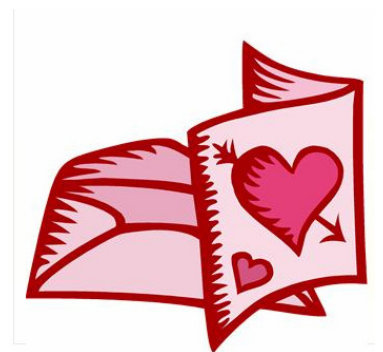




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February 2012

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## President's Report

The New Year is here, the first snow has fallen and hopefully everybody is keeping warm and healthy. We would like to thank the 83 people who have sent in their deposits for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. A few people have asked why the need for a nonrefundable deposit. When we discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> at the AGM in September we asked the membership for their personal commitment in supporting the 50<sup>th</sup> which was agreed to by those in attendance. The reason for this is because the event will necessitate an upfront and sizeable monetary obligation from the Club. Entertainment, catering, commemorative gifts and etc., will all require nonrefundable deposits or payment-in-full in advance. The Club's cash flow is, as everyone knows, tight and the winter is a very expensive period for us. Gas bills are very high and although we've been somewhat lucky this year, the parking lot requires removal of snow and/or ice. These additional operation costs combined with low event attendance creates the need for us to be very careful with expenditures. All deposits or paid-in-full monies for the 50<sup>th</sup> are not deposited in the club's business operation bank account. Alan Thompson, our treasurer, puts them in our savings account so they are not used for anything other than this specific event. We have done the same for the building fund, depositing all the money in a special account to ensure that it is only used for the work. Hopefully, this explanation will help members understand the need to promptly send their checks in so that we can all participate in and enjoy this special celebration.

Thank you,  
Mike

## Trivia League Results - January

1. WTF	377	6. Patty's Cousins	351
2. Swells	367	7. Fine Winers	349
3. Part Timers	365	7. Union Jacks	349
4. Foxes & Hounds	359	9. Guys & Dolls	338
5. Quidditch	354	10. Sexual Intellectuals	195
		11. No Hopes	164

Well done everyone, the scores are still pretty close. Hope to see you all again on February 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Chris

## Entertainment

February is the month of hearts and flowers. It also tells us we have six more weeks of winter. While we wait for spring take some time to start your spring cleaning. Why you ask...well we are having a rummage sale Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> 12-6:00pm and Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> 12-2:00pm, fill a bag for \$3.00. Please...NO CLOTHES, VHS TAPES or ENCYCLOPEDIAS. See the flyer at the club for more details. February 4<sup>th</sup> is Bingo...try your luck. Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> is Super Bowl Party, bring a dish to pass. February 11<sup>th</sup> is Trivia...put your thinking caps on and give it a go! February 18<sup>th</sup> is Dart Social...all levels are welcome. February 25<sup>th</sup> is Pasta/Karaoke.

### *Save the Date:*

March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> - Rummage Sale

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Bi-Annual Meeting

March 31<sup>st</sup> - Karaoke

April 21<sup>st</sup> - St. George's Night

April 28<sup>th</sup> - Karaoke

See you at the club,  
Diane

## New Members

Please welcome Kevin and Debbie Kleinhomer of Royal Oak to the Commonwealth Club roster.

### Treasurer's Comments:

The January 16<sup>th</sup> deadline for the 50<sup>th</sup> Gala deposit has passed however there are a limited amount of seats still available. Send your payment to:

Pam Douglas  
2905 Woodelm Dr.  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Thanks,  
Alan

### Ticket Chairman's Comments

I'd like to thank everyone for their prompt response to the 50<sup>th</sup> party. I've been working with the rest of the committee and it's going great! I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Pam

### Hall Manager's Comments

RUMMAGE SALE – Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 6pm. Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 3pm \$3-a bag sale. If you can help set up on Friday pm after the fish fry or Saturday at 9am please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the club. We need all your old "stuff" that you think is worth a few bucks for our restoration fund fundraiser so please bring in anything you have from March 9<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>. Call me if you need help getting things to the club at 248.854.5134. Don't forget the club shirts and hats are always for sale, just sign up on the order forms. Hall rentals are doing well. If you know anyone who would like to rent the club please give them my number. Lastly and as a reminder dancing night in April will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks everyone,  
Marion

### Please Note

You can now sign up to receive an email reminder when the newsletter is posted or you can sign up to receive an Adobe PDF copy of the newsletter in your email every month. Send an email to Op@CommonwealthClubMI.com and indicate if you want the reminder or the PDF newsletter.

