



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

# NEWS

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## 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)

FEATURING

**Lip  
Syncing**

start practicing now!

## Skiwi Christmas Party

**Saturday, December 3**

**7:00pm Cocktails**

**8:00pm Dinner**

**\$50 per person**

**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



## Stony Creek Hike

**Sunday, Dec 11**

**1:00pm – 4:30pm**

This will be a moderately paced hike of 4 to 5 miles. Meet at the

Nature Center. Bring water, sturdy footwear and dress in layers. We will eat at Stony Creek Roadhouse afterwards. Cost: Park fee, your tab.

Contact: Bonnie, 248 589-2551,  
lthouseon@aol.com

## GMSC Meeting

**Thursday, Dec 8 • 6pm**

Bahama Breeze - back room  
(between Rochester & Livernois Rds)

**Wear Christmas sweaters!**



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Dec 26 Lisa Miri

Dec 30 Amy Skotzke



**MDSC**  
Metropolitan  
Detroit  
Ski  
Council

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](http://www.mdscski.org)

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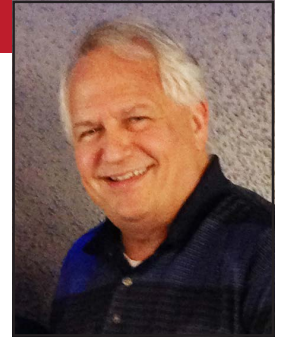
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**Bernie Stevens**  
VP of Special Events

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi all! I hope everyone had a happy and festive Thanksgiving. As for myself, I intended to eat a little more lean turkey and a little less cranberry sauce, gravy, and pumpkin pie. Sadly it turned out to be just the opposite. So it's back to the treadmill.

Thanksgiving is just the start of the holiday season. At GMSC, we have at least three great events planned for the month of December. Not the least of which will be the Holiday Party at my house on December 10. I always do my best to put on a great party and I look forward to seeing you. Details are on page one, but please RSVP so I know how many to expect. In addition we are working with the Skiwi Ski Club on their annual Christmas Dance at the Polish Cultural Center. This is sure to be another great occasion. Lastly, we are planning a New Year's Eve Bash with the Successfully Single Club. Details on all these events can be found in this newsletter, so be sure to soak up every page.

Please note a slight change for the December General Meeting. Once again, we will be meeting at Bahama Breeze, but we will be in the back room (not the Atrium Room). This was worked out well in advance, but I just wanted to make sure you were aware of it. Please ask the hostess if you have any questions. And wear your Christmas sweaters!

There are a lot of questions about our recent monthly Pub & Grub and Restaurant Of The Month outings. We have had mid-week outings to land some opportunities not available on the weekends. For example, we will be going to Luciano's Restaurant on December 14th for some great Italian food. Venues like this are nearly impossible to get into on a weekend. In the future, we will continue this where it makes sense, and returning to Fridays and/or Saturdays when possible. Either way, please note, we are striving for great opportunities for our members and friends. We look forward to your continued participation.

That's it for now. Everyone have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

**– Darrell Ahlberg, President, GM Ski Club**



**Luciano's**  
Wed, Dec 14  
6:30pm

39091 Garfield Rd,  
Clinton Twp.

Join us this holiday season at an upscale eatery serving Northern & Southern Italian specialties amid Italian village-inspired decor. It is very important to RSVP as seating is limited. We will be ordering from the regular menu.  
Cost: Your tab.

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

## New Year's Eve Bash



**Sat, Dec 31 • 8pm - 1am**  
**Club Venetian**

29310 John R, Madison Hts

**\$55 until Dec 17, \$65 afterwards**

Annual Dinner Dance Party by Successfully Single

- **Delicious buffet dinner & decadent desserts**
- **Live simulcast of ball drop at Times Square**
  - **Champagne Toast at midnight**
  - **Horns & noisemakers**
- **Dancing all night long with professional DJ**

*Dressy cocktail attire suggested*

Reservations required at [succesfullysingle.org](http://succesfullysingle.org)  
or by calling 248-289-6406.

Club members may call Tom Scott at 739-8600 to reserve a seat at the GM Ski Club table(s).







## Euchre Party

Nov 19

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.

### 2017 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**



**Steamboat**

\$500 deposit and trip application (download at [gmskiclub.org](http://gmskiclub.org)) due at sign-up.

