



# Detroit 56'ers

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**Just getting together for lunch!**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011 • 1:00 P.M.**  
**Olive Garden, 14000 Middlebelt**  
**in Livonia, Michigan**

We are just having lunch to get back together after a long winters nap and chat about the plans for the upcoming meetings. The Olive Garden in Livonia is pretty much centrally located for everyone. Please plan to join us. It is right off I-96 for most members.

From the north:

Get onto I-96 toward DETROIT.

Take EXIT 176 toward MIDDLEBELT RD.

Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto SCHOOLCRAFT RD.

Turn LEFT onto MIDDLEBELT RD.

You have reached Olive Garden 14000 Middlebelt is on the RIGHT.

From the south:

You can take Telegraph going North

Turn LEFT onto SCHOOLCRAFT.

Merge onto I-96 W/JEFFRIES FWY via the ramp on the LEFT.

Take EXIT 176 toward MIDDLEBELT RD.

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Turn RIGHT onto MIDDLEBELT RD.

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or

I-275

Take the I-96 E exit, EXIT 29, toward DETROIT.

Merge onto JEFFRIES FWY.

Take EXIT 176 toward MIDDLEBELT RD.

Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto SCHOOLCRAFT RD.

Turn LEFT onto MIDDLEBELT RD.

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**Please R.S.V.P. to Chris Speedie by Wednesday, February 23, 2011** via email at [raespeedie@aol.com](mailto:raespeedie@aol.com) or phone (leave a message if I am not home) **734-675-8528**.

I will try to get some kind of reservation or call ahead since we are a group.

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**Meetings:**

**BOARD MEETINGS:**  
President's Discretion

**MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

Typically the last  
Sunday of each  
month

*Locations To Be Announced*

Your board of directors met on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 to layout next years meeting schedule. The schedule is as follows: Meetings are pretty much set, but all meetings are subject to change and are not written in stone. This is just a guideline as to some of our plans. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.**

- FEBRUARY: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011 - LUNCH AT THE OLIVE GARDEN** in LIVONIA, 14000 Middlebelt (right off I-96). Just lunch at this point.
- MARCH: SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011 - Bretton Village Clubhouse** in Trenton  
An International Pot Luck Luncheon with a Make and Take.  
Bring a dish to pass that represents your heritage. We will have a fun make and take to do as well. There *may* be a small charge for the make and take. **This was one of the ideas from Mike Goode who did a seminar at the Seasons of Michigan Gathering**
- APRIL: SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011 - LUNCH AT BIG BEAR LODGE and a visit to the FLAT ROCK MODEL TRAIN DEPOT & MUSEUM**  
Take a look at their website (<http://flatrocktraindepot.org>) on Arsenal Road in Flat Rock. \$6.00 Adult, \$5.00 Seniors
- MAY: SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011 - A DAY TRIP TO ARCHBOLD, OHIO** to the Historic Sauder Village for lunch at the Barn Restaurant (\$12.00-\$15.00 for the buffet and then off to The Candy Cane Christmas Store which is right down the street from Sauder Village. Less about 2 hours from downriver.
- JUNE: TO BE DETERMINED**
- JULY: CLUB PICNIC - LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED**
- AUGUST: SATURDAY, DATE TO BE DETERMINED - HOUSE OF TRADITION - LUNCH AT THE HOLIDAY INN/FRENCH QUARTER IN PERRYSBURG.**
- SEPTEMBER: Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2011 - Happy Trails to Arizona - A Destination Gathering**  
Wigwam Resort in Litchfield Park, Arizona
- OCTOBER: TO BE DETERMINED**
- NOVEMBER: THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3-6, 2011 - DEPARTMENT 56 RETIREMENT WEEKEND - HOLIDAY INN I-275 NORTH**  
Our annual trek to Sharonville, Ohio to Nancy's Hallmark
- DECEMBER: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011 - TRIP TO HOLLY** to enjoy the Dickens Festival with lunch possibility at Yosemite's Steakhouse.
- DECEMBER: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011 - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BRETTON VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE** with a catered dinner.



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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

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- JUNE: TO BE DETERMINED**
- SEPT./OCT. 2011 September 29 - October 2, 2011 - Litchfield Park, Arizona**  
The Arizona Department 56 Clubs (the Arizona Village Collectors, Desert Villagers and Southwest Villagers, along with the volunteer posse from Region 10 and others will be your hosts or the 1st gathering in Arizona. History, charm and authentic Arizona await at the destination hotel the Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa, 300 East Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, Arizona. [www.wigwamresort.com](http://www.wigwamresort.com). They have rustled up a great rate of \$125/night (plus tax). Call the Wigwam at 623-935-3811 or 800-327-396 and mention "Happy Trails to Arizona Gathering" or enter the following code: HAI29A if you book on line for the great rate. The Southwest Villagers website is up and running and updated frequently! [www.southwestvillagers.com](http://www.southwestvillagers.com) **Several members are already planning to attend.**
- NOVEMBER 3,4,5,6, 2011 - SAVE THE DATE(s)!**  
Nancy's Hallmark / Department 56 Retirement Weekend Extravaganza!  
in Sharonville, Ohio • It's going to be FUN!  
The Holiday Inn I-275 in Sharonville is ready to accept your reservation.  
Call direct to (513) 563-8330 and ask for the Detroit 56'ers group. Or if you wish to book on line go to [www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com) put Cincinnatti in the search box with the dates and and look for the **Holiday Inn I-275 North** (Sharonville, OH or Cincinnati, OH) under the map. Our online code is D56. **Put DET in the Group Code box** and it will come up with the \$69.00 rate and you can make your room choice.

***Mark your calendar's for these very special Detroit 56'ers events and gatherings!***