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# NEWCOMERS NEWS

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## Presidents' Letter



The Grand Traverse area is on fire with gorgeous colors. We hope you've been able to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us.

The Fall Kickoff Dinner in September was a great success with over 85 people attending and many new faces. Sincere thanks to our Co-Vice Presidents, Nancy

Harris and Patti Custance, and to our Executive Assistant, Elaine Novak, for making all the arrangements. Sue Keller, the Activity Group Chairperson, introduced individual activity group leaders, who we hope are now receiving many phone calls from you, the members, saying you want to participate in the fun of activities while meeting new people and learning information to make you feel like a "local".

We look forward to seeing you at the October program at Chateau Chantal on Old Mission Peninsula, at 6:30 pm, on Oct. 26. The November Program, the Newcomers' Auction, on November 16, will be the last Program to be held at the Heritage Center. Starting in January, our programs will be at the Denny's Museum in the Community Room.

There is no real business conducted at monthly General Programs. The majority of business is conducted at the Newcomers' Board meetings generally held on Monday of the week prior. The results are relayed to the membership through the Newsletter and announcements at the Program. You are welcome to attend the Board Meetings if you are interested, understanding you will be unable to vote. Anytime you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to speak with any Board member and if you wish, he/she can relate your thoughts to the rest of the Board.

We look forward to socializing with you as we all learn more about the Grand Traverse area and what it has to offer.

*Carol Thompson*

*Letta Cairns*

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# Special Events

## OCTOBER PROGRAM "Fall Fun"



Our October program will be held at Chateau Chantal on Old Mission Peninsula. The winery has asked that our program with them begin at 6:30 pm. That is a change from our usual time of 7:00 pm. Please join us at the winery for information on growing grapes and making wine. Also, we will be sampling wine and, hopefully, enjoying an incredible sunset from the most expansive view on the peninsula.

From the base of Old Mission Peninsula, take route 37 north through Mapleton. Chateau Chantal is about 2 miles past Mapleton on the right side of the road. Questions? contact Nancy Harris, 223-9844, grizharris@cs.com, or Patti Custance, 231-935-4805, patticustance@yahoo.com.



*Date:* October 26 *Time:* 6:30 pm *Location:* Chateau Chantal, 15900 Rue De Vin, Old Mission Peninsula, Traverse City

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM "Do I hear another bid?"



November 16th is the date for our annual auction and it is the last time we will meet in the Heritage Center on 6th Street. This has been a very popular event and is planned for your holiday shopping. In the past, items for auction have included homemade goodies and crafts, collectibles, tickets, wines and items for the home. Favorite donations have also included cooking lessons, boat rides and dinners served in one's home. We're expecting unique items, a great time and much fun! Our thanks go to Lori Brickman and Joan Wallace for volunteering to be auctioneers. Hope to see you there.

*Date:* November 16

*Time:* 7:00 pm

*Location:* Heritage Center on Sixth Street across from the Reynolds-Jonkoff funeral home, Traverse City

# Activity Group News

## BRIDGE

### *Couples 1st Friday Bridge Potluck Dinner*

The couples bridge will play at 7:00 pm at Cedar Creek Commons on November 5. This month's hosts are Tom and Georgia Stoeber, 938-5846 and Al and Elinor Spoering 935-3758. Please call either host if you plan to attend.



### *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

## JAZZ

The November meeting of the Jazz Appreciation group will be held at the home of Karl and Cynthia DeFoe on November 10 at 7:00 pm. The presentation will be made by Tina Lemley. The subject will be an audio and visual presentation of "A Great Day In Harlem". If you plan to attend, please call the Defoes at 932-1098 by Sunday evening, November 7, for directions and to confirm your attendance.

