



## COMING EVENTS

Friday, October 20  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

"Helping Athletics  
Succeed Through  
Support Services"  
The MSU Federal  
Credit Union  
Corner of Mt. Hope  
and Farm Lane, E.L.

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Friday, November  
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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
"Visions for the  
Michigan Women's  
Historical Center  
and Hall of Fame"  
The MSU Federal  
Credit Union  
Corner of Mt. Hope  
and Farm Lane, E.L.

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## "What I did this summer. . ."

(Peggy and I are taking turns writing the opening article for the Newsletter.)

Remember back in grade school when you'd come back from summer break and you had to report on "what I did this summer". Or more recently when you've heard the best advice for retirement, semi-retirement or staying mentally active as you got closer to Medicare age. It's to try or learn something new to keep one's mind active.

This summer my husband Lynne, Coco (our dog) and I drove or rode 11,248 miles to Alaska and back. From our 26-foot RV we saw animals: caribou, sea lions eating salmon, and grizzly bears to name a few. We learned about the Al-Can Highway (which was better than we expected) and the people who were there long before the Russians and Americans got involved with Alaska. We saw disappearing glaciers and what the Exxon Valdez is still doing to the land and waters 20 years later. Most importantly, we learned that "we aren't going to buy a tiny house".

My point in all of this, not to just tell you about our wonderful summer vacation but to encourage you to join an interest group and try something new. General Meetings are starting October 20, 2017, plans are being made for the Holiday Gathering at a new



"A caribou we passed on the Top of the World Highway. We were above the timberline between Chicken Alaska and Dawson City Yukon Territory Canada"

Thursday,  
December 7  
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
"Holiday Reception"  
Okemos Community  
Church  
4734 Okemos Road,  
Okemos  
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Friday, February 16  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
"How Can We Meet  
the Global Challenge  
of Climate Change?"  
The MSU Federal  
Credit Union  
Corner of Mt. Hope  
and Farm Lane, E.L.  
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Friday, March 16  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
"Update on the  
Facility for Rare  
Isotope Beams"  
The MSU Federal  
Credit Union  
Corner of Mt. Hope  
and Farm Lane, E.L.  
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Saturday, April 7  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
"Taste of the Town"  
James B. Henry  
Center for Executive  
Development,  
3535 Forest Rd,  
Lansing  
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Thursday, April 19  
11:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
"Annual Spring  
Luncheon"  
The University Club  
of MSU  
3435 Forest Rd,  
Lansing  
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### Care & Concern

Our care and concern

location (Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Rd.) and fall colors abound. As they say . . . learn something new.

Co-president Cyndi Mark

## OCTOBER MEETING

Friday, October 20

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

"Helping Athletics Succeed through Support Services"

**Jim Pignataro, Executive Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Services**

**The MSU Federal Credit Union,  
Corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane, East Lansing**



Jim Pignataro is in his 16th year as the Executive Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Services. His duties include: Overseeing the operations of the Clara Bell Student-Athlete Academic Center which houses 12 full-time employees, two graduate assistants and over 85 tutors; Overseeing Athletics Department units Athletic Training and Strength and Conditioning; and is the Athletic Director's liaison to MSU Sports Medicine. Under Pignataro's guidance, MSU's sports teams academically have

posted record cumulative grade point averages ranging from 2.9573 to 3.0500 as well as posted the Program's highest NCAA graduation rate of 86%. During his tenure student-athletes have posted the largest number of sports with a 3.00 cumulative team grade point average or higher at 16 (70%). In addition, the highest number of student-athlete maintaining a 3.00 CUM GPA (403) came after the Fall 2012 term. The Spring 2013 term produced the highest department GPA of 3.0506, and 57 student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.00 grade point average.

Learn from Jim new insights about the functions of the five core supportive Athletics Department units, which include Sports Medicine and Performance, Athletic Training, Strength & Conditioning, Academic Services, and Student-Athlete Engagement. The service array for these areas includes tutorial/learning assistance, advising, counseling, dietetics/nutrition, sports science, career development, community outreach, physical rehabilitation, personal development, and athletics performance.

Additionally, Jim serves as the Athletics Department's liaison to the MSU Sports Medicine, and has dual oversight with the Provost for the Office of Student-Athlete Support Services.

**Please join us for this interesting program which should be of interest to all.**

## MSUCC Membership Dues are Due

It's that time of year again. Time to pay your MSU Community

goes out to Jim Potchen, a member of the Couples Bridge Interest Group, who is recovering from heart valve surgery. We hope he is improving every day and will soon be back at the bridge table bidding a grand slam!

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We also extend our best wishes to Jackie Holecek on her speedy recovery from foot surgery and Clarice Thompson from surgery.

**MSU  
Community  
Club's Endowed  
Scholarship  
Fund**

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**Contributions may  
be made at any time  
to the University  
Development Fund,  
300 Spartan Way,  
East Lansing, MI.  
Please place the  
account number  
"AB2602" on the  
"For" line of your  
check.**

Club dues. A single membership is \$30.00 and a household membership is \$40.00. Click on the link below for a membership form. Thank you!

[Click Here for MSUCC Membership Form](#)

## **New Interest Group - Pickleball**

A new interest group has been formed by Cyndi Mark. It is a relatively new sport that has been developed and pursued in earnest by many senior citizens in Florida. The sport is now spreading around the U.S.A. and into the local area.



Pickleball is played either as doubles (two players per team) or singles; doubles is most common. The same size playing area and rules are used for both singles and doubles. It is very similar to tennis although the racket is smaller and the ball is larger.

Cyndi is collecting names of interested members and working with Court One North on Lake Lansing Road to get an instructor and court time. The staff member at Court One is still getting back to her. She will let those on the list know when dates, times and cost are arranged. If you are interested in learning more about this sport and participating in our new group, please contact Cyndi at [cmark2380@gmail.com](mailto:cmark2380@gmail.com).