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# NEWCOMERS NEWS

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FALL KICKOFF DINNER

*Sept 21*

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

*Sept 8*

### OUT TO LUNCH

*Sept 15, Oct 20*

### BOOK CLUB

*Sept 7*

### DINING OUT

*Sept 19*

### JAZZ

*Oct 13*

### HIKING

*Sep 11*

### BOARD MEETING

*Aug 16*

### BRIDGE

*Couples*

*Sept 10*

*2nd Thurs*

*Sept 9*

*4th Thurs*

*Sept 23*

## Presidents' Letter



Welcome to the 2004-2005 Season of the Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse. As you continue to enjoy the beauty and festivities of this Northern Michigan summer, we hope you are also planning to re-join (or join) your friends in the Newcomers activities once the houseguests have departed. Your board is busy planning the new fall schedule and we look

forward to seeing you all at the many upcoming events and programs.

Our annual Kickoff Dinner is rapidly approaching. Please mark your calendars for September 21, 2004 and plan to join us at Boone's Long Lake Inn at 6:30 pm for cocktails and dinner. This event is an excellent opportunity to meet people and socialize, hear about the activities available for members, learn more about the Traverse City region, and share your experiences. Tables will be set up with information about the Newcomers activity groups. Each group will have someone to answer questions and/or sign up members.

We need your help in locating people new to the area. If you know of any recent arrivals, please invite them to the fall dinner to see what Newcomers is all about. They do not have to be members to attend the first dinner program. This is also the time of year when current members can renew their membership. The Newcomers annual fee remains at \$25.00 per household. A membership form is included with this newsletter. Prospective and returning members are encouraged to contact Judy Albert, Membership Chairperson at 941-4143 for further information. In addition, The Newcomers Directory is currently being updated. Please renew your membership as soon as possible to insure you are included in the directory.

The Newcomers Club exists to provide social activities and opportunities to meet new people, and to help those new to the region get acclimated and comfortable with this lovely area. We look forward to seeing every-

*Carol Thompson*

*Letta Cairns*

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# Special Events

## 2004 NEWCOMERS KICK-OFF DINNER

It's that time again! Mark your calendars for the Newcomers Kick-off Dinner on Tuesday September 21, 2004. This year's gathering will be at Boone's Long Lake Inn 7208 Secor Rd. Traverse City.

This event is the first of the 2004 season and is a great opportunity to meet new friends, learn more about the Newcomers Club, and talk to the various Activity Group chairs.

Cocktails and appetizers 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:30 pm.

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

- 10 oz N.Y. strip
- Grilled chicken
- Alaskan cod



Cash bar and cash dessert available

All reservations must be received no later than Friday, September 17. Mail your check for \$23.00 per person to:

- Elaine Novak  
4019 East Shore Dr.  
Grawn, MI 49637  
231-276-0361

*Note: Please indicate in the memo section of your check which entrée(s) you desire.*

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### REMINDER

*The 2004-2005 Directory will be printed and distributed during the month of October. In order to have your membership information included in the initial printing of the directory, your dues must be received on or before October 11. A membership application is included with this newsletter. Late payment of dues will mean that your membership information will be printed and distributed as an addendum to the directory.*



## OCTOBER PROGRAM "Fall Fun"

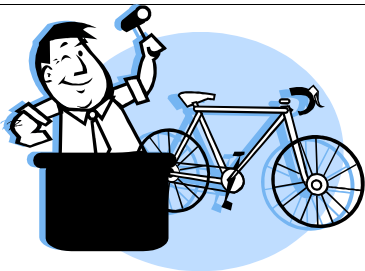


Mark your calendars now! Instead of meeting at the Heritage Center in October, we will gather at Chateau Chantal Winery on Old Mission Peninsula. The winery with the world's best view of Grand Traverse Bay has graciously agreed to offer a tour and tasting event for our Newcomer's Club. The evening includes education about grape growing and wine production as well as a tour of the cellar and, of course, wine sampling!

