



NEWCOMERS NEWS

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Ladies (4th Thurs.)

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November Program

Do I Hear Another Bid? AUCTION (silent and regular)



Date: November 15
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping, or maybe find a unique treasure for yourself. 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 members' homes. We're expecting unique items, a great time and much fun! Our thanks go to Lee Hosler for volunteering to be our auctioneer. Hope to see you there.

This is the major fundraising effort of the club. Proceeds are used to benefit local charities and club activities.

Read more about this on page 3.

Location: Traverse Area District Library
610 Woodmere Ave., Traverse City

Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Holiday
Dinner-Dance,
Fri., December 16



Waterfront Inn Conference Center
2061 US 31 North, Traverse City
Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Dress: Holiday Casual

More details in the December newsletter.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Thoughts for the Day...

We can only be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures. (Thornton Wilder)

Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare. They are consumed in 20 minutes. Half-times take 20 minutes. This is not a coincidence. (Erma Bombek)

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER



Nancy and Patti, Co-Presidents

NOVEMBER 2005

If you weren't at the Kick-off dinner at the Hagerty Center in late September, you missed a terrific time. The bay view was fabulous, the food was delicious and the fellowship was the best. We met lots of wonderful new friends. The turnout was great with over 100 people in attendance. After dinner we were given an informative tour of the Maritime Academy and the Culinary Institute. Did you know that the Maritime Academy is the only facility in the United States that trains its cadets to be certified to sail the Great Lakes and the oceans, and that the Culinary Institute has four kitchens and a restaurant? A great time was had by all.

Mark your calendars for the November 15th auction and bake sale. Donations will be needed for both. Homemade items are always a big hit. The auction is always a fun experience and we hope to see you there.

We have some new activity groups that already appear to be quite popular. The Art Sampler group will visit local artists' studios. The Day Trips will be just that - a day trip somewhere. A euchre card night will join the bridge groups. It is never too late to join an activity group. Be sure to check our website at www.gtnewcomers.com.

Nancy Harris and Patti Custance

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.

947-8403, hsfincht@aol.com



NOVEMBER 15th PROGRAM Annual Auction Fundraiser

How and What to Donate

We are asking members to donate items or services for the auction. Homemade items are always a big hit - be it crafts, quilting or homemade goodies like cookies or jams. Also very popular are collectables, antiques, tickets, etc. Be creative. We know you all have a lot to offer.

This has been a fun and popular event and is our only fund raising function for the entire year. Your membership dues cover our basic operating costs for the year, such as rent for our meeting room at the library, printing and postage for our monthly newsletter and our annual directory. The funds raised from our 50/50 raffles and the auction have allowed the club to help offset some of the costs of the dinners, such as room charges and the cost for a DJ at our holiday dinner dance. Also, the costs for our summer picnic come from these extra funds. With that in mind, we hope you get in the spirit and help make our auction a success.

Please plan to arrive at 6:30 if you are bringing items to donate to the auction. Questions? Call Matt Albert, 941-4143, or Royce Rule, 946-4502.



NEW

MEMBER

CORNER



We would like to extend a big "WELCOME" to our newest members, who are listed below:

- Gary & Judy Anderson** from Midland
- Rick & Kathy Bodette** from Tennessee
- Steve & Sheri Constantin**
- William & Barbara Corrigan** from Valparaiso, IN
- Bud & Nancy Dockter** from Okemos
- Ronald & Ilse Dove** from Lansing
- Joyce Dye** from Frankfort
- Jim & Leslie Julian** from northern California
- Mark & Leslie Kupferer** from Farmington Hills
- Jere & Patsy Marciniak** from Midland
- Peggy McClure** from Peoria, IL
- Bradley & Karen Spencer** from Ann Arbor
- Kristy & Dave Tupper** from Grand Rapids
- Jay & Mike Youngflesh** from California

Happy Retirement to Alice Beeker!

Alice has been the City Hostess, assisted by Sharon Finch and Karen Schwarm, who arrived at our doors bearing smiles, coupons, area information and an invitation to join the Newcomer's Club. Who could count the number of people she has welcomed to our area as well as encouraging them to become involved with our organization?

Alice has been a member of Newcomer's since 1979. She has attended countless board meetings serving as the only constant source for historical issues. During planning sessions, it was Alice who could remember which had been successful endeavors and those which are better not repeated!

We will miss her guidance although she has offered to be available for questions. Happy trails, Alice! We're hoping your well earned retirement will be filled with happiness and good cheer.

Sharon Finch has taken over the business and welcomes referrals regarding new people in the area. She can be reached at 231-947-8403,

Membership Directory Update

Once each year, in late October or early November, we publish a Newcomers Directory which lists the names, addresses, email addresses and where each member has relocated from. This year we are trying something new by including photographs of our members in the directory to help everyone associate "a face with a name." This year's directory has already gone to press. If we were not able to get your picture before our Oct. 7th deadline, it will not appear in the initial directory.

However, we do issue addendums periodically as needed to keep our directory up-to-date, and they are automatically distributed in the newsletter. If you would like to have your photo included in the addendum, you can either email or use regular mail to send me your picture. If you send it by regular mail, please make sure your name is on the back and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your photo.

Also, if you notice any errors in your listing, please let me know. We'll get it corrected in the next addendum. Judy Albert, mjalbert@chartermi.net, 941-4143

Activity Group News

ART SAMPLER GROUP

NEW!!

On **Tuesday, November 8 at 1:30 p.m.** there will be an opportunity for Newcomers to visit an area artist in her studio. We who live in the Grand Traverse area are very fortunate to have a wealth of talented people who live, work, and play among us.

