



**AUGUST 2007**

**MSU ALUMNI CLUB OF  
MID-MICHIGAN**

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#### **Future Board Meetings**

MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Board Meetings are open to all club members.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m., and are held at the offices of the MSU Alumni Association, 242 Spartan Way, East Lansing, MI 48824. Email [admin@midmichiganspartans.com](mailto:admin@midmichiganspartans.com) for more information.

**For MSU Alumni in Eaton, Clinton & Ingham Counties**

## **STATE OF THE CLUB**

Greetings from the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan!

What a great year to be a Spartan. We celebrated a national championship in hockey, the hiring of a new leader for our football program and we can look forward to a promising year in men's and women's basketball. The campus is bounding with exciting new construction projects and our President is positioning our University as a leader in international studies.

Our regional club offers alumni members an avenue to reconnect and stay in tune with our beloved university. Whether you are interested in athletic events, cultural events or academia, our club offers a unique opportunity to experience MSU in a way that non-members cannot. Your membership also strengthens the university by providing a network of alumni and friends that create opportunities and support for all members.

Thank you for your membership! Our 2007 board members are working very hard to build on the momentum of President Simon's leadership and provide even more value for your alumni membership than you have experienced in the past.

We ask you to join us at the many events we have planned for this year.

We are also looking for volunteers for our events and new board members for 2008. Please log into our website at [www.MidMichiganSpartans.com](http://www.MidMichiganSpartans.com) to stay informed about the benefits of your membership. We also are asking that you pass along this newsletter to a friend and ask them to join us in a membership to support and enjoy the university that we are so proud of. Read on to learn about some of the exciting news from our club.

#### **Go State!**

Tim Sambaer,  
2007 President, MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan  
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# 2007 CLUB NEWS & CULTURAL EVENTS

## Holiday Gala to Benefit Endowed Scholarship

Mark your calendar now to hold the evening of Saturday, DECEMBER 15 for a very special HOLIDAY GALA.

It's the debut of a festive, elegant event to be held in an especially unique location – the LaSalle Bank Club at Spartan Stadium. Instead of the sites and sounds of football, it will sparkle and shimmer with the spirit of the holiday season. This premiere event is dedicated to raising funds for our Endowed Scholarship, which will assist students in the tri-county area planning to attend MSU.

Surrounded by the sounds of the big band Swing Era dance music, performed by the Big Band Machine led by saxophone great Carl Cafagna, you are free to enjoy activities throughout the expansive Club: kick up your heels and dance; eat to your heart's content; graze the "Green Things Marketplace;" and/or review the unique items to be auctioned throughout the evening. Did we mention the irresistible prizes? In the event that a basketball game is scheduled that evening, arrangements will be made for a large screen viewing area to watch our Spartans vanquish the visiting team.

Set aside the evening of December 15 to mingle and mix with old and new friends as we celebrate the spirit of the season. It promises to be a memorable evening. Watch for more details on the Mid-Michigan Alumni Club web site ([www.MidMichiganSpartans.com](http://www.MidMichiganSpartans.com)). Reservations will be limited and only guaranteed upon receipt of payment in full.

For questions, or to be placed on the early reservation list, send an email to [midmievents@yahoo.com](mailto:midmievents@yahoo.com) or call Carole Lick at 517-244-1145. If you are interested in supporting this event as a named sponsor or donor of items to be auctioned, please contact Barbara Sawyer-Koch at 517-337-9576. We hope to see you there.

## Harper House Tour

The 1929 Harper House, owned by Brian Huggler, B.A., Finance, '88, located in Lansing across from the Governor's residence, was the perfect setting for the Club's High Tea. China cups, chocolate covered strawberries, and a variety of lovely finger foods complemented the walking tour with access to the entire home and its beautiful antiques. Brian's loving restoration of the largest and most lavish Neo-Tudor house in Lansing's Moores and Riverside Homes Subdivision is apparent and was greatly appreciated by the many alumni and friends who enjoyed this unique opportunity.

The event, held May 20, was generously supported with donations for prizes worth \$650 by: MSU Federal Credit Union, MSU Horticulture Department, Christian's Greenhouses, MSU Alumni Association, and Absolute Gallery.

The Club is also grateful to John & Judy Nash of Capital Communication Systems for their support in preparing the invitations for this event.