*Date:* October 26

*Time:* 6:30 pm

*Location:* Chateau Chantal, 15900 Rue De Vin, Old Mission Peninsula, Traverse City 49686, 223-4110



## NOVEMBER PROGRAM Newcomers Auction.

The November 16 Newcomers program will be a Silent Auction. It comes before the holiday rush, and is a great opportunity to find something unique.

We are asking members to donate for the auction. Homemade items are always a hit — be it crafts, quilting, cookies, or jams. Also popular are collectables or antiques. Other ideas from past auctions are: tickets to events such as the symphony, Interlochen, Jet Ski rides, or sports. You may want to consider a gift basket of Michigan products, kitchen or bathroom items, or wines. If you have a specialty such as cooking, or sailing, offer a dinner in a home, or a ride on a boat. If you can't be creative, be practical. We expect to have a great turnout, an evening of fun, and contribute to a good cause.

*Date:* November 16

*Time:* 7:00 pm

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

## HELPING HANDS

The Newcomers Club regrets the passing of two of our respected members, Howard Wilson and Mary Young, earlier this summer. We wish to offer our condolences to Emily Wilson and Tad Young. We also extend our sympathy to member Sharon Baswell on the sudden death of her son Scott.

# Activity Group News

## Activity Groups Offer Fun and Friendship

The Grand Traverse Area is a great place to live. Four-season activities as well as cultural, environmental and dining opportunities abound. It's a lot more fun to join with others to explore and get to know other people. A great way to do that is to participate in the Newcomer Activity Groups.

Newcomers has a variety of groups that may be of interest to you. All you need do is contact a group leader. If you enjoy physical challenges you might be interested in the hiking, golf, tennis or cross-country skiing groups. A book discussion group and several bridge groups offer some mental stimulation, the area's restaurants may tempt you, or maybe you prefer to relax and listen to some jazz.

The Dinner for Eight group is a somewhat different activity. You are asked to sign up for the year so that a schedule can be planned. Singles are always welcome in any activity; however, several people have expressed an interest in forming a "singles" group so we will be exploring that opportunity this year. If any of these groups are of interest, be sure to check the Newcomer News or attend the Fall Dinner to see how you can get involved. If you have any questions about the activity groups, or are interested in starting a new group, please contact Sue Keller at 922-8937.

**Here is a list of this year's activity groups and their leaders. If you have questions regarding any of these activities call a group leader.**

Out to Lunch	Marcia Morse	935-1806
	Carol Hosler	933-4397
Dining Out	C.J. and John Cartwright	947-6229
Dinner for 8	Elaine Pentilla	334-4881
Men's Breakfast	George Kobernus	933-9321
Ladies 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Bridge	Nancy Ravas	932-1747
Ladies 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday Bridge	Rita Guttenberg	941-9574
Couples 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Bridge	Marty Johnson	271-8778
	Polly Karle	935-3847
Team Round Robin	Rita Guttenberg (Winter)	941-9574
	Geri Dancy (Spring-Summer)	929-4787
Jazz Appreciation	Dick Doumanian	223-7545
Book Club	Letha Cairns	271-6831
X-C Skiing/Snowshoeing	Carl Kucsera	946-7762
Hiking	Frank Hayes	256-9031
Golf	Dick Hayes	938-1705
Tennis	Walt and Linda Buza	943-0003
Singles	Pat Glauch	590-2279

## FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

### **Dinner for Eight**

If you like to meet new people and if you enjoy eating, then sign up for Dinner for Eight. In the warmth and comfort of your home, you will host 3 other couples for a meal and conversation. Each couple is asked to bring a dish to share and the host couple is asked to contact the other couples to set a date and provide the entrée. The next dinner will have another host for another evening of meeting new people. There are 4 dinners in all and you will have met 24 new people.



Although this group is organized around the “couples concept” singles are always welcome. If you are a single, invite a friend to join you in this popular activity.

Sign up now. The Dinner for Eight schedule will be announced in the October Newsletter. For more information, please contact Elaine Pentilla at 231-334-4881.

