



Newcomers News

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June, July, August
2006

DATES TO REMEMBER

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June 25 - Picnic
Sept. 26-Fall Dinner

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June 15

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June 6

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WALK IN THE WOODS

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Find us on the web:
gtnewcomers.org

Please join us for the June program:

Annual Newcomers Picnic

1:00, Sunday, June 25

Bowers Harbor Park



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Newcomers Club will provide:

brats, hot dogs, buns,
as well as the condiments and
table service.

Members should bring:

a dish to pass and their own beverages.

Picnic tables are
available but you can bring
your own lawn chairs.

Please RSVP to

Matt Albert, 941-4143, or Royce Rule, 946-4502.

Directions: At the base of Old Mission Peninsula, turn north at the Garfield/Front St. intersection. Take Peninsula Drive for 10 miles until you pass the Boathouse Restaurant on your left. Shortly after the restaurant, turn right on Bower's Harbor Road. The park will be on your right.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this year's newsletters.

Please send news, articles, photos, letters, or classified ads to the newsletter editor at bennettjj@charter.net or 932-9249 (ph and fax).

The deadline for the next newsletter (September) is August 15.

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

JUNE 2006

We've had a wonderful year with our Newcomer friends, old and new, and hope that you feel the same. As our year as co-presidents comes to an end, we have many people to thank. Our co-vice presidents, Matt Albert and Royce Rule, worked diligently to offer entertaining and informative events. For example, our last program featured the Traverse City Beach Bums which put us all in the mood for summer.

We learned from the survey last year that people are most interested in becoming acquainted with others. We accomplished our goal of bringing people together in an enjoyable environment because of the quiet and consistent hard work of our board members. At our May dinner, we will thank our current members and welcome those who will be new to the board next year.

This is the last newsletter for 2005-2006. However, there are several activities that will continue to function during the summer months. Through the fine work of George Kobernus, you can access our website at <http://gtnewcomers.org> and find a listing of summer activities. Check it often. Our next newsletter will arrive in early September and will include the details for the Fall dinner.

Our summer picnic will be held on June 25 at Bower's Harbor Park on Old Mission Peninsula at 1:00 pm. We furnish the brats, hot dogs, buns, place settings and condiments. Please bring a dish to pass and your beverage. And, if you can do a sun dance for added protection, it would be appreciated! RSVP requests and directions can be found on page one of the newsletter.

Thank you all for your helpfulness and good cheer. We share with you the joy of living in this most beautiful of places and look forward to another year of fun and friendship.

*Nancy Harris
and
Patti Custance*



Nancy and Patti, Co-Presidents

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. Dues for the remainder of the year (through August) are \$15.

947-8403, hsfinctc@aol.com

NEW MEMBER CORNER



Jack Beeman (Midland, MI)
Norman Kohl (Texas)
James & Judy Munsie (Plymouth, MI)

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The **Cherry Festival** will celebrate its eightieth year this July. I would have liked to have been at the first few just to see how it has changed. I'm sure that some of the Newcomers may have seen some from before the Second World War. (We hear from so many of them that they vacationed here as children.) What changes in the festival and in Traverse City itself in that time! Was there a time when there were no motor vehicles in the parade?

Now that we have your attention on the festival, did you know that it takes over 2000 volunteers to put the festival together and to service all of the people who come up to it? And, yes, this is a pitch for volunteers. The festival has a very nice office (currently for sale) at 109 Sixth Street. It's within easy walking distance from downtown if you'd like to go over there and talk to people. If you prefer other communication, Tom Menzal is the Director and Sue Wagner is the Volunteer Coordinator. Their website is www.cherryfestival.org, and the phone number at the office is 947-4230. You can have a lot of fun, meet other volunteers, and help the community. As the man said "Try it, you'll like it."

If you volunteer and find that you like the feeling it gives you, and if you have time on your hands, there are a number worthwhile groups you can do with that time.

Northern Michigan Adaptive Sports has a variety of activities for which it adapts equipment and provides volunteers so that physically handicapped individuals can participate in a wide variety of activities. It's hard to believe all

of the sports that are offered: horseback riding, hand cycling, golfing, swimming, ice-skating, summer sports, sailing, dogsledding, and bowling, downhill skiing and kayaking. **Strong skiers who are willing to learn to tether participants are always needed in the winter.** You can donate your time or money by contacting Crystal Feeney at 231-935-7331 by email at cfeeney@mhc.net.

If you're fairly new to northern Michigan, a great way to learn about the area is to volunteer at the **Traverse City Convention and Visitors Bureau**. You meet the other volunteers and assist many of the visitors to this area. In your spare time in this position you can read all of the brochures that are there. Also, there are many trips to places of interest; volunteers were able to visit the new baseball park before it was opened. If interested, phone Kathy McCafferty at 947-1120.

