

# **Danny J's Brick Tavern**

Wednesday, Nov 16, 6:00pm

7759 Auburn Rd, Utica (formerly Hatchy's)

A warm and welcoming atmosphere featuring original brick walls, exposed ceiling beams and a 20-foot-long, fully stocked bar is enhanced by the wood-fired pizzas, sandwiches and casual entrees. Meet upstairs by 6:30pm. (Happy hour before 6pm). Cost: Your tab. Please RSVP!

Contact: Dennis4179@gmail.com 248-318-1491 (text preferred)



## Saturday, Nov 19 • 6:00pm – 11pm \$15 Euchre • \$5 Party only

28539 Aline Dr, Warren

Our Euchre Parties are designed to be fun! All levels of abilities are welcome. Cash prizes awarded. Pasta, salad, veggie and dessert buffet, BYOB. You may come just for the party. Eat at 6:30pm, card playing starts at 7pm. Cash at the door is okay, but you must RSVP by Nov 17.

Contact: Sharon Rose, 586 899-6845, rosesblooming@comcast.net



# **Hike at Stony Creek**

## Sunday, Nov 20 • 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 4 to 5 miles. Remember to dress in layers. We will eat afterwards at the Stony Creek Roadhouse. Cost: Park fee/your tab.

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



Saturday, November 12 • 7:00pm - 1:00am
Lakeland Banquet Ctr, 21801 E. Nine Mile Rd, St Clair Shores

**MUSIC, DANCING, RAFFLES, OPEN BAR & BUFFET** 

\$40 advance, \$45 door • Advance ticket deadline is Nov 1.

You must RSVP to sit with our group.

Contact: John Zalewski, 586-979-2392, johnzalewski@wowway.com



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Nov 03 Gloria Hart

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Nov 11 Bob Stewart

Nov 15 Debbi Ross

Nov 16 Christian Johnson

Nov 17 Marc Arel

Nov 18 Gail Selaty John Zalewski

Nov 24 Paul Freund

Nov 27 Mary Konicki Joe Portera



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



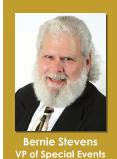
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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all, I wanted to use this column to once again discuss our efforts at promoting our club and hopefully attracting new members. For this, the meetup group continues to be our primary means of communicating our events to people who would be interested in what we do. There are currently about 1000 members in the group. This means every time we post an event, all these people get an email notifying them. Once they decide to attend, our people become our most important selling point. Like everybody else, people finding us through meetup are looking for fun and friendly folks who share their interests. Many of us have been members for so long now, we have our

favorite people to hang with at our events. But if you notice somebody new, I encourage vou to reach out, make them feel welcome and comfortable.

Our meetup group is called **Metro Detroit Fun and Fitness 49+.** Sometime affectionately called the "49ers." I would like to encourage you to join this group on meetup.com. You can RSVP to events though this meetup site and you can get a look at how many others are coming. You might even notice if anybody new is planning to attend. Best of all, if our members start RSVP'ing in this manner, others will notice the interest in the event and be more inclined to attend themselves.

A few comments on our new indoor home, Bahama Breeze. We will be changing the start time to 6:00pm. They have happy hour pricing from 5pm – 6pm. So even with the earlier start time, you may want to show up a little earlier still to take advantage of these half-off deals.

And speaking of our new home, turnout at the last meeting was fantastic. We had about 55 members and by all accounts, everyone had a great time. We had our own bar and bartender, and about three servers taking care of our group. *For our November meeting, we will be having a huge birthday cake.* We are going to celebrate the birthdays of everyone who has had a birthday this year. We look forward to offering you a piece of cake and celebrating along with you. This will not be an ordinary cake, it will be high end multi-tier cake donated by Bernie Stevens. So if you get a chance, please thank Bernie for the generous donation.

Lastly, as we transition from Summer to Winter, so will many of our activities. We plan to continue hikes and bike rides through the Fall season. We will also start featuring more indoor events. We have two Euchre Parties a Holiday Party, and a New Year's Eve party scheduled. And of course, our Restaurant and Pub outings will continue. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cheers!

