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MONTHLY MEETINGS:

Typically the last
Sunday of each
month

**Locations To Be
Announced**

This is the October & November Newsletter Combo!

There will be no official meetings in October and November but that does not mean that we are not going to be active!

There will not be a November newsletter.

I will send the Christmas Social Dinner Reservation Form sometime in November so you can make your dinner choice.

Just so you know, I have had a request for BBO Ribs!

You can mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 12th beginning at 5:00 P.M. Dinner will get started around 6:00 P.M.

First - October we find ourselves getting ready for Halloween with not one but two Halloween Open Houses.

The maps and directions are enclosed in this newsletter.

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. GET READY TO TRICK OR TREAT AT THE HOME OF PHYL & KEN LONG!

Ken has always done a wonderful job of decorating his home inside and out! His Halloween village display is **SPOOKTACULAR**.

His coffin display is great.

Please plan to stop by and see Ken's display on October 17th.

Then just one week later

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M. PREPARE TO GET SPOOKED AT THE HOME OF JIM HAMBY!

Jim says Halloween is one of his favorite holidays!

His display also takes us inside and out.

Please plan to stop and see Jim's display on October 24th.

Then there is November - we travel down to Sharonville, Ohio to visit our good friends **Nancy & Bob Losekamp for Nancy's Hallmark Department 56 Retirement Weekend!**

The dates are **November 5th - 8th, 2009.**

If you have never been, you really need to make the effort and attend this fun filled weekend.

Nancy & Bob go all out to make our weekend enjoyable - this year is no exception. The schedule of events is printed in this newsletter along with the hotel reservation information.

As of 10/30/09 we had 4 hotel rooms reserved for the Michiganders and 5 rooms from the Nifty 56'ers from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

OLD BUSINESS

WHAT: CLUB PICNIC
WHEN: Sunday, September 27, 2009
WHERE: Wayne County Fairgrounds
TIME: 1:00 Noon

We traveled to Belleville to the dedication of the gazebo that was built in memory of member Trish Rochowiak. 17 Detroit 56'ers were in attendance along with one guest.

In attendance were: George Adam, Dorothy & Joe Blazek, Carolyn Cameron, Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Loretta Feroni, Angie & Dan Giacoma, Wanda & Ed Hildner, Jim Leonard, Phyl & Ken Long, Carol Olgren, Chris Speedie and Lana Updike. Our guest was Helen a friend of Loretta's.

Also from Country Villagers of Flint and the Village Collectors of Michigan had 15 or 16 attend as well. There were also 30 family members of both Frank and Trish.

The day was gorgeous and the food spread was great. It's surprising when no one else knows what anyone else is bringing there is always a great variety. Thank you for all who participated. I think that Trish's family was truly grateful that we took the time to honor Trish.

Loretta did the dedication of the gazebo. Nice job Prez.

There was no formal meeting due to the large group.

No "meetings" in October or November. Halloween Open House(s) in October and Nancy's Retirement Weekend in November.

Put Saturday, December 12th on your calendar. That is our Christmas Social. It will be very much like last year. Cost will be the same \$25.00 per person (no increase-which is a good thing). The menu hasn't been finalized yet, but the flyer will be going in the mail in November when I get back from Nancy's Retirement Weekend.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Respectfully submitted by: **Edward Hilder, Treasurer**

STARTING STATEMENT BALANCE 8/31/09	\$1,060.60
8/28 Deposit	
None	
Checks written and cleared & Fees:	
9/17 1020 State of Michigan - Annual Non Profit License	\$20.00-
9/30 Service Fee	\$2.00-
Statement balance 9/30/09	\$1,038.60
Checks written but not cleared:	
9/21 1021 Chris Speedie - flowers for Bill Riedeman	\$81.50-
9/30 1022 Chris Speedie - meat for picnic	\$170.00-
Note to club: VCOM is paying 1/2 (\$85.00) back to Detroit 56'ers	
Checkbook balance 10/1/09	\$787.10

Retirement Weekend FINAL UPDATE

Thursday, November 5th - Sunday, November 8th

We are down to the wire!

By now I hope you have made your room reservations at the **Hyatt Place Hotel in Blue Ash, Ohio**. There are rooms held for our group at the hotel from November 5th through November 8th. Our group's discounted rate is \$78.00 + tax.

There are a couple different ways you can make reservations. You can call the national reservations line at **1-888-HYATT-HP** and reference our group name, "Detroit 56'ers". You can also go online to www.hyattplaceblueash.com and input the dates of your stay and the "Group/Corporate number of **G-56RS**". **The official cut-off day is October 24th**, but they will typically honor the rate as long as they have rooms to sell, simply contact the hotel directly at 513-489-3666. Official check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out is 12:00 PM.

