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Presidents' Letter



Welcome to the 2003-2004 Season of the Newcomers Club. My first responsibility as your new President is to write this column for the Newcomers News. Our plans for the fall schedule are well along and we hope all of you will renew your membership.

This year we will concentrate on keeping the quality of our programs up and "try" to reduce the cost of the dinners. We begin the fall event with dinner at Boone's Long Lake Inn at **6:30 pm, September 23**. We will have tables set up with information about all our activity groups, where you will be able to sign up for the various activities. If you know of someone new to the area, invite them to attend this dinner to get acquainted and discover how "friendly" we are. You do not have to be a member to attend this first dinner program.

A membership form is included in this newsletter. The membership fee remains \$25.00. The fee goes to cover the cost of paper and printing of the newsletter and directory, plus the cost of postage and other miscellaneous expenses. Please fill out the form and return it to Judy Albert. The names and telephone numbers of all the Board of Directors for the 2003-2004 year is on page 2. If you have questions, please contact one of our Board members.

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2003 FALL DINNER

It's time to mark your calendar for the Newcomers Fall Dinner on Tuesday, September 23, 2003. This year's event will be held at Boones Long Lake Inn with cocktails at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:30 pm.

Dinner includes appetizers and your choice of one of three entrees.

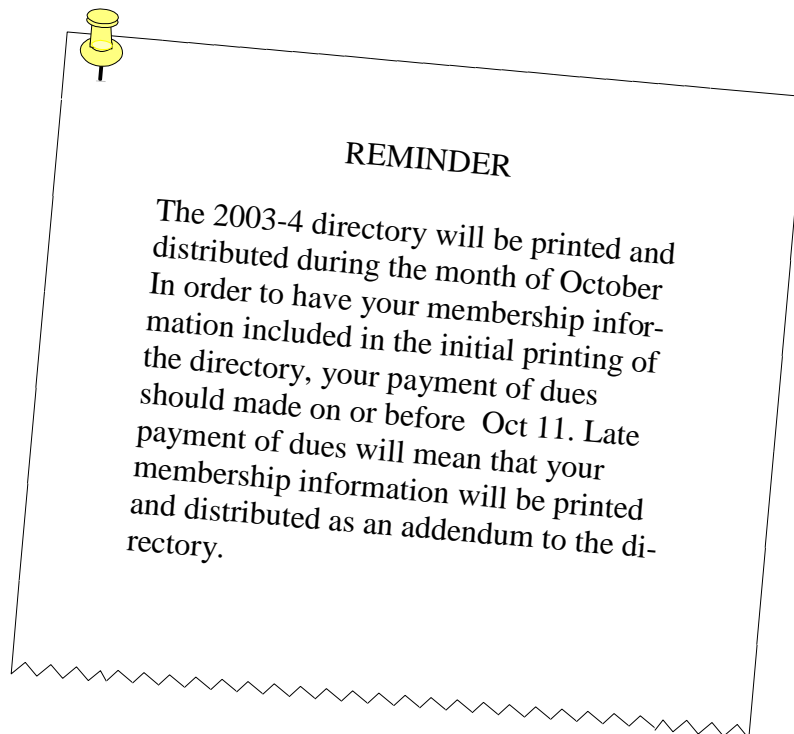
- 10 oz. New York Strip
- Grilled Chicken
- Alaskan Cod



Cash bar and cash dessert will also be available. Make your reservations and send a check for \$21.00 to:

Jody Bennett
9670 E. Walkabout Ln.
Traverse City, MI 49686

This kickoff event for the 2003-2004 season is a great opportunity to meet new friends and reacquaint yourself with old friends as well as sign up for the activities of your choice.



REMINDER

The 2003-4 directory will be printed and distributed during the month of October. In order to have your membership information included in the initial printing of the directory, your payment of dues should be made on or before Oct 11. Late payment of dues will mean that your membership information will be printed and distributed as an addendum to the directory.

