

GCMS Alliance Focus

NOVEMBER 2012

Upcoming events:

- Cars, Trees & Traditions
November 17, 2012
- Presidents' Ball
December 1, 2012
- Happy Hour
January 2013



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Cars, Trees & Traditions at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum

Saturday November 17, 2012

Docent guided tour starts at: 11:30 AM

This exhibition features a look back to the era of twenty-three authentically decorated vintage trees paired with Chrysler cars from the early 1900s through to the 1980s. Nostalgic ads and seasonal photos of Detroit, time lines of beloved toys and popular gifts, and a collection of holiday greetings complete the exhibit. Drive on your own or carpool

with friends, this is going to be a fun day out that you will regret to miss.

After lunch at the Museum's Viper Café drive to the Olde World Canterbury Village, a historical landmark; this spans 21 acres with 18 specialty shops. This tops off the perfect outing with family and friends.

Photo: (www.wpchryslermuseum.org).

ABOUT THE MUSEUM:

Address: 1 Chrysler Dr. Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Phone: (248) 944-0001

The Walter P. Chrysler Museum was opened on October 5, 1999 and was originally established as a division of Chrysler. It documents the cars, the people, the processes, and the contributions made by Chrysler and it forebears to the development of the automobile. The three-story 55,000 square foot Museum covers 10 acres at the southeast edge of the Chrysler Headquarters Complex in Auburn Hills. (www.wpchryslermuseum.org).

Cost: \$17:00 per person as long as we have a group of 15 or more.

If not the fee goes up I believe to \$22:00 or so.

OLDE WORLD CANTERBURY VILLAGE:

Address: 2369 Joslyn Court.

Phone: (248) 391-5700 or (800) 442-XMAS

Olde World Canterbury Village, a designated historical landmark in the State of Michigan, extends over 21 acres on part of the old Scripps Farm. It is host to 18 specialty shops and wonderful features. With 90,000 sq. ft. of holiday retail space, Aldridge's Always Christmas is one of the largest and most unique Christmas stores around!

Olde World Canterbury Village houses one of the world's largest collections of Department 56 items. We have village displays setup throughout the Department 56 area including the Dickens Village Series, Christmas in the City Series, the Original Snow Village Series, Alpine Village Series, North Pole Village Series, New England Village Series, Halloween Village Series and a mixture of all



of them in our giant 70' x 10' main display. It also has one of the world's largest Nativity displays showcasing our vast Fontanini collection as well as large displays of our Boyd's Bears, Precious Moments, Cherished Teddies, Possible Dreams, Circle of Love and Lenox products.

The main facilities were built with Olde World craftsmanship with rich, luxurious quality and ornate furnishings.
(www.canterburyvillage.com)

President's Note

Greetings,

As the holidays are approaching, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. However, more importantly we all have a great obligation to fulfill before we enjoy this wonderful holiday.

Please do not forget to vote on November 6th. Your votes are important and this is one of the most important duties we have as citizens of this wonderful country!

As physician spouses and families we also have an urgency to vote for Justice Stephen MARKMAN, Justice Brian ZAHRA, and Judge Colleen O'BRIEN for the Michigan Supreme Court on November 6.

Our votes will determine the future of Tort Reform, so please do not forget to use your votes.

For November we also have a family outing planned for you. Please come and enjoy the vintage cars, decorated trees, and traditional vintage toys at the Walter Chrysler Museum and continue enjoying your excursion at the Olde Canterbury Village on Saturday November 17th, 2012.

For those of you who are interested in shopping for new ornaments this will be a great chance just before the Thanksgiving Holiday!

If we have a group of 15 we will receive a discounted group rate of \$17:00 per person for both the tour and lunch. I encourage all to take advantage of this program.

Season's blessings to all of you and I hope you enjoy the beautiful Michigan Colors.



Oya Agabigum

Welcome New Members!

Barina Zado MD was born in Teltaumur, Syria, and went to study medicine at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. She then moved to Iraq where she met her husband, Tarik Jawad Wasfie, who is a general surgeon. After marriage, the couple lived in England until 1980 and then later moved to Chicago. Finally in 1986, they moved to Grand Blanc and now have two grown children; a daughter who earned a master's degree in acupuncture and practices alternative medicine, and a son who teaches Economics at Columbia College in Chicago. Barina herself was the Medical Director at Hamilton Clinic and recently retired after twenty years of service. She enjoys nature and takes long walks in her free time. Her hobbies include reading, watching movies and listening to classical music.

