



June 2005

NEWCOMERS NEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER

This is the final newsletter until
Sept. 2005

SPRING DINNER

May 24

JUNE PICNIC

June 26

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BRIDGE

Couples 1st Fri.:

June 3

Ladies 2nd Thurs:

June 9

Ladies 4th Thurs:

May 26

**Mark your calendar
for September**

FALL DINNER

September 27



Presidents' Letter

There is nothing as true as that old adage, "time flies when you are having fun." That, we hope, has been your experience as a Newcomer this year. Now as our activities wind down, you can get ready for that influx of summer people. As your presidents, we have had a wonderful time

getting to know so many of you on a more personal level.

We would like to thank the Newcomers Board, activity coordinators, and club members for their time, dedication, and skills in bringing us this year's calendar of events. The behind the scenes work they do planning dinners, securing program speakers, paying bills, helping new members, and keeping you informed makes the Newcomers possible.

We still have two major events for this year. Tuesday, May 24th is our annual Spring Dinner. Location is the Traverse City Golf and Country Club. Cocktails and mixing starts at 6:30 and dinner follows at 7:30. This venue is a perfect spot to welcome spring and meet your new board members for next year. Reservations should be received by Elaine Novak by May 21st. See inside the newsletter for further details.

Our final activity is the annual picnic. This informal event will be held at Sayler Park on Sunday, June 26th. We bring the brats, buns, dishes, utensils, and condiments, and members are asked to bring a dish to pass and their beverage of choice. Hope to see you there.

This is the last newsletter for the 2004-2005 year. Remember that there are activity groups that do meet during the summer. Please keep this newsletter, check our Website, or call the activity chairperson for more information. The next newsletter will be in early September.

Please get your surveys in to Judy Albert as soon as possible to help in our planning for next year. Extra copies are available on our Website.

Thank you again for making our job easy, and have a great summer!

Carol Thompson

Letha Cairns

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Special Events

NEWCOMERS SPRING DINNER

Tuesday, May 24

Traverse City Golf and Country Club
\$25.00 per person plus \$5.50 per alcoholic drink
6:30 Cocktails and Social Time
7:30 Dinner

Buffet Menu:

- Entrée: Choice of Carved Round of Beef or Chicken Marsala
- Salad: Caesar or Spinach
- Vegetable: Glazed Carrots, Asparagus, Duchess Potatoes
- Dessert: Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

Mail your check for dinner and alcoholic drinks, made out to the Newcomers Club, to Elaine Novak, 4019 Eastshore Drive, Grawn, MI 49637, Phone: (231) 276-0361. Reservations must be received no later than May 20.



SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, June 26 at Saylor Park
in Yuba, MI, at 1:00 pm
Shelter # 2

Directions: M31 North to Yuba. The park is at the end of Yuba Park Rd.

Newcomers Club will provide the brats and hot dogs as well as the condiments and table service.

Members should bring their own beverage and a dish to pass. Alcoholic beverages are allowed, pets are not. Picnic tables are available or you can bring your own lawn chairs.

**Contact Patti Custance 935-4805 or Nancy Harris at 223-9844.
Reservations due by Wednesday, June 22.**

Thank You

To

GEORGE KOBERNUS

George has produced the Newcomers News for the past three years. He's currently on a well-deserved vacation, and when he returns he will move on to the task of maintaining the club's website. (gtnewcomers.com) It's great and so easy to use! Thanks, George, for allowing the rest of us to stay updated on activities and special events in Newcomers through the newsletters and now the website!

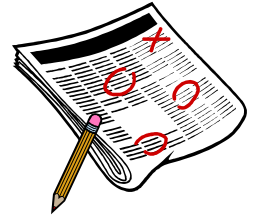
A DIFFERENT LOOK...

The newsletter has a different look this month, primarily because a new editor has taken over and isn't nearly as skilled with the software as was the previous editor. (See related article above.) Apologies are offered for any inconvenience this causes and for the delay in getting this issue out to our members.



CLASSIFIED ADS

A new feature... We know you have stuff to sell - and might even want to buy more stuff to fill up the empty space.



Classified ads of items our members wish to sell or buy will be listed every month. Please email or write your copy exactly as you want it in the newsletter and send to:

Jody Bennett
bennettj@traverse.net (preferred) or
9670 E. Walkabout Lane
Traverse City, MI 49684

The deadline will always be the 15th of the month for the next month's newsletter. So, to get your ads in the next issue (September), please submit by August 15.

