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Alumni Club of Greater Northville Board Members

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Patty Donohue Ebach, BS'85, MSE'86

President, Board Member since 2018

Why I joined:

I'm a lifelong volunteer! I love being involved and helping to make a difference with organizations and on member Boards. The U of M Alumni Board of Greater Northville was an easy one-it's based in the Community I live in and of course, I love the connection back to the University and people gathering for programs and events that support that!

About Patty:

With U-M degrees in Physical Education and Kinesiology, Patty has spent her 35+ year career in fitness center and recreation facility and program management. She is currently the Director of Recreation Services, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Michigan, overseeing the Campus Fitness Center, Sports Dome, Sports Center and the Movement Science Lab Services. Patty attends all home Michigan Football and Basketball games and will always love Ann Arbor! Patty is married to a Spartan and has two Spartan daughters –so life can get challenging at home, but somehow, she manages to make the best of it.



Michigan Memory:

As a student, I loved working at all three campus recreation facilities-CCRB, the IM Building and NCRB. I worked for Rec Sports from the time I was a Junior through grad school. Lots of fun-great people!



Carol Ehrle, BA

Vice President and Social Chair, Board Member since 2021

Why I joined:

I am excited to be on the Northville board handling social media after five years on the U-M Silicon Valley Club board.

About Carol:

With a degree in political science and communications and media, Carol currently works as a News/Copy Editor on CBC Global desk.



Michigan Memory:

My favorite college memories are long nights working (and partying) with fellow writers on the *Michigan Daily* and *Michigan Journal*.



Katrina Yeomans, BSE'20

Secretary, Board Member since 2022

Why I joined:

It was easy finding a community in college. There were clubs everywhere for anything imaginable. But after college, it gets harder to find a group of people with similar interests. I joined the board to help create and promote a community for others.

About Katrina:

Katrina graduated in 2020 with a degree in biomedical engineering. Since then, she's been working for a company called Materialise as a clinical engineer. In this role, she collaborates with surgeons to provide surgical planning and improve patient outcomes. Katrina is also involved in Aikido and The Ninja's Edge gym. In her free time, she likes to travel, visit with family and friends, and work on jigsaw puzzles.



Michigan Memory:

As a student, I loved that sense of community and school spirit everyone had going to the first football game of the season. I remember going with my friends to see the marching band step off from Revelli Hall and march towards the stadium for the first time. I've never been into sports or football, but in that moment, I was proud to call the University of Michigan my team.



Rick Franczak, BBA'79

Treasurer, Board Member

Why I joined:

Over the past 10+ years, I have enjoyed organizing the Freshman Send-off and volunteering at various club events. I have served the Northville Club in a number of leadership positions, including President.

About Rick:

With a degree in taxation, Rick spends his retirement working part time for his own solo CPA firm on tax prep, bookkeeping, and estate planning.



Michigan Memory:



Mary Baumgarten, BA'80, MBA'83

Cultural Events Chair, Board Member since 2013

Why I joined:

After my children graduated from U of M I would no longer have a need to go to Ann Arbor. I wanted to stay connected to the University. I also wanted to make new friends, give back and have fun.

About Mary:

Mary comes from a pack of Wolverines – 4 siblings, 4 children, and husband David all earned degrees at U of M. Her marketing career was at ATT/Mountain Bell, R L Polk, Leo Burnett Advertising and the last 10 years as Marketing Director of Novastar Solutions. She enjoys skiing, golfing, ballet and travel. Mary fulfilled a bucket list item by attending the 2024 Rose Bowl. Go Blue!



Michigan Memory:

I have great memories of producing musical theater, my friends from Tri Delta Sorority, and football Saturdays.



Ronald C. Braun, BA'72

Board Member since 2011

Why I joined:

I believe it's important to provide an opportunity for alumni to connect with each other and I wanted to help facilitate that.

About Ron:

Ron joined the board in 2011. He is currently a Certified Financial Planner®, President of the Michigan Office of Vantage Point Financial, and has been providing retirement planning services for 39 years.

Ron enjoyed getting his history major at U-M.



Michigan Memory:

I was present for the very first hash bash on the Diag (don't ask, don't tell). By the way, there were at least as many plain clothes cops there as students.



Vicki Bucciere, LMSW, DOT SAP ***Board Member since 2024***

Why I joined:

It's a pleasure to have been invited to join the board and to have the opportunity to work toward common goals right here in our local community with some pretty awesome people! 👍

About Vicki:

Vicki has been professionally employed as a Licensed Masters Social Worker/Mental Health Therapist in Northville for many years and started up her own business, BlueSpaceBehavioral, LLC.



Michigan Memory:

Top on my list of great memories after graduation from the University of Detroit was the excitement of receiving my acceptance letter from the University of Michigan. The memories of relationships forged and friendships made are easily conjured up and are treasured most. My training at U-M definitely prepared me for a rewarding career lasting 30 years.



