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10th Annual Summer Picnic Sunday, August 22, 2010 at 1:00 P.M.

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Meetings:

BOARD MEETINGS:
President's Discretion

MONTHLY
MEETINGS:

Typically the last
Sunday of each
month

Locations To Be Announced

Our 10th Annual Summer picnic will be held this year at the home of **Joe & Barb Rietsch**. Their address is **5458 Green Bank Drive in Grand Blanc, MI**. Please **R.S.V.P. to Barb Rietsch** by **Wednesday, August 18th at (810) 694-7164** or email her at **rietschj@tir.com** if you are planning to attend, so she can get a count for the meat order. Detroit 56'ers will provide the cost of the meat items which will be Beef Brisket, Ribs and Chicken.

Each member needs to bring a dish to pass (i.e. salad, dessert, bread, vegetable, etc.) and your own beverage. You also will need to bring your lawn chairs. **Barb & Joe** have a few chairs, but if you bring your own, you know you will have a seat to sit in.

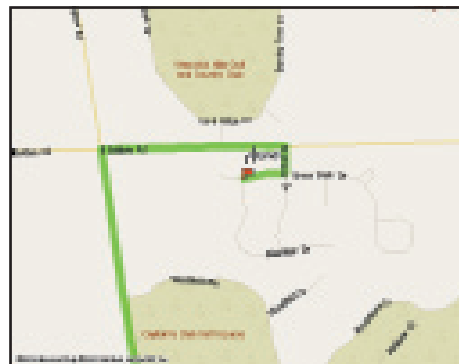


Barb's kitchen has a stove, microwave and refrigerator, if anyone needs to use them for heating or cooling their dish. Also a cooler to keep your beverage cold!

We are looking forward to sharing with good friends, and enjoying good food.

A close up map of the Rietsch's home is to the left and directions from downriver are as follows:

1. Take I-75 North.
2. At exit 106, exit RIGHT onto the ramp towards Saginaw Rd. / Grand Blanc Road - Name changes to S. Saginaw Rd.
3. Turn RIGHT (East) onto E. Baldwin Rd.
4. Turn RIGHT (South) onto Braemoor Dr, then immediately turn RIGHT (West) onto Green Bank Dr. Their address is **5458 Green Bank Dr., Grand Blanc, MI.**



Detroit 56'ers will also be holding our Election of Officers. We need to elect the whole board of directors. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. **Please consider becoming a board member this year. Thank you!**

Seasons of Michigan GATHERING UPDATE

Well things are moving right along. **Total paid registrants to date is 281.** Which is great! We were hoping for 250. We have 196 rooms reserved at the hotel for Friday & Saturday nights and lots of good seminars planned. Michigan reservations are down, but we assume you are all just going to sign up on Friday when you get there - at least we hope so. Right now Canada has the most people registered.

All members should support this event. The charity we have chosen is "Kids Kicking Cancer". Kids Kicking Cancer is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization that provides weekly classes for children, both inpatient and outpatient, in the mind-body techniques found in the martial arts. **Their mission is "to ease the pain of very sick children while empowering them to heal physically, spiritually and emotionally."**

They emphasize relaxation and mental imagery and skill each student according to his or her capabilities to engage in breathing, meditation and active karate exercises. They also instruct the parents, siblings and the medical personnel in these methods. Their instructors are invited to accompany their students and further assist them in the hospital rooms and clinics as they undergo painful procedures such as spinal taps and bone marrow aspirations. The mantra: "Pain is a message one does not have to accept."

There is a quilt raffle. The quilt is a **one of kind** handmade quilt with several signature squares from various Department 56 staff members. "IT IS GORGEOUS"! Ticket cost \$10.00, with the proceed going to our charity. Also there will be a Prize Raffle - featuring 2 buildings and color model renderings, a 3 foot Santa and 2 Thomas Kinkade items also ticket cost \$10.00.

There are 2 tours available. One to Frankenmuth on Thursday, September 17th - cost \$25.00 and one to Canterbury Village / Always Christmas on Sunday, September 19th - cost \$15.00 which includes the bus trip to and from the respective locations. Both locations will be giving discount coupons to gathering attendees who ride the bus.

Please visit the website for all or any of the information you may need. The website is **www.villagecollectorsofmi.com** - click on the Seasons of Michigan Gathering 2010 icon in the upper right hand corner of the homepage.



Treasurer's REPORT

Respectfully submitted by: Edward Hildner, Treasurer

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| STARTING Statement balance 5/28/10 | \$1,154.15 |
| Deposits credited: | |
| 7/2 Deposit - 1/2 meat cost for Rochowiak's from VCOM | \$42.40 |
| Checks credited & Service Fee | |
| 1028 5/29 Loretta Feroni - Chicken for meeting at Rochowiak | \$84.80- |
| 6/30 Service Fee | \$2.00- |
| Statement balance 6/30/10 | \$1,109.75 |
| Checkbook balance 7/26/10 | \$1,109.75 |








August 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1  <i>Doe Vallade's Birthday</i> | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22  Detroit 56'ers Summer Picnic at the home of Barb & Joe Rietsch | 23  <i>Phyl Long's Birthday</i> | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |



