



Newcomers News

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May 2006

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Please join us for:

Newcomers Spring Dinner (May Program) Tuesday, May 23, 2006

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Cocktails & Social Time 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Location - Traverse City Golf & Country Club

Buffet Menu:

Entrée: Chicken Cordon Bleu and
Sautéed Beef Tips Stroganoff

Salad: Caesar and Spinach

Vegetables: Green Bean Almandine, Stir Fry of Seasonal
Vegetables, Oven Browned Red Skins and Rice Pilaf

Dessert: Ice Cream, Frozen Yogurt, Sherbet

\$25.00 per person

Mail your check for dinner, made payable to the Newcomers Club, to Elaine Novak, 4019 Eastshore Drive, Grawn, MI 49637, phone (231) 276-0361. Drink tickets, at \$5.50 per drink, will be available for purchase the evening of the dinner. Reservations should be received no later than May 20.

Become one of our contributors:

Please send news, articles, photos, letters, or classified ads to the newsletter editor at **new address**

bennettjj@charter.net or 932-9249 (ph and fax).

The deadline is the 15th of the month for the following month's newsletter.

The June issue will be the last one until September 2006.

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

MAY 2006

May is here and hopefully by now all of our members who flew to warmer climates are back. The spring flowers are getting ready to bloom, and we are looking forward to summer activities. Our golf will be starting soon so if you love to golf, regardless of skill level, join the Newcomer golfers for a great time testing different courses in the area. Golf is not the only activity that we can enjoy this summer. Check with the other group leaders to see which activities will continue throughout the summer months.

Please plan to join us for our spring dinner at the Traverse City Country Club this month. It is a great way to catch up with many people we may not have seen all year. The food is always wonderful and the fellowship can't be beat. Our new officers will be introduced at this dinner.

Our monthly meetings culminate with a **picnic on Sunday, June 25th**. Be sure to keep this date open and watch for details to follow in the June newsletter.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Matt Albert and Royce Rule for planning such wonderful speakers and dinners throughout the year. We really appreciate the commitment that they made to make sure that we had a successful year.



Nancy and Patti, Co-Presidents

Nancy Harris and Patti Constance

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, hsfinchtc@aol.com



A sailboat was last year's offering in the Open Space floral art display. It consisted of 5,500 flowers supplied by Plant Masters and the Agri-Science program at the TBAISD Career-Tech Center. We await this year's design. Curious? Contact Dotty Streichert, a Newcomer and a garden club member.

NEW MEMBER CORNER



Annette Benson (Petoskey)
Robert & Diana Feague (Flushing, MI & Italy)
Ann Skory (California)
Annamay Vetter (Sugarland, TX)

MAYDAY!!!

That's a phrase that can mean different things to different people and has meant different things at different times in history.

In the 17th century, the first day of May was celebrated as the change from winter to summer; the planting and growing season was back. Gifts of flowers and foodstuffs were exchanged. It signified that another winter had passed and people would survive because food would again be available. The fertility of the earth was the subject of celebration. Trees were cut down and poles were erected - "The May Pole", a phallic symbol if ever one was seen. People hung ribbons from the top of the pole and wove them by dancing around the pole. If you are old enough and are from a small farming community, you may have actually seen this happening. I think that some grade school teachers had their children build small May Poles and hang ribbons from them. "May flowers" were given and exchanged as gifts: a fun and pretty time of year. **Happy Mayday!**

In the 19th century, the labor movement adopted the first day of May as "labor day". Conflict between the labor representatives, "unions", and businesses and law enforcement occurred when the unions tried to hold parades or demonstrations. Many people on both sides of the conflict were injured and some deaths were suffered. Many people were arrested and some were sent to prison. Usually it was the labor people who were sent to prison. In Chicago, a famous event was known as the Haymarket riots. It was a conflict between unions and businesses. Law enforcers usually took the side of business for its own economic wellbeing. (Business and its owners ran the governments and paid the most taxes.)

Michigan also had its trouble and conflict. Organizing unions in the auto plants was the subject of many riots and injuries. Both sides engaged in violent conduct. Only

the influence of the federal government stopped the violence and settled the matter. In 1897 the holiday "Labor Day" was declared by the federal government and set on the first Monday in September to honor labor.

Most members of Newcomers can remember when Russia and Stalin adopted the first of May as a holiday, "May Day", in honor of the Russian dead from World War II. Huge parades were held in Moscow in which the military might of Russia was displayed. I remember seeing these parades on television with hundreds of tanks and artillery pieces that were paraded in front of Stalin and his then higher powered deputies. The Russian air force planes continually flew overhead. The parades took hours to pass in front of the reviewing stand. The parades and the flexing of soviet military muscle probably contributed to the feelings behind the "Cold War".

Today, most young people probably know "Mayday" as a distress call from airplanes and ships. Who among us has not seen a movie where the radioman on a ship is not frantically sending out a "Mayday" signal repeatedly and frantically over the radio. Titanic comes to mind. Airplane movies always seem to fit in a "Mayday" call. In the water that I can see from my computer, West Bay, sits a Coast Guard cutter. Today in the calm sunshine the Coast Guard sailors seem to have an easy job. I'm sure that in the storms of November every "Mayday" signal that comes in over the radio will put these young men and women at risk of their lives. And it's not only in November but every time there is a "Mayday" call these men and women will answer it. Everyone who ventures out onto the water should be thankful for this "backup".

