



May the spirit of Christmas bring  
you peace,  
The gladness of Christmas give  
you hope,  
The warmth of Christmas grant  
you love.  
~Author Unknown

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## THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



Twas the night before  
Christmas, at Rainbow  
Bridge too.  
We were thinking as always  
of you.  
We'd seen how the holidays  
weren't bright this year,  
Heard you whisper so often,  
"I wish you were here!"  
We know how you wish you  
could just stay in bed  
And sleep through the holi-  
day lying ahead,  
When all celebrate with  
their loved ones so near...  
Unless they have loved ones  
on this side this year.  
But we're no less alive here,  
on the other side.  
If you could just see us, you'  
would have laughed and  
not cried.  
The dogs all in harness,  
pulling the sleigh.  
The cats all in Santa hats  
pointing the way.  
The pet birds all flying back  
over the rainbow,  
Bound homeward in spite of  
Earth's darkness and snow.  
All the pets that you've lost,  
pets for whom you've cried,  
Flying home on this Christ-  
mas to be by your side.  
If you feel warm fur brush  
you when no pet's around,  
Hear a soft bark or purr, just  
a ghost of a sound,  
We're trying to tell you we're  
visiting this way,  
And our visits, even rain-  
bows, can be on any day.  
But for Christmas we have

something special to do,  
A sleighful of happy dream  
visits for you.  
On doggy, on kitty, on  
winged friend and ferret!  
The love that you lavished,  
we mean now to share it!  
We're fetching that love  
home, the way we once  
played,  
With the closeness we  
shared and the memories  
we made.  
Our Earth lives with you  
were too short for us, too,  
And on this Christmas Eve  
we have so much to do.  
So all through this night as  
you sleep in your beds,  
Sweet visions of us dance in  
your heads.  
This one special night we  
can bring you Home for a  
while,  
Your true home in Heaven,  
where again you will smile.  
Over the rainbow you'll fly,  
for a short while this night,  
Hours that you'll be happy,  
hours that will feel right,  
Hours to cuddle and hug us,  
to run and to play,  
Before the return to Earth in  
our magic way.  
And when you awaken and  
face Christmas Day,  
We pray you'll remember  
your trip on our sleigh,  
But in case you forget, just  
remember our love.  
Remember us watching  
you, your angels above.  
Sending love wrapped in

rainbows, shining and  
bright,  
Love that will guide you  
through the darkest night,  
Love found in each memory  
unwrapped through the  
year,  
Replacing dark sorrows with  
Christmas cheer.  
Leave the toys to St. Nick,  
we bring dreams,  
Sweet visits to remind you all  
is not as it seems  
when you look all around  
you with tired Earthly eyes.  
If you saw as we do, there'd  
be joy and surprise.  
There are furry angels wait-  
ing by those Christmas trees,  
Always there for you and  
hearing your pleas.  
We're never more than a  
thought away from your  
home,  
You're never forgotten,  
you're never alone.  
Nor are we alone here, with  
our Rainbow Bridge friends.  
We know only joy here, the  
celebrating never ends,  
And after our reunions with  
you Christmas Eve,  
We will party like you'd nev-  
er believe.  
But we'll slip away often to  
be by your side.  
Sitting there watching you,  
eyes open wide,  
Praying you'll be able to  
catch a glimpse of us, too.  
But whether or not you see  
us  
**Merry Christmas to you!**

# ***MSEM Christmas Party***

**Saturday, December 5, 2015**



## **Coral Gables Restaurant**

**2838 E. Grand River Avenue**

**East Lansing, MI**

**Ph. (517)337-1311**

### **Dinner, Business Meeting, Election of Officers & Christmas Party with Gift Exchange**

For the Gift Exchange bring a wrapped gift marked for a lady or man. Limit \$12



**Dinner at 4:00 pm.**

**Open Menu**

**Business Meeting and Party to follow!**

**As Always, Guests are Welcome!!**

**E-mail or call**

**Karin Jaeger by December 1st to let her know that you are coming  
([karinjaeger@voyager.net](mailto:karinjaeger@voyager.net)) (517-351-0412)**

**Directions:** Take I-96 to Exit 110 (Okemos Rd.) Go North on Okemos Rd. to M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Businesses on that corner include: Bennigan's Restaurant, Marathon Gas Station, BP/Amoco Station. Turn Left on to M-43 (Grand River). After the bridge over the railroad tracks, there is a traffic light at Park Lake Rd. and another at Northwind Dr. (there's a Farmer Jack's on the southwest corner of the intersection). **Coral Gables** entrance is the 4th on the right following this light (after Tom's Party Store, a Hollywood Video & the new Oriental Market). If you get to the Brookfield Shell gas station, you've gone too far.

## 2015 Calendar of Important Events



### **NOVEMBER 30**

MSCM Membership **EXPIRES TODAY** if dues are unpaid!

**DECEMBER 1** Reservations due today for the Christmas Banquet. Call Karin (517-351-0412) or email (karinjaeger@voyager.net)

### **DECEMBER 5**

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing 4:00 p.m. (Details on page 3)



## The Whelping Box

No litters to announce at this time

*The quality of your litter should not only be evaluated by the best in the litter....but by the least. If you are breeding quality animals, even your pets should be good examples of the breed!*

*Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.*  
—Calvin Coolidge



January 13, 2001 to August 28, 2015

Am Can CH Loneacre's Small Town Girl, CDX, MX, MXJ

Our little Queen of the house is gone – the boss until the end. We will so miss her stealing Kleenex and chewing toilet paper off the roll. Our favorite of her habits was her hunting in the dark for her toy stuffed Otter every night, and then bringing it to bed to drop on Ron's chest!