FOR SALE

Antique double wicker rocker. It is in very good condition and we'd like to price it at \$350. We'd be glad to show it at any time. Call Joe or Nancy Harris, 223-9844,

16 foot day sailer. Beam: 6'3". Draft: Centerboard up 7"; down 3'9". Make: O'Day. Never raced. Seldom used. Sails by Northeast (like new). Sail area: 145 sq. ft. 1992 sailboat with trailer. Price: \$3,899. Will accommodate a family of six. King size cockpit. Over 4,000 now in use. John Cartwright, 947-6229, j.cartwright@worldnet.att.net

1984 SEA RAY with Cuddy Cabin. 23' I.O., 228 Mercruiser engine, two canvas covers, original owner, contact: George Cairns at 271-6831

WANT TO BUY

Nothing yet.... You have the summer to think about it.

Membership Survey

Please get your surveys in to Judy Albert (7880 Maple Leaf Drive, Traverse City, 49684) as soon as possible to help in our planning for next year. Surveys were sent out with the May newsletter. Extra copies are available on our Website.

Activity Group News June—August 2005

Activity Groups 2005-2006

A special "thank-you" is extended to the Newcomers who have provided leadership for our activity groups this year. Some are new leaders and others have helped us out for several years, but all have enabled us to meet others new-to-the-area by planning ways for us to interact in a relaxed setting that allowed us to get acquainted. Our gratitude is extended to :

Marcia Morse and Carol Hosler
C.J. and John Cartwright
Elaine Pentilla
George Kobernus
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Out to Lunch Bunch
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Men's Breakfast
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Ladies 4th Thursday Bridge
Couples Bridge
Team Round Robin
Jazz Appreciation
Book Club
Cross-country Skiing and Snowshoeing
Hiking
Golf
Tennis
Singles

Sue Keller

JAZZ

The June meeting of the Jazz Appreciation group will be held at the home of Dick & Guyla Doumanian on June 8 at 7:00 P.M. The subject will be "My Favorite Jazz CD (or CD's)". No one will be admitted without a CD (including the ladies)! If you plan to attend, please call Dick or Guyla at 223-7545 by Sunday evening, June 5, for directions to their home and to confirm your attendance.
Dick Doumanian, dick@landcompanymich.com



TENNIS, ANYONE?

We are always looking for people interested in playing in an outdoor mixed doubles tennis league. If you enjoy playing tennis and meeting other people, contact Walt or Linda Buza at (231) 943-0003, boozer@chartermi.net



FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Dinner for Eight

As usual, the Dinner for Eight group is a resounding success. The dedication and hard work of our hosts has paid big dividends this season. People have been eating, drinking and best of all getting to know new friends. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Pentilla at 334-4881.



Out -To- Lunch Bunch

We hope you can join us for lunch! This group usually gets together at different area restaurants on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our next outing is:

Wed., May 18, 1:00 pm, at Ciao Bella, located at 236 E. Front St., across from the old State Theater.

Please phone reservations to Marcia Morse 935-1806 or to Carol Hosler 933-4397 by Mon., May 16.

There will be no luncheons during the summer. Everyone have a terrific summer!

Dining Out

The Grand Traverse area is home to many good restaurants in various price ranges. We usually meet on the 3rd or 4th Sunday evening of the month at 5:00 p.m. Please join us and share in the food and fellowship. Our next gatherings will be: May 15, Boathouse Restaurant at 14039 Peninsula Drive, Old Mission Peninsula. Reserve by May 10. To make your reservation, or cancel a reservation, call or E-Mail John or C. J. Cartwright at (231) 947-6229, j.cartwright@worldnet.att.net.

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 at 9:00 a.m. We'll continue to meet through the summer break. Call George Kobernus 933-9321, gkobernus@chartermi.net

BOOK CLUB

If you haven't had the time to join us, now is your chance to enjoy another insightful discussion on our book of the month. The selection for the June 7th meeting is Leap of Faith, Memoirs of an Unexpected Life. by Queen Noor. Follow her amazing story from an American college graduate working in the Middle East to her life married to King Hussein of Jordan. Says USA Today, "If Queen Noor's object was to make the Arab world more human and understandable, she has succeeded." The discussion leader is Nancy Harris. We meet the first Tuesday of the month in the lower level of Horizon Books at 10:00 am

Looking forward to fall, the September selection is Montana 1948 by Larry Watson. This is the TC READS novel for the 2005-2006 year. The author of this perfect summer read will be coming to TC in September. We select titles for the rest of the year at this meeting, so bring a book with you to suggest.

