



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

NEWS

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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

DETROIT FILM THEATER

Saturday, Feb 8 • 2pm

DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit

2pm Oscar Nominated Shorts: Documentary.

This is a rich program of all five of the Academy Award nominated documentary shorts.

Lunch at Shields (across the street)

7pm Oscar Nominated Shorts: Animation and Live Action. This program will combine all the

nominees in one spectacular showcase, with an intermission between the two categories.

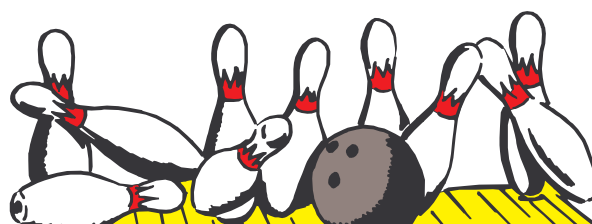
You should arrive at least 30 minutes before showtime to secure good seats. It is suggested to arrive by 11am to get decent parking and explore the museum for a while. The DIA Cafeteria is excellent for a lunch before the first program. The Detroit Film Theater entrance is on John R.

Cost: \$9.50 per ticket per show.

Purchase at DIA or call 313- 833-4005.

Note: Lower priced tickets available for DIA Members with a pass card.

Contact: kenphillips@mail.com, text 586-242-2003



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

WALLYBALL

Sundays • 12:30pm
Warren Raquetball

29901 S Civic Center Blvd, Warren

Ours isn't a serious competition and beginners are welcome. We 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: wallyballsunday@gmail.com



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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 1 Karen Duncanson

Jan 2 Sherry Letavis

Jan 4 Pam Nanni

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Jan 13 Gelene Pigott

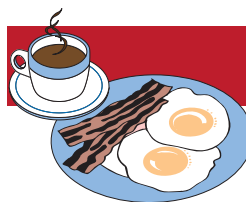
Jan 18 Deborah Ellinger

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Jan 30 Cheryl Sussman
Rosalie Golden



BREAKFAST CLUB

Every Sunday • 10am
Jimmy's Coney Grill

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



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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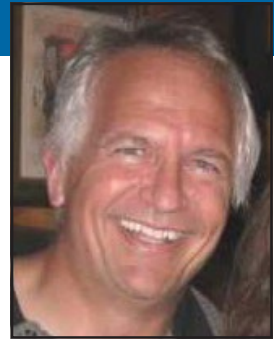
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi all, and welcome to 2020, the New Year.

I hope your holiday season was a great one. Now it's time to go back on those diets, hit the treadmill, start fulfilling those New Year resolutions, and start the New Year off with energy and good health. Whew!! I'm pooped already. Its going to be a great year with the GM Ski Club. The calendar is still being formatted, so check it often. Among the things we're waiting for is ideas from you. This is a club for the members and run by its members. Nothing would happen if not for you. So I hope you look forward to making it happen and being part of it all.



Our first three indoor meetings were somewhat experimental. We always felt Ike's restaurant was a fine venue and offered great service, however, attendance dwindled substantially so we decided to try something else. We gave Logan's Roadhouse a try. I've been in the club for about 17 years, and in all this time, almost without exception, the main issue faced has been service. Everything from not enough wait staff, to orders getting mixed up, to slow order delivery, etc. To be sure, Logan's Roadhouse, was not without these very common problems. I don't blame them entirely. Taking care of a large group is difficult for any restaurant or venue. It always seems that Ike's has their service side working like a finely-tuned machine. We asked for your feedback and the overwhelming choice is to return to Ike's. To help pep up the atmosphere, we will pipe in lively music. That combined with Ike's impeccable service, great food, and a group ready for a good time is a winning combination for sure. See you for our first 2020 meeting on January 9th at Ike's.

To those who attended the Logan's meetings, I know it took a lot of patience, but I'd like to thank you for keeping your cool and treating the wait staff with dignity. It made it easier for me to shake hands with the manager as I explained we'll be using another venue from here on out. He was totally understanding and wished us well. We know that if we ever so choose, we'll be welcome back anytime. How we treat the wait staff is a reflection on our club as a whole. Its important to understand that wherever we go, whether for our general meeting, or other outings, servicing large groups is tough and mistakes will happen. If you have an issue, please notify myself or another board member. If needed, we will work with management to rectify the problem and/or find another venue.

As I mentioned, 2020 is shaping up to be another great year for our club. We already have great events lined up and will be adding more very soon. Hope to see you there.

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



TREMENDOUS TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, Jan 7 - Feb 25 • 10am
Skiing at Mt. Holly for \$28



Mt Holly opens up at 10am. We will meet on the slopes after that.

We'll ski up to two hours, then take a lunch/beverage break around 12:30pm. Then we will ski another one to two hours and leave before the school buses arrive around 3pm.

Contact: Stan Sawicki
at 586-808-3406

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: jsiehda2@gmail.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: wallyballsunday@gmail.com
EVERY TUESDAY in Jan & Feb - 10am • Skiing at Mt. Holly for \$28 – Meet on the slopes after 10am. Lunch/ beverage break around 12:30pm, Ski another 1-2hrs, ending by 3pm. Contact: Stan Sawicki at 586-808-3406.

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

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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

Sat, Feb 8 • Detroit Film Theater - DIA, 5200 Woodward Ave, Detroit, 2pm & 7pm showings. Cost: \$9.50 per ticket per show. Purchase at DIA or call 313- 833-4005. Contact: kenphillips@mail.com, text 586-242-2003

Thu, Feb 13 • GMSC Meeting & Joke Night - Ike's Restaurant, 38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts. 6:00pm in their banquet room. Announcements at 7:15pm. Cost: Your tab. Contact: Dave Hagland, 586-275-0208, davehag5@msn.com

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.

Sat, Feb 15 • Euchre Party - 14230 Camelot Dr, Sterling Hts. 6pm, \$15 cash per player. Sign-in 6pm-6:15pm. Food buffet 6:30pm-7pm. Cash prizes awarded. You must RSVP by February 13. Contact: jsiehda2@gmail.com

Thu, Mar 12 • 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, Apr 9 • GMSC Meeting & Election Night - 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

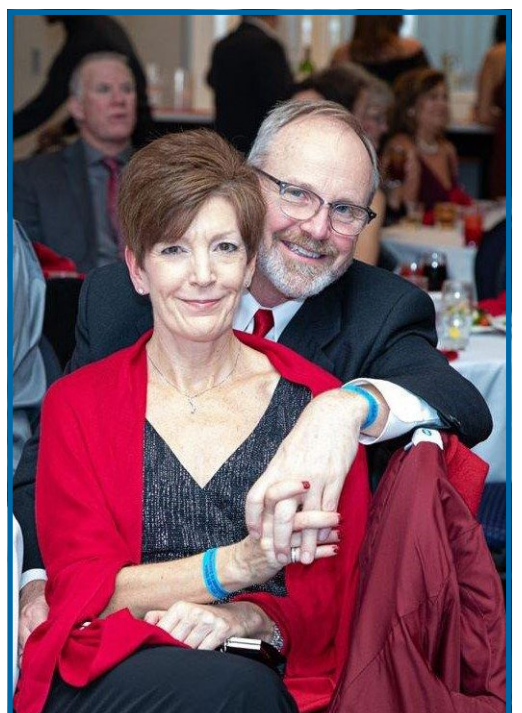
There are a lot more great event photos on our website! www.gmskiclub.org



Get Your Jokes Ready!

Joke Night is Thursday, February 13

Ike's Restaurant after the Meeting Announcements.



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,
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BOYNE HIGHLANDS BUS TRIP

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Contact: Jim 248-489-9082.

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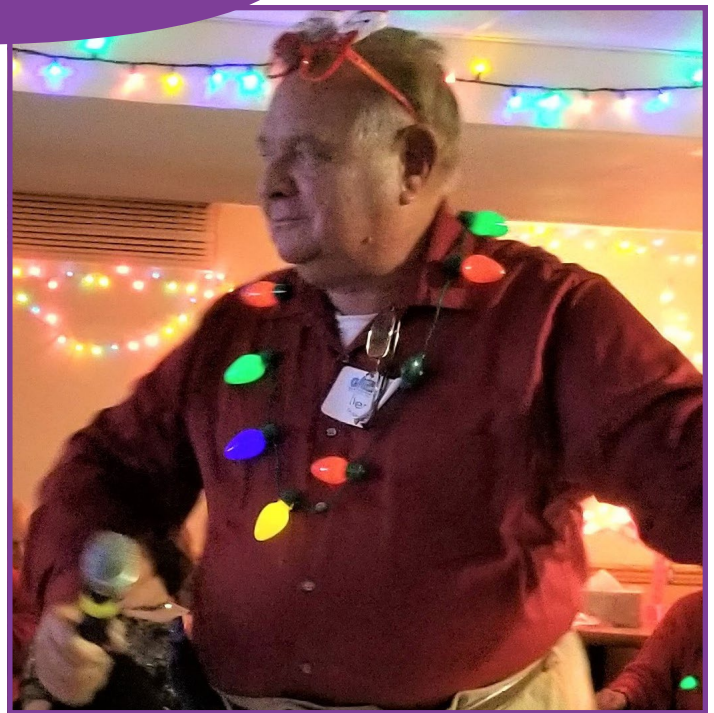
The 2019 Holiday Party was truly a rocking and rolling extravaganza. We had an attendance of 56 people all decked out in festive holiday attire and all came prepared to have a good time. Once again, I owe a huge thanks to those who brought food to share. You certainly did not disappoint. We had everything from pasta, chicken, pizza, meatballs, salads, and, of course, assortment of delicious deserts, and much more. Nobody went home hungry. We did the whole thing with a variety of music and dancing under disco lights. There was an hour set aside for the Karaoke show. Everyone who wanted to sing got a chance to be a star. We wrapped up the karaoke show with a rollicking sing-a-long of an assortment of Christmas songs. Then it was back to the party. If you missed it, we hope to see you next year.

-Darrell





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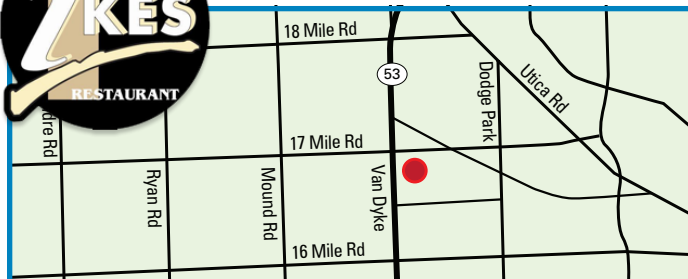


GENERAL MEETINGS

2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Ike's Restaurant • 6:00pm

38550 Van Dyke, Sterling Hts
(SE corner of 17 Mile & Van Dyke)



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