Handan Ege was born and raised in Kaysare, Turkey. She married Radiologist Gurkan Ege and the couple moved to the United States in 2005. They have two girls; the elder is aged eighteen and is studying at Berkley,

California, and the younger daughter, aged fourteen, is currently studying at Clarkston High School. Handan is an ophthalmologist who chose to be a stay at home mom to raise her two children. In her free time, she enjoys reading and belongs to two book clubs. She also likes to travel, swim, and is currently trying to learn how to play golf.

Liana Colone was born and raised in Italy. She is married to Pino Colone who practices emergency medicine in West Bloomfield. Liana has a degree in architectural engineering, but in her free time she enjoys cooking and spending time with family and friends. Big congratulations to Liana and Pino who are expecting their first baby in November! Congratulations!!

Maria McCann is a Flint native. She graduated from UM-Flint and trained at Hurley Medical Center and worked as a cat-scan technologist for several years. She is married to Michael McCann who practices General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. He is the newly appointed Trauma Director

at Hurley Medical Center. Maria's hobbies include exercise and travel.

Raquel Yapchai is a Flint native who graduated with a degree in Health Administration from UM-Flint. Raquel is in charge of the trauma registry database at Genesys Health System. She is married to Curtis Yapchai who is in General Practice, Emergency Medicine and affiliated with Genesys Health System. The Yapchais have two young children, a girl and a boy. Raquel enjoys spending her free time with family, reading and running.

On behalf of the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance, I welcome you to our organization and invite you to attend our general meetings and also to be actively involved in our several service-oriented community projects. I look forward to meeting and getting to know you all.

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International Luncheon Update

The GCMSA International Luncheon this year was held on Tuesday September 25, 2012 at the beautiful home of Dr. Hemant and Amita Desai. The day called for sunshine through the changing of the leaves. Members started arriving early to be able to meet their friends in the Alliance and meet a number of new members.

The tables were decorated with a variety of delicious food that was made by a number of our members. After a busy social hour, President Oya Agabigum started the meeting with a report of all the activities planned for the year and urged everyone to participate in them.

Oya invited Tony Cuttita to speak to members and encourage them to participate in the Commit to Fit initiative. Other members also gave an insight into other programs that will be focused on throughout this next year, which all sounded very promising.



It was then time to feast on numerous dishes carefully prepared to represent the many ethnic countries our members stand for, as well as a number of many delectable desserts. This was one time when the members forgot about their diets and truly indulged!



Health Careers

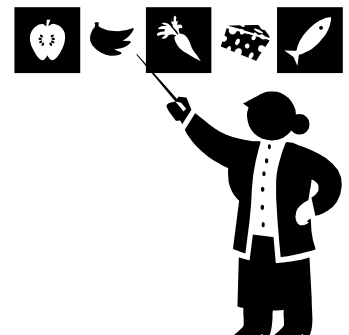
Hurley Regional Medical Center registered 60 high school students for their fall session; 40 students were placed on the waiting list for the winter program. New this year enabled online registration so students are urged to apply early, as spaces are limited. Plans are under way for a Hurley Hospital Health Career Day on March 14, 2013 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Students need to register online to attend the event at healthcareerday@hurleymc.com.

Spaces are limited to 150 students and a letter of confirmation will be sent to each of their homes. GCMS Alliance is a co-sponsor for the program.

Please contact Mary Lou Mathias at 810-732-2053 if you need further information.

Mary Lou Mathias

Health Career Chairman--GCMSA



Doctors & their Families Make a Difference

Reminder:

We need everyone to be supportive of the YWCA Safe House Shelter Program and help make the lives of the victims of domestic violence a little easier by donating the following basic comforts we take for granted:

1. Antiperspirant Deodorant
2. Feminine Hygiene
3. Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
4. Socks and Underwear for Adults and Children
5. Bed Linen, Pillows and Towels
6. Diapers, Pull-Ups and Wipes
7. Shampoo, Conditioner, and Body Lotion
8. Over the Counter Flu, Cold, & Pain Medications.
9. Laundry and Household Cleaning Products
10. Gas and Phone Cards
11. Books for Children's and Adult's Libraries



At this time we have received many useful items for the shelter, and are still in the process of collecting more items from several Dr's offices in the area. Please deliver your items to the following locations throughout the year:

Rula Ali-Bakr, 9383 Burning Tree, Grand Blanc, MI 48439, (810) 606-0008

GCMS Office, 4438 Oak Bridge Dr., Flint, MI 48532, (810) 733-9920

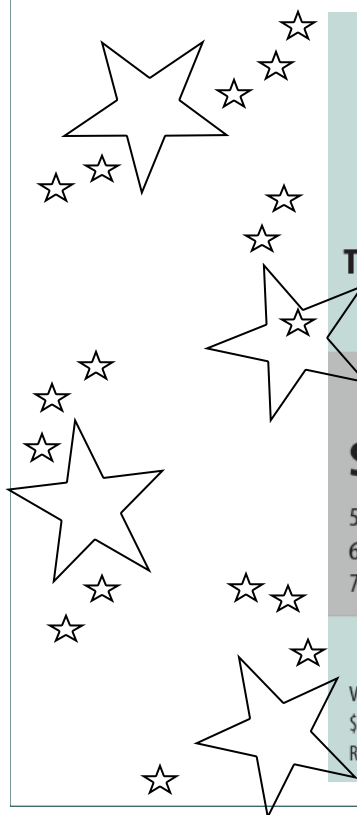
We have extended the date for delivery of our first supplies to the YWCA on Saturday, November 10, 2012. Remember, monetary donations also are always appreciated.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Nelda Hebert

Doctors and Families, Chair

Presidents' Ball ☆



The Genesee County Medical Society along with
the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance
cordially invite you to the

"Rock of Ages"

Saturday, December 1, 2012

5:30 PM Self-Guided Gallery Tour (provided courtesy of Flint Institute of Arts)

6:30 PM Cocktail Hour

7:30 PM Dinner followed by entertainment and dancing until midnight

Valet parking available | Black tie optional

\$85 per ticket | Cash bar

RSVP by Monday, November 19, 2012 to Becky Doty at GCMS - bdoty@gcms.org or (810) 733-9923

Presidents' Ball

Flint Institute of Arts
1120 E. Kearsley Street
Flint, MI 48503

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SATURDAY

12.01.2012

6:30 PM COCKTAIL HOUR

7:30 PM DINNER

FOLLOWED BY DANCING TILL MIDNIGHT

Sponsorship Levels

PLATINUM- \$10,000

INCLUDES: TWO TABLES OF 8 (16 SEATS)
ONE FULL-PAGE AD* IN THE JANUARY GCMS BULLETIN
AND A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR SPONSORSHIP
FROM THE PODIUM

GOLD- \$5,000

INCLUDES: ONE TABLE OF 8
ONE FULL-PAGE AD* IN THE JANUARY GCMS BULLETIN

SILVER- \$2,500

INCLUDES: SEATING FOR 6
ONE HALF-PAGE AD* IN THE JANUARY GCMS BULLETIN

BRONZE- \$1,500

INCLUDES: SEATING FOR 4
ONE QUARTER-PAGE AD* IN THE JANUARY GCMS BULLETIN

COPPER- \$750

INCLUDES: SEATING FOR 2
ONE QUARTER-PAGE AD* IN THE JANUARY GCMS BULLETIN

SPONSOR- \$500

INCLUDES: SEATING FOR 2

PLEASE CALL BECKY DOTY AT (810) 733-9923
OR EMAIL HER AT BDOTY@GCMS.ORG
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

* ALL SPONSORSHIP LEVELS RECEIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN THE PROGRAM AND THE PODIUM. GCMS WILL PLACE ADS AT ITS DISCRETION UPGRADING TO PREMIUM PLACEMENT IF POSSIBLE.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK
AND ENJOY THE WEBSITE
REGULARLY.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW .ORG
ADDRESS.

WWW.GCMSALLIANCE.ORG



Legislation

*Watch for emails and please participate in the
MSMS ActionCenter. Each person makes a
difference. For more information contact
beschumacher@hotmail.com.*



Friendship Group



After a much too long break our Friendship Group met once again at *Taboon Restaurant* on Linden Road. We had a great time updating each other on our lives. We had so much fun that we decided not to wait for much time to lapse before meeting again so we are thus already planning our next luncheon on the 6th of December at the *Flint Golf Club*. We hope to have others join us for this Christmas Luncheon, so if you would like to join us then please call either Cheryl Thoms or Carole Hassan and we will add you to our luncheon contacts.

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