



Newcomers News

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2008

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Many thanks to
Judy Albert
for
creating and
constantly updating
the site.

Please join us for the MAY program:



RANCH RUDOLF ROUNDUP SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2008

Pre-dinner activities begin around 3:30 (see schedule below)
Social time from 5:30 - 6:30, Dinner at 6:30 (rain or shine)

This year we are planning a different type of venue for our annual spring dinner. Please roundup with us at Ranch Rudolf (www.ranchrudolf.com) for some late afternoon activities followed by dinner at 6:30. Casual attire will reign. You don't have to wear western gear, but jeans and boots will not be out of place at this rustic resort approx. 15 miles southeast of Traverse City.

Hiking, horseshoes, ping pong, and volleyball are possible pre-dinner activities, as is kayaking but you'll need your own equipment for the latter. Or, bring a Mah Jongg game or cards and have some spirited competition on the patio or inside the ample barroom. And you can also belly up to the 'open' bar and enjoy.

All of the above, except for the bar, are free, But there are other fun activities to consider that will conclude by 5:30, leaving members with plenty of social time before dinner. They require some advance notice to the staff, so reservations are needed:

- canoeing (arrive 3:30 for paperwork, start time 4:00), \$15 pp, 2 per canoe
 - horseback riding (arrive 3:30 for paperwork, start time 4:00), \$30
 - a pre-dinner hayride (arrive 4:00 for paperwork, start time 4:30), \$12, (minimum of 10 riders/maximum of 20)

The buffet dinner (\$25 pp) will offer appropriate choices for all wranglers and buckaroos: BBQ beef ribs, BBQ and broasted chicken, stuffed manicotti, twice-baked potatoes, vegetable blend, salad, rolls, coffee, ice tea and desserts (the latter provided by the Newcomers Club).

Please send checks, ASAP, payable to Newcomers Club, for dinner and any of the optional activities you wish to reserve (include a note indicating your activity choice):

Rose Neibauer
4828 Truax Lake Rd.
Williamsburg, MI 49690

The final date to reserve is Saturday, May 3. Late reservations won't be turned away but Ranch Rudolf and our planners need to have a good estimate of how many will attend this new event.

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PRESIDENTS' NOTE

MAY 2008



Tom Custance and
Brad Spencer

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY TO THE NEWCOMERS!

In less than two months, the Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse will be 60 years old!

Since its inception in Traverse City on June 15, 1948 by Floyd and Kay Dorherty, the organization has been a steady source of comfort, camaraderie and joy to thousands of newcomers to the Grand Traverse area. As such, it holds a special place in the history of Traverse City and the several counties surrounding it as one of the longest running and most vibrant social organizations in the region.

As far as anyone knows, it just started and never let up steam for 60 years! Which is a tribute to the unbroken chain of talented and industrious leaders and social animals who came to run the organization and those who continually joined for the fun of it.

The success of the Newcomers Club mirrors the success of the region as more people discovered the beauty and tranquility of the many lakes, forests, and hills and the opportunities of a recreational area second to none. The social opportunities found in Newcomers were just frosting on the cake, as they say. The opening of our Ping-Pong Emporium was just serendipity!

The Newcomers is in fact a tax exempt "Social Club" according to IRS definitions. They say our 501(c)(7) class organization "must be organized for pleasure, recreation, and other similar non-profitable purposes and substantially all of its activities must be for these purposes."

More enlightening is their admonition that personal contact is required: "An essential earmark of an exempt club is personal contact, commingling, and face-to-face fellowship...members must share interests and have a common goal directed toward pleasure." As everyone knows, in the club, commingling is one of our favorite things to do...and while the pursuit of pleasure might seem somewhat self-indulgent, it's not so bad once you get used to it (especially if it is authorized by the government).

We are proud to continue activities in the long tradition of the Newcomers Club, and look forward to months and years of continued social fellowship—it's in the Newcomer genes now!

I think we just need a little fanfare from the local media—after all, how many times do you get to celebrate a 60th Birthday?!

Congratulations to all the Newcomers who now share in the tradition. May you find peace and joy in this great social construct!

P. S. We don't always have fun. Sometimes we get stuck in the snow at snowshoeing venues.

PLEASE HELP RECRUIT MEMBERS!

KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS
JUST MOVED TO THE AREA?

