



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

NEWS

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NOEL DAY

Saturday, Dec 7 • 11am

Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave

Meet at the DIA around 11am inside the main entrance on Woodward. Public Institutions like the DIA, Library, Historical Museum, and Science Center may close at 5pm. Many venues will have open houses and entertainment until 9 pm.

Noel Night is a Cultural Center-wide holiday open house that presents free activities including: horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday shopping, family craft activities and performances by over 200 area music, theatre, and dance groups, and other special performances. Cost: Free. For a list of activities & participants go to: www.noelnight.org

Contact: Carol Hacker, cahacker@comcast.net

Holiday PARTY

Saturday, Dec 14

6:30pm - ?

Darrell'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,
dish-to-pass will be welcome.
Advance RSVP is REQUIRED.

No walk ups, please.

Cost: GMSC Members Free,
\$5 guests

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



Legends LIVE

Saturday, December 7

Dinner: 6:30pm • Show: 8pm

Marchiori Catering at Assumption Center

21800 Marter Rd, St Clair Shores

"Christmas with the King"

Performances by tribute artists include Elvis, Johnny Mathis, Dean Martin, Paul McCartney and Brenda Lee. Cash bar & drink specials.

Cost: \$43 per person (this includes a \$5 discount for GM Ski Club members).

RSVP: Order your tickets by calling 586-771-8600 tell them you are with the GM Ski Club.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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If you'd like to contribute club event photos, articles or ideas, please email them to me!

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1 Gayle Bettega
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Dec 17 Eugene Wolfbauer

Dec 20 Kathleen Lorencz

Dec 25 Christine Luhrs
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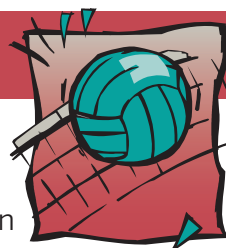
WALLYBALL

Sundays • 12:30pm
Warren Raquetball

29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren

Ours isn't a serious competition and beginners are welcome. We mix up the teams after every game, play for two hours, then go to a nearby restaurant at 3:00pm. \$7 if you sign-up, \$8 if you just "show up," \$9 if you arrive after 12:30pm.

Contact: sundaywallyball@gmail.com

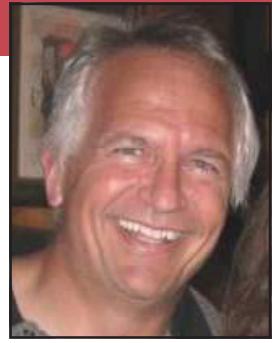


The MDSC has existed since 1955 and is the umbrella organization for twenty ski clubs located in the Metro Detroit area, Toledo Ohio, and from Grand Rapids to Windsor and Sarnia, Canada.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi all, well, unbelievable as it seems, the Holiday season is here once again. Another full year has gone by and I'm sure if you reflect back on what was going on in your life a year ago and look at where you are today, you'll realize a whole lot has happened in a year's time. And so, as the darkening days come to an end, and the days start getting longer, we get together with family and friends to reflect on the year gone by and celebrate the new year about to begin. Cultures and religions have been celebrating this time of year since time began. The ancient Roman Holiday of Saturnalia, a holiday of festivals, gift-giving, and parties, morphed into Christmas as Christianity conquered the Pagan World. The darkest time of the year is now a time to celebrate the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ, the Light Of The World. The Jewish Holiday of Hanukah, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated at this time. In India, Makara Sankranti is dedicated to the deity Surya (the sun) and marks the start of longer days. In Iran they celebrate Yalda Night, a winter solstice celebration held on "longest and darkest night of the year." These are just a few examples to illustrate that for nearly everyone, this is a time of celebration and hope as the days brighten and the new year begins. It is a time of festivals, spending time with loved ones, giving gifts, feasting, singing, dancing, reflection and prayer. It is a time to be thankful for the loved ones in our lives with whom pray, celebrate, and grieve. Whatever your background and faith, I wish the very happiest and merriest of the holiday season for you, your family, your friends, and loved ones.

