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Welcome to the 75th Anniversary Year for HI USA

The Michigan Council will be setting up events throughout the year in celebration of 75 years of service to the public

by Hostelling International-USA.

Please watch the website for regular updates!

The New Year Brings Board Changes

Board President Susan Trudeau will be stepping down in January. She has been involved on the Michigan Council board since 2000 and has been part of the Council transition from the staff/building structure to the current virtual web based orientation. The Council has prioritized the mission based programs and extended its network with community organizations, Girl Scouts, museums, public schools and universities, and libraries. Thanks to the fantastic work of our volunteer coordinator, Joan Smykowski, we have trained an increased number of program presenters. We are thankful for our talented and passionate volunteers. They represent our mission and are valuable to our success.

We also welcome new board members Mollika Basu and Evan Major. ~See following page~

Michigan Council ...

You can be part of our talent pool and information system just by contacting us at HIUSAMichigan@gmail.com. Join up to help with something you enjoy and that has meaning to you in honor of our **Anniversary Year in 2009!**



John Kalam is pictured here, but who is standing with him? If you know, contact us and tell us your story. See the form on the fourth page of this newsletter.

Do you have pictures of previous HI/AYH trips or events? We are eager to have you share them with us for our Anniversary compilation. Contact us at HIUSAMichigan@gmail.com if you have memorabilia to share.

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or call 248 302-8026.

We welcome you input.

Announcing A NEW HI-USA HOSTEL



HI - Phoenix
is located at
1026 N 9th St
Phoenix AZ 85006

Contact them for reservations at 602 254-9803.

This hostel is located in the downtown section of Phoenix, just 5 houses away from the bus stop. There are 14 beds, each priced at \$18.00 a night, or get a single room for \$35.00. Open hours are from 8-10 AM and 5-10 PM. Walk to downtown restaurants and clubs, or to the Food Market which is 12 minutes away on foot. Or go to the many parks to view the Botanical Gardens or hike the mountain trails.

This hostel is open every month except August. Call for your reservation now and enjoy the warmth and scenery of the Phoenix area.

CHEAP TRAVEL INFORMATION

The updated HI USA membership card comes with American Airlines discounts, and a great mobile phone offer for those traveling abroad. Go to www.hiusa.org/membership to see new benefits.

Members' Corner

Join or renew: (301) 495-1240 and press the # 3 prompt.

The Michigan Council Board is pleased to announce the election of two new board members.

Evan Major is currently the Program Manager for the Student Conservation Association. He is very involved with many groups of young people as they perform various activities around the Detroit area to enhance the environment and learn about protecting the ecological mix in this diverse area. Evan has many connections with area agencies and organizations that have similar concerns regarding youth. Evan helps coordinate employment programs, environmental education and leadership development. He has travelled extensively and brings many new ideas to the board.



Mollika Basu is currently working on a project regarding hostelling, and invites you to take a survey to help her accumulate data. She is a graduate of Wayne State University and is currently attending Bizdom U. in Detroit, majoring in entrepreneurship. Mollika hopes to open a hostel in Detroit.

Amanda Trathen (not pictured) has also joined the board. She has recently been employed by Delphi Product and Service Solutions, and also worked as Education Coordinator with the On Campus Fair Trade Campaign. Amanda is interested in helping our council with financial responsibilities.



We welcome all new board members, and thank our current members for their continued involvement with HI Michigan.

DONATE NOW

to the award winning HI Michigan!
during the **Campaign for Hostelling**

Join the **CAMPAIGN FOR HOSTELLING** movement
in honor of the 75th Anniversary of HI USA!

Designate your gift toward the Michigan Council and we will use the proceeds for our award winning programs and events.

Click on the **DONATE** button on our website at www.hi-michigan.org.

Or send to PO Box 510228, Livonia, MI 48151

Remember that your donation may be tax deductible due to our **non-profit 501(c)3** status.

You may remain anonymous if you choose. HI Michigan maintains your privacy.

See the disclosure information on the web site.

Please help the Michigan Council continue to provide important programs
for youth and adults in Michigan.

Volunteer Coordinator **Joan Smykowski** thanks the many volunteers who volunteered during 2008.

During the past year, we have had hiking, biking and canoeing led by volunteers who care very deeply about hostelling. The volunteers have helped to make 62 hikers involved in HI-USA during the past year.