July 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|-----------|-----------|---|--|-----------|
| Since we did not meet in July Happy Belated Birthdays to our July Birthday members! | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 <i>Independence Day</i>  | 5  <i>Wanda Hildner's Birthday</i> | 6 | 7 | 8  <i>Chris Speedie's Birthday</i> | 9 | 10 |
| 11  <i>Linda Harder's Birthday</i> | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16  <i>Lynn Carpenter's Birthday</i> | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

**- Department 56 Retirement Weekend at Nancy's Hallmark 2010 -
Thursday, Nov. 4th, Friday, Nov. 5th, Saturday, Nov. 6th
and heading home on Sunday, Nov. 7th!**

For those who have never been to Retirement Weekend at Nancy's Hallmark in Sharonville, Ohio, here is a little synopsis. Nancy's Hallmark (Nancy & Bob Losekamp) are major supporters of our Seasons of Michigan Gathering by covering the cost of the goody bags that will be given to each (first 250) attendee. In year's past, several Detroit 56'ers members have traveled down to Sharonville the first weekend of November to participate in the Department 56 Retirement Day. Nancy & Bob have added on to just the day of retirement by making it into a weekend event. The Losekamp's are very giving people. When we asked if they would like to do something for the gathering, they said, "Sure, what would you like us to do?" They stepped up to purchase our goody bags, an expense we would have to pay from the proceeds. This way that amount will now go directly to the charity of "Kids Kicking Cancer". Now I think it is time to give back and say thank you to Nancy & Bob for their generous donation.

If you can attend this year's retirement weekend at Nancy's Hallmark here is what you need to do. **There is a group reservation at the Cincinnati Holiday Inn I-275 in Sharonville, OH. It is so convenient, right down the street from Nancy's Hallmark. They are even giving us our old room rate back. \$69.00 per night (\$10.00 less than last year).** Each person or couple or those sharing a room are to make their own reservations. The cost is \$69 a night + 16% tax. **The cutoff date for making reservations is Tuesday, October 5, 2010.** After that rooms not reserved by our members will be released for general use by the hotel. **Reservations can be made by calling directly to the Holiday Inn at (513) 563-8330.** When you make your reservation don't forget to tell them you are with the **Detroit 56'ers Group** to get the above rate. If you make your reservations on line, go to www.holidayinn.com find the Holiday Inn I-275 North (Sharonville, OH or Cincinnati, OH) **our online code is DET. Put DET in the Group Code box** and it will come up with the \$69.00 rate.

Most attendees go down on Thursday during the day with the anticipation of the "Mexican Extravaganza" Party on Thursday Night at Abuelo's Mexican Emporium (Mexican fare with pop or water-no charge to attendees - cash bar available if you want a margarita to wash down the tacos).

I have not spoken directly to Bob yet, but I understand that we will be going to EnterTRAINment on Friday night (pizza and pop served-no charge to attendees) and the great dinner at Montgomery Inn on Saturday night. Again, for those who have never been. . . The only thing you pay for from the above list of "FUN" events is the dinner at the Montgomery Inn. Last year it was \$35.00 per person. We will let you know if that changes. I understand that there is a fun evening planned for Saturday night at the dinner.

If you have any questions, please email or call Chris Speedie at raespeedie@aol.com or phone (734) 675-8528.

A note from your Treasurer -

Please find enclosed your 2010 - 2011 dues billing. You need to pay your dues by September 1, 2010 to keep in good standing with the club. I will send a second reminder invoice in September and if you do not pay by the end of September your membership in the Detroit 56'ers will be terminated.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

SEPTEMBER: Thursday - Sunday, September 16-19, 2010

THE SEASONS OF MICHIGAN GATHERING - The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Detroit-Livonia, 17123 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia, MI 48152.

The hotel is taking reservations. Room rate is \$95.00 + tax.

Phone: 888-201-1718 and ask for the Village Collectors Group Rate or by putting VILLAG in the promotional code box if you make your reservation online. The gathering information is linked through the VCOM webpage: <http://www.villagecollectorsofmi.com> then click on the Seasons of Michigan Gathering 2010 icon in the upper right of the home page.

OCTOBER: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. ALWAYS CHRISTMAS - details to come

OCTOBER: Saturday, October 23, 2010 - Colonial Williamsburg" exhibits and a special private luncheon hosted by Department 56. This complete package will cost \$79.95. To reserve your spot, please call Melinda Seegers at Department 56 Consumer Services (800/548-8696) any weekday between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. central time. We accept all major credit cards for payment. Hotel accommodations will be at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel & Suites. To make hotel reservations for this event, please contact the "Woodlands" PASSKEY reservation line at 800/261-9530. The reservation code to receive the group hotel rate of \$119.00 per night. (reservations must be made by September 24, 2010 to receive this group rate.)

NOVEMBER: November 4, 5, 6, & 7, 2010 - RETIREMENT WEEKEND AT NANCY'S HALLMARK in Sharonville,

We are going back to the Holiday Inn I-275. Chris has secured a \$69.00 rate for your choice of room (Double/Double or King). Reservation deadline is October 5, 2010.

There is additional information in this newsletter.

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 for 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. If you are flying you'll want to fly into Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix. Litchfield Park is just outside of Phoenix to the west - 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" or enter the following code: HAI29A if you book on line for the great rate. The Southwest Villagers website is up and running - www.southwestvillagers.com

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