Contact Sharon Finch, City Hostess,
with their names and she will do the rest.
947-8403, hsfinch@charter.net

NEW MEMBER CORNER

Matthew and Shirley Bolin
(Frankfort, MI)



10 Things you Might Not Know You Can Recycle

Source: Co-op America
A Continuation of Earth Day Awareness

- 1. APPLIANCES:** Many stores will recycle your old appliance when you purchase a new one. You may need to ask about this service as it won't always be offered. Goodwill accepts working appliances. Go to www.goodwill.org, or you can contact the Steel Recycling Institute to recycle them at www.recycle-steel.org
- 2. ATHLETIC SHOES:** One World Running will send still - wearable shoes to athletes in Africa, Latin America, and Haiti:
www.oneworldrunning.com Nike's Reuse -a-shoe turns old shoes into playground and athletic flooring: www.nikeruseashoe.com
- 3. BATTERIES:** Contact www.batteryrecycling.com. In Traverse City the following are collection sites for household batteries: GT County Public Services Building, 2650 LaFranier RD., Traverse City Fire Department, 500 W. Front Street, GT County Governmental Center, 400 Boardman, GT County Fire Department, 897 Parsons Rd.
- 4. CLOTHES:** Wearable clothes can go to your local shelter, Goodwill outlet, Women's Resource Center or other nonprofit. Donate wearable women's business clothing to Dress for Success, which gives them to low-income women as they search for jobs.
www.dressforsuccess.org. Offer unwearable clothes to local animal boarding and shelter facilities, which often use them as pet bedding.
- 5. COMPACT FLUORESCENT BULBS (CFL):** Lighting Center, 144 Hall ST. Traverse City. You can order a Sylvania RecyclePak: www.sylvania.com/recycle/recyclepak. Or if you make a trip downstate drop them off at a local IKEA store: www.ikea.com
- 6. COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS:** To find the most responsible recyclers go to: www.ban.org/pledge/locations.html. Goodwill Industries, 2279 W. South Airport Rd., Staples and 2632 Crossing Circle, Traverse City.
- 7. FOAM PACKING PEANUTS:** Your local pack-and-ship store will likely accept these for reuse. Or call the Plastic Loose Fill Producers Council to find a drop - off site: 800-828-2214. For places to drop off foam blocks for recycling, contact the Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers, 410-451-8340
- 8. INK/TONER CARTRIDGES:** Staples or www.recycleplace.com
- 9. OIL:** Midas Muffler, 263 Grandview Parkway, Traverse City, Auto Tech, 3037 Cass Rd., Traverse City, Advanced Auto Parts, 2420 W. South Airport Rd., Traverse City, Autozone, 703 S. Garfield, Traverse City. Find used motor oil hotline at: www.recycleoil.org and go to Michigan. Hotlines are listed for by State on this site.
- 10. PHONES:** Collective Good will refurbish your phone and sell it to someone in a developing country: www.collectivegood.com. Call to Protect reprograms cell phones to dial 911 and gives them to domestic violence victims: www.donateaphone.com

Submitted by Judy Pelto

ACTIVITY GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 AM

Join us in the lower level of Horizon Book Store. We are discussing *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini.

BRIDGE

TEAM BRIDGE:

First Friday of each month (except June-Aug.), 7:00 PM at **Cedar Creek Commons**. Call Georgia Stoeber, 938-5846.

WOMEN'S BRIDGE:

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month

2nd Thursday meets at **Scott's Harbor Grille** at 11:30 PM, call Nancy Ravas, 932-1747

4th Thursday meets at **310 Restaurant**, call Judy Owen, 922-9619

MIXED PARTY BRIDGE

3rd Friday, 7:00 P.M. Different hosts each month.

All skill levels welcome. Contact Rick and Kathy Bodette, 271-7524

DINNER OUT

This activity will resume in October.

EUCHRE

Euchre groups meet once a month, September through May. Presently we have four Couple's Euchre Groups meeting at each others' homes. **(See the December 2007 issue for details of these two activities.)**

INDIVIDUAL'S EUCHRE GROUP IS PROPOSED - NEED

LEADER: Are you an individual who wants to play euchre, but find it difficult to persuade your spouse or friend to commit to a Couple's group? If you'd like to lead this or are interested in subbing in the other groups, call Mike or Karen Coquillard, 932-9883.

FILM GROUP

Thursday, May 8

Specifics as to exact time, film and location will be emailed or telephoned to the group one week prior to meeting. Check the Newcomers website for the most current information. To join this group please contact Judy Pelto at jpelto1@charter.net or call 231-668-6490.

Because we are unable to get film schedules in advance of the publication of the newsletter, the specific time, film and location will be announced by email to those individuals who have signed up for this group. Solos are welcome. We'll go out after for libations and discussion.

GARDENING

If you would like to be part of our new gardening (e-mail) group or you have any questions about the new group, please contact Susanne Bonner, 932-0943, or susannebonner@aol.com.