Special thanks to:

Al Trudeau for leading 11 hikes

Mary Stoolmiller for leading 9 hikes

Karl Gordon for leading 7 hikes

Mary Fritz for leading 5 hikes

Peter Bolgar, Laurine Cybulski, Pat Knoop, and Chuck Werney for leading 4 hikes

Laura Gogola for leading 3 hikes

Liz Allingham, Lee Becker, Sara Bergeron, Phil Crookshank, and Anita Walters for leading 2 hikes

Sharon Olshansky, Ruth Olsen and Darvie Strobridge for each leading 1 hike.

All biking activities were lead by **Dante Lanzetta**.

Trained program presenters gave 19 World Travel 101 Presentations in Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties. The cities we presented in were Livonia, Detroit, Huntington Woods, Dearborn, Waterford, Plymouth, Northville, Ypsilanti, Hazel Park, Rochester Hills, Berkley, Dexter and Novi. We'd like to thank our council's **volunteer presenters** who volunteer all over southeastern Michigan to promote HI-USA.

Matt Ripper 4 presentations; **Martha Spear** 3 presentations; **Norwood Catron** 2 presentations;

Bob Holley 2 presentations; **Leslie Piper** 2 presentations; **Sue Trudeau** 2 presentations;

Michael Dwyer 1 presentation; **Sally Janecek** 1 presentation; **Mike Willihnganz** 1 presentation;

and **Janel Yamashiro** 1 presentation.

We continued our collaboration with the Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit Council and the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council. The volunteers were international and American students from Madonna and graduate level students from Wayne State University. Eighteen Girl Scouts completed their Girl Scouts Go Hostelling patch and 34 students, Girl Scouts and Leaders were present at the World Travel 101 Presentation. Community Walls programs were offered to Girl Scouts in Melvindale and Detroit. I'd like to thank the Girl Scouts of Metropolitan Detroit for their support in the past year.

The majority of these programs were made possible by grants and donations to our Council. I'd like to thank HI-USA for allowing us to try program delivery in non-traditional ways. We also have received a grant from HI-USA to hire a college student to enhance the awareness of HI Michigan and HI-USA at Wayne State. Sharif AliDinar Sharif is a student at Wayne and I was thrilled when he agreed to be the Campus Outreach Coordinator.

I hope all of you will continue to volunteer with HI-Michigan. We have more lives to touch in the next year.

The First Quarter of 2009 Plans

We look forward to celebrating HI-USA/AYH's contributions to our community. As we celebrate our past, let's review some of the new faces and activities for 2009.

We now have 2 new Travel Presenters, **Janice Freij** and **Mollika Basu**. Both women have traveled the world and want to share their experiences and love of traveling to interested audiences in our community. We are thrilled to have such quality women as volunteers.

Between January-May 2009, our Council has Travel Presentations planned for the 3 REI stores in Southeastern Michigan, library presentations for Ann Arbor, Westland, Troy and Salem-South Lyon.

We will be hosting a Girl Scout patch program, March 7, 2009, at the Arab American National Museum for Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts. The Girl Scouts will be working on the *Discover the World, Girl Scouts Go Hostelling* patch. The girls will spend the morning focused on intercultural exploration and budget travel. For the first time, after they are trained, a Girl Scout troop in Howell will conduct the budget travel presentation. Interested Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts may register at our website for the program at www.hi-michigan.org.

Two groups are being formed for the 75th Anniversary Celebration. Locally, we are still looking for volunteers for these groups. Nationally and internationally, a cyber-group has started. It's not too late to get involved! If you are interested in volunteering with the Michigan Council, please contact Joan at 248-302-8026 or at HIUSAMichigan@gmail.com.

Up-

World Travel 101

Explore Your World, Go Travel!

Presented by the Michigan Council
Hostelling International USA



coming Programs:

Jan. 13 7 PM
Presenters' Training
Oak Park Library
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Jan 20 7 PM
World Travel 101
REI—Troy, Michigan
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Jan 27 7 PM
Women Travelling Solo
REI— Ann Arbor
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Feb 4 7 PM
World Travel 101
REI—Northville
~ ~ ~

Feb 11 7 PM
World Travel 101
Ann Arbor District Li-
brary—Ann Arbor

Go to
www.hi-michigan.org
for more details

HI MI TRIVIA

Were you there on the Michigan Council AYH bike trip to the Foote Hostel and Frankfort, Michigan around 1981?

Can you name who is pictured here?



