

THE *M* EDITION

New Holiday Party Venue A Success

This year's holiday party offered a couple of changes from past years, and they seemed to meet the approval of the 37 attendees.

The past three events were held at Georgio's International Cafe and, though well received, some members thought that a little variety was in order. Dick and Irmi Green suggested Real Seafood, and even shortened their stay in Florida a bit to make sure they could attend.

In keeping with the seafood theme, crab cakes and salmon were the favorite dinner choices, but the carnivores also found the N.Y. Strip Steak to their liking. The service was prompt and pleasant and the room was nicely decorated in holiday lights and greenery.



The group began the evening by sharing holiday greetings as we found our places for the meal to come. Official photographer, Terry Koral, was ably assisted by Dan Ewing, and the pair captured all of the evening's frivolity in high def.

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January Tour & Dinner

Date: Saturday, January 21, 2017

Time: 3:00 pm

Place: J. H. Fentress Antique Popcorn Museum
7922 Hill Ave., Holland, Ohio

We'll start with a tour of the museum, hopefully not eating too much popcorn, since we'll then travel a short distance to Ruby's Kitchen, 805 N. Reynolds Road, to experience home cooked southern soul food in an atmosphere like your grandma's kitchen.

See www.antiquepopcornmuseum.com and www.msrubyskitchen.com

RSVP to hosts Pat and Steve Dettmer by January 14.
Email stevepatd@gmail.com or call 419-350-5986.

Tentative 2017 Event Calendar

Saturday, January 21	J. H. Fentress Antique Popcorn Museum Tour followed by Dinner at Ruby's Kitchen, hosted by Steve and Pat Dettmer
Saturday, February 18	Luncheon at 5th Street Pub, by Bill Potvin and Linda Myers
Saturday, March 11	Luncheon at Delta 109, hosted by Steve and Pat Beam
Saturday, April TBA	Miata Meander, hosted by Sue Greeley & Kathy Guiberson

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The other change to the evening's activities was the absence of the zany gift exchange that had been a tradition in past years. Again, although it was lots of fun, some folks thought we might take a break and institute a new tradition. To that end, people were encouraged to bring a donation of food (cash gifts were also an option), and the group came through with extraordinary generosity.

The outpouring was so voluminous that it completely filled the ample cargo space of a Mazda6. The folks at the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank were very appreciative, and assured us that many needy families would benefit from our efforts. In addition to the copious amount of food, our donation included \$180.00 in cash. Many thanks to all of those who contributed!

February Luncheon

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Time: 1:30 pm

Place: 5th Street Pub, 105 W Fifth Street, Perrysburg, Ohio

Join your Miata friends for lunch at a new venue. There'll be plenty of good food and drink with some talk about our cars, past activities and event ideas for the coming year.

See www.5thstreetpub.com

Make a reservation by contacting Bill Potvin or Linda Myers at 419-891-9191 or bpotvin@bex.net by February 11.

Welcome to New Members

Joan and Ole Olsen
Toledo, Ohio
2016 Meteor Gray
olsenjoan@hotmail.com

Looking forward to seeing you
at our next event!

2016 Financial Report

31 Dec 2015 **Balance:** \$ 1,663.30

Income:

Dues -	\$	730.00
Interest -	\$	0.22
50/50 -	\$	352.00
Merchandise -	\$	30.00
Holiday Party -	\$	740.00

Total: \$ 1,852.22

Expenses:

Postage -	\$	26.00
Supplies -	\$	92.31
Website Expenses -	\$	9.95
Holiday Party -	\$	1,303.35

Total: \$ 1,431.61

31 Dec 2016 **Balance:** \$ 2,083.91

Neither Snow Nor Rain Nor ...



It's been an uncharacteristic December so far, with copious amounts of snow and frigid temperatures. Many of us have tucked our cars away for the winter, but not this intrepid Miata driver, caught on December 15 on I-77 near Cleveland.

His top down bravery got him a lot of media attention.



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