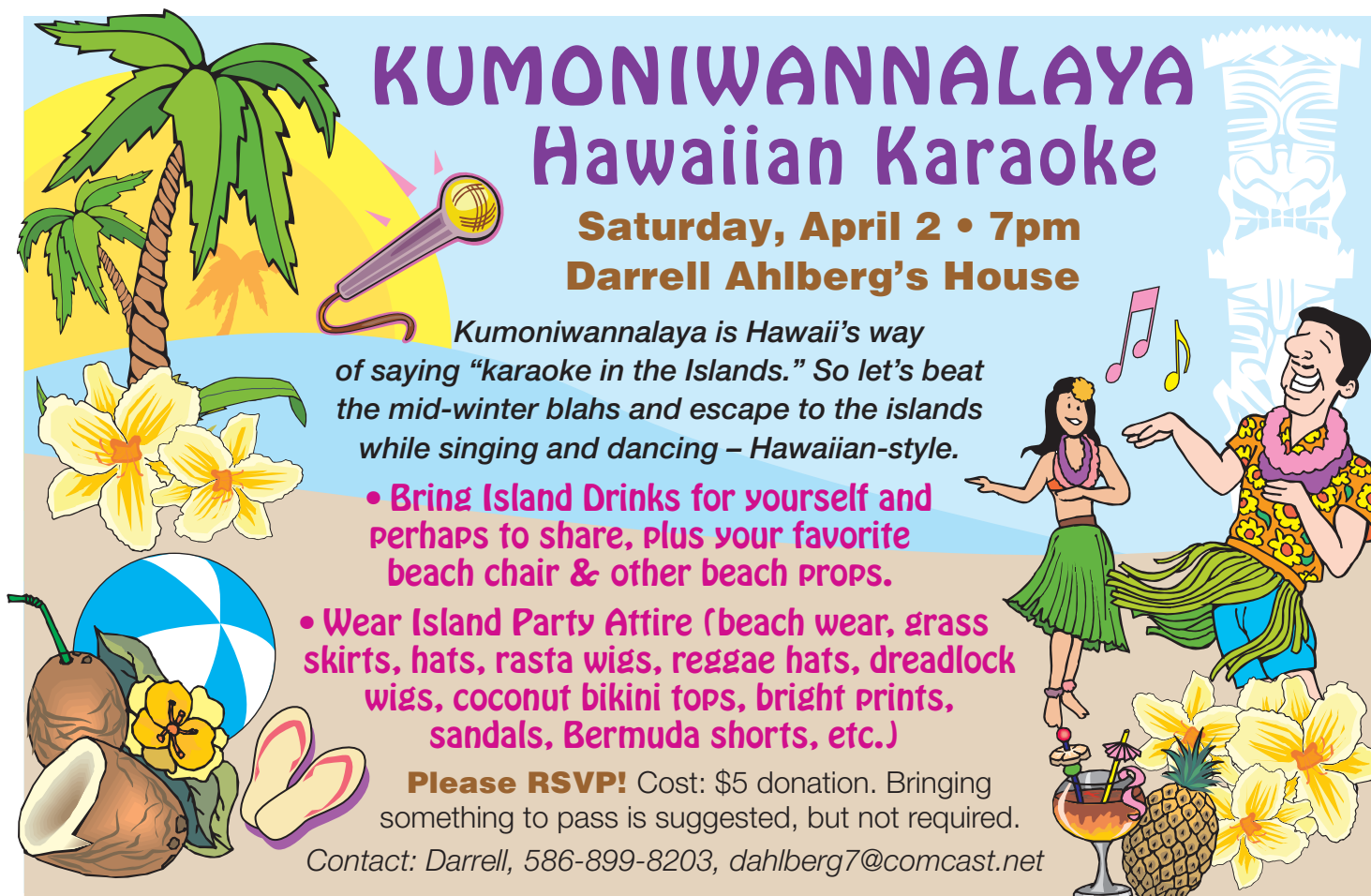
Meet at the Rochester Hills Library. All levels are welcome to join us. We will eat afterwards.

Contact: Stan Sawicki, 586-808-3406,
ssawicki@comcast.net



Did You Know?

We have approximately 125 members in our club, yet it seems that only a dozen or so members do all the work to keep things running. If we could get 24 members to agree to host/run just one event per year we could add two more activities per month. It's easy and a great way to meet people. Have a favorite watering hole, trail or festival? If you are going anyway, consider hosting for the club. Contact us today!



KUMONIWANNALAYA Hawaiian Karaoke

Saturday, April 2 • 7pm
Darrell Ahlberg's House

Kumoniwannalaya is Hawaii's way of saying "karaoke in the Islands." So let's beat the mid-winter blahs and escape to the islands while singing and dancing – Hawaiian-style.

- **Bring Island Drinks for yourself and perhaps to share, plus your favorite beach chair & other beach props.**
- **Wear Island Party Attire (beach wear, grass skirts, hats, rasta wigs, reggae hats, dreadlock wigs, coconut bikini tops, bright prints, sandals, Bermuda shorts, etc.)**

Please RSVP! Cost: \$5 donation. Bringing something to pass is suggested, but not required.
Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203, dahlberg7@comcast.net

METROPOLITAN DETROIT SKI COUNCIL

The voice of organized skiing in Southern Michigan, Northern Ohio and Southwestern Ontario



MDSC Ski Travel Expo 2016

Thursday, May 5 • 6:00pm-9:00pm
Doubletree Hotel, Dearborn

5801 Southfield Service Drive, Detroit • 313-336-3340



You are encouraged to attend!