January and February Outdoor Activities

Jan.6, 10:30. Shelby Riverbends Park Hike.

Use the entrance off 22 Mile Rd. between Ryan Rd. and Shelby Rd. Meet in the farthest in parking lot. Restaurant stop for lunch. Leader is Mary Fritz, 586-731-2403.

Tue. Jan. 13, 10 AM. Southfield Reserves Hike.

Meet at Southfield's Carpenter Pond Reserve, on the south side of 10 Mile Rd between Beech Rd. and Inkster Rd. Plan to explore at least two Southfield natural areas. Restaurant stop for lunch. Leader is Joanne Cantoni, 248-932-5370.

Tue. Jan.20, 10 AM. Heritage Park Hike.

Meet at Tel-12 behind the Marathon or 10:30 at the park. Bring plans for the spring schedule. Restaurant stop for lunch. Leader is Lee Becker, 586-294-7789.

Tue. Jan. 27, 10:30. Henry Ford Museum Visit.

Meet at the Museum entrance. Admission about \$10. Lunch at the Michigan Café in the Museum. Leader is Anita Walters, 313-278-4843.

Tue. Feb. 3, 10 AM. Independence Oaks Ski or Hike.

Meet in Meijer's parking lot, Rochester Rd. and Auburn Rd., in the west end of the lot, or at 10:40 in the warming hut in the park. Bring a picnic lunch to eat in the warming hut. Leader is Mary Stoolmiller, 248-879-6004.

Tue. Feb.10, 10:30. Belle Isle Conservatory and Hike.

Meet at Oakland Mall behind the bank on 14 Mile Rd. or at 11:10 at the Conservatory. Restaurant stop for lunch. Leader TBA. For questions call 248-879-6004.

Tue. Feb. 17, 10:30. Alfred Berkowitz Gallery Visit.

Meet at the U of M Dearborn Environmental Center. We'll walk 3-4 blocks to the gallery to see an exhibit of Japanese wood-block prints. Restaurant stop for lunch. Leader is Pat Knoop, 313-271-1719.

Tue. Feb. 24, 10 AM. Indian Springs Ski or Hike.

Meet in Meijer's parking lot, Rochester Rd. and Auburn Rd. in the west end of the lot. Bring a snack. Restaurant stop for a late lunch. Leader TBA. For questions call 248-879-6004

Please contact us if you would like to lead a hike/bike/tour and we will make arrangements to publish the information. Send information and inquiries to HIUSAMichigan@gmail.com. or call 248 302-8026.

NOTE: Always check the web site at www.hi-michigan.org and click on the CALENDAR tab for updated information. Contact the leader for additional information and weather related issues. We thank the hike leaders for volunteering their time and arranging these activities for all interested. Fees collected are for partial coverage of liability insurance costs.

GENERAL DAY HIKE INFO

All hikes have a \$1.00 fee for members and \$2.00 for non-members plus carpool fee and park entrance admissions. Optional lunch/dinner stop after all hikes unless otherwise indicated in description. It is against HI -USA policy to bring pets on hikes. Please wear comfortable walking shoes/boots and bring your own water and snacks.

Share your Hostelling International/AYH Stories!

As part of the Centennial Of Hostelling Anniversary in 2009, we would like to create a historic record of experiences from you. Simply print out this page and fill in the form, or send your own creation. Add pictures or news articles if you have them, also. We will share the accumulated information in our newsletters and on our web site along with in our archives at the Bentley Museum at the University of Michigan. **Send everything to HI MI, PO Box 510228, Livonia, MI 48151 or email to HIUSAMichigan@gmail.com.**

NAME: -----

ADDRESS: -----

CITY/STATE/ZIP:-----

CONTACT INFO: phone-----email-----

Tell us your story below, including how you got involved with HI/AYH:
(include as many pages as necessary. We want your full story about your experiences over the years)

Your Story Begins Here

2009 100 YEARS OF HOSTELLING WORLDWIDE 75 YEARS OF AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS

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Michigan Council members and friends gathered at Marygrove College in December 2008 for a holiday get-together. We had an open meeting to discuss ideas for celebrating the 75th Anniversary of HI/AYH. Pictured are Ruth and Bill Olsen, Mary Fritz, Gerri Wisecki, Sharif AliDinar and Sally Janecek, Lisa Giesecki, Mollika Basu, Evan Major, Martha Spear, Carol Gall and husband, Joan Smykowski and Dr. Robert Holley.

