

University of Michigan Club of Downriver



AMAZING NEWS

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President's Corner

Steve Van Every

The University Of Michigan Alumni Club Of Downriver serves a diverse group of passionate alumni who believe the Michigan difference not only brings us closer together but also enriches our community.

The Club is part of a network of regional clubs within the U.S. that are affiliated with the Alumni Association. Alumni who are paid members of the Alumni Association are automatically a member of UM Club Downriver, with no additional dues to pay.

Please read the *AMAZING NEWS* and you will get an idea of the types of events we have each year. You don't have to be a club member to enjoy our events. Everyone is welcome. Check out our website to keep up-to-date on our activities. I hope to see you at one of our club events this year. Go Blue!

Steve Van Every
President, UM Club of Downriver

UM Club Holds Scholarship Dinner

Katie Hartwell

The University of Michigan Club of Downriver met for their annual scholarship dinner at Arnoldo's Banquet Center in Riverview on May 15. Some 40 High-ranking juniors from Downriver high schools attended as the club's guests to learn more about the top ranked public university in America and how to apply.

The keynote speaker was Mallory Simpson, Vice Chancellor of University of Michigan Dearborn campus. She compared and contrasted the

experience of getting an education at U of M Dearborn versus the Ann Arbor campus. Speaking directly to the juniors present, she played a game where students were to identify among a list of five famous people, which one had not attended U of M Dearborn.

The club conducted a short business meeting where four board members were re-elected to three year terms on the board. The re-elected members are Steve Van Every, Ray Yee, Bridgette Botten, and Elke Topjian.

After the buffet dinner, Katie Hartwell, scholarship chairman for the club, presented three merit based scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Downriver schools who will attend U of M this fall. The club awards named the Leaders and Best scholarships are each in the amount of \$1,500. The Lloyd Carr L & B scholarship went to Jillian Luciw, salutatorian of Huron High School and captain of the tennis team. The recipient of the John and Sue Ghindia L & B award was awarded to Andrea Baker of Wyandotte Roosevelt High School where she is valedictorian and captain of the varsity basketball and volleyball teams. The Ken Hartwell L & B award went to Brendan Scherer of Grosse Ile High School where he took on leadership roles in science clubs and student council while handling nine AP classes.

Kelly Cox, Associate Director of U of M Ann Arbor Admissions, provided some important pointers to the juniors on how and when to apply to U of M Ann Arbor campus. Basically he told them it pays to apply as soon as possible after the university opens the application process August 1. He advised them to start writing their essay over the summer and apply even if they will be taking other standardized tests after they have applied. The



results, if higher, will be automatically sent to the university to be included with their application.

The final speaker of the evening was last year's Lloyd Carr scholarship recipient Joshua Lothringer. He was back to tell the group about his freshman year at U of M Dearborn. He certainly found it both challenging and exciting. In the course of the year, he had decided to be a pre-med major. He feels that he had a great opportunity to grow and mature his first year at Dearborn and plans to continue toward a medical degree.

The evening concluded with singing of the Michigan fight song and alma mater, the Yellow and Blue. For more information about the U of Michigan alumni club of Downriver go to <http://clubs.alumni.umich.edu/downriver>.



Katie Hartwell presents scholarships to (from left) Andrea Baker from Roosevelt High, Brendan Scherer from Grosse Ile High, Jillian Luciw from Huron High.



High School Juniors representing many of the Downriver High Schools

Club Awards Six President's Scholarships to Deserving Students

The six *President's Scholarships* of \$1,000 each were awarded at the U of M Club's Annual Fall Welcome and Kickoff event on Wednesday, August 30th. The dinner was held at Hungarian Rhapsody Restaurant in Southgate.

These scholarships are awarded to highly motivated students who have demonstrated their need to achieve their lofty educational goals at University of Michigan. They must have graduated from a downriver high school, been enrolled at least two semesters at U of M, and maintain at least a 3.0 GPA. These students are all currently attending the Ann Arbor campus and have filled out a lengthy application and written an essay regarding how they are managing to pay the high cost of a college education, usually with very little financial assistance from family members.

The recipients of the 2017 *President's Scholarships* in alphabetical order are:

- Stephanie Beaton, Ann Arbor campus
- Carol Chandler, Dearborn campus
- Carrie McClananhan, Dearborn campus
- Jennifer Moco, Ann Arbor campus
- Brittany Nofz, Ann Arbor campus
- Kayla Salamon, Dearborn campus

We congratulate this group of exemplary students and are proud to help them achieve their educational and career goals.