There you have it. Mayday can be anything from a satyr skipping through the fields flinging flowers in its path to a call which will bring the Coast Guard. I will choose the happier and again say, HAPPY MAYDAY!!!

Bob Luoma, Staff Writer, rluoma@charter.net

Activity Group News

Activity groups: Spring is here and we have many outdoor activities coming up. It is important for each of us to tell our activity leaders thank you, for giving their time and effort, in making our club really fun, informative and vital. We all have many chances to participate in the dinner groups, hiking, cards, and visiting unique artists in our area. We look forward to some sailing, and golf and even some kayaking, thanks to Jody Bennet t and Bob Luoma. Please watch your newsletter for these events. There is always room for more groups and the "Dinner for eight" has room for 2 more couples. Give Beth Hoover a call if you would like to participate. Hope to see you there. Joan Wallace, 231-222-0060, joanie8315@hotmail.com

GOLF



That fore letter word: **GOLF**

The golf league will be starting sometime in May. To all golfers who signed up last September, I will snail mail or email you the schedule. 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.

If you want to sign up now, you can call me, Dick Hayes, at 938-1705 or email me at rchtcmi1@aol.com.

BOOK CLUB: May 2, 10:00

We meet at Horizon Books, lower level, the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Please join us. Contact Letha Cairns at gcairns@chartermi.net or 271-6831.



The May book is *The Living Great Lakes* by Jerry Dennis, and June has changed to *Compass of the Heart* by Priscilla Cogan.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Men's Breakfast: Tues., May 10, 9:00

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

Out -To- Lunch Bunch: Wed., May 17, 1:00

Come gab with us at Gabby's Bayside Bistro, Wed., May 17, at 1:00 pm. Located at 12930 S.W. Bayshore Dr. From M-22 & M-72, Tom's Grocery West Bay, Gabby's is located 1 mile north on M-22. Gabby's is on the west side of M-22, formerly The Fog Horn Restaurant, and across the street from the large brown Harleyville bldg. This will be the last newcomers lunch until we resume in September. Hope you can join us. Please call your reservation by Mon., May 15, to Marcia Morse at 935-1806, or Carol Hosler at 933-4397.

Dining Out: Sun., May 28, 5:00

Join us for a set menu at the Trillium, Grand Traverse Resort's 17th floor restaurant, \$23 per person plus beverage, tax, and gratuity. Please call Constance Kilbride a week before to reserve, 649-4888.

CARDS



BRIDGE:

Team (1st Friday): Tom or Georgia Stoeber, 938-5846, tstoerber@bsaemail.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 has changed this year to Roma Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. Participants play as individuals, not teams.

Team Round Robin: Geri Dancy, 929-4787

EUCHRE:

Euchre Groups 1 and 2 are off and running! The response has been overwhelming. Both groups are filled to capacity! HOWEVER, if you would like to play once a month (and know how to play), sign up to be on a sub list. Call Karen Coquillard at 932-9883. Subs must sign up in two's. Both groups report a lot of fun, sandbagging, snacking and nonsense was enjoyed by all who played.

Group 1 (2nd Wednesday): Karen and Mike Coquillard, 932-9883

Group 2 (1st Thursday): Tom and Patti Custance, 935-4805

ART SAMPLER: May 10, 1:30

Art Sampler to visit **Rebecca's Beads May 10, at 1:30** pm, we are invited to tour and experience Rebecca's new studio. She will be giving us a demonstration on glass blowing and the art of making glass beads. She is also doing many interesting things using silver and other media to create her unique jewelry. This is not just for the ladies, as her approach to glass and silver appeals to all of us. There is adequate parking so we will meet there. Her studio is located directly behind the Cherry Bend Animal Clinic, at 10381 E Cherry Bend Road. (Look for the little green sign telling the number.) See you there. Joan Wallace, 231-222-0060, joanie8315@hotmail.com.

From the artist: My life, like that of other people, has taken many unexpected and sometimes challenging turns. After high school, I had three wonderful children, went to college, and got a job teaching art in the Traverse City Area Public Schools... in that order. I taught ceramics, photography, and elementary art at various times.

I have an M.A. in Art from Central Michigan University. My thesis combined photography and fiber art in a series of masks representing the inner and outer selves of human being. Images from some of that work may be seen on the web.

Though I've spent time working with many different media such as fiber, clay, photography and metals, I love the torch and the mystery of melting glass. It has a Tao-ist quality that welcomes giving up control and going with the flow.

My children have grown and I no longer teach in the public schools. This year I started a new business called Rebecca's Studio L.L.C. It is a working and teaching studio for glass art beads and PMC or precious metal clay. I hope I will inspire people to make art that makes them happy. www.rebeccas-beads.com

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, gkobernus@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 mother, father, children, grandchildren and even your dog on a leash. Walks will last between one and two hours. During the week before each walk if you email (wallacerg1@yahoo.com) or call Ron at 231-222-0060, cell # 231-590-2746, I will notify you if a walk has to be canceled. On Fridays I will email a list of those who say they are coming. If at the last minute you find you can join us, please do.