GOLF

Our golf league begins May 5, 2008 at Elmbrook. You may elect to play 9 or 18 holes. Our first tee time is 10AM. We don't keep scores nor use handicaps. You form your own group from those who come to play. You play as often as you like. If you miss one outing, come join us for the next outing. All playing levels are welcome. The 18 hole and 9 hole rate with golf cart is \$25 and \$20 at both Elmbrook and Interlochen.

If you plan on playing please call me at 231-223-4162 or email me at davidacharlton@hotmail.com the Friday before each Monday outing so that we reserve enough tee times for our group.

May 5, Elmbrook

May 19, Interlochen

June 2, Sugar Loaf (formerly Sleeping Bear)

June 16, Crown

June 30, Briar

July 14, Antrim Dells

July 28, A-GA-Ming

Aug. 11, Crystal Mtn. Betsie Valley

Aug. 25, Grand View

Sept. 8, Emerald Vale

Sept. 22, High Point

Oct. 6, Timber Wolf

Oct. 13, Grand Traverse Resort (Spruce Run)



This schedule will be posted on our website and hard copies will be available at our meetings.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

10:00 AM, Usual date is 4th Monday but will be changed due to Memorial Day

To confirm new date, contact Jim Brown, 922-9389, or John Auld, 938-1341.

Skunk Works: A Personal Memoir of My Years at Lockheed
Ben R. Rich joined the legendary 'Skunk Works' as a young engineer, worked on some of the most secretive military projects in recent history, and later ended up taking over management of Skunk Works. As a result, perhaps no one else in the world has as much first-hand knowledge of these projects, and no one else is better positioned to chronicle some America's military crown jewels. Jim Brown will moderate, brownjk6248@sbcglobal.net.

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ACTIVITY GROUPS

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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, May 14, 9:00 AM

This group meets at the **Omelette Shoppe next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza** every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM. We meet all year around and always meet regardless of the weather. Bring all the testosterone you can muster. Contact George Kobernus 933-9321 or george@kobernus.com.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

This activity will resume in the fall.

PING PONG

This activity will resume in the fall. The Newcomers were fortunate to have discovered the Hayden Table Tennis Training Center just as the majestic ping-pong emporia in Williamsburg opened its doors in the fall of 2007. Some 15 Newcomers, men and women, enjoyed its Siren call in 2007-2008.

With two League Plays under its belt and summer on the way, we expect Newcomer athletes will get back in "the swing of things" next fall. Until then, it still remains a great family pastime and the Center will be open all year. Thank you all for participating! It's not over until the final ping is ponged!--See you in the fall, hopefully. Thanks to Pete Petersen and Brad Spencer for chairing the activity this year.

POKER

Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 PM

The May meeting for the poker group will be hosted by Jim Neibauer from 1:00 to 4:00. If anyone is interested in playing, Jim can be contacted at 231-267-9553.

QUILTING

Tuesday, May 13, 1:00 PM

The Quilt Group will be meeting at the home of Beth Hoover, 8541 Gills Pier Road, Northport. We will be discussing applique techniques and applications. If you could bring a few small pieces of fabric to practice on this would be great..... Please call or e-mail Beth if you plan to attend. 231-386-5639 or [casahover @aol.com](mailto:casahover@aol.com).

SOLOS

Events (pre-arranged tickets): **Sunday, May 4**, at the Opera House for the Heritage Center Historical Fashion Show and Chocolate Decadence Buffet 2-4 PM.

Saturday, May 10, Interlochen production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie", 7:30 PM

Postponed: Saturday, May 31st – Sutton's Bay Shopping/Casino Trip. Will re-schedule.

WALK IN THE WOODS

Saturday, May 17, 11:00 AM

Pyramid Point Hiking Trail

For those of you new to the club, these walks are low impact "foot cruises" along the beautiful hiking trails of the Grand Traverse area. Typically they are less than two miles in length and an hour and a half in duration. Lunch following the walk has become an enjoyable feature.

This hike is a week "later" than normal because of the Club outing at Ranch Rudolph on May 10.

The Sleeping Bear National Shoreline is truly one of the jewels of our area and the Pyramid Point area is particularly interesting. The trail loop is 2.7 miles long and takes you through three distinct environments: open meadow, beech-maple forest and high bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan. The trail does have several steep hills but the view from the top will prove worth the effort. A post-hike lunch in Glen Arbor for those interested will be an option.

Take M-22 between Leland and Glen Arbor and turn north on Port Oneida Road. Follow the signs to the parking area at the trailhead. On the way please note the old homesteads preserved as part of the Shoreline.