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

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

*Wed Sept 15, 1:00 pm:* Meet us at the Boathouse Restaurant, 14039 Peninsula Dr, Traverse City. The restaurant is 9 miles out the Old Mission Peninsula on the waterside of West Bay.

*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.

Call Carol Hosler 933-4397, Marcia Morse 935-1806

### **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. Our next gathering will be:

*Sunday, September 19, 2004 at 5:00 pm.* Manitou Restaurant, 4349 scenic highway (M-22) 3 miles south of Platte River, 9 miles north of Frankfort.

Please reserve by Sunday, September 12 with C.J. or John Cartwright, (231) 947.6229. Email: 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

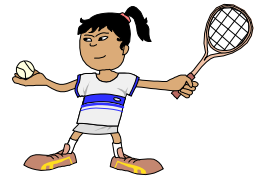
**JAZZ**

The Jazz Appreciation group meets the second Wednesday of each month, October through June. It is an informal gathering held in the homes of group members with light refreshments served. Please join us if you are interested in a mutual exchange of jazz experiences and in serious listening to a featured jazz artist, group, or style. On October 13 we will be meeting at the home of Ted and Margaret Schroeder and the subject will be "Fifty Years of Big Band Jazz".

For more information call Dick Doumanian 223-7545, dick@landcompanymich.com

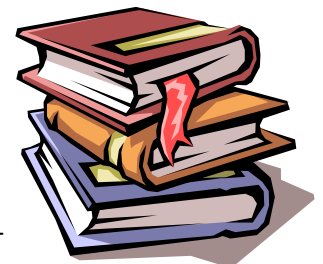
**TENNIS****TENNIS ANYONE???**

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, boozier@chartermi.net

**BOOK CLUB**

Welcome to all new and returning Newcomers Book Club members. We will begin meeting again on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 10:00 am in the lower level of the Horizon Book Store on Front Street in Traverse City.

The selected book for this session is *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides. Letha Cairns will lead the discussion. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel has won much critical acclaim for its author, a native of Detroit and Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Members new to the Newcomers are welcome to join us in what is sure to be a lively discussion of this outstanding book.



Please remember to bring a book selection to recommend for the club and be prepared to do a very short review of the book. Selections for the remainder of the year will be voted on at this meeting, and discussion leaders will be assigned.

For those who are interested, the Traverse City Reads book for this year is *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill. Meetings for the year will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month at Horizon.

Since Horizon Books has been so generous to us the past three years, we encourage you to browse the store or visit the Shine Cafe on the lower level.

We look forward to seeing you on September 7. For further information, please contact Letha Cairns at 231-271-6831 or gcairns@chartermi.net.

**HIKING**

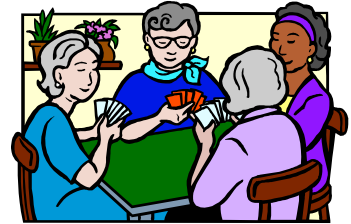
The hiking group normally meets the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 am. The length of the hike and locations are varied and include in-town walks. The group usually stops for a snack or meal after the hike. Here is the first hike of the 2004-2005 year.

*September 11, 9:15 am.* Meet at T.B.A. Building parking lot on Parson Road to carpool to VASA Trail. Take M-31/M-72 East to Bunker Hill Road in Acme. At traffic light turn right. Go to Bartlett Road and turn right and drive until you see the VASA Trail on your left. Hike is approximately 4 miles.

Bob Johnson will be leading the hiking group Sept-Oct. Please call Bob at 271-8778 the week before the hike so that we know how many are going and in case the hike is cancelled you can be notified in advance.

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

Friday, September 10, 2004 at Cedar Creek Commons at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own service, Adult beverages allowed. Hosts: Polly and Bob Karle, 935-3847 and Nancy and Dave Ravas, 932-1747. Please call one of the hosts to make a reservation.

*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

**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. Call Pat Glauch 231-590-2279

**RECRUIT A MEMBER!**

**Know someone who has just moved to the area? Contact one of our City Hostesses with their names and they will do the rest. Alice Beeker 933-4404, Sharon Finch 947-8403**