

## UC Welcomes New Community Director



Margaret Stephenson is the newest member of the University Commons/Kramer-Triad Team. "I am happy to be here as the new Community Director. It's all about people," says Margaret. "Who I work with is more important to me than what I do." She comes to us with a breadth of professional experience. For twenty years she worked in the UM office of Development, most recently as Associate Director of Development Recruitment and Personnel Planning. Reading through her impressive resume, one sees such skills as writer, director, designer, teacher, manager, lecturer, and artist - all of which create a good fit with the UC Mission.

After growing up in Dearborn, Michigan, Margaret attended Eastern Michigan University where she obtained her BFA and MA in Art Education. Over the years, she's continued to take specialty classes with people she calls "exceptional in the field." Earlier in her career, Margaret directed a Federal (Title IV) Entitlement Program, an academic and cultural arts program for Native American students and their families. She also ran her own graphic arts business in Sedona, Arizona.

Margaret loves to travel and has studied three languages. This self-described "free spirit" says she's looking forward to make sure that University Commons continues to achieve its goals. We extend a warm welcome to Margaret.

*Pictured below: The 2006-07 UCA Leadership Team*



*L-R Front Row: Don Smith, Glenina Nolte, and Jeff Stross; Top Row: Margaret Stephenson (staff), Jo Horsley, Karen Gotting, John Reed, and David Stutz*

## President's Message

*Jeff Stross, Board President*

In the upcoming year, the major efforts of the Board will be centered on implementing the bylaws changes that were approved, and cementing our relationship with Kramer-Triad. We are engaging in a discussion with residents about the first 5 years at UC - where we have been and where we are going, to assess if we are on the right track. The bylaw changes have allowed us the opportunity to reassess our committee structure and function. We have identified several areas of overlap that need clarification, and we are starting to look at these carefully.

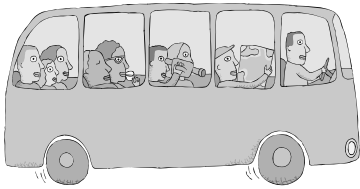
The last year was one of great change, with two community directors, consolidation of the two Boards and several bylaw changes. We anticipate less change this year, and we plan to build upon our strengths to make sure the dreams of our founders are fulfilled. We appreciate input from everyone, and I will promise that your emails will be answered in a timely manner.

## On the Go with UC's Trips and Travel

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The renewed Trips and Travel committee got off to a good start on April 20 with a mini-bus trip to Meijer Gardens and

Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids. A highlight was a tour led by Diane Kirkpatrick of the sculpture exhibit of famed artist Andy Goldsworthy.

Sign-up currently is underway for the June 15 tour of historic Ypsilanti, to include an exhibit of Ypsilanti's role in the Underground Railroad as well as other Ypsilanti history, a visit to Depot town, including lunch, and a stop at the Ypsilanti Auto Heritage Museum. We will travel with shared rides in private cars.

Some ideas for future trips include tours of the new U of M Biomedical Research Building, the University TV station, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Facility, the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio in Midland, Michigan.

We welcome your suggestions for other trips. Please join the committee, if you can, to help make these interesting projects happen.

## Whose Woods These Are I Think I Know

Betty Graham, Nature Reporter



A nearby old-timer tells me that the U-M President Ruthven Family lived in a house where Huron High School now stands. They raised horses (trotters) and had an oval training ring where Huron Parkway is now. They rode on trails through the oak-hickory woods where we live. There was no parkway, and our Miller Creek meandered along the riding trails. Before that, there was an Indian Trail which went through here to Orchard Lake.

**Our woods have stories to tell.**

## Bridge Anyone?

Clare and Molly Tyler would like to play bridge on a regular basis at University Commons. If you are interested, we invite you to join us to discuss organizing a Bridge Group at the Commons.

**DATE:** FRIDAY JUNE 9, 2006

**TIME:** 2:00 PM

**WHERE:** 812 ASA GRAY

**PHONE:** 994-5395

Please call if interested, even if you're unable to attend this initial meeting.

## A Look Back at UC Educational and Cultural Events

Elizabeth Dexter, Program Committee Chair

Claire Turcotte has provided us with a categorized list of our UC cultural and educational events for 2005. (Previous years' lists are by date.) This method clearly demonstrates our close UM alliance and the many ways we all gain from our distinguished residents.

**Five O'Clocks:** Presentations by UC residents, 7; by residents' family members, 6; by faculty members, 24. (There is overlap; some of both resident and family members were faculty.) The areas were history, 3; science and engineering, 6; music and the arts, 10; health, 3; nature and environment, 3; government, politics, and local interest, 6.

**Evening and Weekend Performances:** Student recitals, 22; faculty recitals, 6; musical and dance, 8.

**Trips:** 3

Complete lists and names will be made available. Do you find this way of looking at our programs interesting or useful? Perhaps in marketing? The Program Committee would welcome comments or suggestions.



## Mini-Profile of UC Resident Jeffrey Knight Stross, M.D.

Frieda Morgenstern, Special Features Editor



Jeff's path to University Commons came by way of being born in Detroit 65 years ago, educated at Mumford High School in that city, then getting his B.S. in Pharmacy and his M.D., both at the University of Michigan. His professional life continued through internship and residency up to and including academic appoints as Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine, Associate Chair of the Patient Care Programs and Coordinator of Primary Care Clerkship. In July of 2005, he became Emeritus Professor of the Department of Internal Medicine. He is still Staff Physician at University Hospital and the VA Hospital.