- Darrell Ahlberg, President, GM Ski Club





## Nov 3 & 4 • 7:00pm Royal Oak Music Theatre

318 W. Fourth St, Royal Oak (248-399-2980)
In this 67th annual Warren Miller film, take a freeski adventure. Tour Eastern Greenland by dog sled, explore the backcountry of Western Montana's Glacier Country, the Kicking Horse ski patrol in British Columbia, big air at Boston's Fenway Park (yes, that Fenway Park!) and rides the steeps of

Squaw Valley to the big lines of Cordova, Alaska, plus much more. Don't miss original ski bum and filmmaker Warren Miller himself as he spins tales of the past, reminding us that through the years, these films have truly taken audiences *Here, There & Everywhere.* 



**COLORADO SKI VACATION** 

**March 11-18** 

7 day trip

All transfers

Non-stop flights

5 day lift tickets

2 bedroom condos

Short walk to gondola

\$500 deposit and trip application (download at gmskiclub.org) due at sign-up.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: \$500 due at sign-up \$500 due Oct. 1, Balance due Nov. 15

Contact: Dave Duvali, daveduvali@att.net, 586-754-8151, 27216 Dover, Warren, MI 48088

#### **Accommodations at The West Condos**

Perched atop its own private hillside, The West Condominiums offer spectacular views of the

Steamboat Ski Area and the Yampa Valley. Also featured are:

- Heated swimming pool & two outdoor hot tubs
  - Great location: a mere 200 yards from the Gondola
- Clubhouse & much more

#### **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

From expert chutes to our kids-only terrain, and plenty of cruising on well-groomed, open slopes. If you want to try tree skiing, Steamboat has beautiful, widely spaced evergreen or Aspen glades on very gentle trails.

**APRES SKI** With over 100 restaurants & bars there is a broad spectrum of night life for a great time. And of course, there are the nearby world famous Strawberry Park hot springs.

For a special morning, join **1964 Olympic Silver Medalist/World Champion Billy Kidd,** for some free pointers and a run down Heavenly Daze.

Skiable Area: 2965 acres. Vertical Drop: 3667 ft.

One of Colorado's snowfall leaders, Steamboat skiing is almost always incredible. Combine its 350 annual inches with state-of-the-art grooming capabilities and you get ski cruising runs that are among the world's best.

# **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. \$6-\$8 per person. 29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren. Contact: Michael, sundaywallyball@gmail.com

**4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH - 4:30pm • Grace Centers of Hope 3**5 E Huron St, Pontiac. Contact: Susan Walker, swneko@aol.com, 248-660-5329



#### FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG

**Thu, Nov 10 • GMSC Meeting -** Bahama Breeze - 539 E. Big Beaver, Troy - Atrium Room (beween Rochester & Livernois) Time: 6:00pm. Cost: Your tab. *Specialty cake compliments of Bernie Stevens*. Come before 6pm for 1/2 off appetizers / Happy Hour. Contact: Greg, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

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**Sat, Dec 3 • Skiwi Christmas Party -** American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd, Troy 7pm Cocktails, 8pm Dinner. \$45 by Nov 19, \$50 after. Bring a new unwrapped toy for Toys-For-Tots. No tickets sold at the door. Contact: Debbie Cooke, sunsetcar@aol.com, 248-689-7167

**Thu, Dec 8 • GMSC Meeting -** Bahama Breeze - 539 E. Big Beaver, Troy - Atrium Room (beween Rochester & Livernois) Time: 6:00pm. Cost: Your tab. Wear Christmas sweaters! Come before 6pm for 1/2 off appetizers / Happy Hour. Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

**Sat, Dec 10 • Holiday Party -** Darrell Ahlberg's House. 6:30pm-? Music, dancing, and karaoke, food will be supplied, a dish-to-pass will be welcome. BYOB. Cost: \$5 donation at the door. Please RSVP! Contact: Darrell, 586-899-8203 (call or text), dahlberg7@comcast.net

**Wed, Dec 14 • ROM: Luciano's -** 39091 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp., Time: 6:30pm. Our group will order off a small menu priced approximately \$25/dinner. Cost: Your tab. It is very important to RSVP as seating is limited. Contact: Dennis4179@gmail.com, 248-318-1491 (text preferred)



# **Bowling League Subs Needed**

### Monday Nights • 6:55pm-9:30pm

Bowling subs needed on Monday night fun league at Classic Lanes, located just north of M-59 and west of Crooks on Avon-Industrial Drive.

Only \$10 for 3 games including 2 mystery game drawings.

Four per team, all levels, any combination of men or women.