## MSU Mini-Grant Program: Congratulations to the 2007 Grantees

This year the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan received several requests for mini-grants from MSU non-revenue sports and cultural programs. The criteria for the awards focused on whether the request: 1) directly assisted enrolled students; 2) expanded community awareness; and 3) supported the coach / instructor / department. Grants were awarded to the following programs:

### I. NON-REVENUE SPORTS

A. <u>Wrestling</u> - LCD TV .....	\$500
B. <u>Women's Golf</u> - Golf Shoes .....	\$750
C. <u>Swimming &amp; Diving</u> - Swim caps & goggles. .	\$.500
D. <u>Gymnastics</u> - Graphite X-Bar and Throw Mat.	\$750
<b>TOTAL NON-REVENUE SPORTS</b> .....	<b>\$2,500</b>

### II. CULTURAL

A. <u>Wharton Center</u> "Seats 4 Kids" scholarship fund for free performance and Broadway tickets for disadvantaged youth .....	\$550
B. <u>Gifted and Talented Education</u> "Explore Africa" – one scholarship for a high-school student to attend a one-week MSU residential program.....	\$450
C. <u>Department of Theatre</u> Summer Circle Theatre .....	\$400
D. <u>US-China Center for Research on Educational Excellence</u> Chinese Immersion Program .....	\$300
E. <u>Kresge Art Museum</u> Year of Arts and Culture .....	\$400
F. <u>School of Social Work</u> Michigan Indian Day Event .....	\$400
<b>TOTAL CULTURAL</b> .....	<b>\$2,500</b>

**GRAND TOTAL OF 2007  
MINI-GRANT AWARDS .....****\$5,000**

## Hello, Spartan Alums!

By the time you read this newsletter, 100 MSU alums will have enjoyed the Wharton Center's production of Wicked, seated in our alumni block on July 21, 2007. Alumni club members from Calhoun County and Washtenaw County were also in attendance. Your Cultural Events Committee has several upcoming opportunities for networking and enjoyment with your fellow alums in the fall and winter. Please stay tuned to the Club's website, ([www.MidMichiganSpartans.com](http://www.MidMichiganSpartans.com)) or e-mail [midmievents@yahoo.com](mailto:midmievents@yahoo.com) for periodic updates.

# 2007 CLUB SPORTING EVENTS

## 8th Annual Steve Smith Charity Challenge a Huge Success

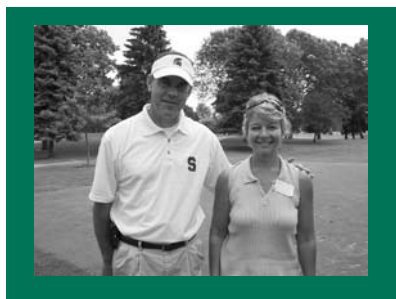
The 8th Annual Steve Smith Charity Challenge was held on June 25 on a beautiful sunny day at the Country Club of Lansing. This year's event raised nearly \$28,000 for the Building Brighter Futures Children's Fund, Steve Smith's MSU/Pershing High School Academic Scholarship Fund, and the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan.



Present at the event were Steve Smith, MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon, Men's Head Basketball Coach Tom Izzo, Men's Head Football Coach Mark Dantonio, Women's Head Basketball Coach Suzy Merchant, Women's Head Golf Coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll, among others.

In Steve's case the eighth time was the charm, as his team took home first place honors. After winning the event, Steve was heard whispering "a little help from two players from the MSU Women's golf team never hurt anyone!"

Thank you again to all of our sponsors, donors, golfers, and volunteers. A special thank you to this year's Champion Sponsors, Dean Trailways of Michigan, and Kahl, Kahl, and Caltrider Investment Consulting Group of Wachovia Securities, and to this year's Golf Committee members: Jeff Hicks – Chair, Rhonda Abood, Laurie Baumer, John Black, Nathan Clark, Sue Hansen, Sandra Kowalk, Dominic Migaldi, Steve Peckham, Micki Pasteur, Sherri Solomon, John Suckow, and Carmen Turner.



## MSU v Notre Dame Away Football Game Travel/Ticket Package - September 22, 2007

On September 22, 2007, join your fellow Spartans as we travel by deluxe motor coach to watch the Spartans play the Irish in South Bend. Departure and kickoff times are yet to be determined. The cost of the trip is \$160 for Club members, and \$170 for non-members. The price includes a \$10 tax deductible donation to the Club's Endowed Scholarship Fund. The package includes breakfast, round trip travel to/from South Bend, Spartan alumni tailgate, and a ticket to the game. As of August 16, 2007, there were only 16 spots remaining. In order to reserve your spot(s) please mail a check for the appropriate amount made payable to MSUACMM to: Hicks, Mullett & Gregg, PLLC, MSUACMM, Attn.: Jeffrey C. Hicks, 412 N. Walnut St., Lansing, Michigan 48933

