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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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GM Lansing Salaried Retirees Club

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The GM Lansing Salaried Retirees Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for fellowship and communication for its members, spouses, and surviving spouses. The volunteer Board of Directors is committed to facilitating channels of communication with GM, the Lansing GM operations, and other GM related organizations with similar objectives.

PLEASE SEE SPECIAL INFORMATION PAGE CONCERNING

A VIRTUAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING IN THIS ISSUE

TENATIVE

2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JUNE 08th GOLF OUTING

JULY 20th GOLF OUTING

AUG XX TIGERS BALL GAME

SEPT 21st ANNUAL MEETING

OCT 05th DETROIT AUTO SHOW

GMLSRC Presidents Message December, 2020

Greetings Club Members:

What a Year this has been. One Social Event, Monthly Zoom meetings since March, and now the Annual Members Meeting will use the ZOOM app. Our bylaws require your board to hold this meeting. This meeting is scheduled for December 17th, 2020. Check this Newsletter for details.

Bob Benezette, past Board President and current Annual Meeting Event Chair, is organizing this meeting as a ZOOM meeting. This format can handle up to 100 attendees. 'Out of Staters' could attend using Zoom.

With a Vaccine for COVID 19 on the horizon, perhaps 2021 will be a year of restoring our Social Events.

Your board requires all social events to be self-supporting financially. I mention this since it may cause some events not to be viable due to attendance issues. Our events are basically open to all members and friends of members on a first come, first served basis.

The annual Membership fee of \$10 per year supports the 3 Newsletters, The Members Registry, Legal Fees associated with Our Legal Non-Profit designation. Currently we are still Financially Sound. Our membership stands at 425 with 60 renewal notices mailed out. **Noteworthy:** Our Loyal Dealer Program supports our club and is equivalent to 150 member years. Thank you Shaheen Chevrolet, Lafontaine Buick-GMC, and Shaheen Cadillac for your support.

HERE ARE THEIR BUSINESS CAARDS:

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On behalf of the Board; We wish all our Members, Family, and Friends a Christmas Season of Joy, and a Prosperous 2021 New Year.

Tony Kolp,
Board President

2020 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING INFORMATION

Dear Members,

What a year to forget. Due to restrictions set forth by our governor we will not have an onsite annual meeting. Per our bylaws we must have an annual membership meeting for the purpose of electing trustees and reporting on the club's status to the members.

For those of you that have the ability to join a Virtual Zoom meeting and would like to attend, we will have a zoom meeting on December 17th 2020 at 10:00 AM. The link is below, copy & paste it into your browser and link to join if you have already downloaded Zoom.

Topic: GMLSRC Annual Meeting 2020

Time: Dec 17, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79582288401?pwd=NmtlTlQ5NmZuV1JCV0Z2YVNoWXNWNdz09>

Meeting ID: 795 8228 8401

Passcode: 86WQNy

Bob Benezette, Event Chair **517-321-6383**

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FRIENDS WE MISS

AUGUST 01, 2020 – NOVEMBER 23, 2020

If you know of a salaried retiree who has passed away within the past year it would be greatly appreciated if you would provide us with their name, Age, date of death, and location of employment.

This can be done via the feedback link on our website www.gmlsrc.com/gmlsrc or mail to GMLSRC, P.O. BOX 12255, LANSING, MI 48901-2255. We thank you in advance for your help.

Following is a partial list of deceased that has been compiled since the last Newsletter. While we recognize it is not as complete as we would like, it does reflect upon the many members we do miss.

