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NEWS AND EVENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY CLUB AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY · April 2012

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Mug Shots, Allendale

Congratulations... New Board of Trustees!

Thanks to the many members who voted in the March election. A record number of votes were cast, and the following members were elected to the Board of Trustees.

Kirsten Bartels, Meijer Honors College
Mick Doxey, Risk Management
Ken Fridsma, Retiree
John Gracki, Retiree

Linda Goossen, College of Health Professions
Mary Morgan, Zumberge Library
Pat Vadas, Retiree
Sue Willemsen, Student Services

Officers for 2012-2013:

John Klein – President
Mick Doxey – Vice President

Kirsten Bartels - Secretary
Ron Grew – Treasurer

The Board of Trustees is comprised of dedicated professionals elected to manage the University Club's business affairs, create the annual programs and events you enjoy, and develop beneficial partnerships. They work hard to assure our Club provides a diverse array of engaging activities for you and your families to enjoy, as well as a warm and friendly environment that you'll want to come back to regularly. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Annual Meeting, Dinner & St. Patrick's Day Celebration

'twas time for a wee bit o' partin'



The unusually warm March evening displayed just as much green outside as it did inside this year. Both members and The Meadows Restaurant were adorned in their finest greens to celebrate this annual gathering.

Following the annual business meeting of the general membership, President John Klein recognized the current Board of Trustees and their contributions for the past year, then concluded with introductions of the newly-elected Board. It was announced that next year marks the 50th anniversary of the University Club.



Members continued the evening celebration in true St. Patrick's Day style. A traditional fare of soda bread, beef and cabbage, fish and chips, and bread pudding was enjoyed by everyone. And of course, the ale and lucky leprechaun green drink specials complemented the festivities!

Restaurant-of-the-Month Review

Shiraz Grille: fine dining, fabulous flavors

If you're looking for a change of pace, an experience that will delight the palate, then try the fine dining of Shiraz Grill located at 2739 Breton Rd SE, just north of 28th Street in Grand Rapids (www.shirazgrille.com). University Club members attending the January Restaurant-of-the-Month Tour gathered to sample a modern take on the Persian and Mediterranean cuisine. It was well worth the trip.

The interior is warm and inviting, the staff attentive, and the food comforting, rich and delicious. Among the many to select from, this chef's group of four shared the Shiraz Appetizer Sampler to begin our journey into a cuisine that dates back to 1500 BC. Our sampler included Dolmeh (stuffed grape leaves), a panir cheese spread, hummus and an eggplant dish. The list of appetizers also includes an array of seafood and vegetarian options.

Shiraz has a wide variety of entrees which features lamb, chicken, seafood, and an assortment of vegetarian dishes. It really can satisfy any and all appetites, large or small. If you can't decide, try a family platter with your choice of four different gourmet kabobs or the Khoresh Sampler with your choice of three of the Khoreshes (a delicate stew, sauce that combines your choice of protein with herbs, dried fruit and nuts, served with rice). Portions are quite generous; most of the group left with a box containing lunch for the next day! The highlight for our group that night, Mahicheh (lamb shank), Vegetarian Gheymeh Bodemjon (split peas and eggplant in a cinnamon-tomato sauce with sun-dried limes) and Persian ice cream. Not all items were a total hit. One such item was a drink called Dough ([doog]; a yogurt and mint drink with salt and pepper). Not this chef's cup of tea, but others found it refreshing and different.

Shiraz has a full bar selection available for their guests and a wine list that would be considered small by some, but with a nice selection that is reasonably priced.

Thanks to our wait staff, Kendall, and our bartender (a GVSU health sciences student; sorry we didn't get her name) for an enjoyable evening. Kendall kept our meal at a slow and enjoyable pace that only increased our dining experience, and our bartender kept our glasses full but never pushed us to have more than we should.



One Chef's Opinion...

By Beth Neumeier
University Club Member

New Mix & Mingle, May-August

You asked for it, you got it! Join us as we introduce this new mix and mingle event.

Thirsty Thursdays at Mug Shots:

Held the fourth Thursday of each month May through August, we'll see you at Mug Shots, 4633 Lake Michigan Drive in Allendale (next to the Speedway station). Food and drink specials will be available. Come join your friends, relax and enjoy the best burgers and beer in town. Meet ya in the cell block beginning May 24, at 4:30 pm, where we'll be surrounded by some of the most notorious mug shots!



