



MCW December Newsletter

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Merry Xmas EVERYONE!!

Motor Cities Winnies annual Xmas party was held at Juliannos's Restaurant last night. 39 members joined in the festivities which included good cheer, good food and good company. Melinda and Bob Dunn did an excellent job setting this up. A couple of elves (Judy Hennells and Patsy McCowan) helped with the yummy Xmas cookies and candy treats.

After a cocktail hour and a lot of hugs, we got ready for the buffet. Bob Dunn was going to give the prayer in Bob Paszko's absence. I don't know if it was Divine intervention or what, but just as we were to start the prayer, a phone rang and it was Bob P. calling from Florida to wish us all a Merry Xmas. We put him on speaker phone and he gave the prayer after all. Timing is EVERYTHING. It was like the Paszkos were with us and it got Bob Dunn off the hook!!



After dinner we played a Christmas Trivia Game. Phil Scramlin was the winner with 12 out of 15 correct answers. The prize was a cute snowman candle.

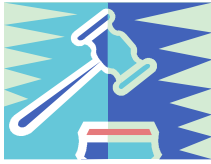
We also had 12 performers (also known as victims) sing "The 12 days of Xmas". The "lords a leaping" and "geese a laying" were interesting to watch. I've omitted the names to protect the innocent. Susie Rocker took her "Maids a milking" very seriously! (See picture)

A Xmas party can't be complete without singing a few Xmas carols. Char Hornsby led the group in song. Even though we will never make it to TV or radio, it was nice to

sing in fellowship.



We had the room until 11:00 and people must have been in the mood for a party as most of the group stayed til then. It took awhile for everyone to say their goodbyes – a lot of hugs and handshakes. A lot of our group will be heading south or west for the winter – we wish safe travel and Happy Holidays to all!!



BUSINESS MEETING

We didn't have a formal meeting but Bob Dunn did give updates on a few things. First of all, the basket of mittens, scarves, hats and gloves was overflowing!! They will be donated to Becky's Wish in Oakland County. This foundation provides clothing to 3 places – Lighthouse, The Haven and a Battered Wives/Children Home. Several of our members who couldn't attend the party, also sent donations. Thanks to all of you for your generosity. The club will also be donating money to the Alzheimer's foundation in memory of David Rung who passed away in October.

This led to a brief discussion about honorary members. We would like to offer this membership to Sandy Rung. We hope she decides to remain part of our club. In the past, we charged honorary members \$10 a year to cover administrative/ mailing costs. But with the age of computers and emails, our extra costs are minimal. A motion was made by Judy Hennells to change the by-laws and eliminate the charge. Motion was seconded by Sharon Emerson and was approved by the members. We currently only have 1 honorary member – Karolyne Ribarsky. In lieu of buying her a computer for emails, we voted to eliminate her honorary dues too.

We will be updating the bylaws and will have them added to our website in the near future.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was no secretary's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Even though we did not read a treasurer's report, Nancy Johnson provided one for November.

2009 Treasury Report	Nov
BEGINNING CAMPING BALANCE 36 members and 1 Honorary Member	\$1,020.00
New Members Bill & Gail Battle, Jack & Sue Rocker	\$60.00
TOTAL CAMPING FUND	\$1,080.00
REGULAR BALANCE	
BEGINNING REGULAR BALANCE	\$1,822.77
Return \$10.00 service fee should not have charged us	\$10.00
check 1024 paid for Nov camping \$2. For 32 people	-\$64.00
Return money for check written to Marvelous Prom after I collected	\$159.53
2009 Dues for new members Battle & Rockers	\$40.00
money from auction from Nov campout	\$128.75

Interest	\$0.04
TOTAL REGULAR BALANCE	\$2,097.09
TOTAL BANK BALANCE	\$3,177.09
OUTSTANDING CAMPING FUNDS Holding Checks	
Yogi Bear \$50.00	
TOTAL OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS TO CAMPGROUNDS	\$50.00

OLD BUSINESS

Judy Hennells talked about the Nashville outing. It is a non-club event scheduled for Sept 28-Oct 4. The estimated cost of the trip is \$436 per couple which includes six nights camping and 3 attractions in Nashville. For those who are planning on going, please let Sharon Emerson know. She will need a check for \$46.40 per couple made out to her by April 1st. This is the last official newsletter until April, so if you're like me, you might want to send it now before you forget. This event is open to other clubs or anybody else who may want to join us.

