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President's Letter



As I write this letter, the days of summer are still hanging on. Great!

However, the nice thing about living in the North is the change of seasons, each with its own distinct beauty. As Fall is about to arrive, we settle into a new routine. I hope your "routine," includes the Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse. We have some exciting programs planned for you this coming year.

We begin with the Fall Kickoff Dinner, which will be held at Boone's Long Lake Inn, on Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Membership is not necessary to attend this dinner. This is where prospective members get to check us out.

Following dinner, all of our Activity Groups will have a place for you to sign up for the events that interest you, and to ask any questions you may have about the activities -- such as where and when they meet, etc.

This year, membership in Newcomers remains \$25.00 per family. The fee is used to pay expenses, associated with running the club. e.g., postage for newsletter and other mailings, fee for use of the Heritage Center where we hold most of our programs, and other expenses of the organization. Membership forms will be available at the dinner

A final reminder. The cut-off date for publishing the Newcomers Directory is October 11. Applications received after that date will be published in the addendums, so send your membership application in now.

See you at Boone's!

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FALL KICKOFF 2003



The 2003 Fall Kickoff Dinner will be held at Boone's Long Lake Inn, on Tuesday, September 23. We'll begin at 6:30 pm with a social time. At about 7:15, we will have some introductions, and then dinner at 7:30 pm.

This kickoff event for the 2003-2004 season is a great opportunity to meet new people, become reacquainted with old friends, and sign up for the activities of your choice.

If you have not made your reservation, you may still do so by calling Jody Bennett at 932-9249.

Dinner includes appetizers and your choice of one of three entrees.

- 10 oz. New York Strip
- Grilled Chicken
- Alaskan Cod

Cash bar and cash dessert will also be available. Send your check for \$21.00 to:

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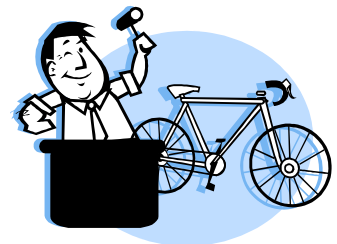
**OCTOBER PROGRAM
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The program for October will be Bryan Crough of the Downtown Development Authority. This should be a very interesting evening and a great opportunity to find out the latest on what is happening in Traverse City's Downtown. The date is Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 pm. at the Heritage Center on Sixth Street, across from the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.



**NOVEMBER PROGRAM
Newcomers Auction.**

November 18 is the date of our semi-annual auction. This is our most popular program so start planning now. We need your creative ideas and donations! Come, have fun and bid!



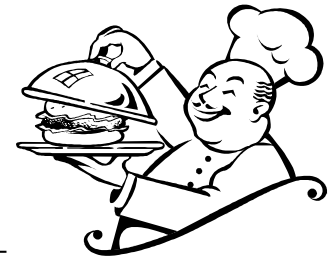
Activity Group News

The Fall Newcomers activity schedule is underway. Here are some groups that may be of interest to you. Pick one or several. Try something different. If you have an interest in an activity that is not represented, please call Sue Keller at 922-8937. In order to participate in an activity group you must be a member of the Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse. Be sure to return your membership form soon so that you may enjoy all that we have to offer.

FOOD AND DINING

Dinner for Eight

Participation in this group is an excellent way to meet new friends and enjoy good food in a comfortable setting. You will host one dinner and be a guest at three others. As a host, you will arrange a convenient date within a two-month period with your guests and determine a menu; it may be casual or formal, mid-week, Saturday brunch, Sunday supper - whatever. As host, you provide the place to dine, the main dish and the beverages (wines are optional and may be provided by any couple). Your guests will share in completing the meal by preparing salad, vegetable, dessert, or anything else you may select.



You are encouraged to sign up for this group as soon as possible as groups will be published in the October Newsletter. For the group to function properly, everyone must make a commitment to the planning and preparation. Each host is responsible for contacting their group and ensuring that everyone is involved. New groups will be formed as additional people sign up and those not assigned a group will be added as substitutes.