**\$1435**

GMSC & MDSC  
Non-members add \$25

Contact: Dave Duvali, [daveduvali@att.net](mailto:daveduvali@att.net), 586-754-8151, 27216 Dover, Warren, MI 48088

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:swneko@aol.com), 248-660-5329



**FULL CALENDAR AVAILABLE AT [WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG](http://WWW.GMSKICLUB.ORG)**

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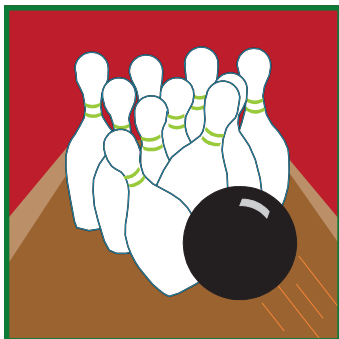
**Thu, Jan 12 • GMSC Meeting** - Bahama Breeze - 539 E. Big Beaver, Troy - Atrium Room ( between Rochester & Livernois) Time: 6:00pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, [riverdanceiii@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com)

**Sat, Jan 14 • Euchre Party** Time: 6pm-11pm. Cost: \$15 Euchre, \$5 Party only. All levels of abilities are welcome. Cash prizes. Food provided, BYOB. Euchre starts promptly at 6:30pm. RSVP before Jan 10. Pay cash at the door or send payment to: Amy Skotzke, 31 W. Breitmeyer Place, Mt Clemens, MI 48043. Contact: Amy Skotzke, 231-758-2198, [Amy.Skotzke@gmail.com](mailto:Amy.Skotzke@gmail.com)

**Fri, Jan 27 • P&G: Gus O'Conner's Public House** - 324 S Main St, Rochester. Time: 6pm. Cost: your tab. RSVP to [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com) or via text to 586 242-2003

**Thu, Feb 9 • GMSC Meeting** - Bahama Breeze - 539 E. Big Beaver, Troy - Atrium Room ( between Rochester & Livernois) Time: 6:00pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Greg Ronan, [riverdanceiii@yahoo.com](mailto:riverdanceiii@yahoo.com)

**Sat, Feb 11 • Game Night** - 16922 Mary Wood Dr, Macomb. Time: 6:30pm. Bottled water, chips and salsa will be provided, BYOB. Donations of a dish-to-pass or dessert are desired. Contact: Ken Phillips, 586 242-2003, [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)



## 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.

Contact: Ken, [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)





## HALLOWEEN PARTY







## Sands Bash

The 17th Annual Sands Bash is now history and it was a successful event put on by the Nautimile organization. It was at a new venue this year– The Lakeland Banquet and Event Center in St. Clair Shores. We had 40 people attend (2 tables of GM Ski Club members & 2 tables of Skiwis members) and we had a pretty good table location – right next to the band, the dance floor, the main door where people entered, and next to the bar. As we entered, most people got their picture taken by the Life Ring and the Dinghy which was raffled off. During the cocktail hour, most people were checking out the raffle baskets (auction) or buying tickets for the 50/50 raffle – a couple of GM Ski Club members won a couple of prizes. This benefitted the Wigs 4 Kids organization. Maggie Varney (Founder/CEO) and Jaeleen Davis (Recipient/Singer) gave a nice overview of the Wigs 4 Kids organization. An excellent buffet dinner was served and everybody had their fill. Then the music and dancing began – we were entertained by the George Brothers Band. The dance floor was busy all night long and everybody enjoyed the band.

*Article written by John Zalewski.*

*Photos published in the newsletter and the website gallery provided by John Zalewski, Beth Kish, and Laura Smith.*







## Sands Bash





# Euchre Party

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

Our parties are designed to be fun. All levels of abilities are welcome. Arrive at 6:00pm. Euchre starts promptly at 6:30pm. There will be cash prizes and food will be provided. Bring your own beverage. People can come for just the party.

RSVP before Jan 10. Pay cash at the door or send payment to: Amy Skotzke, 31 W. Breitmeyer Place, Mt Clemens, MI 48043

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



## Gus O'Conner's Public House

**Friday, January 27 • 6:00pm**

324 S Main St, Rochester

The largest authentic Irish Pub in North America. Authentic food, perfect pints, and a culture of good food, good drinks and friendly conversation. Happy hour goes until 6pm. Cost: Your tab.

RSVP to [kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com) or  
via text to 586 242-2003



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(off Romeo Plank, north of 24 Mile)

Open to GM Ski Club members & their guests.

Contact: Ken Phillips, 586 242-2003,  
[kenphillips@mail.com](mailto:kenphillips@mail.com)



**Play your favorite games on two levels!**  
**Pool, darts, euchre, hearts, pinochle, Yahtzee & classic board games.** Bottled water, chips & salsa will be provided, BYOB. Donations of a dish-to-pass or dessert are desired.

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## General Meetings

*2nd Thursday of every month*

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