### Editor's Comments

Over the past few months Phil and I have been going to Eastern Market to do some of our shopping. We love not only the prices and quality of the items offered there but equally the environment. Eastern Market was established at its current location in 1891 and over the years has grown to have over 150 food and specialty businesses. When the weather is compliant that number is greatly increased by the stall and fresh air vendors. It's a wonderful place and holds special significance for me because as a child my father would take me there. On Saturday mornings, oh those special Saturday mornings, I went along with him and walking through the aisles of vendors we'd choose the week's fresh groceries. With that job done we'd stop at a neighborhood beer garden where Dad would lift me up on a stool, order a Coke and bag of potato chips for me and a shell of beer for himself. When we'd return home Dad would announce to Mom, "Mother, we had a delicious day!" How right he was for they were days so full and rich with simple happiness that I could almost taste their goodness. Those were extraordinary days for me because they were spent with an exceptional man. As you may imagine, I can get a bit nostalgic from shopping at the Market and may even shed a tear or two over the loss of wonderful people from my life and what they brought to me. I mention this for a reason. Too often the arrival of a new year causes us to solely focus on the possibilities the future holds. This in itself is fine and good, however we can't lose sight of those events which shaped us into who we are now. By all means, speculate on what 2012 will bring and do so with a positive attitude but as you reach for it, don't also loosen your grasp on what the preceding years brought with them. Remember, it is the foundation of our yesterdays that our tomorrows are built upon.

Be well,  
*Carol*



# Commonwealth Club Calendar February- March 2012



Please Consult Site or Club Bulletin Board for Further Information

## February 4<sup>th</sup>

Bingo



Doors Open at 7:00pm  
Dinner at 8:00pm  
Play at 9:00pm

## March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bingo

Doors Open at 7:00pm  
Dinner at 8:00pm  
Play at 9:00pm



## Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>

Super Bowl Sunday



Doors Open at 4:00pm  
Food Will Be Provided  
But If You Wish  
Please Bring A Dish



## March 11<sup>th</sup>

Trivia League

Doors Open at 7:00pm  
Register at 8:00pm  
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Doors Open at 7:00pm  
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## March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Rummage Sale



March 17<sup>th</sup> 12-6pm  
March 18<sup>th</sup>  
\$3.00 a Bag Sale  
12-2pm



## February 18<sup>th</sup>

Dart social

Doors Open at 7:00pm  
Sign up at 7:30pm  
Play at 8:00pm



## March 24<sup>th</sup>

Bi-Annual Meeting

Doors Open  
**7:00pm**  
Meeting Called to Order  
**8:00pm**



## February 25<sup>th</sup>

Karaoke/Pasta Dinner



Doors Open at 7:00pm  
Dinner at 8:00pm  
Music at 9:00pm  
Dinner/Karaoke \$10.00pp  
Karaoke Only \$5.00pp



## March 31<sup>st</sup>

Karaoke/Pasta Dinner



Doors Open at 7:00pm  
Dinner at 8:00pm  
Music at 9:00pm  
Dinner/Karaoke \$10.00  
Karaoke Only \$5.00



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# Commonwealth Club Super Bowl Party



**Sunday  
February 5, 2012**

Food Will Be Provided  
But If You Wish  
Please Bring A Dish  
To Pass Around

Doors Open @ 4:00PM  
Game @ 6:00PM

Party Location:  
The Commonwealth Club  
3008 Dequindre Road, Warren  
[www.commonwealthmi.com](http://www.commonwealthmi.com)

# Karaoke & Dance Party

Sing and Dance



Saturday February 25, 2012

The evening's entertainment will be provided by  
Puffin Entertainment,  
Steve Hanbury DJ

Come hear and see the hidden talents of your  
Fellow club members!

We will be having an Italian spaghetti feast  
Dinner & Dance \$10.00

Karaoke only \$5.00 cover at the door

Doors open 7:00, Dinner 8:00, Party starts 9:00

Mail Checks made payable to the Commonwealth Club

Pam Douglas

Karaoke/Pasta Dance

2905 Woodelm

Rochester Hills, MI 48309

# Rummage Sale

March 17<sup>th</sup>      Noon – 6:00 pm

March 18<sup>th</sup>      11:00 am – 2:00 pm (\$3/bag)

Spring clean your homes...

Donate bric-a-brac, furniture, working appliances – all items

Please **NO** clothes, VHS tapes, or encyclopedias

Drop items off at the club after March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Call Marion Thompson for drop-off info – 248 854 5134

All proceeds go to the Club Restoration Fund

**If you can help, please sign the sheet in the hallway**

Also, please save plastic and/or paper bags



*You Are Cordially Invited To Join in Celebrating  
50 Years of The Commonwealth Club History*

*on*

*the 16th day of June 2012*

*The 50th Anniversary Celebration Ball*



*Doors Open at 6:00*

*Cocktail Hour 6:30-7:30*

*Dinner at 8:00*

*Dancing at 9:00pm*

*Tickets \$50.00 pp*

*Formal Attire Required For This Members Only Event*

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***April 16, 2012***

*Please Mail Checks To*

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*Rochester Hills, MI 48309*



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