Our first studio visit will be to Mary Fuscaldò's Rimwalk Studio. Mary's medium is pastel and oil landscapes of northern Michigan. She has illustrated the best selling book *Look About You, A Magical Childhood In Michigan's Wild Places*.

Mary is very active in the community and teaches pastel at the arTCenter, in Traverse City. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet her and see and hear about her work.

Rimwalk Studio is located 4 miles south of Lake Leelanau on 643. Turn right on Hohnke Rd. (620) to top of the hill. Turn left at the Rimwalk Studio sign to 4249 S. Whitehill Rd.



Please contact Joan Wallace, 275-5030, or Joanie8315@hotmail , if you plan to attend. Please feel free to "just show up" at Rimwalker Studio. Mary will be happy to have anyone who is interested in her work. These are informal adventures and intended to get us involved in the art community of our area. See you there.

These studio tours will be on-going, so watch for future dates for more opportunities to meet and see artists in their studios. If you know of an artist or crafts person that would like to share their experience with us, in this way, please let me know. This is a great way to get better acquainted with our area and all it has to offer.

BOOK CLUB

If you have been thinking about joining the Book Club, but haven't gotten around to it - now is the time.

Join us for our discussion on the novel *Sundog* by that great Michigan author Jim Harrison. Katie Brown will lead the discussion. We will meet **Tuesday, November 1st, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.** in the lower level of Horizon Books. We usually follow the session with lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Looking ahead to December 6th, the selection is *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult with Elaine Novak leading the discussion.

If you have questions regarding the book club, please call Letha Cairns at 271-6831 or gcairns@chartermi.net.



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 have been sent out and the first dinner has probably already been held. New members will be added to the subs list until there is a full opening in the future. For more information, please contact Beth Hoover, 231-386-5639, or Casahover@aol.com

Dining Out

This area is home to many good restaurants in various price ranges. We will usually meet on the second or third Sunday of the month. Please join us in the food and fellowship. Reservations required. Please call Constance Kilbride a week before to reserve, 649-4888.

Sunday, November 6, 5:00 p.m.

Peninsula Grill

14091 Center Rd. (Old Mission Peninsula)

Note: This is a change from the previously announced destination!

Plan ahead:

December 11, Hanna Bistro

Out -To- Lunch Bunch

We hope you will join us. RSVP to Marcia Morse, 935-1806, or Carol Hosler, 933-4397, by Mon., 11-14.

Wednesday, November 16, 1:00

Rancho Grande-West

3860 N. Long Lake Rd

(Next to Oleson's)

Men's Breakfast

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.

Wednesday, November 9, 9:00 a.m.



(Activity Groups cont. next page.)

Board Meetings

Members are encouraged to attend Board meetings. The next meeting is Tues., November 7, 10:00 a.m., Horizon Books, lower level. If you would like to add items to the agenda, please contact either of the Co-Presidents before the meeting.

Other Group Contacts:

Cross-country, Snowshoeing - Carl Kucsera, 946-7762

Day Trips - Barbara Cochrane, 267-5547

Golf - Dick Hayes, 938-1705

Sailing - George Kobernus, 933-9321

Singles - Linda Olah, 922-0623

Questions? Want to start a different group?
Contact Joan Wallace, Activity Groups Director, 275-5030,
Joanie8315@hotmail

CARDS



BRIDGE:

Team (1st Friday): Tom or Georgia Stoeber, 938-5846, tstoeber@bsamail.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:

WOW! WHAT A WONDERFUL RESPONSE TO THE NEWCOMERS COUPLE'S EUCHRE GROUP!

Group 1 is being hosted by Karen and Mike Coquillard, 932-9883. This group has filled up!

Group 2 is being hosted by Patti and Tom Custance, 935-4805. As of this writing, there were only a couple of spots left. Call Patti if you are interested in her group.

Group 3! If we have enough interest AND someone is willing to take charge and host a group, we could form group 3. The host could pick the one evening of the month, the time, and the details for that group. **If you are interested, call Karen Coquillard at 932-9883.**

A WALK IN THE WOODS

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, 11:00 AM
Ransom Lake

It seems Newcomer members are interested in walking. There were 48 responses of interest on the membership renewals and at the kickoff dinner.



Spot Albert (Matt's at the other end of the leash) finds something to examine on the October walk. (photo by Judy Albert)

The last walk for 2005 will be at **Ransom Lake Nature Area on Nov. 12th at 11a.m.** We will start again in April. We hope you will join Carl Kucsera for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing this winter.

Ransom Lake is located in Lake Ann: County road 610 goes from Traverse City to Lake Ann. Just east of Lake Ann you will see a blue Ransom Lake sign pointing to Bellows

Lake Road. Take Bellows Lake Rd. to the parking lot on your right just beyond Nosfger Rd. If you are coming toward Lake Ann from M31 on county road 665, the first Ransom Lake sign puts you on a not so good two track. Go to the second Ransom Lake sign; this will be at Nosfger Road. Take Nosfger to Bellows Lake Road and the parking lot.

During the week before each walk if you e-mail: wallacerg1@yahoo.com or call Ron at 275-5030, I will notify you if a walk has to be canceled. On Fridays I will e-mail a list of those coming so you can plan rides. If at the last minute you find you can join us, please do. Rich Morse has agreed to help. E-mail: dominomarcia@juno.com, 935-1806.

If you would also like to do some serious hiking, this is the Grand Traverse Hiking Club web site: www.northcountrytrail.org/gtr/

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