As our new University Commons Board President, Jeff's leadership qualities are manifest in his having been a major in the Air Force, has been in consulting positions with the Department of State, General Motors, and Merck, Sharp and Dohme. He has chaired several committees nationally as well as at the U of M. At the Commons, he has been involved as a Board Treasurer, active in helping to establish a Wellness Program, and was Chair of the Dining Committee.

Honors and awards have come to Jeff but he says, "I am most proud of my family; I have two wonderful children (a son and a daughter), a wonderful wife, and a wonderful grandson (Jack)." You all should know Jeff's wife, Ellen, who is a reference librarian part-time in Plymouth, but better known to us as the moving force in our own University Commons library. They have been married 41 years.

Hobbies: Tennis for many years, running, listening to music and books on tape, traveling.

In Ann Arbor: He and Ellen are theatre-goers, sports-fans of football and basketball, attend University Musical Society events, and are members of Congregation Beth Emeth.

## Around the Area

Peg Porter, Columnist

A regular column featuring places to go, things to see and do beyond the "usual". In this issue we highlight free or low-cost suggestions for the young and young-at-heart.

### **Depot Town Cruise Nights, Ypsilanti**

Weekly gathering of owners and enthusiasts in Ypsilanti's historic Depot Town, featuring classic cars from all over Michigan. Sample food from the local restaurants and take a peek into the area's unique shops. Thursday evenings, June 7 through September 14, 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. *Directions: Washtenaw Avenue to Huron Street in Ypsilanti left to Cross Street.*

### **Go to Hell (Michigan)**

Kids of all ages like to say they've been to Hell and back. A scenic drive from Ann Arbor to this small village near Pinckney takes you through pretty lake country. Visitors to Hell visit the dam

site, shop for devilish gifts, and enjoy cold summer treats.

*Directions: US 23 to North Territorial, turn left. Continue on Territorial Road to Dexter-Pinckney Road. Left on Darwin Road (County Road D32) straight to Hell.*

***I Love a Parade***, the Fourth of July in Ypsilanti Michigan's oldest Independence Day parade is an old-fashioned, family friendly celebration. This year's parade starts at 11:00 a.m. at Wallace Boulevard on the west side, heads down Cross Street through EMU's campus and ends in Depot Town. There are many good viewing spots all along the route. Wear red, white and blue for the fun of it! *Directions: Take Packard to Ypsilanti where it becomes Cross Street.*





**Best wishes to.....  
Cathy and Ed Marcus and  
Reda and John Santinga** on their  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversaries

### Family Matters

Zack Wasserman (son of Enid Wasserman) co-founded Pacific Stainless LLC, a producer and distributor of specialty raw materials. He graduated with a degree in Chinese studies from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown. Zack leveraged his language and cultural skills to manage a team that developed a uniquely global approach to specialty steel making and distribution.

After 3 years as managing director of 20 people in offices in China, the Philippines, the U.S., with a significant presence in India and Vietnam, he has changed career paths to begin the University of Pennsylvania's *post-baccalaureate* pre-med program in August.

He hopes to combine medicine with his interest in the challenges facing developing countries.

### Welcome UC Newcomers

Please welcome our new neighbors:

- Ann Elgood, 205**
- Randy Berg, 253**
- Jane Friedman, 407**
- Susan Bennett, 833**
- Nancy Rugani, 856**

### Computer Safety, Part II

*Mike Nolte, Chair Technology Committee  
(Continuation of a III Part Series)*

The University Commons network is separated from the rest of the Internet by a firewall which defeats virtually all miscreant attacks. It does not protect us from attacks that originate from our side of the firewall -- for example, the spyware that your grandchild downloaded at Christmastime when he attempted to install a music-sharing program. So, we need to think defensively in setting up and maintaining our computer. The main thing that we want is to reduce the "attack surface," the set of attributes unique to your computer that are visible to

outsiders. Consider doing the following, ranging from the simplest to most complicated level:

- Shut down your machine when you're not using it.
- Make sure that the file and printer sharing feature is turned off.
- Choose a computer name that does not reveal information about yourself ("X00001" instead of "JudySmithsComputer")
- Like any large city, the Internet has areas that are not all that safe. If you are exploring these areas with your Web browser, be aware that bad things can happen to your computer.
- Windows users should make sure that the latest version of Internet Explorer is installed with all updates applied, and appropriate security settings enabled. Then they should install and use Firefox for everyday browsing.
- Make sure that your computer is not running any programs that provide services to outsiders; e.g. Web server, peer-to-peer music sharing and the like.
- Install a hardware firewall or NAT router between your computer and its network connection.
- If you have installed a wireless access point in your unit, make sure that encryption is enabled: WEP at a minimum, WPA for choice.

### From the Editor

*Karen Stutz*

The third volume of *The Common Times* concludes with this edition. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve as your editor this past year. It's been an enjoyable way for me to be involved in the UC community, and I look forward to continuing in this capacity for another season.

Our aim is to share UC's "in house" news, pertinent information, and to highlight the myriad talents of our fellow residents. We value the expertise of ALL of this year's contributors and welcome your participation and ideas.

Please contact us as we plan for Volume 4.

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