HERE IS THE NEWEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday Evening: 6 pm – 9 pm Appetizers at Abuelos Mexican Food Embassy
Nancy's will provide the Appetizers, Taco Bar, and Fun. (Cash Bar available)

Please RSVP to Chris Speedie

Friday Evening: 6 pm – 8 pm – EnterTRAINment Junction - Pizza and Pop Party
Plan to join us at the site of the Largest Train Display in America! You'll be amazed with the changes that have occurred since last year. **Please RSVP to Chris Speedie**

Saturday: 9:30 am

We will travel to our local Ronald McDonald House for a tour of the new addition and remodeled kitchen facilities. The new kitchen is now equipped with a commercial cooking area for those preparing meals for the residents. Nancy's and her collector friends helped make this much-needed kitchen a reality. The Cincinnati Ronald McDonald House is now the largest RMH in the world that serving a single hospital. It is our plan to have our D56 Christmas display completed for Retirement Weekend.

Saturday – 12:30 pm

Display Seminars featuring creative water displays with Ellen Somerwell. Bob will have out all his Bow and Hot Wire cutters with which you may experiment. Other seminars to be announced.

Saturday Evening – 6:30 pm to 9 pm

Dinner at Montgomery Inn. Entertainment Trivia provided by the Queen City Villagers. Price of dinner will remain at \$35. Nancy's will provide the appetizers. A Cash Bar will be available

Please RSVP to Chris Speedie




CLUB NOTE: PLEASE RSVP TO CHRIS SPEEDIE if you are planning to attend any or all of these events. Call Chris at 734-675-8528 or email: raespeedie@aol.com

If you are going to Nancy's Hallmark Retirement Weekend Dinner you need to pay for your dinner on Saturday Night before the October 23, 2009 deadline. The cost is \$35.00 per person (no increase, same as last year) and you need to send your check (payable to Detroit 56'ers) to Detroit 56'ers Treasurer, Ed Hildner, 347 Boyne New Hudson, MI 48165 as soon as possible. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER 10/23/09. Chris will take care of notifying Bob as to who is attending from Michigan.



OCTOBER 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17  Halloween Open House Home of Phyl & Ken Long in Canton at 6:00 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24  Halloween Open House Home of Jim Hamby in Ecorse at 6:00 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31  Halloween

NANCY'S RETIREMENT WEEKEND HOTEL INFORMATION

I have spoken with the hotel and we have 3 rooms for Detroit 56'ers and 1 for Country Villagers of Flint. Room holders are Wanda & Ed Hildner, Lynn & Ray Carpenter, Chris Speedie and Rose Marie & Ted Gostomski.

There are 5 rooms from members of the Nifty 56'ers from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

That means there are 6 rooms left in our block. The hotel will honor our \$78.00 rate past the **October 24th deadline** if rooms are available in the hotel.






So, hopefully a few more of you will plan on attending the **magnificent weekend** in Sharonville, Ohio, **November 5 - 8, 2009**.

See the events that are happening on page 3 of this newsletter. From the Thursday night Fiesta to the Saturday night Dinner and much more in between. Most events are compliments of Nancy's Hallmark and our hosts Nancy & Bob Losekamp.

Hope you will consider or re-consider attending this very special weekend!



November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Time  Change FALL BACK ONE HOUR at 2:00 A.M.	2	3	4	 DETROIT 56'ers WEEKENDER AT NANCY'S HALLMARK IN SHARONVILLE, OHIO FOR RETIREMENT WEEKEND!!! GREAT FUN WITH GOOD FRIENDS...		
8 TIME TO HEAD HOME FROM NANCY'S HALLMARK DEPARTMENT 56 RETIREMENT WEEKEND! DRIVE SAFE!	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19  <i>Jim Leonard's Birthday</i>	20	21
22  <i>Ray Carpenter & Carolyn Cron's Birthday</i>	23	24	25	26  <i>Dan Giacoma's Birthday</i> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	27	28
29	30					

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS!

NOVEMBER: THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5-8, 2009 - Retirement Weekend with Nancy & Bob. Our annual trek to Sharonville, Ohio to Nancy's Hallmark for Retirement Weekend. NEW Hotel. It is the Hyatt Place in Blue Ash, Ohio. See information in this newsletter. Hotel Reservation deadline 10/24/09.

DECEMBER: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009 - Bretton Village Clubhouse Similar to last year. Everyone loved the ease of moving around and the food was good too. We will use the same caterer as we did last year. And the cost will be the same.

SEPTEMBER
2010: 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.
The gathering information is linked through the VCOM webpage:
<http://www.villagecollectorsofmi.com> then click on the Seasons of
Michigan Gathering 2010.