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NEWS AND EVENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY CLUB AT GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY • January 2012

## Upcoming Events

- **January 13**  
Bowlerama Night  
Lincoln Lanes, Grand Rapids
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TGIF-of-the-Month  
Lincoln Lanes, Grand Rapids
- **January 20**  
Restaurant-of-the-Month Tour  
Shiraz Grille, Grand Rapids
- **February 03**  
TGIF-of-the-Month  
Main Street Pub, Allendale
- **February 16**  
Classic Pairings: Cities of Love  
Alumni House, Allendale
- **February 17**  
Restaurant-of-the-Month Tour  
Blue Water Grill, Grand Rapids
- **February 24**  
WGvu Great Food & Wine Symposium  
Grand Rapids Public Museum
- **March 2**  
TGIF-of-the-Month  
Shawmut Inn, Grand Rapids
- **March 16**  
Annual Meeting & Dinner  
St. Patrick's Day Celebration  
Location tbd



## UClub on the Road . . .

### Members Agree, New Mix & Mingle Events a Social Success!



#### Restaurant-of-the-Month Tour

UClub members dined this past quarter at Restaurant Toulouse in Saugatuck where a French cuisine and imported wine was savored by all. Members also experienced the traditions of an Italian fare and ambiance at Salvatore's in Grand Rapids. Truly a delectable delight!

Held the third Friday of each month, we'll savor some of the finest cuisine and creative casual fare our west Michigan area has to offer. We all eat out once in a while; why not make it a cork and fork party with your UClub friends! Contact Ester ([burnse@gvsu.edu](mailto:burnse@gvsu.edu)) to recommend your favorite dining destination or that special restaurant you've been waiting to experience.



#### It's Five O'clock Somewhere TGIF

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?" Absolutely not! "We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne." The tradition of gathering at the local pub will always be a favorite pastime among our UClub members. And the food is good too!

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

### Message from the President... Happy New Year!

I would like to extend my thanks to the many members who participated in the programs and events offered by the University Club this past year. Many new and fun-filled opportunities await you in the 2012 New Year. I look forward to seeing you at the Bowlerama this week, and to your continued support and participation of future Club activities. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the board members with suggestions for future events.

In February, nominations will be solicited from the general membership to fill impending board member vacancies. Elected board members will serve a three-year term and will assist with management of the University Club's business affairs and event planning. When the time comes, I encourage you to consider running for this office and/or nominating a colleague. Serving on the board is a fun and rewarding experience, and you will enjoy the camaraderie of friends in engaging activities.

University Club President

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Soup Nazi Competition. . .

Although chilly winds of November were biting on the outside, football tailgaters were treated to piping hot soups to keep them warm on the inside prior to the Lakers defeating the SVSU Cardinals. And of course we didn't forget the grilled cheese sandwiches to compliment the soup. Ten chefs competed for the best soup award and the title of UClub Soup Nazi. The tailgating crowd sampled the savory soups and cast their ballots. Thanks to all the contestants and tailgaters for making this event such a fun success. Congratulations to our winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place and 2011 UClub Soup Nazi – Kirsten Bartels (Baked Potato Bacon)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Kim Kolbe (Thai Shrimp)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mick Doxey (Sweet Potato Bisque)



## Retirees Review

- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Art & Science on Aging Conference – February 10, 8:30 am, DeVos Center  
[Click here](#) for details and registration.
- Retirees under age 65 and on the GVSU Health Plan are eligible to participate in the Know Your Numbers Clinical Health Risk Assessment. The free 10-minute appointment includes a blood draw and short online questionnaire. [Click here](#) for details on this March 12, opportunity.
- Stay in touch! Share your stories and photos of what exciting ventures you're involved in, places you've traveled to, and volunteer work you're doing. Submit any and all suggestions for events, programs, or clubs within the club that might be of particular interest to our members. Thank you.



## UClub Campus-Partner Events . . .

### Classic Pairings: Cities of Love

Classic Fare Catering at GVSU invites you to the first in a two-event series for a romantic celebration of food, wine and beer. This event will be held on Thursday, February 16, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Alumni House. Advance ticket price for UClub members is \$45. Event details are available at [GVSU Catering](#).