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF WORK
BACHELDER, BARBARA	88 09/21/20	WIFE OF JOHN BACHELDER
BARKER, E. JERRY	92 08/18/20	LCA BODY TRIM
BARNES, GERRY	82 08/07/20	WIFE OF (DON BARNES)
BARTLETT, RICHARD E.	85 10/12/20	BROTHER-IN-LAW OF CONNIE BARTLETT
BOONE, DEAN L.	86 09/1/20	BLDG 70 AUDIT
CUMMINGS, PHIL	82 09/06/20	PLT 5 CORE MAINT. SUPV.
DOANE, NORMA A.	91 11/16/20	WIFE OF (NED DOANE)
DUNCAN, JOHN	77 08/08/20	PONTIAC FACIL PLANNING
ENGLAND, RICHARD A. "DICK"	86 08/26/20	BLDG 34 MTL. HANDLING SUPT.
ENGLAND, HOWARD W.	91 10/04/20	PLT 3 TOOL & EQUIP.
GRAHAM, VERLON D.	88 09/14/20	PLT 5 PLT. ENGR.
HILLYARD, LORRAINE	85 09/21/20	WIFE OF DAVID HILLYARD
JANETZKE, RANDY	69 07/31/20	SON OF (REINY JANETZKE)
LOOK, JIM	60 08/31/18	LDT GEN. ASSY.
MCMONAGLE, BOB	78 11/06/20	LCA EMPL RELATIONS
PARKINSON, JERRY L.	81 09/05/20	BLDG 70 DLR. BUS. MGMT.
PRATT, ILLAH	90 10/19/20	WIFE OF ROLLIE PRATT
PRZEDWOJEWSKI, MARK	49 08/14/20	SON OF JOE PRZEDWOJEWSKI
REED, JANET	89 10/20/20	WIFE OF (WALTER REED)
ROSENDALL, CONNIE	80 11/14/20	WIFE OF DICK ROSENDALL
SCHNECKENBERGER, DICK L.	93 10/05/20	LCA BODY MTL. CNTL. SUPV.
SHIELS, GEORGEANN	95 09/01/20	WIFE OF (TOM SHIELS)
SINGLETON, DOLLY	81 10/16/20	WIFE OF HAROLD SINGLETON
STEWART, SHIRLEY	96 10/14/20	WIFE OF (DELL STEWART)
SWINK, ANN H.	94 10.15.20	WIFE OF (ROGER SWINK)
TOWNSEND, CLAYTON	92 10/23/20	PLT 4 OPERATIONS
TOWNSEND, BEVERLY	89 11/02/20	WIFE OF (CLAYTON TOWNSEND)
WILKINSON, LILLIAN E.	87 08/04/20	WIFE OF (WILLIAM H. WILKINSON)
WOHLSCHEID, EDWARD	73 10/13/20	BROTHER OF ROY WOHLSCHEID

NEW/RETURNING FRIENDS WE WELCOME

AUGUST 01, 2020 – NOVEMBER 23, 2020

MEMBER NAME	RETDAT	JOINED	WORK PLACE
KARLA LOOK (Wife of Jim Look-Dec.)	11/2008	10/30/20	LGR GEN ASSY

DECEASED MEMBERS LIST SINCE LAST DECEMBER
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MEMBER NAME	D-O-D	AGE	RETDAT	PLACE OF WORK
(E. JERRY)	BARKER	D 20-08/18	92	05/1984 LCA BODY TRIM
(KEN)	BEACH	D 20-04/29	89	04/1986 BLDG. 40 IND. ENG
(RUEBEN J.)	BESSONEN	D 20-01/01	86	09/1986 BLDG. 62 PERSON
(DEAN L.)	BOONE	D 20-09/16	86	01/1997 BLDG. 70 AUDIT
[JOSEPH W.)	BOWEN	D 20-04/05	91	06/1987 MINN. ZONE SALES
(RICHARD M. 'RICK')	COOLIDGE	D 20-06/01	82	07/1991 BLDG 40 MF. ENG
(PHIL)	CUMMINGS	D 20-09/06	82	09/1996 PLT. 5 COR MAIN
(JOHN W.)	DUNCAN	D 20-08/08	77	04/2008 PONTIAC FACIL PLA
(RICHARD A. "DICK")	ENGLAND	D 20-08/26	86	08/1989 BLDG. 34 MTL. HND
(HAROLD W.)	ENGLAND	D 20-10/04	91	10/1990 PLT. 3 TOOL-EQ
(RUTH)	GELLER	D 20-02/19	73	04/1997 BLDG. 40 MFG. PLA
(VERLON D.)	GRAHAM	D 20-09/14	88	09/1987 PLT. 5 PLT. ENG
(JOHN O.)		D 20-03/17	82	03/1997 CADILLAC GEN MGR.
GRETENBERGER SR				
(DONALD D.)	GRIMES	D 20-06/06	90	09/1987 PLT. 5 PLT. ENG
(GARY P.)	HUMPHREY	D 20-01/16	80	06/1992 PLT 5 ENG ASM
(ROBERT A. "BOB")	KAPP	D 20-04/22	87	10/1994 BLDG 40 PRC ENG
(JAMES W. "JIM")	KENNEDY	D 20-07/11	87	12/1987 BLDG. 70 TRAFFIC
(ROBERT W. "BOB")	LADD	D 20-06/02	87	01/1988 BLDG. 66 ENGR
(BOB)	MCMONAGLE	D 20-11/06	78	01/1993 LCA BODY EMP. REL
(JAMES R. "JIM")	OXFORD	D 20-07/14	83	05/1992 BLDG. 304 PRSS PLT
(EDWARD)	PAKSI	D 20-02/11	90	04/1984 BLDG. 38 MTL. HAN
(JERRY L.)	PARKINSON	D 20-09/05	81	12/1994 BLDG. 70 DLR. BUS
(JAMES B. "JIM")	POWERS	D 20-02/09	82	04/1987 PHIADELPHIA SALES
(JOHN A.)	SCHEURER	D 20-01/28	79	12/1992 BLDG. 68 PRD DEL
(DICK L.)		D 20-10/05	93	04/1988 LCA BODY MTL CTL
SCHNECKENBERGER				
(LEROY J.)	SISCO	D 20-06/05	76	04/1994 PLT. 3 S FAB.
(RICHARD E.)	SPITZER	D 20-04/05	91	08/1983 LCA BODY MTL CTL
(WILLIAM D. "BILL")	STIRM	D 19-12/17	87	07/1987 BLDG. 70 SALES
(CLAYTON)	TOWNSEND	D 20-10/23	92	09/1988 PLT. 4 OPER
(JERRY E.)	WELCH	D 20-01/25	88	02/1982 BLDG. 90 CUT ASM
(VICTOR "VIC")	WHITE	D 20-06/05	85	05/1992 BLDG. 56 PRS MTL
(STANLEY E. "STAN")	WYSOCKI	D 20-05/04	87	09/1991 BLDG. 28 MFG. ENG
TOTAL		32	85	AVG AGE