Contact Marlowe Bonner
231-932-0943
mbmarbon@aol.com



Volunteer at the State!

Join other Newcomer members as we help out at a local landmark. We are currently working one Mon. afternoon shift a month, 12:30-4:30. (approx.) This month we are working on May 12. In June, July, Aug., and Sept., we will work the same time shift but on the third Wed. of the month. Sign up now! You get to see the movie for free and can have free popcorn and soda.



Contact Jody Bennett, 932-9249 or bennettjj@charter.net

Here's a report from Carole Groves, a State volunteer and Newcomer member, about the April shift:

'See you at the State' took on another meaning for some of the nine Newcomer volunteers on Monday, April 14. Five people were new State Theatre volunteers and four

had previously volunteered. Not only did Newcomers assume the normal ushering, concessions, and box office roles, they had to study the fire rules. An unexpected fire alarm the previous week brought up the lack of preparedness for a real fire.

Present were Bud and Nancy Dockter and Marlene and Dave Steider as ushers; Bob Pelto in the box office; Warren and Sharlene Kruger as ushers (and jack-of-all trades), and Carole Groves as roamer. With a total earnings of \$21.00 in concessions and 14 viewers, our tasks were a little light. Each learned something new, signed volunteer papers, and had a chance to get to know others better. Lynn Bailey, the house manager, was impressed with our camaraderie, enthusiasm, and questions. She thought that we all knew each other before, which wasn't true. We just all knew that we were there to expand our volunteer horizons and our friendships.

Volunteers are entitled to popcorn, pop, to see a movie if the position allows, and for a trial period, a voucher for another movie.



Newcomers at the State (clockwise from above): Bud Dockter, Nancy Dockter, Dave and Marlene Steider, Warren and Sharlene Kruger, Bob Pelto at the Box Office
(Photos by Carole Groves)

BOX OFFICE	
ADULT	\$8.00
SENIOR	\$7.00
CH Students and Children	\$3.00
MATINEE	\$5.00

NEWCOMERS CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse is a social and civic organization whose purpose is to extend a welcoming hand to people living in the Grand Traverse area. The Newcomers Club also provides opportunities to meet and socialize with other re-located people sharing common interests.



Plan now to attend the June program:

Newcomers Annual Picnic

Sunday, June 22, 1:00 PM

Bowers Harbor Park

Details in the next newsletter

'Helping Hands' Request

The Newcomers Club 'Helping Hands' Coordinator attempts to acknowledge happy and sad times in our members' lives. Please notify Marlene Steider at 922-2183 or marlenesteider@msn.com if you know of any of these circumstances.

PLEASE !!!

Send news, articles, photos, letters, or ads to the newsletter editor,
bennettjj@charter.net
or
932-9249

The deadline for the June/July/Aug. 2008 issue is May 15

APRIL EUCHRE WINNERS



Front row, from left: Bud Dockter took 2nd place and is also wearing the "necklace of honor" for being the last person to "go it alone" for the evening, Laurie Kuperfer came in 3rd Dick Thompson won 1st place. Carol Thompson (back) broke even for the night by taking last place and winning her dollar back.

(Photo by Judy Albert)

Tennis Anyone?

Would like to play regularly or substitute in doubles only. Please call Evi Sickinger, 421-2166.

FOR SALE: MOORING

South of Elmwood Marina. Includes Taylor ball, heavy chain, poured concrete base. Reasonable. Call 231-922-9389 or email brownjk6248@sbcglobal.net

**And now, a message about
our sponsors:**

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Please patronize them!

**See the list on the back cover
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**Be sure to tell them we appreciate
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newcomers settle into their new lives
in the
Grand Traverse area.**

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Traverse City, MI 49686
231-946-1722 www.dgncpa.com

Dennos Museum Center

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995-1055

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947-9825

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12930 So. West Bay Shore, TC

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3 locations: 2 in Traverse City,
1 in Suttons Bay
929-0303

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946-8930

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947-6246

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932-3000

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933-9622

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231-534-6750, 1-888-437-2772

Interlochen Center for the Arts

4000 S. M-137 Hwy.,
Interlochen, MI
231-276-7200

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935-0555

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276-0292
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Music House Museum

U.S. 31 North, Acme
938-9300

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924 Hastings, TC 941-7241

Oleson's Food Stores

New store: Hammond Rd./3 Mi.
3850 N. Long Lake Rd.
947-6510

Old Town Playhouse

148 E. Eighth St.
947-2210, ext. 3

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124 Cass St., TC

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946-2000

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