This event is open to all MDSC club members and invited guest.

Hors d'oeuvres served with cash bar from 6:00pm-8:30pm.

Resorts, retailers and tour providers from the United States, Canada, Europe, and other ski destinations have been invited. Special invitations have been offered to local metro ski areas and ski shops. All will provide door prizes.

Support the MDSC and attend our 2016 MDSC Ski Travel Expo.

Door prizes will be drawn from 8:30pm-9:00pm, you must be present to win.

For more info contact: Ron Glowzinski, ronglow65@comcast.com

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS

EVERY SUNDAY - 10am • BREAKFAST CLUB – Jimmy's Coney Grill,
37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts. *No RSVP needed, just show up!*

12:30pm • WALLYBALL - Warren Racquetball & Fitness. \$5-\$6 per person.
29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren. Contact: Michael, sundaywallyball@gmail.com

4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 4:30pm • Grace Centers of Hope
35 E Huron St, Pontiac. Contact: Susan Walker, swneko@aol.com, 248-660-5329

EVERY WEDNESDAY - 7:30pm • Beginner East Coast Swing Dance Lessons -
Club 54, 37722 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. Cost: \$5. Contact: Tom Scott 586-739-5199



FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG

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Detroit. Time: 6pm-9pm. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, door prizes (must be present to win).
Cost: Your Tab, Contact: Ron Glowzinski, ronglow65@comcast.com

Thu, May 12 • GMSC Meeting - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm,
Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

Thu, Jun 9 • GMSC Meeting - River Woods Park, 300 N Squirrel, Auburn Hills. Time: 6pm,
Cost: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

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Summer meetings in Auburn Hills – plus pay a reduced cost to attend any Club activity requiring
advance payment (ex: Tiger Game, Club Picnic, Square Dance). Simply download a membership
application from our website and mail it in with a check or sign up at any meeting or club event.

Have you seen our YouTube video yet?

Check it out! Kathy O'Driscoll did a fabulous job putting GMSC trip
images/video to music. You can click the link on the Gallery page
on our website or go here directly: <https://youtu.be/aWcC4tT8BI>

Ski It Up
Gm Ski Club
Vail, Park City, Copper,
Snowmass, Keystone



What Do You Like To Do?

It's Time Fill Our Calendar With Summer Events!

Don't be shy – let us know what you have in mind. What events, trips and activities would you like us to offer? We want input from ALL our members—not just a few. We invite you to voice your opinions at any GMSC event and/or contact a Board Member with your ideas. We want everyone to be involved with the planning of GMSC activities, events and trips.

Skiing, Biking, Hiking, Kayaking, Canoeing, Boating, Floating, Wine Tasting, Camping, Ziplining, Tiger Baseball, Picnics, Dancing, Festivals, Concerts, Comedy Clubs, Theatre, Movies, Horseback Riding, Painting, Euchre, Hayrides, Square Dances, Cruises, Bocce Ball, Billiards, Feather Bowling, Cosmic Bowling, Whirlyball, Karaoke, Golf, Tennis, Volleyball, Wallyball, Weekend Travel, Volunteering/Charity, Restaurant of the Month, Pub & Grub.

HELP US FILL-IN THE BLANK SPACES! We are always looking for new places to try. We also want to know which ones are your favorites so we can schedule them again.





2016 Keystone Ski Trip Recap

We just returned from the greatest trip on earth. Wait... let's say the greatest trip in GM ski club history. Wait... we'll say the greatest ski event this year. YES! Everything went smoothly with the non-stop air and luxury motorbus giving us the backcountry views of bighorn sheep and mountain goats watching us from white mountain peaks. Mountain and ice climbers were littered over the mountains giving us spectacular views and putting a fire in our hearts that maybe we can go to those heights on skis— *and we did!*

A hot breakfast with a variety of juices and of course, hot coffee was waiting for us every morning. Many of us were able to meet together in the morning and plan the day's events. Some of us had to ski 40,000 vertical just to feel like gladiators in the ring. For some, the altitude was an extreme adjustment, especially from sea level. Don and I had a shot of Oxygen which helped. Others adjusted pretty quickly because we wanted to party— *and we did!*

The weather was sunny almost every day and warm temps put a glow on our faces. We had several new skiers join us on this trip, some from as far away as Germany. They are fabulous skiers and we can call them our comrades. The trip home was pleasant too. Thank you all for joining us on this adventure to the mountains and making it very special.

– **Dave Norkus and Kathy O'Driscoll**





**2016 Keystone
Ski Trip**





Beginner East Coast Swing Dance Lessons

Wednesdays • 7:30-8:30pm

Club 54, 37722 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts

Presented by "Detroit Swing," includes dance party until midnight. Bar fare, Polish specials served by smiling staff. Personable instructors, gradual lessons, and eager partners insure good results. At the party watch talented dancers doing ECS, WCS, Jazz, Lindy Hop, Hustle & Balboa. Ladies: Advanced dancing kings guide beginner dancing queens into swirling moves! Cost: \$5
New people, new faces, new dance routines.

Contact: Tom Scott 586-739-5199



General Meeting & Election

Thursday, April 14th (2nd Thursday)

Roger's Roost • 6:30pm

33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Heights
 (between 14 Mile & 15 Mile Roads)



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