Bob Hayes, BGS'02

Board Member since 2017

Why I joined:

I initially joined because I was new to the area and missed the sense of community I felt when I was in college. The search for friends and community who shared the same interests (Michigan everything) drew me to the club. The opportunities to meet new alums and to give back to the community has kept me involved. I've been involved with three separate clubs across Michigan and have enjoyed the Michigan connection in each area.

About Bob:

Bob currently works as an Assistant Attorney General with the Michigan Department of Attorney General Criminal Division. When he is not in criminal court putting people in jail, he prefers to spend time on the volleyball or basketball court. Bob and his dog Geo keep busy with friends (both human and canine) and long walks. Back in college he was a multiple sport IM champion and continues to be an avid sports fan to this day. He has been on the boards of the Lansing, Grand Rapids, and Northville clubs and has been involved with the Alumni Association since 2008.



Michigan Memory:

By my senior year in Ann Arbor it was nearly impossible to walk to class without seeing multiple people I knew. I vividly remember walking back and forth to classes from the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house and seeing multiple friends and classmates along the way.



Roland Hwang, BSE'71, MBA'76

Board Member since 2021

Why I joined:

I joined the board to keep in touch with U-M Greater Northville alums.



About Roland:

Roland is of a four-generation U-M family. His grandfather attended the Law School, his father graduated in engineering, and he went through engineering and got an MBA. Roland now teaches Asian American history in LSA. His son Kevin graduated in computer engineering and works on North Campus. There is no better place to graduate from, teach at, and be an alum of than University of Michigan.

Michigan Memory:

I remember being at the Big House for U-M's 24-12 upset over OSU and going to see Bo's first trip to the Rose Bowl in 1970. As a student, I lived in Oxford co-op housing and enjoyed spending time in the Arboretum.



Vanessa D. Pawlak, BSE'04

Board Member since 2024

Why I joined:

I joined to bring more families to our events and to guide the next generation up the ranks Wolverine-style. I intend to do this through leading, planning and organizing unique events for the alumni community that also raise scholarship funds for others in need.

About Vanessa:

Vanessa has spent over 20 years working for Corporate America Fortune-level global healthcare and technology companies. Over the last decade her role in the executive business ranks, as a VP or Partner has given her strong leadership and business skills. Recently resigning to pursue personal goals and focus on her kids, she has been invited to join the Alumni Board of Directors. As a student, she was the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Finance Officer, helping to setup and finance campus events alongside other officers. Post-grad, she provides mentorship to upper class female SWE engineers pre-graduation. Her favorite motto is: Go Blue or Go Home!



Michigan Memory:

I remember fall 2003, senior year, Row A student section, rushing the field after beating OSU and running smack into Chris Perry's sweaty chest screaming and throwing dozens of roses everywhere.

THEN rushing the field exactly 20 years later for the same reason!!!



Sally Lorimer, BBA'81

Communications Chair, Board Member since 2013

Why I joined:

After years of volunteering for my kids' sports teams and scout groups, I wanted to use my writing and organizational skills to help a community group with a meaningful mission and great people.

About Sally:

Sally comes from a multi-generational Wolverine family in which practically everyone bleeds maize and blue. Although she has a business degree from Michigan, she has spent most of her professional career working as a writer. In her spare time, Sally enjoys hiking and outdoor adventures, attending concerts, and watching Michigan sports with alumni at the Northville Sports Den.



Michigan Memory:

My best memories are traying in the arb when campus closed down for a blizzard, many exciting football victories at the Big House, and Pit Parties at Markley and dancing to Earth Wind and Fire.



Adam Perry, BA'14, MSW'17

Service Chair, Board Member since 2018

Why I joined:

As a social worker, I always want to give back to my community and what better than by combining the University of Michigan and giving back. I am glad I am able to bring service opportunities to the club and the community.

About Adam:

Adam graduated in 2014 with a degree in Psychology and Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies. He returned to Ann Arbor to get his Masters in Social Work and graduated in 2017. He is currently the Executive Director of Livingston County Catholic Charities in Howell, MI. Adam has had multiple positions within the Catholic Church serving local communities including Oakland, Wayne, and Livingston counties. In his free time, Adam is an avid gardener, woodworker, and runner. He spends most of his spare time following Michigan sports and traveling with his wife Haley (also a U of M grad).



Michigan Memory:

I remember going to University of Michigan football games since before I could walk, from the triple overtime game against Michigan State, to wins against Ohio State, and attending the 2024 National Championship game. University of Michigan is truly a family affair and I wouldn't trade my years on campus for anything.



Matthew Misiak, BSE'19

Board Member since 2024

Why I joined:

U-M has provided countless core memories, friendships, and experiences over my life. I enjoy the opportunity to build upon that story as an alumnus, and the board does fantastic work providing a warm and welcoming space in the community!

About Matthew:

As a student, Matt was heavily involved as a trombone in the Michigan Marching Band and also served as president of Kappa Kappa Psi, an honorary band service fraternity. He graduated in 2019 with a degree in computer science. He currently works for General Motors as a Digital Product Performance Lead, where he reports on the health of OnStar and all of GM's digital products, tools, and services. Outside of work, Matt is a huge fan of all varieties of motorsports, and loves to watch races as well as compete online in his own driving rig! He also enjoys hockey games, traveling, and baking.



