



MAY 2005

NEWCOMERS NEWS

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NEWS ITEMS DUE

May 9 (There is only one more issue until Fall)

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April 26

SPRING DINNER

May 24

JUNE PICNIC

June 26

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2nd Thurs

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4th Thurs

Apr 28, May 26



Presidents' Letter

Spring truly seems to be here, at least at the moment.

As we look back on the year to date, it's been lots of fun and we've learned much more about the beautiful area in which we live. Your Board is always looking for ways to improve the operation of your club. This month you will find a survey in the newsletter. We hope you will take the time to let us know how we can improve next year.

Thanks to Nancy Harris and Patty Custance for the great programs they scheduled for us. Last month's program by the Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Center educated us about the 1,000 square mile GT Bay watershed which encompasses all or part of four counties and includes 132 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. If you missed it, or want to learn more, check out their website at www.gtbay.org.

The April Program on Tuesday April 26, promises to be quite delightful with radio talk host Michael Sheehan. Join us to learn how to "talk real good." We hope we have many of the Snowbirds back to join us.

We look forward to seeing everyone to kick off spring in a big way, at the Spring Dinner at the Traverse City Country Club on May 24. The club treasury will be partially subsidizing the dinner this year since we feel extra monies we've raised should be used for the members' enjoyment. Also, please don't forget to join us for the Annual Newcomers June Picnic on Sunday, June 26.

Finally, we're getting a lot of traffic on the Newcomers website. A printable calendar and program schedule is available at <http://gtnewcomers.com>.

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Special Events

APRIL PROGRAM

Author, teacher and radio show host, Michael Sheehan, will join us at our monthly program on April 26.

Mr. Sheehan can usually be heard on Tuesday mornings on WTCM radio at 9:00 a.m on his weekly program, "Words to the Wise," which offers a humorous look at the English language.

His most current book, "Words To the Wise: A Lighthearted Look at the English Language," is a compilation of questions from people who have tuned into the radio show. In addition to broadcasting and writing, Mr. Sheehan is involved in many organizations dedicated to serving senior citizens as well as running a web site, <http://tenet.org> for the Traverse Area District Library. Join us for what plans to be a "light-hearted," enjoyable evening.

Refreshments will follow the presentation. Linger awhile and tour the gallery and take a chance on the 50/50 drawing. Free Parking is available to members attending the program. The lot directly across from the entrance to the museum is reserved for our use. Just drive up to the gate and it will open. A sign will be posted at the lot that will say "Newcomer's".

Nancy Harris, 223-9844, grizharris@cs.com or Patti Custance at 935-4805, patticustance@yahoo.com

NEWCOMERS SPRING DINNER Tuesday May 24

Traverse City Golf and Country Club
\$25.00 per person plus \$5.50 per alcoholic drink

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, 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.

More details next month

Activity Group News

Activity Groups 2005-2006

As we draw nearer to the summer months many of our Activity Groups will have their last outings. Many others, though, will take advantage of this time and weather to enjoy new opportunities. The golf, tennis and sailing groups hope for sunshine, blue skies and warm weather and your involvement is encouraged. Information regarding these activities will be in the Newsletter next month so be sure to keep it (there is no summer Newsletter) and get involved. Also don't forget to visit our website at: <http://gtnewcomers.com>

This is also the time when we make plans for Activity Groups for next year. We need people who are willing to lead groups; either new groups or those you have enjoyed in the past. Leading a group is not a life-time commitment so, if a group leader asks for someone to continue the group please consider whether or not you have enjoyed it and might be able to continue it. Generally, the leader plans for one activity a month from October through May, coordinating locations, publicity and any other arrangements.

Groups change from year to year based not only on available leaders but also upon group interest. If you would like to organize a new group in the area where you can share your interests with others please contact the Activity Group Coordinator. In the past we have had a travel group that shared travel experiences, a craft group, a gourmet group and a cycling group. We are in the process of trying to establish a Singles group and might want to consider things such as bowling, euchre or the like. The ideas come from the membership. You make our activities happen.

Thanks, Sue Keller

JAZZ

The May meeting of the Jazz Appreciation group will be held at the home of Don Grandpre on May 11 at 7:00 p.m. The subject will be "The Sweet Sound of Jazz". If you plan to attend, please call Don at 938-0741 by Sunday evening, May 8, for direction to his home and to confirm your attendance.

Dick Doumanian, 223-7545, dick@landcompanymich.com



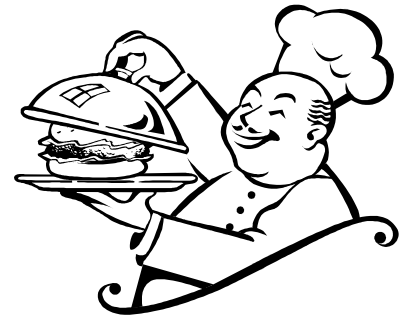
I WANT YOU TO RECRUIT A MEMBER!

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.

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.

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:

April 17, TraVino Traverse Wine & Grill on M-72 in front of the Grand Traverse Resort. Reserve by April 11.

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

The Newcomers Book Club will meet next on May 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of Horizon Books on Front Street Traverse City.

This month's selection is *Dark Safari* by Paul Theroux. This stirring non-fiction tale leads us from one end of Africa to the other in a gripping journey. Our leader for the discussion is Katie Brown.

Please join us for this book discussion. For further information contact Letha Cairns at 271-6831 or gcairns@chartermi.net.



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. Please contact Marty Johnson at 271-8778, ubatuba@charter.net, if you plan to attend. The next play dates are May 6 and a pot luck on June 3 which is our last meeting until the Fall.

*Ladies 2nd Thursday Bridge.*

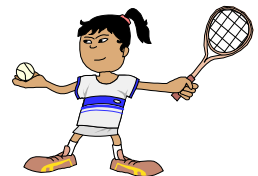
This group meets at Scott's Harbor Grill from 11:30 a.m. Players at all levels are welcome. Please contact by the Monday before the Thursday play date. Nancy Ravas, 932-1747.

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.

TENNIS**TENNIS ANYONE???**

As soon as they clear off the snow from the courts, our thoughts turn to tennis. 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, boozier@chartermi.net

Tip from the computer guy

Studies disclose that 97.0645 % of all computer users eat and drink at the computer. As a result, the average computer keyboard is one of the most germ-ridden and filthy places in the home. Throwing the keyboard in the dishwasher or spraying it with lysol to get those bread crumbs and jelly globs out of the spaces between the keys is not an effective method for cleaning it. A detailed step-by-step procedure for maintenance of your keyboard can be found at:

<http://www.helpwithpcs.com/maintenance/cleaning-keyboard.htm>

If you fail to follow these well tested guidelines, you might end up having to use the number "1" every time you need to type the letter "L" and your spell checker will keep beeping at you....

SINGLES

The response to the dinner at Bowers Harbor Inn has been wonderful.

Friday, May 20 at 8:00 p.m. Lend Me A Tenor The Old Towne Playhouse

Laughter will fill the house when OTP presents this hilarious production by the modern comedy master, Ken Ludwig. This madcap comedy revolves around the debut of an Italian tenor with the Cleveland Opera Company. In order to keep the new star fresh and ready for his performance, he is "baby-sat" by young assistant Max, primarily to keep him from his two biggest weaknesses, wine and women.

Make reservations for a night of laughter! E-mail Linda Olah at l_olah_2000@yahoo.com to reserve tickets. The tickets are \$16 and payment is appreciated by May 10 to assure good seats.

Share your ideas for summer fun. Would outdoor concerts, i.e. Jazz at Sunset, be enjoyable? E-mail Linda Olah with your interests. l_olah_2000@yahoo.com

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 9381705 or rchtcm1@aol.com.

HIKING

Here is our next hike:



May 21, 9:15 a.m. Meet at Sam's parking lot to car pool to Old Indian Trail located at intersection of M-22 and Sutter Road. Road is located on north side of Crystal Lake between Frankfort and Empire. Hike approximately 2 hours.

If you plan on attending this hike, please contact Frank Hayes (231) 256-9031, mhayes@coslink.com,

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, gkobernus@chartermi.net

Important questions of the month:



- What are these people doing and why do they look so satisfied??
- Where is Yuba Michigan ?
- Don't they know that Yuba now has indoor plumbing?
- What will you be doing on June 26?
- So where exactly is Yuba??



- Is it true that the people with the largest coolers have the most friends??

Read next month's Newcomers News and all your questions about the meaning of life, why girls love horses, and what is happening in Yuba Michigan on June 26 will be answered...