Dick Doumanian, 223-7545, or [dick@landcompanymich.com](mailto:dick@landcompanymich.com)



## SINGLES

Looking to get together with other singles? We're open to ideas for activities — dinner, theater, wine & cheese...any kind of outing or fun things to do. We're an adventurous group—you name, it we'll give it a try at least once. There will be a get-together meeting for the coming year on October 21 at 7:00 pm. Call Pat Glauch at 231-590-2279 after October 16 to make a reservation.

## FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

### **Dinner for Eight**

Groups of eight gather to share food and fellowship on four occasions through the year in a comfortable home setting. Participants host one dinner and will be a guest at the other three. The Dinner for Eight assignments and schedule is enclosed in this letter. For more information, please contact Elaine Pentilla at 231-334-4881, erpentilla@aol.com.



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

This group gets together at different area restaurants on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except June and July).

*Wed. Oct 20, 11:30 am:* O'Keefe's Firehouse Pub 303 N. St Joseph St, Suttons Bay, MI. The Restaurant is on the main street in Suttons Bay. Note the earlier time for this lunch.

*Wed., Nov. 17, 1:00 pm:* Join us for lunch at Hunan's Chinese Restaurant, 1425 S. Airport Rd., Traverse City. Hunan's is located on the south side of South Airport Road between Garfield & Barlow in a strip mall behind Taco Bell. Contact Carol Hosler 933-4397, carleehosler@charter.net, or Marcia Morse 935-1806, dominomarcia@juno.com not later than November 15.

### **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. Please join us and share in the food and fellowship. Out next gatherings will be:

*Sunday, October 17, at 5:00 pm.* Pearl's New Orleans Kitchen, 617 Ames, Elk Rapids. Order off the menu.

*Sunday, November 14, at 5:00 pm.* Join us at the Hofbrau Restaurant, 2784 M 137, Interlochen, MI. Reservations are needed by November 7.

*Sunday, December 12, at 5:00 pm.* We'll meet at the Bluebird Restaurant, 102 East River Street, Leland, MI. Please make reservations by December 5.

To make your reservation, call or email John and C J Cartwright at (231) 947.6229, j.cartwright@worldnet.att.net

### **Men's Breakfast**

Mark your calendar for the monthly Men's Breakfast and bring all the Testosterone you can muster. We meet at the Omelette Shoppe next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza every 2nd Wednesday at 9:00 am.

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

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

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

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**BOOK CLUB**

The Newcomers Book Club members had a great discussion in October on the Traverse City Reads book, *Snow in August* with Lori Brickman leading the dialogue.

Join us at Horizon Books lower level on November 2, 2004 at 10:00 am. Please note that the book for November has been changed due to a scheduling conflict. The book for this meeting is *Waiting for Snow in Havana* by Carlos Eire. This memoir is a National Book Award Winner and recollects Eire's Cuban boyhood before the Castro revolution and traces his eventual exile to the United States without his family. Our discussion leader is Katie Brown. (*Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseine has been moved to February.)

Since Horizon Books has been so generous to us the past, we encourage you to browse the store or visit the Shine Cafe on the lower level. For more information, contact Letha Cairns at 271-6831 or [gcairns@chartermi.net](mailto:gcairns@chartermi.net).

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**HIKING**

The hiking group normally meets the second Saturday of the month at 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.

*October 23, 9:15 a.m.* Meet at the T.B.A. parking lot on Parson Road to carpool to Jordan River Pathway. The pathway is located north of Mancelona off M-131. Hike is approximately 5 miles from Dead Man's Hill to fish hatchery.

*November 6, 9:30 a.m.* Meet at Sam's Club parking lot to car pool to Bahles Park in Suttons Bay to walk the trail through the old ski area. Hike is approximately 2 hours. After hike, we'll stop at Bob and Marty Johnson's new house for Cincinnati chili.

Call Frank Hayes (231) 256-9031, [mhayes@coslink.net](mailto:mhayes@coslink.net), or Bob Johnson 271-8778, [johnsonr@traverse.net](mailto:johnsonr@traverse.net) the week before each hike you plan on walking.

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