Michigan Memory:

While running out of the Big House tunnel on game days is an experience second to none, I also have great memories performing across the country with my friends! Some of my favorites were marching in Dallas for the Cowboys Classic, winning a Big Ten hockey championship in St. Paul, and cutting down the nets during March Madness in LA.



Tim Rahtz, CIS'92

Board Member

Why I joined:

I am an avid Michigan football fan and want to share my love of the game with others.

About Tim:

Tim's U-M degree has opened many doors for his career in IT, including most recently working on Ford's navigation systems. He loves to scuba dive, ski, and road/mountain bike.



Michigan Memory:

My favorite campus memories include being part of the rowdy student section for hockey games in Yost Arena where renditions of "Goalie! Sieve!" and other choice (but less-printable) cheers were shared with visiting teams.



Dr. Edwin Rennell, DDS'60

Spirit Chair, Board Member since 1990

Why I joined:

In January 1990, the Alumni Association sent a notice to all alumni living in ZIP Code 48167 calling a meeting for those interested in forming the core of a new alumni club. After attending many early meetings, a Board of Governors was elected and the Articles of Association were signed. In June 1990, the U-M Club of Northville was official. The rest is history.

About Ed:

Ed is a founding member of the Greater Northville Club. He retired after practicing oral surgery in Livonia for 48 years. Ed looks forward to meeting up with alumni at the Northville Sports Den for football away game viewing parties.



Michigan Memory:

Among my memories are my undergrad years in the Michigan Marching Band, especially the road trips to Northwestern, Minnesota (by train), MSU, and that team down south.



Heather Salamay, BBA'98 (Dearborn)

Scholarship Chair, Board Member since 2021

Why I joined:

I enjoy attending the football watch parties and helping with the Freshman Send-off event.

About Heather:

Heather works as a financial analyst and organizes the club's scholarship program.



Michigan Memory:



Mahnoush St. Clair, BS'90

Freshman Send Off Chair, Board Member since 2010

Why I joined:

After I was done with PTA, Booster Club, and my kids other school activities, I was looking for a volunteer opportunity. Getting the Freshman Send Off invite helped me decide to go to the first meeting more than 14 years ago.

About Mahnoush:

Mahnoush currently works as a senior computer programmer at Schoolcraft College. She is married, a mother of 3, and a grandmother of 2. She loves to read, cook, knit/crochet, travel, and organize parties. She loves watching her favorite softball teams - Michigan and the team her daughter coaches (she is currently the assistant coach at Texas Tech).



Michigan Memory:

Best memories of U-M Dearborn include meeting my husband and making lifelong friends.



Chris Vucinaj, MAcc'15

Board Member since 2017

Why I joined:

As I was on my path to entering U of M, one of my first glimpses into the Michigan community was the Freshman Sendoff put on by this club. It helped start me out on the path that got me to today, so I wanted to give back to the club and broader community that has had such a huge impact on me.

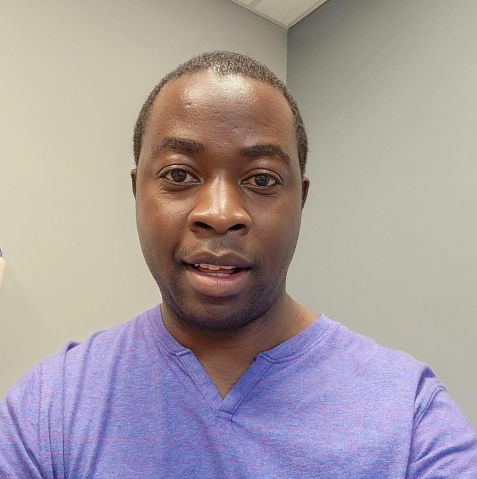
About Chris:

Chris is a proud Double (degree) Wolverine with an undergrad in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) and a Masters of Accounting (MAcc). He served terms as the club's Vice President and subsequently President from 2019 to 2023. He is also a CPA and currently works in IT Audit.



Michigan Memory:

My best memories include attending most home football and basketball games, piling into a car with friends to go to Atlanta to see Michigan in the Final Four, and winning an intramural basketball championship with many of the same friends.



Godwin Wamani, B.Sc.'12 (Flint)

Board Member since 2024

Why I joined:

I joined the club to meet people and stay connected to the university. Also, I enjoy volunteering and serving the community.

About Godwin:

Godwin is a Senior PPS Analyst and enjoys traveling, going to concerts, and playing recreational sports. He is a big fan of football watch parties.



Michigan Memory:

Two years ago, I was preparing to watch the Michigan game with friends. I received a call from a buddy of mine on the Thursday before the game. He asked, "Do you want to join me in the suite? I have two free tickets." I replied, "yes, of course." I got to take the elevator up to the suite, relax in a climate-controlled area, and enjoy a Michigan victory.