Reservations are only guaranteed upon receipt of payment in full. For questions or for further information, please contact Jeff Hicks at [JHicks@HMGLegal.com](mailto:JHicks@HMGLegal.com)

## MSU v Notre Dame Family Viewing Party - September 22, 2007

Come enjoy a beautiful fall day on the Campus of MSU with your fellow MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan members as we watch MSU take on the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame on Saturday, September 22, 2007, - (time TBD). This is your chance to cheer on the Spartans from a facility normally not accessible to the general public. We have the unique opportunity again this year to utilize the Clara Bell Smith Student-Athlete Academic Center on the campus of MSU for our event. The Smith Center is a state-of-the-art academic facility designed to assist MSU student-athletes in the pursuit of their degrees. Its auditorium houses a huge screen that will allow for a perfect victory viewing. This is a family event that will give kids the chance to watch the game on the big screen. A registration list is now being established. The event is free to MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan members and their immediate families. Families are encouraged to bring their own food, as we anticipate selling only light snacks, soda and water at the event. Space is limited to the first 200 registrants. To reserve your spot(s), or for general questions, please contact Jeff Hicks at [JHicks@HMGLegal.com](mailto:JHicks@HMGLegal.com). Please watch the Club's website for further details [www.MidMichiganSpartans.com](http://www.MidMichiganSpartans.com).

## George Webster Memorial

Alumni Members gathered at the Spartan Stadium LaSalle Bank Club on Friday, May 11, 2007, to celebrate the life of George "Mickey" Webster [11/25/45 to 4/19/07].

The two-time All American led the defense for MSU's '65 football team that went undefeated in conference play. Long after his number "90" jersey was retired, his spirit lived on as the greatest defensive player in Spartan history. He was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame in 1979, the College Football Hall of Fame in 1987, the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992, and the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

George Webster visited MSU for the last time in February of this year to announce the George Webster Scholarship Fund, established to help Spartan student-athletes return to campus and complete their degrees. It took Webster eight years to finish his studies, four while playing football and four more as a model of perseverance. He knew how important it was to have that degree in hand to succeed in life's journey, as very few athletes have the opportunity to play their sport beyond college days.

If you would like to participate in funding the scholarship fund in memory of George Webster, you can make a tax deductible donation to: MSU – George Webster Scholarship Fund, 200 Spartan Way, East Lansing, MI 48824

Please contact Micki Pasteur at [Micki.pasteur@fosterzack.com](mailto:Micki.pasteur@fosterzack.com) with any questions.

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## MSU & U – Open for Business!



On June 20, 2007, the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan launched a new business networking program titled "MSU & U – Open for Business." In a joint effort with the MSU Federal Credit Union, the event was held at the South Lansing MSUFCU branch. Attendees gathered for an opportunity to meet and mingle with other Spartan professionals – new and "seasoned" – and to hear former MSU running back, and current small business owner, Tico Duckett speak on "Business Do's and Don'ts" and Ken Horvath, Manager of Forest Akers Golf Course touch on how to use golf to benefit your business game plan.

The second event was held on July 18, and took place in the lobby of the MSU Union Building. Again, co-sponsored by the MSU Federal Credit Union and with support of the MSU Union, guests attended to hear Steve Peckham of MacDonald Broadcasting talk about making business come to you and the importance of networking and Patrick Scheetz highlighted the MSU Alumni Association's Business to Business service directory and the benefits of doing business with other Spartans.

All meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Upcoming business networking event topics include: business etiquette, marketing and the laws and tax implications of owning a small business.

Also, keep your eye out for an announcement on a large upcoming fall business event! For more information on MSU & U – Open for Business, contact Kim Kittleman at [kittleman@alumni.msu.edu](mailto:kittleman@alumni.msu.edu).

To be included in all Club emails, please email the information below to [www.MidMichiganSpartans.com](http://www.MidMichiganSpartans.com) or fill out the information below & mail it to the **MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan, PO Box 4946, East Lansing, MI 48826-4946**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a business you'd like included on the Business to Business page of the MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan website? Our only requirement is that you be a paid member of the Club.

If yes, please include the following:

Business name \_\_\_\_\_

Type of business \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni business contact information \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Any other information you'd like included – or discounts to other alumni (see the Business to Business webpage for others listed):

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**Remember the club is always looking for volunteers and potential board members for 2008. Log into our website at [www.MidMichiganSpartans.com](http://www.MidMichiganSpartans.com) to stay informed of the benefits of your membership and to help support the university which we are so proud of!**