Conact: Ken, kenphillips@mail.com



President Barack Obama, Donald Trump, Secretary Hillary Clinton, "The Supremes" Justices Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Sandra Sotomayor, are just a few of the of the luminaries 15 members of the GM Ski Club enjoyed meeting on October 22 at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. The leaders or would be leaders sang their way through hilarious vignettes, tweaking renditions of familiar songs. A fourth "debate" had Clinton and Trump answer the vital question: "Why did the chicken cross the road?" Trump proclaimed,

"Because there was no wall!" while Clinton retorted that the chicken "...never reached the other side!" Even Vladimir Putin sauntered shirtless on stage to proclaim his profound presence in the world. It was a boisterously bawdy evening with the infamous The Capital Steps. Everyone had a jolly good time!

Savor the Journey of Life ~

- Sharon Rose



# **HOLIDAY PARTY!**

Saturday, December 10 6:30pm - ? Darrell Ahlberg's House

Come join the GM Ski Club for some holiday cheer.

We'll have music, dancing, and a little karaoke for good measure.

Food will be supplied, a dish-to-pass will be welcome.

BYOB. Cost: \$5 donation at the door.

Please RSVP so food can be planned accordingly.

Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, dahlberg7@comcast.net, 586-899-8203 (call or text)



Saturday, December 3 7:00pm Cocktails 8:00pm Dinner

> \$45 by Nov 19 \$50 after Nov 19

American Polish Cultural Center

2975 E. Maple Rd, Troy

Join the Skiwi Ski Club and other ski clubs for a dinner dance. Price includes:

# Open Bar, Family-Style Dinner, Music, Dancing & Door Prizes.

**Toys for Tots:** Bring a new unwrapped toy & help unfortunate kids have a Merry Christmas.

#### No tickets sold at the door.

Contact: Debbie Cooke, sunsetcar@aol.com, 248-689-7167

## **Breakfast Club**

Every Sunday • 10am Jimmy's Coney Grill

37246 Dequindre (at 16 Mile), Sterling Hts. No RSVP needed, just show up!



## Luciano's

Wed, Dec 14 6:30pm

39091 Garfield Rd, Clinton Twp.

We will be meeting for Christmas at this upscale eatery serving Northern & Southern Italian specialties amid Italian village-inspired decor. Our group will order off a small menu priced approximately \$25/dinner. It is very important to RSVP as seating is limited. Cost: Your tab.

Contact: Dennis4179@gmail.com 248-318-1491 (text preferred)

# **Euchre Party**

Sat, Jan 14 • 6pm – 11pm \$15 Euchre • \$5 Party only



Euchre Party at Amy Skotzke's house. Our parties are designed to be fun. All levels of abilities are welcome. There will be cash prizes and food will be provided. BYOB. People can come for just the party. Euchre starts promptly at 6:30pm

Make checks out to Amy Skotzke or pay cash at the door. RSVP before Jan 10.

Contact: Amy Skotzke, 231-758-2198, Amy.Skotzke@gmail.com



# Wallyball

## Sundays • 12:30pm Warren Raquetball

29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren

Ours isn't a serious competition, we play for fun and exercise. Co-ed all the way and beginners are welcome. We play for two hours, then go to a nearby restaurant at 3:00pm.

Cost: Usually \$6-\$8 (the \$48 court fee is divided by the number of us on the court).

Players who RSVP will receive a \$1 discount over players who just "show up."

Contact: Michael, sundaywallyball@gmail.com

# Have You Joined Our Meet-Up Group Yet?

#### **Metro Detroit Fun and Fitness 49+**

It's easy, just go here and sign-up: www.meetup.com/FunFit

- Help the club with promotion
- Get email notifications for all events
  - RSVP for events to let everyone know you will be attending
    - See who else is going

# **New Year's Eve Bash!**

### Saturday, December 31 from 8pm - 1am

- Delicious buffet dinner and decadent desserts
- Live simulcast of the ball drop at Times Square
- Champagne Toast at midnight with horns & noisemakers
  - Dancing all night long with tunes by professional DJ

SAVE THE DATE! Pricing & reservations details coming soon.



# **GMSC General Meetings**

# Thursday, November 10

Specialty cake compliments of Bernie Stevens!

Join us for Caribbean inspired food, handcrafted tropical drinks, and a vibrant island atmosphere. Feel a million miles from home as you explore island flavors and discover legendary cocktails. Wear your tropical attire and enjoy the evening with no worries – just smile!

Come before 6pm for 1/2 off appetizers/ happy hour. Announcements start at approximately 6:55pm. Cost: Your tab.

Contact: Greg Ronan, riverdanceiii@yahoo.com

# 2nd Thursday of every month Bahama Breeze • 6:00pm

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