There will be four dinners this year; the dates for each are only a suggestion. Feel free to set a date convenient to your group. This is especially important if you will be out of town for a period. Make plans before you leave to contact your host. If you are the host, contact your group and select an alternate time. Some negotiation is often needed but if groups don't meet, or people can't join in, it's difficult to get acquainted!

For more information, contact Sue Keller at 922-8937

Out -To- Lunch Bunch

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

The next Out-To-Lunch Bunch gathering will be at The Red Mesa Grill in Boyne City on Wednesday, October 22 at 1:00 pm. Car pooling will be available at the Mancino's Restaurant parking lot in the mall on Munson Avenue that has a Tom's Market and JoAnn Fabrics. Please meet at 11:45 am. To make your reservation, please call Dotti Streichert at 922-8912, streicherts@chartermi.net, or Sharon Baswell 947-4694 before Oct. 17th.

Dinner Out

The Grand Traverse area is home to many good restaurants in various price ranges. Please join us as we visit some of them and share in the food and fellowship, generally on the 3rd or 4th Sunday evening of the month. Join us on:

- September 28: Hacienda-Vasquez, 5:30 pm, 11324 S. US 31, south of Elk Rapids. Mexican and American food. Please reserve by Sept. 24.
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- October 26: The Boathouse, Old Mission Peninsula, 5:30 pm. Reserve by Oct. 22 to ensure a spot.

Call Jody Bennett or Bob Luoma 932-9249, or bennettj@traverse.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

**BOOK CLUB**

We welcome back book club members and invite any Newcomers to join us at Horizon Book Store the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. We meet in the lower level at the Shine Cafe. Our September discussion of the book *Bel Canto* was terrific. We meet next on Tuesday, October 7, 2003. The book for discussion is *Tortilla Curtain* by T.C. Boyle. This novel is set near present day Los Angeles and tells the riveting tale of culture clash when upward mobile suburbanites come face to face with a growing number of illegal immigrants. If you would like to join us or have questions about the book club, please contact Letha Cairns at 271-6831, or by e-mail: gcairns@chartermi.net.

HIKING

The hiking group 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. Here's our next three hikes:

Sept 20: Meet at Sam's parking lot at 9:15 am to car pool to Manistee River Trail located south of Mesick. From Mesick take M-37 South 6 miles to 26 road; go west on 26 road three miles to O'Rourke Drive (stay to the right fork); go right on O'Rourke drive for about one mile to Seaton Creek Campground. Hike is approximately 2 hours.



October 11: Jordan River, Bahle Park in November. Call Frank Hayes for more information at 256-9031

BRIDGE***Couples 1st Friday Bridge***

October 3 hosts are Al and Elinore Spoering 935-3758, Phyllis Klann 929-7696 and Gerri Dancy, 929-4787. Please call to make reservations. Play starts at 7:00 pm. Marty Johnson 941-1401, johnsonr@traverse.net.

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. (Please note the change in location.)

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

Team Round Robin.

The winter Round Robin Bridge begins in January. Contact Rita Guttenberg for further information". Rita Guttenberg, 941-9574 (Winter), Geraldine Dancy 929-9287 (Spring)

JAZZ

The "Jazz Appreciation" group will start its 5th year with a gathering at the home of Dick and Guyla Doumanian on October 8 at 7:00 pm. The subject will be "Six Swinging Licorice Sticks", featuring Artie, Benny, Billie, Buddy, Harry, and Woody. If you plan to attend, please call Dick or Guyla no later than Sunday evening, October 5, for directions and to confirm your attendance. Dick Doumanian 223-7545. dick@landcompany.com.

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, boozzer@charter.net

RECRUIT A MEMBER !

Know someone who just moved into town, or maybe you have friends that could stand a little excitement in their lives? Invite them to check out one of our activities, or contact one of our City Hostesses with their names and they'll do the rest.

Alice Beeker 933-4404 Sharon Finch 947 8403

One of our members, Jon Hamilton, passed away on Monday, September 8th. All Newcomers regret the loss of a valued member and express our sympathy to his wife, Marlene, and the family.

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E-mail is the best way to get information to members between publication of the Newcomer News.



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