Here Is This Issue's Featured Dealer.



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OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE



First generation (1990-1996)----

The very first 1990 Oldsmobile Silhouette rolled off the assembly line on August 1, 1989. Assembled in [General Motors'](#) now-closed [North Tarrytown Assembly](#) facility, these [U platform](#) vans consisted of a [galvanized steel space frame](#) wrapped in composite plastic body panels that were impervious to rust and minor dents and dings, a manufacturing technique developed on the [Pontiac Fiero](#) and also used extensively on General Motors' [Saturn](#) line of vehicles.

The Silhouette was available with seating for seven, with the five lightweight (34 lb (15 kg)) rear seats being individually reconfigurable and removable. In 1994 built-in child seats were added to the option list, which provided the ability to switch two of the rear seats between adult and child seating with the pull of a seat-mounted tab.

Included with the level ride package, which utilized a compressor and air-pressurized rear shock absorbers to maintain vehicle height regardless of load, was a control panel and air hose kit that allowed the vehicle to be used to inflate tires, air mattresses, sporting equipment and such.

In 1994, a remote-controlled power sliding door feature was added, a General Motors innovation.

For the 1994 and 1995 model years, [traction control](#) was available with the [3800](#) engine option.

The first generation Silhouette was not available in [Canada](#).



Second generation (1997–2004)–

The redesigned 1997 Silhouette was built at [Doraville Assembly](#). The first 1997 Silhouette rolled off the assembly line on August 6, 1996. Canadian sales began as a 1998 model. Unlike the Venture and Trans Sport/Montana, the roof rack was standard on all Silhouettes. GM continued to offer the Silhouette as their premium luxurious minivan, the Montana as the sporty one, and the Venture as the basic version. The base model (only offered for 1997) was the only model to offer short-wheelbase and a driver side sliding door being only optional, when all the other trim levels of the Silhouette were in long-wheelbase extended version and offered a standard driver side sliding door.

Having achieved second place in sales to Chrysler, General Motors brought out an entirely new [U platform](#) series of minivans, theoretically based on the lessons learned from its previous mis-steps. Still stinging from the criticism of the "[dust buster](#)" minivans, the new Silhouette would be completely conventional in all respects. The vehicle would be of steel [unibody](#) construction, and styling would be as conservative as possible. The previous generation was a little too large for comfortably navigating [European](#) streets, so this new range of models would be narrower and slightly smaller than was the norm for the [United States](#) in order to produce a single range of [minivans](#) that GM hoped would fill the needs of both the [North American](#) and [European](#) markets.

The Silhouette remained in production until the 2004 model year with minimal changes. The [Oldsmobile](#) division of [General Motors](#) was shut down and no Oldsmobiles were produced after the 2004 model year. The final Oldsmobile Silhouette rolled off the assembly line on March 31, 2004.

Excerpts taken from WIKIPEDIA article OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE