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# NEWCOMERS NEWS

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*Mar 25, May 20*

## President's Letter



In the four years that my wife, Carolyn and I have been attending Newcomers Club events, we have learned a lot about the Grand Traverse Area and the many interesting attractions and organizations --both public and private -- that make this area a great place to live. Thanks to Co-Vice Presidents - Letha Cairns and Carol Thompson, we have continued to have many fine programs this year also.

Kathleen Guy, our presenter last month showed a video on the new look at Northwestern Michigan College and spoke about the facilities and others areas of interest and opportunities which are available to all of us. It sounds like an excellent school, one we can be proud of..

Our last regular monthly program before summer arrives, will be held on Tuesday, April 27th. Gretchen Telek, a member of Newcomers, will speak about the Grand Traverse Art Center and Gallery. From the information in last month's Newsletter about the Art Center, we anticipate another wonderful program. I would encourage everyone to attend on April 27 at the Heritage Center at 7:00 p.m. For those who have not attended a monthly event, "come on out" and get acquainted with fellow Newcomers. Hopefully many "Snow Birds" will be "flying in" for the 27th also.

In May, we look forward to our annual spring dinner. This year it will be held at the Traverse City Golf and Country Club on May 18th beginning with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Enclosed in this newsletter is a reservation form. Please note the request on the form, regarding paying for drinks, along with your reservation. Reservations must be received by May 14.

Reminder - The annual summer picnic is on June 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Saylor Park near Yuba. We will send out a reminder on this next month. Have a great summer!

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# Special Events

## APRIL PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 27

Newcomers' member Gretchen Telek will speak to us about the non-profit Grand Traverse Art Center & Gallery. Sponsored by the Northwestern Michigan Artists and Craftsmen, the Art Center and Gallery is open Monday through Friday year around except for national holidays. The gallery features a permanent collection of artwork from numerous nationally recognized artists as well as ever changing exhibits of regional and national artists. Classes and workshops are available throughout the year for children and adults. It is located at 720 S. Elmwood & 11 Sts. The time is 7:00 pm at the Heritage Center on Sixth Street.

## NEWCOMERS' SPRING DINNER

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

Traverse City Golf and Country Club  
1725 South Union St. Traverse City  
Cocktails at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:30 pm  
\$25.00 per person plus \$5.00 per alcoholic drink

Menu:

- ENTRÉE: Choice of Prime Rib of Beef OR Champagne Chicken
- SALAD: Bibb Lettuce Salad with dried cherries, Gorgonzola cheese, walnuts, raspberry vinaigrette
- VEGETABLE: Spring Asparagus and Duchess Potatoes
- DESSERT: Spring Sherbet

Since this event is at the Traverse City Country Club, there will be some minor changes in how we will handle the bar. Wine, beer, and all house liquor drinks must be ordered ahead of time. You are asked to enclose in your check the amount of \$5.00 for each drink you will want during the evening. Please fill out the order form included in this month's newsletter.

All reservations must be received no later than Friday, May 14. Mail your check to: Jody Bennett at 9670 E. Walkabout Lane, Traverse City, MI.

## SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, June 27 at Saylor Park in Yuba, MI, at 1:00 pm

Newcomers' provides the meat to grill and members bring a dish to pass. Be sure to put this fun event on your calendar. More on this next month.

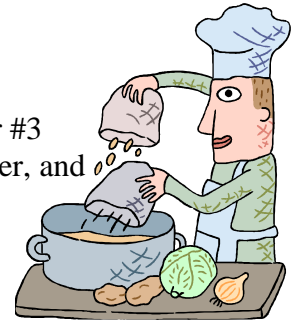
# Activity Group News

## FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

### **Dinner for Eight**

Hopefully everyone is on track for Dinner #3 in March/April. Host couples for Dinner #3 are Custance, Hood, Geschwendt, Basch, Morse, Coley, Harris, Westerholm, Schroeder, and Boudreau.

Please contact your host/guests if you will be away for an extended period during this time so that plans may be made that will enable all to participate. So far, we have had few problems and the cooperation of everyone is appreciated.



### **Out -To- Lunch Bunch**

Here is the next meeting of this group. We usually meet at 1:00 pm the Third Wednesday of the month.

*Wednesday, April 21*

310 Restaurant. This restaurant on the river has become a regular stopping point for theater goers and shoppers. Be sure to call Sharon Baswell (947-4694) by Monday, April 19.

### **Dinner 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 5:30 pm except in December. Here are the last two outings for the year.

*Sunday, April 25*

Funistrada, 4566 MacFarlane, Maple City/Burdickville. Call hosts to reserve by Wednesday, April 21. Space is limited.

*Sunday, June 6*

The Bluebird, 6:00 pm, 102 E. River St. Leland. Note time change. Please call hosts by Fri., June 4 to reserve. This will be the final outing for the 2003-2004 year.

Hosts: Bob Luoma and Jody Bennett, 932-9249, bennettj@traverse.net

### **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's Breakfast meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month all year around. Bring your best joke. There is no agenda and we stay as long as we like. We meet at the Omelette Shoppe next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza. If you'd like to join us, mark your calendar for May 12 at 9:00 am and for every 2nd Wednesday thereafter. *As long as people show up, we plan on meeting through the summer.*

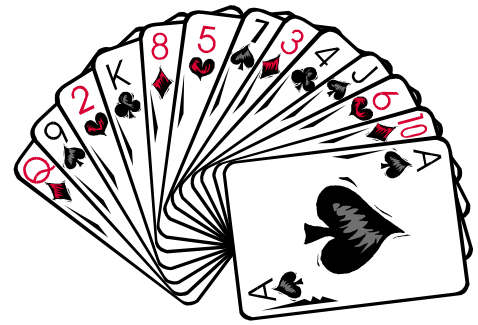
Questions? Call George Kobernus, 933-9321, gkobernus@chartermi.net

**BRIDGE***Couples 1st Friday Bridge Hosts:*

May 7: Hedy and Dick Rewalt 941-1995/ Dick & Bette Schaefer  
933-4050

June 4: John & Doris Kurzavas 922-2356, Frank & Carolyn Gates  
932-9287

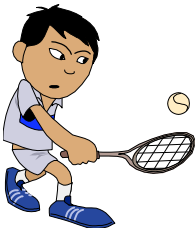
Contact a host if you plan to attend. The group meets at Cedar Creek Commons at 7:00 pm on the first Friday of the month, \$3.00 per couple. Questions? Call Marty Johnson at 620-5425 or Polly Karle 935-3847.

*Ladies 2nd Thursday Bridge.*

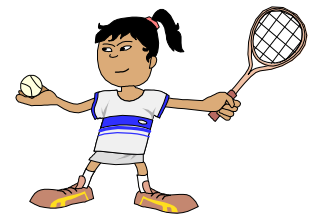
This group meets at Scott's Harbor Grill from 11:30 am. Players at all levels are welcome. Please call by the Monday before the Thursday play date. Nancy Ravas, 932-1747

*Ladies 4th Thursday Bridge.*

This group meets at 310 Restaurant on Cass St. at 11:30 am. 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

**TENNIS****TENNIS ANYONE???**

We are looking for people interested in forming and 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, boozzer@charter.net

**GOLF**

The Newcomers Golf League is a mixed activity. We play from early May until late August. Couples or singles are welcome and will be paired up into foursomes. No scores or records are kept. If you have played ten years or one month, all are welcome. We normally play on a different course every other week and usually start about 1:00 pm on Mondays. After golf, we retire to the 19th hole for refreshments. If you signed up for golf last fall to play this year, we won't be using that list.

If you are interested in this activity, contact Dick Hayes 938-1705, rchtemi1@aol.com



**BOOK CLUB**

The Newcomers Book Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at Horizon Book Store's lower level at 10:00 am. Here is the next meeting of the group:



*Tuesday, May 4*

We will discuss British author Ian McEwan's award winning book, *Atonement*. A recent review in Atlantic Monthly says that "...McEwan forces his readers to turn the pages with greater dread and anticipation than does perhaps any other "literary" writer working in English today". Pam Anderson will lead the discussion.

Horizons Books on Front Street has been a strong supporter of the Newcomers Book Club and provides meeting space for our Board of Directors. If you have not visited Horizons lately, we suggest you drop in and look around. It's a great place to expand your "Horizons".

For more information, please contact Letha Cairns at 231-271-6831 or [gcairns@chartermi.net](mailto:gcairns@chartermi.net).

**HIKING**

The hiking group usually meets the second Saturday of the month about 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. Here is our next activity.

*Saturday, May 15, 9:30 am.*

Old Indian Trail. Meet at Sam's parking lot. Carpool to Old Indian Trail at intersection of M-22 and Sutter. Road is located on north side of Crystal Lake between Frankfort and Empire. Hike is approximately 2 hours.

Please notify us the week before each hike you plan on attending so that we know how many are going.

**Recruit a member!**

Know someone who has just moved to the area? Contact one of our City Hostesses.

Alice Beeker 933-4404    or    Sharon Finch 947-8403

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