TGIF a Fan Favorite



Not sure if the glasses were half full or half empty, but they didn't stay that way for long! The monthly TGIF's have become a favorite start to the weekend for members.

The tradition of gathering at the local pub is a favorite social time among our UClub members. We eat, drink and are always merry!



Held the first Friday of each month, alternating between the Main Street Pub and Shawmut Inn, we gather at our favorite watering holes to unwind. Happy hour food and drink specials are generally available between 4:30-7:00 pm. Come join your UClub friends and relax after the end of a busy work week. Guests are always welcome.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & EVENTS

Congratulations New Members!

Ron Merrihew – WGUV

Pam Kellogg – life member; retired 3/2/12

Lorna Siler – life member; retired 1/31/12

Joan VanTimmeren – life member; retired 9/21/11



GVSU University Club to Celebrate



Starting this fall and continuing through 2013, the University Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. In recognition of this milestone, several special events are being planned for members and the GVSU community. Details will be featured on the website, in campus news, future newsletters and invitations. Thanks to our loyal members for your support!

BOWL-A-RAMA

Pins, Pizza and Play to be Reracked!

Spare time in January allowed several families to enjoy a bowl-a-rama and pizza party evening at Lincoln Lanes. Curve balls, converted splits, star frames, and yes, even some gutter balls added to the enjoyment. At the end of the evening, no split decision, our lucky strikers were Ester Burns-168, Ken Kolbe-147, and Kim Kolbe-145.

All agreed this is an event worth rolling again. So don't be a sleeper, stay tuned for another bowl-a-rama that will be right up your alley. Beer frame anyone?



No bumper bowling for these King/Queenpins!

UClub Campus-Partner Event...



Classic Pairings: Coastal Cities

Classic Fare Catering at GVSU invites you to the second in a two-event series for a romantic celebration of food, wine and beer. This event will be held on Thursday, May 10, from 4:00 to 9:00 pm in the DeVos Center University Club Room. Advance ticket price for UClub members is \$45 per person. For reservations, call Campus Catering at 331-3342.



Administrative Professionals Week

April 22-28, 2012

Show your appreciation!

Community Connections...

Mother's Day

Sunday Brunch

May 13 – 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Treat mom on this special occasion with a lavish brunch at the University Club of Grand Rapids! This Mother's Day extravaganza includes a variety of salads, fruits, breakfast classics, seafood, favorite hot entrées, decadent desserts, and more. For reservations, call 616-456-8623.

Adults: \$26.50, Children under 12: \$12.50,
Children under 2: free

* Reciprocal Requirements Apply



State Park Beach
Grand Haven, MI
May 18-20, 2012

FREE Admission

Enjoy a day at the beach as the sky is filled with colorful kites of all types and sizes. World-famous stunt kite fliers, kites larger than a school bus, open kite flying, illuminated kites night fly, kiteboarding demos, children's play area, and largest outdoor kite store are among the attractions for your family-fun weekend.

[Schedule of Events](#)

LST 393'S FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES ON DECK...

Head to the shoreline June through August and enjoy a Friday evening on the LST 393 with great classic movies! The ship opens at 8 pm, and showings begin at sunset. Admission is free, but donations to support the preservation efforts are accepted. Concessions are sold for \$1. Bring your chair or blanket and enjoy a classic movie on the deck of Muskegon's historic USS LST 393 Veterans Ship under the stars. In case of rain, movies are shown inside on the warship's cavernous tank deck. Parking is available at the Mart Dock where the ship is moored.

On June 15, University Club members will be dining at Dockers Fish House in Muskegon just steps from the shores of Lake Michigan for the restaurant-of-the-month tour. Those interested may continue the evening with LST 393's full-length feature film *The Maltese Falcon* starring Humphrey Bogart.



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Mission: The mission of the Grand Valley State University Club is to provide our diverse, multi-campus university community with opportunities for interaction through social, educational, cultural, and recreational activities.

Membership: Membership is open to current and retired faculty and staff of the university and their immediate family members. In addition to the historical camaraderie offered through UClub membership, members also have access to a wide array of club programs, discounts, and affiliate membership in the Association of College and University Clubs.

Website: www.qvsu.edu/uclub
Visit the website often for event details and updates to the schedule of events, newsletter, and our photo gallery.