As you go through this season, I hope you count the GM Ski Club as part of your life as well and plan to join us in our annual Holiday Party at my house this December 14th. I normally charge \$5 to help cover the costs of putting the part on. But this year, the GM Ski Club board has elected to pay this cost for members. So, as members, you can attend at no cost. I look forward to another robust Holiday Celebration with the "GM Ski Club family" and hope you will plan to join us.

From here, we are slowly filling up next year's calendars with a new round of events. As always, your contributions are requested and appreciated. We are a club run by our members and because of member participation, we are all the richer for it.

INDOOR MEETING CHANGE. We have been alternating our indoor meeting venue in order to see which one works best for our club. Your feedback will be very helpful in making this decision. For the next Indoor meeting, 12/12, we will be returning to Logan's Roadhouse in Troy. Our October meeting, the first of the season, was at Logan's Roadhouse in Troy. Last month, November, we returned to Ike's in Sterling Heights, and, as mentioned, for December, we'll be back at Logan's in Troy. Please make a note of these updates and stay tuned. Again, your feedback on these venues is very important and will be used to determine the best venue for our club.

Before closing, I want to mention each member of our board of directors and thank them for their efforts and time in making the club as successful as it is.

Vice-President – Joe Yoblonski, Secretary – June Siehda, Treasurer – Danny Boyd, Activities Chair – Ken Phillips, Sports Chair – Stan Sawicki, Hospitality Chair – Dave Haglund, MDSC Chair – Christine Luhrs, Newsletter – Sherry Letavis, Webmaster – Kathy O'Driscoll, Publicity Chair – Dennis Dembiec, and our newest board member, Trip Chair – Carole Hacker. As you can see, it takes a lot of to make this club work for us and if it weren't for the dedicated effort of these individuals, none of this would be possible. So, a huge round of thanks to them. Many hands make small work.

– Darrell Ahlberg, President, GM Ski Club



**Happy
Holidays!**





Friday, Dec 13 • 5pm - 8pm

The annual Belle Isle Holiday Stroll is a free event that has brought thousands of people to Belle Isle each winter for an evening packed with holiday celebration. The Belle Isle Conservancy has partnered with Belle Isle Boat House, Dossin Great Lakes Museum and the Belle Isle Nature Center for family fun activities, holiday performances, crafts, Santa & Mrs. Claus and more! Cost: Free (assuming no one will be checking for State Park stickers). Park by the Aquarium and meet inside around 5pm.

Contact: Carole Hacker, cahacker@comcast.net



WHINE & DINE

Thursday, Jan 16 • 5:30pm
Polka Restaurant

2908 E Maple Rd, Troy.

(Located west of Dequindre on south side of Maple)

Polka Restaurant was purposefully designed to make guests feel like they are visiting Poland. Offering a full menu of authentic Polish cuisine with a huge selection of craft beer and wines from around the world with a fusion of traditional décor and modern atmosphere. Cost: Your tab. Please RSVP by January 14.

Contact: Nancy, 248-585-3165 or 586-719-8080



EUCHRE PARTY

Saturday, Feb 15 • 6pm
\$15 cash per player

14230 Camelot Dr, Sterling Hts

This will be our 3rd Annual Euchre Tournament at the Plum Creek Condominium Clubhouse. Sign-in 6pm-6:15pm. Food buffet 6:30pm-7pm. Cash prizes awarded. You should be an experienced euchre player. This is a joint event with the Skiwi Ski Club.

You must RSVP by February 13. This is a very popular event that fills up quickly.

Contact: June, jsiehda@hotmail.com



Friday, Dec 20

5:30pm • Mama Mia's Restaurant

19385 Beech Daly, Redford. RSVP is REQUIRED for this event. We need an accurate count.

7:30pm • Redford Theatre

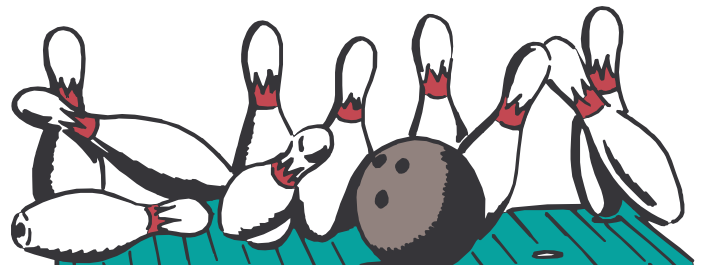
17360 Lahser Rd, Detroit. A restored classic movie theater featuring one of the few remaining pipe organs in the country. They will be showing **"Its A Wonderful Life"** with James Stewart and Donna Reed. Purchase tickets at box office outside the theater. Movie starts at 8pm.