Contact Letha Cairns at gcairns@chartermi.net for more information. Have a great summer.



Activity Groups, cont.

SINGLES

Mark your calendar: the SECOND FRIDAY of the month will be Singles Night. The summer activities will be on the second Friday of the month and details will be e-mailed to you.

June 10	A Cook-Out at Mary O'Brien's home
July 8	Cherry Festival
August 12	Friday Night Live

Send your e-mail address to Linda Olah if you would like to be notified of monthly activities. l_olah_2000@yahoo.com If you do not have an e-mail address, call 922-0623 to be added to the contact list.

GOLF

The golf league will start playing in the middle of May and go until September. We start around 1:00 p.m. on every other Monday, at a different course each time. Haven't picked up a club in years? Never played? Shoot in the high hundreds? You are the perfect Newcomers Golfer! We don't have teams, keep scores or use any handicaps.



When you want to play that Monday, you let us know the week before and then show up. The schedule will not be set up until May. We have a list of names of people that signed up last September. If you've changed your mind or if you would like to play and we don't have your name, contact Dick Hayes at 938-1705 or rchtcml@aol.com.

BRIDGE

Couples 1st Friday Bridge

The couples bridge group meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Friday of the month at Cedar Creek Commons off of Cherry Bend Road. The next play date is a pot luck at 6:00 on June 3 which is our last meeting until the Fall. Please contact Marty Johnson at 271-8778, ubatuba@charter.net, if you plan to attend. Players should bring their own service.

Ladies 2nd Thursday Bridge.

This group meets at Scott's Harbor Grill from 11:30 a.m. Players at all levels are welcome. Please contact me by the Monday before the Thursday play date. Nancy Ravas, 932-1747.

Ladies 4th Thursday Bridge.

This group meets at 310 Restaurant on Cass St. at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is ordered from the menu. Participants play as individuals not as teams. Those planning to play must make a reservation by the Monday preceding the Thursday activity. Rita Guttenberg, 941-9574.

SAILING

There is a small number of Newcomers that spend most of the winter dreaming of soft breezes, warm temperatures and sailing on Grand Traverse Bay. A camaraderie quickly develops between people on a small boat in a large body of water. This fits the purpose of the Newcomers Club perfectly. Whether you are a seasoned sailor or have never been on a sailboat, you can join us for a few hours on Grand Traverse Bay.

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. Let us know if you would like to be on our call list. No experience is necessary. When we know of a Newcomer member who is planning a day trip on the bay, we'll let you know by E-Mail. It's that simple.

If you'd like to know more about the Newcomers Sailing Group, contact George Kobernus, 933-9321, gkoernus@chartermi.net



HIKING

June 25, 2005 9:15 A.M. Meet at T.B.A. Building lot on Parsons Road to car pool, go east on M-72 past Turtle Creek to Skegemog Trail off Rapid City Road (Co road 597). Hike approximately 2 hours.

July 9, 2005 9:00 A.M. Meet at T.B.A. Building parking lot on Parsons Road to car pool to Grass Lake Natural Area past the town of Alden on M-88. Hike is approximately 2 hours.

August 13, 2005 9:00 A.M. Meet at T.B.A. Building parking lot on Parsons Road to car pool to Hartwick Pines State Park. Go east on M-72 to Grayling, go north on I-75 to exit 259 go east on M-93 approximately 3 miles to trail head. Hike approximately 2 hours.

Sept. 10, 2005 8:45 A.M. Meet at Tom's West Bay parking lot to car pool to Leland Harbor for boat trip and hike to South Manitou Island. Boat leaves Leland Dock at 10:00 A.M. and arrives back in Leland at 6:30 P.M. Bring lunch and drink as there is no food or drink on the island. Hike is approximately 3-4 hours.

Sept. 24, 2005 9:15 A.M. Meet at Sam's parking lot to car pool to Betsie River Pathway. The pathway is located off M-115 and King Road. Take M-37 South to M-115 turn right off King Road to Longstreet Road, turn left to trail head. Hike is approximately 2 hours.



Please call Frank Hayes 1-231-256-9031 or Bob Johnson 1-231-271-8778 the week before the hike you plan on walking so they will know that you are coming or to call if the hike is cancelled.

T.B.A. located at 880 Parson Road- between Airport Excess Road and Three Mile.

Please help recruit members. Know someone who has just moved to the area? Contact one of our City Hostesses with their names and they will do the rest. Alice Beeker 933-4404, Abintc@aol.com, or Sharon Finch 947-8403.

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