May 13th 11:00 a.m. Old Mission Point Park

**Go out Old Mission Peninsula. Follow 37 almost to where it ends.
Turn right on Tompkins. At Brinkman turn left. Left again on Murray.
Parking area will be on your right.**

Future outings: June 3, Empire area farm, July and August to be announced in June newsletter

Community Volunteer Opportunity: Interlochen Center for the Arts

Many Newcomer members quickly become involved in various community projects. As a service to our members we will describe some of those volunteer activities. This month's selection was submitted by John Cartwright. Please send other options to the editor.

Volunteers help make a difference at Interlochen for the community of artists! Many volunteers view their time at Interlochen as a gift they gave themselves. This summer of 2006 will mark the beginning of the 79th session of what now is known as the Interlochen Arts Camp. Together with the Academy, Interlochen annually provides life-changing experiences for more than 2,500 young people.

The Interlochen Arts camp offers students an extraordinary fine arts experience every summer. More than 2,000 students, ages 8 through 18, come from all 50 states, 38 other countries, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. By the time Camp ends in August, they collectively participate in more than 500 performances and exhibitions.

Founded in 1962, Interlochen Arts Academy is the premier arts boarding high school in the country, recognized as a model teaching center and outstanding presenter of artistic talent and achievement. The Academy offers the 450 plus students from around the globe instruction in music, theatre arts, dance, visual arts, creative writing and college preparatory academics. Ninety-five percent of Academy graduates go on to the nation's distinguished universities and conservatories.

The world class Interlochen Arts Festival, which boasts 750 annual theatre, dance, and music performances by students, faculty and guest artists is in full swing during the summer. Members of the camp community... faculty, staff and volunteers,,,can take in a concert such as The Irish Tenors, the World Youth Symphony with van Cliburn, or witness a production of a play or dance concert.

The largest group of volunteers work in the concert usher corps. Ushers help take tickets, pass out programs and seat patrons at all our performances. In exchange, volunteers receive free tickets to student and faculty performances and ticket discounts on guest artist concerts, as well as admittance to the concerts they work. We have an usher orientation program

each year. At Kresge Auditorium guest artist concerts, volunteers can opt to drive shuttle carts, serve as traffic/parking assistants, or work at the box office. Of course, most volunteers elect to serve as ushers. We have a smaller concert schedule for the fall/winter/spring seasons each year.

Should you wish to branch out from the usher program mentioned above, the possibilities are extensive. For instance, one volunteer spends each Thursday in Health Services. Another person volunteers as a seamstress and her husband builds sets and scenery. The radio station also recruits volunteers to help during semi-annual fundraising drives. We have volunteers who help at the library. You can volunteer by the time of day, the days of the week, summers and year round.

Volunteer Activities:

- Usher
- Shuttle cart driver
- Parking attendant
- Box office
- Bulk mailing (stuffing envelopes)
- Academy opening
- Camp opening
- Spring flower planting
- Theatrical set & prop construction
- Food service
- Costume shop (tailor/seamstress)
- Radio station campaigns
- Health services
- Scholarshop (retail store)
- Uniform fitting (for campers]
- Meet campers at the airport
- Office assistance
- Crossing guard
- Campus tour guide
- Photo archives
- Music & academic library assistant
- Maintenance
- Data entry
- Mailroom/copy room clerk
- Information booth
- Shuttle cart coordinator

For More Information, Please Contact...

John G. Cartwright, Coordinator of Volunteer Services
Interlochen Center for the Arts, PO Box 199
Interlochen, MI 49643, Phone 231-276-7638; Fax 231-276-7650; cartwrightjg@interlochen.org.

More Newcomer News

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: 16 ft Smokercraft Stinger, 2005 Model, with trolling motor, fish finder, Trailmaster trailer and 2006 Evinrude 50 HP E-Tech motor, cover. Includes dealer prep. Boat was won in a Habitat for Humanity raffle and has never been in the water. Someone will get a good deal!. Call Sharon Tapp (231) 223-8766.

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: 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

Easy Entertaining

Company season is drawing near. Here is a recipe that feeds a lot and can easily be doubled, frozen and re-heated. It is easy and yummy.

Sloppy Joe

2 pounds ground beef (or turkey)
1 medium onion
1 can tomato soup
4 tablespoons ketchup
2 tablespoons white vinegar
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon sugar

Chop onion and simmer in butter/oil. Add 2 pounds of meat and brown. Drain if necessary.

Add remaining ingredients. Salt and pepper to your taste. Simmer for one hour, stirring occasionally.

Makes 12 -15 medium sandwiches.

From Elaine Novak



Euchre players pause to celebrate Lee Hosler's birthday



From the Pyramid Point walk on April 17:
A hardy group strolls through meadows, forest,
high bluffs, and hills. →→

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