Annual Community Service Event

As in past years, the UM Club of Downriver celebrated its community service event day by working at the Gleaner's Food Distribution center on Northline Road in Taylor. On June 10, 2017, 12 UM Alumni and friends met bright and early at the warehouse. Our assignment for the day was to re-package and weigh an assortment of basic personal products and supplies into smaller containers designated to be shipped to area re-distribution stations around the Detroit area. Our group

completed a total of 3,300 pounds. Congrats to our hard workers.

As always, everyone had a great time despite the fast paced work. At break time, the volunteers were greeted with a welcome surprise. Thank you Ray for your generous donation of coffee, pop and doughnuts.

Each year our assignments are different, depending on the center's needs. Our Club is looking forward to next year's event which will be held in April 2018.

Thank you to all volunteers!

UM Club to Attend Musical Theater Show

Don Van Every



For over a decade your Downriver UM Club has sponsored trips to Ann Arbor to see outstanding productions that feature the UM Musical Theatre students who are enrolled in the School of Music Theatre and Dance. We combine viewing the enormously talented students in the musicals with a dinner at the Original Cottage Inn following the show. We almost always get a chance to talk to a couple of leading performers at the dinner.

This fall will be no exception to attending our bi-annual musical performance, but there will be a special twist to our trip on October 22nd. A brand-new musical, "One Hit Wonder" will be performed at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, and it will be a premier of the show which is on its way to New York next spring. It will be shown in an arrangement with UM grads Matthew Rego's production company, The Araca Group, and it will be directed by another UM Musical Theatre grad, Hunter Foster.

We are told that "One Hit Wonder" is a new pop/rock jukebox musical about music, love, and second chances. It features a soundtrack of great songs from several musicals from the recent past that were hits in their shows, but that the total performances that they were in were not successful. Attendees will get a chance to hear "Take On Me",

"Walking on Sunshine," "Closing Time," "You Sexy Thing," "Tainted Love," and many other great hits.

The total cost for attending the 2 P.M. matinee and the Tuscan Steak dinner that follows is only \$50 per person. If you have questions, please call Dr. Don Van Every at (734) 676-9504. If you wish to attend, please complete the order form in the back of this newsletter and send it in with your check ASAP. Tickets are limited, so get you order in today!

Beat ohio state Bust

Ready to smash some buckeyes? ohio state is vulnerable this season and it's time Jim Harbaugh and the Wolverines put an end to their dominance. Also, the game is in the Big House which should improve our chances of winning.

So to show our unwavering support for our beloved men in winged helmets, the U-M Club of Downriver will hold its annual BEAT ohio state BUST on Monday, November 20th. We'll hold it at the Lakes of Taylor Banquet Center on Northline about two miles east from Metro Airport. We'll start at 6:00 P.M. with pizza, cake and liquid refreshment.

Then we'll move into cheers and songs led by board member, Paul Schultz and Superfan, Jeff Holzhausen.



Speakers will include a football coach and one or two former players. We've also invited Jim Harbaugh's father, Jack, to speak.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to MFan Inc., The Michigan Football Alumni Network aka Team Big House. The mission of the organization, led by former player Jim Betts, is to provide career and business opportunities for former Michigan football players once their time as Michigan student-athletes is over. It will help

former players network, develop career profiles, and help in case of financial or medical hardship.

The best dressed Michigan fans (male and female) will receive a special prize. Anyone wearing scarlet or grey will be smashed just like we smash those buckeye nuts with special Michigan buckeye smashing hammers.

We'll have a 50-50 raffle and have a drawing for over \$200 worth of door prizes. Start spreading the word and bring your M friends and relatives. Children are welcome accompanied by an adult. The will cost will be \$30 per adult \$15.00 for minors, and \$25.00 for Alumni Association members. More details and reservation form will be sent out in October and posted on the club web site.

Tailgate and Watch Parties

Football season is here and we're all ready for a successful Wolverine season and a Big 10 championship. I hope you have your tickets and if you do, even if for one game, please join us and other Downriver Club fans at our tailgate party before and after each game. There is always plenty to eat and drink and the more the merrier and bluer. The tailgates and watch parties will continue to facilitate fundraising for the club's scholarship program. Donations are mandatory for participating. We are asking you to donate at least \$150 to attend all tailgates. This includes you and one guest. Students continue to be free. Use the form included in this newsletter to send us your donation. Be sure to make your checks out to "The University of Michigan" for tax purposes. You may also go online to make your donation, but be sure to send us your receipt for confirmation and be sure to designate your gift to:

The U of M Club of Downriver "Expendable Restricted Fund, Account Number C302785". Go to <https://www.giving.umich.edu/givingbin/donate> and follow the instructions.

If you are attending just one or a few games, then we are asking for a donation of \$15 per person due at the tailgate. We will be sending out reminders for each game and asking you to register by sending an

email to taxladyfaye@hotmail.com by the Thursday before the game.