We miss her so very much.

Ron and Lynn Baitinger



## Merry Schnauzer Christmas



## And A Happy New Year!

## Show Calendar

### Obedience & Rally

Closes 1-22

2016

Jan. 21-24 Obed & Rally  
Livonia/Oakland Cty KC  
Closes 1-6

Feb. 25 Rally, 26-27 Obed  
Sportsmen's DTC  
Warren, MI  
Closes 2-10

### Agility

Jan. 1-3  
MI Boxer Club  
Midland, MI  
Closes 12-18

Jan. 8-10  
CCDAC  
Lapeer, MI  
Closes 12-22

Jan. 15-17  
Wolverine Belgian Terv  
Midland, MI  
Closes 1-1

Jan. 21-24  
OCKC  
Novi, MI  
Closes 1-4

Jan. 29-31  
Weimaraner Club  
Dexter, MI  
Closes 1-15

Feb. 5-7  
CCDAC  
Lapeer, MI  
Closes 1-22

Feb. 5-7  
Grand Rapids Agility Club  
Wyoming, MI

Feb. 12-14

AADTC  
Dexter, MI  
Closes 1-22

Feb. 19-21  
Siberian Husky Club  
Dexter, MI  
Closes 2-5

Feb. 26-28  
CCCC  
Dexter, MI  
Closes 2-12

### Conformation

Dec. 3-6, 2015  
Richland Co. KC, Medina  
KC, Western Reserve  
Cleveland, OH  
Closed

January 21-24, 2016,  
Livonia KC, Oakland KC  
Novi, MI  
Closes 1-6

## Braggs

In September Mythago's Royal Blue RATI, "Kayce" competed at the MAPBTC UKC shows where he was awarded a group 1 in 3 of the four shows, was Reserve Best in Multi Breed Show once and was awarded the top honor for the weekend by being chosen Best of the Best (a special competition just for dogs who had won BIS or RBIS over the weekend). Kayce also completed the requirements for his UKC Championship at these shows.

In October Kayce competed at the Elgin County Kennel Club Shows in London Ontario where he was Best of Breed and Best Bred By Exhibitor in Group both days. Canadian Championship almost finished.

Kayce was awarded Winners Dog at the Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club show; Winners Dog, Best of Breed Owner Handled and Best of Opposite Sex over 2 Specials at the Pontiac Kennel Club show and Winners, Best of Winners (for a major win), Best of Breed Owner Handled and Group third Owner Handled at the Grand Rapids Kennel Club Show. I made myself a promise I would finish Kayce out of the Bred By class and so far so good. So very proud of my boy! Lisa Martin



## 2015 MSCM Annual Awards

If you have a new 2015 AKC Champion or Obedience title winner, please send the following information to Lynn Baitinger:

1. The complete name of the dog with all of it's titles ex-actly as they are to be engraved
  2. The name and date of the show that the dog finished at
  3. The name (s) of all of the dog's owners
- Please send your information to Lynn by January 9, 2016

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PerformanCe  
corner  
by  
JoAnne Scott

## The Dog Show Before Christmas

T'was the dog show before Christmas,  
when in every ring,  
Preparations were starting, to compete  
for some bling.  
The obedience ring was set up with  
care,  
Dumbbells and articles soon would be  
there.  
The courses for barn hunt were set up  
with straw,  
The rats in their cages were watching  
in awe.  
The courses for Rally were set up with  
signs,  
About turn and pivot, all in quick time.  
The agility ring was ready to run,  
Look at that serpentine, that will be  
fun.  
My dogs were all settled, in their warm,  
comfy cages,  
While I read through the rules, all 1,000  
pages.  
Courses to walk, more courses to learn,  
Running and jumping, heel, turn and  
burn.  
Away to the first ring I flew like a flash,  
Arrived out of breath from the 50 yard  
dash.  
We heeled in obedience, I thought we  
did fine,  
So why was our score just a mere 69?  
Rally was lovely, right up to the end,  
When my dog left the ring, to visit a

friend.  
Barn hunt was awesome, until I yelled  
"Rat!",  
Then learned that my dog had found  
an old hat.  
We still had a chance to win a nice  
prize,  
Visions of agility danced in my eyes.  
When what to my wondering eyes  
should appear,  
The judge in a sleigh, pulled by a John  
Deere.  
His briefing was done, all lively and  
quick,  
I looked at his name tag, and saw it  
read "Nick".  
I stepped to the line, wiped my hands  
on my pants,  
The timer said "Go", and we started  
the dance.  
On A frame! On tunnel! Go weave  
poles! Go jump!  
Now onto the table, and sit on your  
rump.  
We were running with speed, we were  
running with force,  
I got so excited, I forgot half the  
course.  
I was trying so hard, I wanted to place,  
When doing a front cross, I fell on my  
face.  
We finished together, my good dog  
and I,  
Treats, hugs and kisses, all the toys I  
could buy.  
The thing about dogs is, they place no

blame,  
First, last or nothing, its fun all the same  
You don't have to finish, you just have  
to start,  
I looked at my dog, and I saw my  
heart.  
Then I heard judge Nick say, as he  
drove out of sight,  
"Everyone Qs, Merry Christmas, good  
night"!



The objective of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan is to advance the principals and scientific practices in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers: foster co-operation between breeder, owner, and veterinarian; encourage the exchange of information and experience among the club members and between show-giving clubs; to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and matches; and to encourage the adherence to the high standards of conduct and to the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

