



Newcomers News

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2006

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NOVEMBER PROGRAM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:00 PM

A GENTLE, SERENE AUCTION FOR THE
DISCRIMINATING NEWCOMER



Please bring your donated items between 6:15 and 6:45.

You've been to those loud, gaudy auctions that just set your nerves atwitter, I'm sure. We promise the Newcomers Auction on Monday Nov. 13 is not like that at all. The more discriminating mature gentleman and lady much prefer the serene auction which is what we're famous for: a nice gentle-"lookee here folks, this nice rare bit of sheet music, going once, twice, sold, and a real bargain there!" sort of easy-going southern flavor auction.

This is the major fund raising effort of the club, and we need your help and your donations to pull this off! Bring scarves, books, jewelry, rare ancient coins, and rare items from crocheting grandmothers, ex-wives, and eccentric brothers and sisters. Original oils (Dali or small Picassos) are okay too. Gift certificates from local businesses are always popular. Dinners in members' homes, cooking lessons, and boat rides sell well too. Use your imagination!

The Silent Auction is serene as eager buyers saunter up at their leisure to eyeball the many rare and beautiful items being sold on a specially laid out table.

The regular auction is naturally a little more upbeat than the silent auction, but the gentle presentation of "for sale" treasures are always in good taste and refinement by Gentleman Auctioneer Lee (Tonsils) Hosler.

TRAVERSE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

610 Woodmere Ave.

6:00 - 7:00 Set-up

7:00 - 7:30 Mingle, Silent Auction Bidding

7:30 - 8:30 Not-So-Silent Auction

8:30 - 8:45 Pay-up and Clean-up

(Those spending liberally may be excused from putting their chairs away!)

Questions? Contact Brad Spencer, Co-VP

DECEMBER PROGRAM—FRIDAY, DEC. 8

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

NOVEMBER 2006

If you were unable to attend the Kickoff Dinner at the Hagerty Center, you missed a really wonderful evening. We had 91 members in attendance and, after dinner, were given a very interesting tour of the Maritime Academy.



If you haven't, as yet, been able to join an activity group(s) of your liking, it's never too late. Our activity group leaders are always anxious to hear from you.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on November 13 at our auction at the Traverse City Public Library on Woodmere St. **Note that this year's auction is being held on a Monday evening instead of our usual Tuesday evening program.** Please be thinking of interesting items to donate.

Matt Albert

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE DECEMBER PROGRAM: ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

Friday, December 8, 6:30 PM

Please join us for a fun-filled event that will be held at the Waterfront Conference Center, 2061 U.S. 31 North, Traverse City.

Cash bar 6:30 Sit-down dinner 7:30

Dinner selections (pick one):

- fresh salmon served with cucumber dill sauce, or
- roast pork loin topped with whiskey go-go sauce

\$27 per person. Please send check (payable to Newcomers Club) by Monday, December 4, to:

Elaine Novak
4019 East Shore Drive
Grawn, MI 49637

Include notation of dinner selection.

Special Note: We encourage everyone to bring non-perishable food items (or checks) to donate to the **Northwest Food Coalition.**

Let's help those less fortunate during this joyous but needy time of year.

Request For History

Occasionally I have written about the history of various holidays. This month I was going to write about the history of the Newcomers Club. Much to my dismay, I discovered that the Club has no written history collected in any place I was able to find. The Club webmaster told me that he knew of no such information. I know that Newcomers has been in existence under the present name (or maybe others) for at least forty years.

I am requesting that members send me information about the history of the Newcomers Club, or the name of anyone else who could help.

We usually know a little bit of our members' histories, but what about our Club's? In my opinion, every entity should know of its roots and past. Please help me. It would be fun to know more about our beginnings.

Bob Luoma
Staff Reporter
luoma@charter.net



New Member Corner

John & Nan Strickler (Mason, MI)
Nick & Susan Hansen (Neenah, WI)
Debra Cuputo-Caton (Littleton, CO)
Clarice Montrey (Palms, MI)
Mike Ennenga & Maura Boland
(Sandpoint, ID)
Ben & Diane LaBelle (Gurnee, IL)
Howard & Pam Love (Canton, MI)
Linda Morris (Jackson, MI)

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, hsfinchtc@aol.com

Seeking Volunteer Speakers and Writers!

For many Newcomers, volunteering has become a way of life. It turns out that this penchant is a treasure for the community and often a source of joy for the participant.

We are searching for a number of Newcomer volunteers to volunteer to educate our membership about volunteer opportunities in this wonderful Grand Traverse region.

The plan is to seek a group of speakers (for our April Newcomers program) who can tell us in 3-7 minutes about their exciting volunteer activities.

We know that the Grand Traverse Newcomers Club members are especially smart and compassionate people. Many of you have discovered interesting volunteer sidelights to your regular daily lives which you are happy to share with other people.

If you have a volunteer activity that you are proud of, we

would be interested in hearing about it. If you would be willing to submit a paragraph about your organization and your particular duties/experiences, we could select some members who are willing to speak about their organization at the April 2007 Newcomers program.