I heard very recently that the **Chamber of Commerce** is seeking volunteers. The Chamber may be contacted at 321-947-5075 or tcchamber.org. For those with an interest in business, this is for you.

This issue of the newsletter will be last until September. Hopefully, you all will be able to get along without your monthly dose of info. The Editor and I are going to take to the waterways around Traverse City and have a fun and hopefully dry (see next sentence) summer. We'd like to see some of you on our advertised paddles in either canoes or kayaks. It's good exercise and we'll be there to help have fun. And remember... we always go to lunch afterward. Bob Luoma, Staff Writer

Activity Group News

Activity groups: We are looking forward to the golf, kayaking, and sailing and lots of fun in the sun. Our activity group leaders are being confirmed for the fall season. Susanne Bonner will be taking the position of Director for the 2006-07 season and your support and participation is important. The number of activity groups offered each year is determined by the people who are willing to serve as leaders. We need leaders for the following groups: Dinner for Eight, A Walk in the Woods, Singles Group, Day Trips, Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing. You will find that leading a group strengthens your friendships and knowledge of our area and is fun too. If you have enjoyed these groups and could lead one or would like additional information, please let Susanne know. Without leaders, the groups cannot exist. **Susanne Bonner, at 932-0943 or e-mail her at susanebonner@aol.com.** I admire the support and conscientious work that all the group leaders have given this past year. The contribution to the club is greatly appreciated. Joan Wallace

GOLF

That fore letter word: **GOLF**



We will be golfing every other Monday at a different course each time. We do not use handicaps or keep any scores. You form your own foursomes with the golfers who show up. You play as often as you want.

Call (938 1705) or email me (rchtcmi1@aol.com) by Friday before we play on the following Monday. Notify me only if you plan on golfing that Monday.

NEWCOMERS 9 HOLE GOLF LEAGUE
MONDAYS AT 1:00 PM

MAY 8 PINECROFT - 882-9100
MAY 22 A-G-MING - 264-5081
JUNE 5 MISTWOOD - 275-5500
JUNE 12 THE CROWN - 946-2975
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OCT. 16 GRANDVIEW - 258-3244

There are two for one coupons available in the following coupon books: GOLF MICHIGAN PLAYBOOK, MICHIGAN GOLF SAVERS. Check at each course to see if they offer senior rates

We will not be golfing on Memorial Day, Cherry Festival Week or Labor Day.

BOOK CLUB

Meet at Horizon Books, lower level on **Tuesday, June 6** at 10:00 a.m. Please join us. Contact Letha Cairns at gcairns@chartermi.net or 271-6831.



The June book is *Compass of the Heart* by Priscilla Cogan.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Men's Breakfast: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

The Men's Breakfast meets at the Omelette Shoppe next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Reservations are not required; just show up. Questions? Call George Kobernus, 933-9321.

CARDS

BRIDGE:

Team: DATE CHANGE to Sat., June 3: Tom or Georgia Stoeber, 938-5846, tstoeber@bsamail.org, 7:00 p.m., Cedar Creek Commons off of Cherry Bend Road.

Ladies (2nd Thursday): Nancy Ravas, 932-1747, Scott's Harbor Grill, 11:30 a.m. Players at all levels are welcome.

Ladies (4th Thursday): Gail Hoffman, 946-1126, location changed to Restaurant 310, 11:30 a.m. Participants play as individuals, not teams.

Team Round Robin: Geri Dancy, 929-4787

EUCHRE:

No activity during the summer



KAYAKING

Morning paddles: Meet at 9:45 (or earlier) to be on water at 10:00. New to the sport? Need help with boat unloading? We especially encourage beginners, families and newcomers, but all paddlers are welcome to join us on these gentle outings. Must have own equipment and wear a PFD. Call ahead to sign-up and for directions. We'll paddle for about 1.5 to 2 hours and then go out to lunch. Hosts: Jody Bennett and Bob Luoma, 231-932-9249 or bennettjj@charter.net..

All outings will be on Wednesdays:

June 21: Pearl Lake

July 12: Bass Lake

August 2: Lake Ann

August 23: Lake Dubonnet



SINGLES

**Postponed from 6/23:
Bar-B-Que Deck Party
Will be rescheduled.**

Mary O'Brien's House

10402 E. Marion Drive, Old Mission Peninsula

Meats, breads and table service provided.

Bring a side dish and
your beverage of choice.