NEW BUSINESS

Bruce McCowan talked about our April campout. McCowans and Hennells are co-wagon masters for this outing and it will be at the **Elkhart Campground in Elkhart, Indiana**. There are plenty of activities in the area, so it should be a fun place to start our camping season. The price is \$32 per night with full hook-ups/50amp service. There is a hall and kitchen for our use. Please call to make your own reservations. (574) 264-2914. Also let our wagon-masters know so they have an approximate head-count.

Susie Rocker mentioned that it would be nice to have winter get-togethers for those stuck up north for the winter. We snow-birds sometimes forget that we DO have members that still work or choose not to leave Michigan in the winter.

Bert and Judy Ruth have graciously invited all to a **Winter Get-together**. The event will be at their home on February 13th at 7:00. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre and your own drink. The Berts will supply the dessert. Also they want **everyone to wear red** for Valentines Day. Please RSVP Judy Ruth by either phone or email.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS FOR 2010

FEBRUARY 13 – Winter get-together at Bert and Judy Ruth’s house in Holly, Mi
APRIL 23-25 – Elkhart Campground, Elkhart, Indiana. McCowan’s and Hennells co-wagonmasters.
MAY 21-23 - 2010 Spring Campout. Sunny Brook RV Resort, South Haven, MI
JUNE 18-20 - State Rally. Barry Expo Center, Hastings, MI
JULY 18-23 – GNR, Forest City, Iowa
AUGUST 13-14 – Combined campout with Cereal Cities. We’ll be staying in Marshall, MI and going to a dinner show in Turkeyville. Hornsbys, Hanlons, and Simonds will be co-wagon masters.
SEPTEMBER 10-12 – State Fall Campout. Covenant Hills RV Camp, Otisville, MI
OCTOBER – Dunns and Paszkos are co-wagon masters. This will be in Mio, MI
NOVEMBER – Milroths and Rockers will be co-wagon masters
DECEMBER – Xmas Party

We will try and keep you updated for all future events. Thank you to all who volunteered to be wagon masters!!!

TRAVELING TROPHY – Carol Bolter awarded the trophy to Marion Marzion for helping her through some medical issues. We hope Marion’s tests come back fine and she is able to winter in Florida as originally planned.



NEW MEMBERS

Bob Dunn welcomed our 3 couples that joined (re-joined) MCW this past year:
Bert and Judy Ruth
Jack and Susie Rocker
Bill and Gail Battle were unable to attend the Xmas party but we look forward to seeing them soon.



Jan-Mar Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

January		February		March	
Phil Scramlin	10	Joyce Hampton	1	Carole Heid	7
Roger Weiss	11	Al Buchfinck	8	Bob Dunn	10
Patsy McCowan	14	Wayne VanHouten	23	Ron Johnson	14

(Jan cont.)

Marie Eickholdt 18
Marion Marzion 26
Bill Hornsby 27
Bruce McCowan 27
Sherry Paszko 29

(March cont.)

Walt Heid 19
Bert Ruth 22
Ed Senkowski 24
Elena Garcia 28

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob and Melinda Dunn	1/08/1977	33 years
Bob and Sherry Paszko	1/09/1975	35 years
Wayne and Marian Van Houten	1/20/1962	48 years
Bruce and Patsy McCowan	2/04/1967	43 years
Roger and Marion Weiss	2/10/1956	54 years
Jim and Pat Milroth	2/18/1972	38 years
Ben and Gloria Duerksen	3/06/1945	65 years
Bert and Judy Ruth	3/11/1972	38 years

THIS AND THAT

You are in our thoughts and prayers:

Skip Yates is home and doing well after his hip replacement surgery

Marion Marzion

Please let me know (Pam Scramlin) if you have any news or info you want passed on to our members. You can either email me at phillipscramlin@sbcglobal.net or call our cell (586) 206-9313. This is the last official newsletter until April 2010. Phil and I wish all of you a safe and Happy Holiday.

Fondly, Pam Scramlin