Carrying this idea one step further, we will continue to include volunteer opportunities in the Newcomers newsletter. What better way to educate and promote volunteerism, and to become familiar with the community.

If you are interested in either being part of the April program or would like to submit a volunteer organization article for future publication in the new Newcomers Newsletter Volunteering Column, please submit a paragraph or two about your activity to:

Brad Spencer, Co-Vice-President.
bradleycs@earthlink.net

DON'T MISS THIS!

Lifelong Learning Campus Day for 50+ at the NMC University Center

Friday, November 10, 2006, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

32 sessions (choose up to 3)

Sessions last 1 hr. 45 min.

Registration fee \$15

Box lunch (optional) \$7

Call 995-1700 for schedule of offerings and details.

ACTIVITY GROUP NEWS

Activity groups: A list of the groups and this year's chairs is on page 3 of the September issue. If you don't have a copy of it, look for it on the web. Please contact the chairs if you have any questions about their activities.

I would like to thank our group leaders; without them we would not have the variety of groups that the Newcomers Club offers. If you have ideas for new groups or questions, please let me know.

Susanne Bonner 932-0943 susannebonner@aol.com

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 7, 10:00 AM

Please join the Newcomers Book Club discussion group that meets in the lower level of Horizon Books.

The group is lively and entertaining, and I am sure you will enjoy the discussion. If you are new and like to read, come and get a feel for the book group.

This month's selection is ***Color Tour*** by local author Aaron Stander. This is Aaron's second mystery thriller set in Northern Michigan and Leelanau County.

If you are already into scheduling December's calendar, our book is ***Interpreter of Maladies*** by Jhumpa Lahiri. Lahiri is considered one of the best short story writers working in America today. This collection is a poignant and intriguing look at the dual lives of Indians making a place for themselves in modern America.

If you have questions, please contact Letha Cairns at 271-6831 or gcairns@chartermi.net.

SINGLES

Thursday, November 9th, 5:00 PM

Windows Restaurant, Early Bird. Mark the date now! Join Us for dinner out, great food and conversation Please **R. S. V. P. to Joanne Davis by Friday, Nov. 3rd** at 922-9672 or jdavis4798@aol.com. Watch for our tentative schedule for the year in the next newsletter!

DINNER FOR 8

Call Laurie or Mark Kupferer, 231-256-8892, if you're interested. See the September newsletter (online or hard copy) for a description of this activity. The schedule is set but substitutes are welcome. The 2006-2007 schedule has been emailed to current participants.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, November 8, 9:00 AM

The Men's Breakfast meets at the **Omelette Shoppe** next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza the second Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. Reservations are not required; just show up. Questions? Call George Kobernus, 933-9321.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, November 15, 1:00 PM

Minerva's Restaurant, located in the Park Place Hotel, at 300 State Street, is our O.T.L. Bunch destination for November. Please call Gloria Brown, 947-5318 or email gbrown14@charter.net for reservations by Wednesday, November 8th.

DINNER OUT

Sunday, November 19, 5:00 PM

Minerva's Restaurant, located in the Park Place Hotel, at 300 State Street, is the destination. Please RSVP to Constance Kilbride, 649-4888, by Sunday, Nov. 12. (Later reservations are not turned away, but the restaurant needs an approx. number.)

SNOWSHOE & X-CTRY SKI

Think snow! Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will probably not begin before January. A list of locations, times, etc. will be published in next month's newsletter. We will try to go twice a month. If anyone has favorite places, let Joe Harris know at 223-9844 or grizharris@charter.net. Contact Joe if you would like to be on his e-mail list.

ART SAMPLER

Wednesday, November 8, 1:00 PM

ART SAMPLER will be going to the Dennon Museum for a private guided tour of the current exhibit which is:

BLAST FROM THE PAST: ART FROM THE 1960s.

We will meet at the museum, the cost is \$4.00 per person, paid at the door. The tour will last one hour and the docent will be pleased to continue with anyone from the group that would like to learn more about the other exhibits at Dennon.

Please let me know if you will be attending by Monday, November 6 by 12:00 noon. Call me at 932-0943 or email me at susannebonner@aol.com. I hope you can make it.

The position of chairperson for the ART SAMPLER GROUP is available, please contact me if you are interested or have any questions. This is a fun, interesting and informative group. Susanne Bonner, 932-0943, susannebonner@aol.com.

A WALK IN THE WOODS

Saturday, November 11, 1:00 AM

Lone Pine Trail

Walk the Lone Pine Trail, part of the Grand Traverse Conservation District. A leisurely walk will take us along the Boardman River to Keystone Rapids. Bring your cameras & binoculars. You'll find poison ivy on the side of the trails, some stairs, and wood chips. RSVP so that I'll have your number in case of cancellation. Lunch at a local restaurant after if you have time. Carole Groves, 231-492-4567.

