

**"M" CLUB
CALENDAR**

Men's Basketball	Jan.
Alumni Day	11
Women's Cross	Jan.
Country Banquet	18
W. Basketball	Jan.
Alumni Day	18
"M" CLUB	Jan.
Board Meeting	20
Varsity Club	Jan.
Breakfast	30
Women's	Jan.
Swimming &	30-31
Diving 1999	
Team Reunion	
Gopher	Feb.
Gathering	5
Volleyball	Feb.
Banquet	7
W. Gymnastics	Feb.
1989 Reunion	7
Men's Hockey	Feb.
1979 Reunion	7

Hello Varsity "M"! *A Message from the Director*

My last year of ICA competition was 1976. Since then, the "M" Club has successfully solicited me about half of the time. I never really consciously decided to pay or not. It was simply a matter of whether I showed up at my parent's home on the day or week when the dues statement arrived at their mailbox. If the timing was right, I sent a check, if not, the envelope found the circular file and the "M" Club missed out on my dues for that year. My guess is that most of us have a similar story. And while human nature guards calling the electric company when you think you owe them... I am delighted to report that members of the "M" Club

are different. An increasing number of us have been proactively sending our dues in... unsolicited, all months of the year. We include notes that say, "I don't remember receiving my statement but want to be sure that I am up to date on my dues". This, my fellow



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members, is a beautiful thing. Now that we are in January and will be sending our annual dues statement to over 5000 letterwinners, it is particularly inspiring to know that

the dues paying membership has increased by 500% since August of 2006. I am certain that many more of us would pay our dues if we knew about it.. It is therefore important that I ask the 600-700 of you who are active members to find one of your team mates who may not be receiving our communications and collect the data. Help us continue our relentless pursuit of finding email addresses, changed addresses, and "M" Club members who will become active only for the knowing that they are wanted. Thank you for making the "M" Club a better club, have a happy and prosperous new year, and keep in touch. GEO

George Adzick ~ FB '74-76

Gopher Gathering * February 5th

Men & Women: Come support National Girls and Women in Sports Day...

Please join us on Thursday, February 5th at Bryant-Lake Bowl (810 W Lake Street). Our usual fun-filled Gopher social will have an additional piece this month as we tip our hat to the celebration of the inclusion of girls and women in sports! Bowling lanes will be open from 3-5pm so bring the whole family! The Gopher

Gathering will start at 5pm and go until 8pm. Come for the snacks and drink specials and don't forget about the door prizes!

What are Gopher Gatherings?

Socials that bring together alumni, boosters, coaches, staff and business leaders that support the University of Minnesota Athletics Programs. These socials are open to all alumnae and will feature inside scoop on current

activities in the Athletics Department as well as a chance to meet and greet members of the Golden Gopher family.

Gopher Gatherings are one great way to strengthen your connection with other alums and network with current Department members.

DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SEE OLD FRIENDS AND MEET NEW ONES!

Letter from our President



Jean Freeman
"M" Club President

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2008 has been a good year for the "M" Club and the alums at the University of Minnesota. I am proud of the relationship the "M" Club is developing with the current athletics department staff, former "M" Club board members, and recent alums as noted by younger folks in attendance at our Gopher Gatherings & Varsity Breakfast. There has been a wonderful mix of alums of all ages reaching out to each other and helping us through our stages of life. We have had retired alums help us clean up our data base, host reunions, and network with other alums in this trying job market.

In my first year as President of the "M" Club I have had numerous opportunities to be so proud of being a part of this Golden Gopher family. I have enjoyed seeing former athletes come back to finish their degree with assistance from the athletics department. We have located more female athletes who were not recognized during their undergrad years with an "M" letter. To be able to see the pride as they are receiving this "M" for the first time has been extremely rewarding.