RSVP to Mary at 946-1473

Directions: Take M37North (Center Road) 5 1/2 to 6 miles to Gray Road. Left on Gray Road for a mile of up and down and curves to the top. Right on Warren Rd., (subdivision sign "Harbor View") to fork. Bear right at fork. 10402 is first house on right. Gray with white trim and front porch. NOTE: Next Scheduled Activity: September Game Night, Hostess: Karen Remy

SAILING

There are a few Newcomers who spend most of the winter dreaming of warm weather, soft breezes, and sailing on Grand Traverse Bay. **Whether you are a seasoned sailor or have never been on a sailboat, you can join us. Sailboat owners are always looking for crew.** We seldom stay out for more than a few hours and typically sail in the afternoons when the winds and weather are best.



There is no cost for this activity as you bring your own lunch and water. If you'd like to know more about the Newcomers Sailing Group, contact George Kobernus, 933-9321, gkobenus@chartermi.net.

So far this year the Newcomers fleet is composed of ONE boat. If you own a sailboat and want to get in on the fun contact George Kobernus.

A WALK IN THE WOODS

Bring your mom, dad, kids, grandkids, and even your dog on a leash. Walks will last between one and two hours. During the week if you email (rmoos1@juno.com) or call Rich at 231-935-1806, cell # 231-342-0632, I will notify you if a walk has to be cancelled. On Fridays I will email a list of those who say they are coming. If at the last minute you find that you can join us, please do.

All walks will be on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

June 3: Empire area farm

July 29: An Urban Hike-TART Trail Extension

Meet behind the Library. Woodmere to Hannah, then west on Hannah. Hike along Boardman Lake to Logan's Landing and back. Or we can spot cars to go one way.

August 19: Alligator Hill Trail

Take the Harbor Highway west out of Glen Arbor. Turn left on Day Forest Rd. across from D.H. Day Park. Follow Day Forest Rd. to parking lot on the left side of the road.



Ron Wallace gathers the flock to begin the Old Mission Point Park hike in May.

Newcomers Caught in the Act....

Spring Dinner, May 2006



Ralph and Lori Brickman

All photos
by
Judy
Albert



Rick and Kathy Bodette



Joan Wallace and
Laurie Kupferer



Donna and Dan Sagan



Beth and Rich Hoover

George Cairns
is surrounded
by Nancy and
Joe Harris



Rod and Marilyn Rebant



Marlowe and Susanne Bonner,
John and Elaine Novak

More Newcomer News

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Old Town Canoe, 1995 Model Fiberglass 13' Discovery Sport Canoe with Square Stern and Oars/Oarlocks. Very good condition. Stored indoors during winters. Dark green color. Car "topable." \$425. Call Larry Constantineau, 941-1722.

FOR SALE: Fishing Boat, 1974 Model Starcraft Aluminum 12' Boat, with (old but workable) oars and anchor. Great fishing boat for an inland lake. Own a classic! \$250. Call Larry Constantineau, 941-1722.

FOR SALE: German Shorthair puppies: Caleb, Geoffrey Wallace's dog is getting into the fund raising for Geoff's Interlochen camp*. She will be having puppies around the 10th of June. Caleb comes from a long line of excellent hunting dogs and is eager to have her puppies purchased to help Geoff earn his tuition to Interlochen this summer. More information can be obtained by calling 231-275-3314 or on line at movedupn@chartermi.net. Thank you for all the cans that were contributed to Geoff's fund and hope you know someone who would like one of Caleb's puppies. (See related article below.) Joan Wallace

* **The rest of the story on Geoffrey Wallace:**
In the February issue of the Newcomers News Geoff requested assistance in helping earn his tuition money for another summer at Interlochen. Several Newcomer members have helped by providing him with returnable bottles and cans and with odd jobs. Geoff will be in the Intermediate Repertory Theatre production of "Still Life With Iris, by Steven Dietz, on Thursday, August 3 at 10 am. Friday, August 4 at 3pm and Saturday, August 5, at 8pm in the Phoenix Theatre.



Leslye Wuerfel at the April program

Bumming Around

As a result of the April Newcomers' program (Leslye Wuerfel of the Beach Bums), **Dick and Carol Thompson** are now hosting 2 "Bums" for the summer, Doug Garcia from Venezuela and Kevin White from South Carolina. The "Bums" are with the Thompsons until they win the Championship in Sept. According to Carol, "We are enjoying them immensely! Host homes have been filled this year but will be needed next year too."

Ode to a Golfball or I Like to Play a Round (Erwin Sporte,)



I'm small and round and mostly white.
People swing at me and I suddenly take flight.
Some will strike so crisp and clear,
While others swat viciously, and it brings a tear.
I'm supposed to bounce and roll around,
And simply aim for a hole in the ground.
But if you look the other way,
I'll hook and slice and go astray.
Now laugh up my sleeve I'll never do,
Whether lost in the woods or deep in the goo.
For in the end when all is done,
The ball in first is a hole in one.



Erwin and Peg Sporte
at Spring Dinner

Condolences to the family of Carl and Carolyn Kucsera on the death of her mother Kathryn Roosa.

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