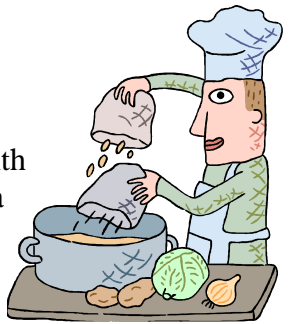
Activity Group News

Though some activity groups have taken a break for the summer there are events and groups that will be starting up this fall that may be of interest to you. Pick one or several: Try something different. If you have an interest in an activity that is not represented, please call Sue Keller at 922-8937. In order to participate in the activity groups you must be a member of the Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse . Be sure to return your membership form soon so that you may enjoy all that we have to offer.

FOOD AND DINING

Out -To- Lunch Bunch

This group gets together at different area restaurants on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except June and July). The next Out-To-Lunch Bunch will be dining at The Red Mesa Grill in Boyne City on Wednesday, October 22 at 1:00 pm. Car pooling will be available at the Mancino's Restaurant parking lot in the mall on Munson Avenue that has a Tom's Market and JoAnn Fabrics. Please meet at 11:45 am. To make your reservation, please call please call Dotti Streichert at 922-8912 , streicherts@chartermi.net or Sharon Baswell 947-4694 before Oct. 17th.



Dinner Out

The Grand Traverse area is home to many good restaurants in various price ranges. Please join us as we visit some of them and share in the food and fellowship, generally on the 3rd or 4th Sunday evening of the month. Join us:

- September 28: Hacienda-Vasquez, 5:30 pm, 11324 S. US 31, south of Elk Rapids. Mexican and American food. Please reserve by Sept. 24.
- October 26: The Boathouse, Old Mission Peninsula, 5:30 pm. Reserve by Oct. 22 to ensure a spot.

Call Jody Bennett or Bob Luoma 932-9249, or bennettj@traverse.net

Dinner for Eight

This new group offers eight people the opportunity to gather around a table to share a meal and get to know one another in a comfortable home setting on four occasions during the year. Each couple or single will organize and host one gathering, providing the place to dine, the main course and the beverages. Guests will share in completing the meal.

We use a rotating system for scheduling the dinners. The schedule will be published in the October Newsletter along with other information.. Persons joining later will be placed on a substitute list until a new group can be formed. For more information, contact Sue Keller at 922-8937, kellersd@netzero.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Men's Breakfast meets at the Omelette Shoppe next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza. every 2nd Wednesday of the month. If you'd like to join us, mark your calendar for September 10, at 9:00 am and every 2nd Wednesday thereafter. Questions? Call George Kobernus 933-9321, gkobernus@chartermi.net

JAZZ



The "Jazz Appreciation" group will start its 5th year with a gathering at the home of Dick and Guyla Doumanian on October 8 at 7:00 pm.. The subject will be "Six Swinging Licorice Sticks", featuring Artie, Benny, Billie, Buddy, Harry, and Woody. If you plan to attend, please call Dick or Guyla no later than Sunday evening, October 5, for directions and to confirm your attendance. Dick Doumanian 223-7545. dick@landcompanymich.com

BOOK CLUB



The Newcomer's Book club meets once a month at 10:00 am in the lower level of Horizon Books in Traverse City. The September 2, 2003 book for discussion is "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Katie Brown will be leading the discussion. Please bring books and ideas for titles for the rest of the year. Books selected will be based on your suggestions. Contact Letha Cairns 231-271-6831, gcairns@chartermi.net for dates and subjects.

HIKING

The hiking group meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. The length of the hike and locations are varied and include in-town walks. The group usually stops for a snack or meal after the hike. Join us on one of these hikes:

- Sept 13 7:00 am. Meet at Sam's parking lot on Parsons Road to car pool to Mackinaw City. Take the ferry over the Mackinaw Island for hiking on the island. We'll probably leave the island in the late afternoon.

- Sept 20 9:15 am. Meet at Sam's parking lot to car pool to Manistee River Trail located south of Mesick. From Mesick take M-37 South 6 miles to 26 road; go west on 26 road 3 miles to O'Rourke Drive (stay to the right fork); go right on O'Rourke drive for about 1 mile to Seaton Creek Campground. Hike is approximately 2 hours.

For more information contact Frank Hayes at 256-9031



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Quick Tip! If you change your E-Mail address please notify us at rahayes@chartermi.net.
E-mail is the best way to get information to members between publication of the Newcomer News.



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