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The Parade Company's Grand Jesters Reception

For the seventh year, since the Grand Jester's Reception for Distinguished Clowns was launched, **Norm and Scott LePage** have generously hosted the event at The Reserve. This year nearly 150 DCs and prospective DCs attended. They sipped, supped, socialized and looked at photo albums of DCs cavorting in Michigan's Thanksgiving Parade. They also paused to applaud the first woman Grand Jester, **Beckie Sorensen**, and her saga of how she had pestered veteran DC **John Landis** to be a clown. DC sponsor Ernst & Young's **Lisa Bower** also gave a pep talk for becoming a clown. (The deadline to sign on is Nov. 1. The donation is \$1,000). Some of the DCs wear their costumes to the Parade Company's premiere fundraiser, Hob Nobble Gobble. It's Friday, Nov. 16 at Ford Field. People new to the area should know that this event is a boffo bash for all ages. My own grandchildren ranked it above Disney World in terms of fun. For tickets call (313) 923-7400.