Cost: \$5 Theater ticket plus your tab at restaurant.

You can purchase tickets in advance online:

<https://redfordtheatre.com/events/its-a-wonderful-life-5>

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



DINNER & BOWLING

Saturday, Jan 25

Roger's Roost • 7:30pm

33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts

Sterling Lanes • 9:15pm

33200 Schoenherr, Sterling Hts (north of 14 Mile)

Dinner meet-up is at Roger's Roost which is only two blocks north of Sterling Lanes. You must RSVP by January 24th to attend this dinner.

Our lanes should be available by 9:30pm. We will form groups of 4 or 5 bowlers per lane and bowl two games. Cost is \$7.50, pay either Ken Phillips or Carol Stanek – not the lanes. We must pay them for the entire group. If you need to rent shoes, pay the lanes directly, \$2.99.

COST: Your tab at restaurant plus \$7.50 for bowling.

RSVP by Jan 24: Carol Stanek, 313-443-7527,
carolbarrel1@yahoo.com

GM SKI & TRAVEL CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

EVERY SUNDAY - 10am • Breakfast Club – Jimmy's Coney Grill, 37246 Dequindre, Sterling Hts. No RSVP needed
12:30pm • Wallyball - Warren Racquetball, 29901 S Civic Ctr Blvd. \$7 adv, \$8 door. Contact: sundaywallyball@gmail.com

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Legends Live - Marchiori Catering at Assumption Center, 21800 Marter, St Clair Shores. Dinner: 6:30pm, Show: 8pm. Cash bar & drink specials. Cost: \$43 per person (this includes a \$5 discount for GM Ski Club members). RSVP: Order your tickets by calling 586-771-8600 tell them you are with the GM Ski Club.

Thu, Dec 12 • GMSC Meeting - Logan's Roadhouse, 86 W 14 Mile Rd, Troy. 6:00pm, **TROY LOCATION FOR DEC!** Located West of John R near Oakland Mall. Announcements at 7:15pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Dave Hagland, 586-275-0208

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Fri, Dec 20 • Redford Theater Dinner - Mama Mia's Restaurant, 19385 Beech Daly, Redford. 5:30 pm, Dinner before movie, RSVP is REQUIRED for this event. Cost: Your tab at the restaurant.

Redford Theater Movie - "Its A Wonderful Life" - 17360 Lahser Rd, Detroit. 7:30pm Purchase tickets at box office outside the theater, movie starts at 8pm. Cost: \$5 theater ticket. Contact: Darrell Ahlberg, 586-899-8203 (call or text), dahlberg7@comcast.net

Thu, Jan 9 • GMSC Meeting - Ike's Restaurant, 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. 6:00pm in their banquet room. Announcements around 7:15pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Dave Hagland, 586-275-0208, davehag5@msn.com

Thu, Jan 16 • Whine & Dine - Polka Restaurant & Beer Cafe, 2908 E Maple Rd, Troy. (located west of Dequindre on south side of Maple) 5:30pm, Cost: Your tab. RSVP: Nancy Thomas by January 14, 248-585-3165 or 586-719-8080

Sat, Jan 25 • Dinner & Bowling - Roger's Roost 7:30pm, 33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts. **Sterling Lanes** 9:15pm, 33200 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts. Cost: Dinner tab plus \$7.50 bowling (pay Carol or Ken), shoe rental \$3 (pay lanes). You must RSVP by Jan 24. Contact: Carol Stanek: carolbarrell@yahoo.com, 313-443-7527.

