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## 2008 Holiday Celebration!

**Saturday, December 27 • 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

### Grill House

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Join us at the Grill House, a unique “grill-your-own steak” restaurant, for a holiday celebration between Christmas and New Year’s. Located at 1071 32nd Street (M-40 South) in Allegan. The day’s schedule is as follows:  
Noon-12:30 p.m. Welcome time with hot cider and light snacks compliments of the Western Michigan Section and the Grill House

12:30-2:00 p.m. Lunch. “Grill your own” in the grill room or have the chef prepare it for you. Select one of the following:  
6 oz. Choice Sirloin, 7 oz. Prime Rib  
½ Slab of Ribs, Boneless Chicken Breast  
All are served with the Grill House’s salad, Texas toast,

baked beans, chef’s choice of vegetable, and choice of fried potatoes or a baked potato with all the toppings.

For dessert, indulge in homemade apple bread pudding with caramel sauce and topped with whipped cream. The cost is \$20.00 per person including your donation to MADD. Tax, tip, and drinks will be extra. Separate checks are acceptable.

2:00-2:30 p.m. Business meeting, election, and awards

2:30-4:00 p.m. Fun and games with friends

The opportunity to grill your own entrée is an experience you won’t want to miss! Please RSVP to Mary Hedberg at mary@risalesales or Cyndi Vander Horn at cyndi@risalesales.com or (616) 662-7473 by December 19.

## SECTION LEADERSHIP

As we conclude a memorable year of successful club events, my thoughts turn to the need for new leadership and new ideas for future club activities. Have you considered a role as an officer or director for our section? Do you have ideas or suggestions for 2009 events? Would you want to take responsibility for orchestrating an event?

If you have interest in a leadership role, developing new programs, or running for office, please call Marv at (269) 352-1100 or any section officer to discuss. Our election will be held at the Holiday Celebration.

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### Section Officers:

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## 2008 FALL COLOR TOUR

Participants in the Western Michigan Section's 2008 Fall Color Tour had a fabulous time. The weather was perfect and the company warm and wonderful.

The group met at the Meijer Gas Station in Rockford for the leisurely drive to M-B of Traverse City where W. MI Section member and host, Chris Opas held a reception for the group. From the reception, we traveled to Petoskey to check in to the hotel before our fabulous dinner buffet at Stafford's Bay View Inn. There we met up with MBCA's National Event, the Lake Michigan Mille group. After dinner we were delighted to see the play "Deathtrap" at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

On Sunday, those of the group that stayed the night had a wonderful Breakfast Buffet at the Waas-no-de' Restaurant in the Odawa Casino. Wow, what a spread. The food was fantastic!

After breakfast, some decided to stay at the casino, while others, visited the Charlevoix Apple Festival. What a fun weekend. If you weren't able to make it this year, please plan on joining the fun next fall.



Top: The W. MI Section members gather around Chris Opas, 4th from left, during the reception at M-B of TC.  
Bottom: The fabulous new Odawa Casino in Petoskey, MI.

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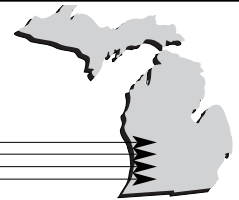
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## STARS GO GREEN WITH MERCEDES-BENZ BLUETEC

When Academy Award Nominee Naomi Watts celebrated her 40th birthday in Los Angeles this fall, her partner Liev Schreiber (“X-Men,” “The Manchurian Candidate”) surprised her with a spectacular present; a Mercedes-Benz ML320 BlueTEC. Liev and Naomi are among the actors and musicians who have discovered the exceptional performance, efficiency, and 600-mile cruising range of Mercedes-Benz BlueTEC, the world’s cleanest, state-of-the-art diesels.

In addition to Liev Schreiber and Naomi Watts, fellow BlueTEC drivers from motion pictures and television include “Desperate Housewives” star Kyle MacLachlan; “Sex and the City” siren Kim Cattrall; Academy Award Nominee and Golden Globe Winner Gary Oldman; and “Phantom of the Opera” star and singer Emmy Rossum.

“My ML320 BlueTEC has all the power and luxury you’d expect of a Mercedes-Benz, plus the efficiency and low environmental impact of an economy or, even, a hybrid vehicle,” says Emmy Rossum. “BlueTEC really is the best of both worlds.”

Also from the world of music, pop superstar Gwen

Stefani and her husband, musician Gavin Rossdale, have a BlueTEC parked in their driveway, as does singer Josh Kelley (husband of “Grey’s Anatomy” star Katherine Heigl).

Seven-time Grammy winning artist Alanis Morissette chose the fuel-efficient Mercedes-Benz BlueTEC for the video of “Underneath,” the first single and video from her latest album, “Flavors of Entanglement.” In the video, Alanis is sitting at a bus stop wearing a “Save the Earth” t-shirt and distributing fliers to encourage concern for the environment. When a Mercedes-Benz E320 BlueTEC passes by, Alanis salutes the Mercedes driver in appreciation for their environmentally aware choice.

“Making green choices on a local level is important in creating global change,” says Alanis. “I’m glad that Mercedes-Benz has introduced such a great option in BlueTEC.”

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**2008 Holiday Party**  
December 27, Allegan, MI  
Full details inside!



We would like to welcome the following new members to our section of the MBCA. We encourage you to find out what the section has to offer by attending one of our activities. We're glad that you decided to join us.

<u>Name(s)</u>	<u>City</u>
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Allen Scholten	Holland

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## SECOND SECTION

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