### Great Food and Wine Symposium

WGVU and D&W Fresh Market invite you to enjoy a winter escape at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Food and Wine Symposium on Friday, February 24, from 7:30 to 10 pm, at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. You will enjoy an unlimited sampling of over 300 international wine and beer selections, as well as gourmet food from around the globe. As a bonus, UClub members may purchase tickets for only \$40 until February 10, by calling 800-442-2771. Ticket and event details are available at [WGVU](#).

Volunteer opportunities are available to UClub members for this event. Volunteering with WGVU is fun and offers you the chance to meet new and diverse people, with a common interest - supporting quality programs and events at WGVU! Contact Ester ([burnse@gvsu.edu](mailto:burnse@gvsu.edu)) if interested in this opportunity.



# Reciprocal Privileges

for GVSU University Club members



It began in 1923, rather modestly, when a small group of representatives from Harvard, Yale, Michigan, Princeton, Amerherst, and Colgate formed the founding charter. Attractive and convenient quarters were established in the Pantlind Hotel. The Fifth Third Center became its present home in 1966.

Besides developing a congenial atmosphere and a spirit of good fellowship, the University Club has established itself as a truly successful organization. The Club is indeed one of west Michigan's finest dining establishments. The experience begins with a dramatic view of downtown Grand Rapids, and continues through to a warm, cordial atmosphere.

The University Club has arranged for the following reciprocal privileges to our members:

Dining: Lunch Monday-Friday 11:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Dinner Monday-Saturday 5:00 – 9:00 pm (reservations required)

Parking: Discounted rates in the Fifth Third lots off Monroe and Ottawa Avenues  
\$1.25 per half-hour before 5 pm; \$1.25 flat rate after 5 pm and weekends

Accommodations: Discounted rate at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel

## To Visit the University Club of Grand Rapids

GVSU University Club membership card is required and must be presented at time of service. Expenses will be billed to our Club on a monthly basis, and member reimbursement is required within 15 days after receipt of invoice. Contact Ester ([burnse@gvsu.edu](mailto:burnse@gvsu.edu)) for assistance.



The Association of College and University Clubs (ACUC) is a non-profit organization of campus-based clubs located throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Established in 1978, the Association creates global awareness of the services provided by university clubs in their role as campus hosts. As hospitality providers, university clubs promote collegiality, social interaction and enhanced communication among members of academic and professional communities. Nearly 100 clubs worldwide participate in the Association's reciprocity program, facilitating academic interaction by opening their doors to club members visiting from other campuses. Each club in the Association is a unique reflection of the university community it serves.

Member clubs of the Association recognize and honor a reciprocal agreement which allows individual members of a club to visit any of the other clubs within the Association. The reciprocal agreement encourages fellowship among the various universities and enhances the lines of communication between the associated clubs and their individual members.

## To Visit an ACUC Club

To insure an enjoyable visit to another club, contact Ester ([burnse@gvsu.edu](mailto:burnse@gvsu.edu)) for assistance in determining available amenities, hours of operation, dress codes, accepted forms of payment, and to request a reciprocal membership card. Payment will be made by the visiting member directly to the reciprocating club at time of service. Reciprocal Club Guidelines and list of ACUC member clubs are available on our [website](#).

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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.

Already a UClub member? Nominate a colleague for membership! Contact Ester ([burnse@gvsu.edu](mailto:burnse@gvsu.edu)) to nominate a colleague, or feel free to send them an application for membership.

**Website:** [www.gvsu.edu/uclub](http://www.gvsu.edu/uclub)  
The web site has been updated! Visit often for event details and updates to the schedule of events, newsletter, membership application, and our photo gallery. All employees and guests are welcome to attend any event.

# STILL TIME FOR YOU TO REGISTER!

Roll in the New Year  
at the UClub

## Bowlarama!

fun for the entire family  
Friday, January 13, 2012

Lincoln Lanes  
3485 Lake Michigan Drive NW  
Grand Rapids, MI

\* [Click here](#) for details  
and RSVP



# Annual Meeting & Dinner



GRAND VALLEY STATE  
UNIVERSITY CLUB

Join us to celebrate

# st patrick's day

time for a wee bit o' partin!



SAVE THE DATE...

*Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 pm*

*Location and details to follow*