Jan 24-26 • Schuss Shanty Instructional - Skiwi Ski Club, \$379 dbl

Trip includes: T-Shirt, Friday night party including 2 drink tickets, 2 full hot buffet breakfasts, Dinner on Saturday night with raffle prizes, Pool, hot tub, and fitness facility, 3 Days of skiing, Instruction by ski level, 4 hours Saturday, 4 hours Sunday, Entertainment. Reserve your spot by calling 866-695-5012 and let them know you are with the SKIWI BLOCK. Be ready to provide your T-shirt size. Let us know you're coming. If you need a roommate contact: Julie, juliemd03@yahoo.com, 586-979-8178

Feb 11-14 • Boyne Highlands Bus Trip - Livonia Ski Club, \$495 Package **

INCLUDES all gratuities and taxes (MDSC club affiliates), 3 days of skiing at Boyne Highlands, 3 nights lodging at Main Lodge (2 per room), 3 deluxe buffet breakfasts at the Lodge dining room, Tuesday lunch and refreshments on the luxury motor coach, Welcome party at the hotel on Tuesday evening in our own private room, Wonderful sit down dinner at the hotel on Wednesday evening. Those 75+ can ski free at Boyne Highlands on Tuesday after check-in at the hotel.

**There is an additional \$20 surcharge for those under 65 by Feb. 11, 2020 (Total = \$515).

BUS INFO: Departs Tuesday, 10am from Livonia Senior Center, 5 Mile Rd. & Farmington Rd. A second pickup location is at US-23 and M-59 in front of the Kroger Store. Those who wish to ski the afternoon on arrival (Tues) at Boyne Highlands should keep their boot bags INSIDE the bus. (Anyone under 75 would have to pay the ½ day lift ticket).

PAYMENT: All questions and checks should be addressed to: Jim Millman, 248-489-9082, 29503 Shenandoah Dr., Farmington Hills, MI. 48331. Make checks payable to L.S.C.

Payment schedule: Sign-up \$100/person deposit. 2nd payment of \$200 due Oct. 1, final payment of \$195/\$215 due Nov. 30.

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There are a lot more great event photos on our website! www.gmskiclub.org



Euchre Party

A good time was had by all Skiwi & GM ski club members who tried their best to win! Everyone was a winner with laughter, stories & socialization. The food was plentiful– delicious chicken made by Julie DiMambro & entrées by Sharon Rose, who hosted the event, Thank you to everyone who helped or brought side dishes!





Sands Bash



SCHUSS SHANTY INSTRUCTIONAL

Skiwi Ski Club Jan 24-26 • \$379 dbl

Elevate your skiing to a higher level with Shanty Creek's Instructional Weekend.

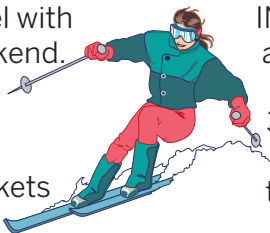
TRIP INCLUDES:

- T-Shirt (Its all about the T-shirt)
- Friday night party including 2 drink tickets
- 2 full hot buffet breakfasts
- Dinner on Saturday night - Great Banquet and raffle prizes
- Pool & Hot Tub, and Fitness facility on site
- 3 Days of skiing: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Instruction by ski level, 4 hours on Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday
- Entertainment - Band at Ivan's

RESERVE YOUR SPOT by calling 866-695-5012 and let them know you are with the SKIWI BLOCK.
Be ready to provide your T-shirt size.

Let us know you're coming. If you need a roommate, Julie can assist.

Contact: Julie, juliemd03@yahoo.com,
586-979-8178



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Jim Millman, 29503 Shenandoah Dr.,
Farmington Hills, MI 48331.
Contact: Jim 248-489-9082.

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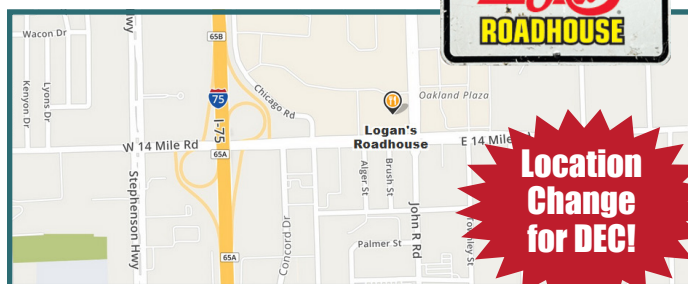


General Meetings

2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Logan's Roadhouse • 6pm

86 W 14 Mile Rd, Troy
(W of John R, near Oakland Mall)



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