Here's what you get: For noon games—breakfast before the game and dinner afterwards. This includes pop and water (no alcoholic beverages will be provided but you can bring your own). After the game, we will serve a hearty dinner. For 3:30 PM games, dinner will be served before the game and, weather permitting, snacks and drinks after the game.



Here's where to go: The club's tailgate parties are at the same location as last year—between the two paved parking lots at Pioneer High School, on the grassy berm. You'll see the club banner hanging from the canopy.

More: Noon game breakfasts start around 9:00 AM and end at 10:30 AM. The 3:30 game meal starts around 11:00 AM and ends at 2:00 PM. This allows for everything to be stowed away and time to get to the game to see the band, etc. **Questions:** Email John Ball: taxladyfaye@hotmail.com

Watch Parties: Join fellow Michigan fans at our watch party for away games. The first watch party will be on September 2nd at 3:30. The location of the watch parties will be at the North Shore Club, 425 Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte. The Club is located between Goddard and Emmons Road on Biddle. Take the drive by the condos to the river. There is plenty of free parking.

This is a potluck so bring something to share. Jerry Bryant, president of the club and alumnus, will be ordering ribs for our half time meal.

We're asking everyone to share the price of the pizza. The cost is \$10 per person and you buy your own drinks. There's nothing like sharing the glory and emotions of Michigan football with other Maize and Blue fanatics. Contact Bill Richardson, 734-673-4361 with questions. Hope to see you soon. Go Blue!

Join Us at our Monthly Board Meetings

All members of the UM Club of Downriver are welcome to join us at our monthly Board meetings. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Riverview Library. Summer meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and the rest of the year they start at 7:30 p.m. Members are also welcome to join the Board of Directors.

For more information, email Board President Steve Van Every at vanevery3@yahoo.com



UM Club Downriver Tailgate Location

COME WITH YOUR CLUB TO ANN ARBOR AND SEE
One Hit Wonder

On October 22nd your Downriver Club invites you to come join them in attending a matinee performance of the UM Musical Theatre's production of "One Hit Wonder." A brand-new musical, "One Hit Wonder" will be performed at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, and it will be a premier of the show which is on its way to New York next spring. It will be shown in an arrangement with UM grads Matthew Rego's production company, The Araca Group, and it will be directed by another UM Musical Theatre grad, Hunter Foster.

The UM Musical Theatre singers and dancers are superb performers. They undoubtedly will bring excitement to their performance. Your club has reserved main floor seats at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre for the Sunday, October 22nd, 2 P.M. performance, and it will be followed by a dinner of Tuscan Sirloin and meatless Ravioli Florentine at the Original Cottage Inn Restaurant at 512 E. William Street. The total price for the entire afternoon's events is \$50 per person. Fill out the order form below to reserve tickets.

Dr. Don Van Every, Club Secretary

Enclosed is a check for \$_____, to cover the cost of __ tickets @\$50 each for the Oct. 22, 2017, 2 P.M. performance of *One Hit Wonder* followed by dinner at the Original Cottage Inn.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Twp.: _____

Email address: _____

Mail to: Dr. Don Van Every, Secretary
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Volunteer Sign-Up & Donation/Event Form

Volunteer name:	Email:
Mailing Address:	Telephone:
Year Graduated and school/college:	Are you an AAUM member?

If you have an interest in a **leadership role** with the UM Club of Downriver, which of the following roles would you be interested in? (please circle all that apply)

- Board Member Committee Chairperson General Volunteer Committee Member
 Club Officer Day-of-event Volunteer Other, please specify: _____

I am willing to work on these types of **programs/events**: (please circle all that apply)

- Community Service Young Alumni Student Recruitment OSU Bust Cultural Events
 Business Networking Scholarship Community Service Family Events Special Events
 Fundraising Scholarship Administration Membership Other: _____

Donation/Event Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

I am enclosing a donation for the University of Michigan Club of Downriver scholarship fund (Make checks payable to “The University of Michigan.”)	\$
I will be attending all football tailgate parties (\$150, includes one guest. Make checks out to “The University of Michigan”. (See article).	\$
I am attending the BEAT ohio state BUST on November 20, 2017 (tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for minors, \$25 for Alumni Association members) Make checks out to “University of Michigan Club of Downriver”	\$
Total	\$

Send form to: The University of Michigan Club of Downriver, P.O. Box 294 Trenton, MI 48183

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Membership Information

Alumni Association members living in the Downriver, Belleville, New Boston, and north Monroe County are automatically members of the U of M Club of Downriver.

Join the Alumni Association or renew your membership on-line at www.alumni.umich.edu. Annual membership for singles is \$69 and \$79 for a joint membership. There are other membership categories including family and associate. Associate memberships are for non-U of M graduates who support the University and want to participate actively in University activities and take advantage of membership benefits.

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