In 2008 we have had 144 alums join us as dues paying Lifetime members. We have had 456 join us as dues paying yearly members. This has helped us to validate that we are out there and wish to continue to gather together to reconnect with other alums with the current athletic department and to show our support of the current teams and the future of the University of Minnesota Athletics.

We are excited to have you with us as we head into 2009. This year will bring the opening of TCF Bank Stadium, which will bring our football team back to campus. The new stadium will include the "M" Club Room which will be available for us to gather in. I do believe this will change the "M" Club forever, in a very positive manner. We will have a place to call our home. A place to gather before home events, a place to have reunions and other celebrations, a place to socialize and network. Thanks to all who have been able to, or will be able to donate to help build this room and the stadium.

The **"M" Club's Goal** remains the same: **"To Build Lifetime Relationships"**

It is a reality for all of us that this coming year will bring change across our nation, in our communities, and in our businesses and in our families. It is important to remember that we have experienced incredible blessings. It is also important that there will be alums who will be challenged in ways they have never been before. It will be more important than ever to gather together and be innovative and help guide ourselves so we can continue to grow as a letterwinners club and as individuals into our next phase of growth. We have our first Varsity Breakfast of 2009 on Jan. 30th another chance to gather together and overlook the new stadium as we move towards the future.

My role as President of the "M" Club is a two year commitment. I am excited to begin the second year. I would like to focus on:

- expanding our alumni data base and developing the best form of communication to use.
- Developing & strengthening a "team of sport reps" for each sport that can help us gather for reunions and any other occasions that teams may have. You will find a list of the team sport representatives in this newsletter to contact if you are interested in helping us out. **We are looking for more volunteers.**
- Moving in and successfully using the "M" Room in TCF Bank Stadium. Having alums from all sports taking advantage of the opportunity to gather together in our "M" Room.
- Developing a template for reunions that can help make them successful and enjoyable.
- Continuing to encourage alums to get involved with each other through the "M" Club and supporting the current teams by attending events and buying season tickets. Feel free to send us ideas you have to improve the "M" Club and ways of reconnecting.

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Letter from our President cont. (from pg. 2)

As we enter this 2009 year, let's appreciate the people, the values, and the traditions that have made our University of Minnesota a successful environment not only for us, but for our present & future student athletes. Thanks to George Adzick and his "M" Club staff, Jummy Barlass & Lisa Hardy for spending every day helping us alums to "Build Lifetime Relationships". Thanks to each Board member for taking the time to guide us through our Hall of Fame, golf events, student athlete liaison program, hon-

oring of first-year letterwinners, team reunions, Championship Celebrations, Gopher Gatherings, and Varsity Breakfasts. Thanks for being active alums!



M Club President ~ Jean Freeman ~ SWM, VB, BSK, TRK 1968-72

—SAVE THE DATE—

VARSITY CLUB BREAKFAST
Fri, January 30th 7:30-9:30am
 Williams Arena Club Room

Doors open at 7 am. Parking is available in the University Avenue Parking Ramp (we validate!). \$20 for Active Members, \$25 for Guests and Non-active M members

RSVP by calling 612-626-5873

Team Sport Representatives

As a Team Sport Rep, you are responsible for enhancing the communication between letterwinners in your sport, past & present coaches, and the "M" Club. You will help us find alums from your sport so that we have a collective database, and act as an ambassador for the University of Minnesota Athletics programs. If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact the "M" Club (mclub@umn.edu) and we will get you started. We are always looking for more volunteers! Your help is crucial to the success of our letterwinners club.

Listed here are the current Team Sport Representatives:

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"Building Lifetime Relationships"

Events & Promotions:

- *Hall of Fame
- *Championship Celebrations
- *Alumni Reunions
- *Homecoming
- *Gopher Gatherings
- *First-Year Letter Awards
- *Varsity Club Breakfast
- *The Bolstad Cup
- *The Varsity Cup

Student Liaison Program:

- *Career Development
- *Senior Advisory
- *Employment Network
- *Team Liaisons



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