Directions: Look for the Art Van store on Airport Road. To the north is Park Dr. in front of Art Van. To the south, it is Keystone, which you want. Turn onto Keystone and go about 3.5 miles. On your right, near the front of the property is a large sign designating The Lone Pine Trail. (I pass by it and have to turn around because the sign seems hidden by trees.)

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**



CARDS

BRIDGE:

NEW!!! Mixed Party Bridge: All levels welcome. No need for a partner. Different host each month. Contact RICHARDRBODETTE@cs.com or 271-7524. for Nov. details. 7:00 PM.

Team (1st Friday): Tom or Georgia Stoeber, 938-5846, tstoerber@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, Restaurant 310, 11:30 a.m. Participants play as individuals.

EUCHRE:

Group #1: 2nd Wednesday of the Month
Group Leaders: Mike and Karen Coquillard 932-9883

Group #2: 1st Thursday of the Month
Group Leaders: Patti and Tom Custance 935-4805

If you are interested in playing Euchre and/or being a group leader, contact Karen Coquillard at 932-9883.

Nan and John Strickler are leading and forming Group #3. Group #3 is a couple's euchre group tentatively planning on playing the last Thursday of the month. If you are a couple (you do not have to be married, but you need to be a set of two) and are interested, call Karen Coquillard at 932-9883. For those of you who go away in the winter, you can still join, as long as you are committed to the group when you are here. Subs are available to fill in for you.

JOIN IN THE GAMES

Monday, November 6, 7:00 PM

What games? Open a new or favorite board game. Roll the dice. Shuffle the cards. First Monday of the month. 7:00 p.m. Mixed group, come as a single or as a pair. Depending on group size, one or more games can be played. Size limited to 12-16 people. We'll talk about what you want to do that night. Bring your favorite game idea. Would you teach a game you've enjoyed?

Call for more information: Carole Groves, 231-492-4567.

Newcomer Fun a



Pam and Bill Evans



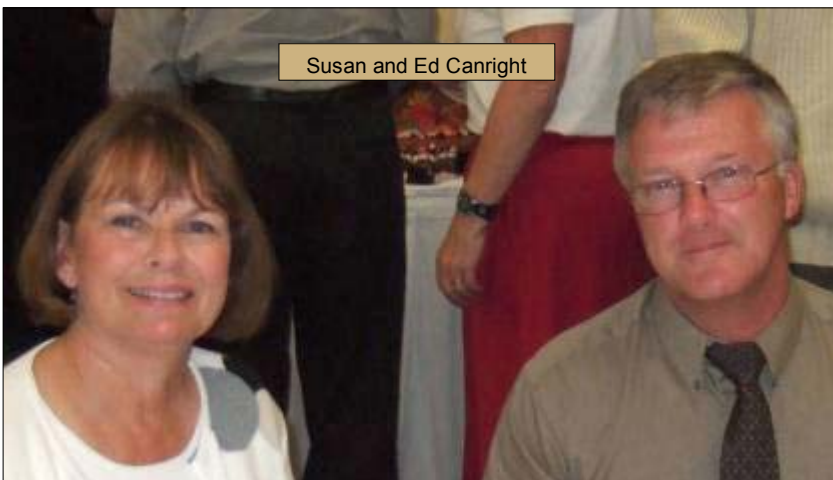
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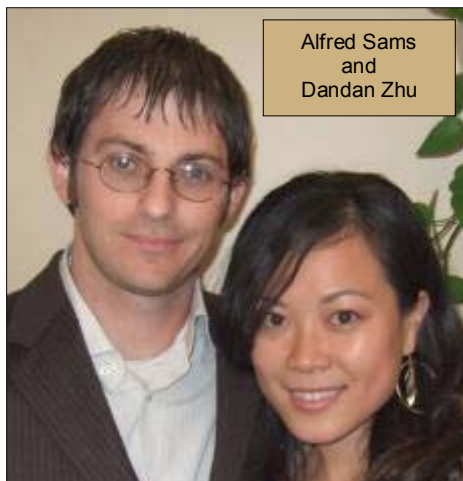
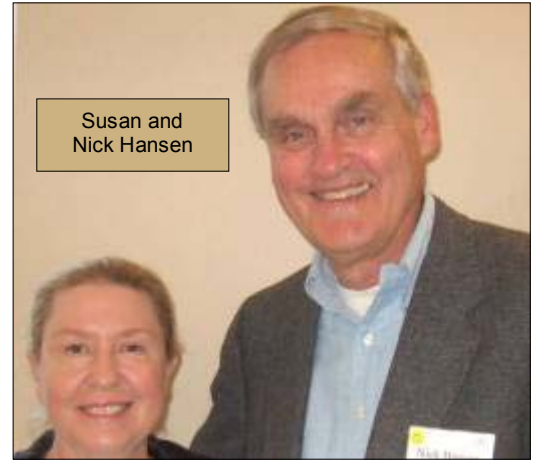
Keith McCormick
and Dick Hayes



Susan and Ed Canright

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at the Kickoff Dinner



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