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ADVENTURE AWAITS AT THUNDER BAY!

Carriage ride into the woods for fireside dining, storytelling and elk viewing

Would you enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride in the quiet of winter, eating and drinking wine like royalty in a cabin in the woods and taking a sneak peek at majestic Michigan elk in their natural environment? Then the **first trip of the Newcomers Club Travel Group** just might be right for you.

The Newcomers Travel Group is going by bus to northeast Michigan's Thunder Bay Resort in Hillman on **Saturday, Feb. 21**. The bus leaves at 10:30 a.m. from the parking lot near the car wash at the Meijer department store on U.S. 31 in Traverse City and will return to this location by 7 p.m. the same day. The trip cost is \$150 per person.

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The one-day getaway is described by USA Today as "a real-life fairy tale" and "Top 10 event." Your day's adventure starts with boarding a horse-drawn carriage with a mighty team of Percheron draft horses whisking you away to Elk Antler Cabin at the Thunder Bay Resort. There you will be greeted by a warm fire and enchanting aromas as you prepare to indulge in a delicious five-course meal prepared in 100-year-old wood cook stoves.

During dinner, you may experience up to seven wines, be entertained with storytelling from your hosts and owners, Jack and Jan Matthias, and be captivated by the array of trophy mounts and period antiques. At the end of the day, you will board your carriage and ride back into nature for some unique photo opportunities of Michigan elk in their natural environment.

Interested in making the trip? Please contact Newcomer Travel Group Chair Barbara Lalonde at bjjalonde@charter.net no later than Feb. 13 to let her know. Barbara is organizing the trip through Tailored Traveling of Traverse City and she will answer questions. You also will need to fill out a trip reservation form at the travel company's website, www.tailoredtraveling.com. Click on "Tours" and then click and print the "Reservation Form" for this tour. Pay by check or credit card.

Send your reservation form and payment of \$150 per person to **Tailored Traveling LLC at P.O. Box 1605, Traverse City, MI 49685**. Reservation forms and payments must be in possession and confirmed by the travel company **no later than Feb. 16**. Payments are non-refundable - unless the trip is cancelled. Reservations will be made on a first-come first-served basis as the bus can accommodate up to 54 individuals and must have a minimum of 35 people aboard to make the trip.

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Dear Fellow Newcomers,

Recently on Facebook a friend posted an article titled "Why You Need to Move at Least 5 Times in Your Life." Having moved to Traverse City about five years ago, this caught our eye. Why move at all? Why five times? Author Lauren Martin challenges people to continually examine their lives to see if they are living a challenging, exciting, fulfilling life. If not, it's time to move.



Linda Proffitt and Dave Richard
2014-2015

The first big move most of us made was from Mom and Dad's home to a first apartment, the military, or college dorm. Talk about challenges and exciting times! But why did we move to Traverse City? Why did you? Lauren suggests that in moving we have that opportunity to get away from what is stale, to have new experiences, and to begin all over again.

Newcomers Club offers new experiences and that chance to start all over again. Try ballroom dancing. Learn euchre. Never golfed? Try it with others. Newly single and uncomfortable going to an event alone? Join the Solos and meet others who are seeking a pal. Does that feel uncomfortable? It's when we are uncomfortable that we grow and learn.

How to get involved? Come to the monthly meeting, join one of the small groups. You can find a description of each group on the website, gtnewcomers.org. Email the activity leader and ask to be added to the list to receive monthly information. Try something new — be challenged.

Speaking of change, please bear with us as we migrate to a new website that will be more user friendly. As with any technology change, there are always glitches. We ask that you be patient with us, but feel free to call either one of us if you are having trouble. We need to know what's not working.

Welcome to Newcomers. Start fresh! Enjoy your new life!

We also want to wish each and every one of you a happy holiday season.

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A LAST-MINUTE REMINDER FOR HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

Our Holiday Dinner Dance is fast approaching and time for reservations is running short. If you haven't yet sent your reservation in, the deadline is **Dec. 2**. The reservation form was included in last month's newsletter and has been sent in a couple of e-blasts to the membership.



We hope you won't miss this opportunity to dress in your finest attire, meet, mingle and celebrate the holiday season with your Newcomer friends.

The dinner dance will be held at **the Traverse City Country Club on Dec. 10**, with social hour and a cash bar beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner entrée options are herb-crusted prime rib or oven-roasted Canadian Salmon. Plumville Project will provide the music.

Complete the form with your dinner choice and mail with your check for \$42/person to: **Carol Cavanaugh-Event Planner, 115 North Madison, Traverse City, MI 49684**. For questions, email Carol at carolcavanaugh96@gmail.com.

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food donation, or cash donation, to be given to local food banks.

One-Time Event: TSO Rehearsal

We have been invited by the conductor of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra to listen to a practice session of their Jan. 18 concert, "Tchiakovsky Fireworks."

The practice will be at Lars Hockstad Auditorium from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. Kevin Rhodes has enthusiastically agreed to let us watch this event. If you're new to classical music or a veteran, it's a great behind-the-scenes opportunity.

We will stay about two hours, then go out for a cocktail hour and to chat about the practice, since we will have to be quiet during the practice.

RSVP to Pat Haber, pathaber@gmail.com.

Volunteer Spotlight: Nancy Johnson Newcomer demonstrates flair for food and helping others

Food seems to be a reoccurring focal point in Nancy Johnson's life. During her career, Nancy's graduate degree in dietetics led her to work as an instructor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Michigan State University. In retirement, this Newcomer is volunteering as food pantry coordinator at Grace Episcopal Church in Traverse City.



"I feel that the pantry is an extension of my background, training dietetics students in the field of food and nutrition, but I did not seek out working at the food pantry. It just happened," Nancy said.

She and her husband, Del, both members of the Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse since the fall of 2009, moved Up North from rural Mason, Mich. From their home today on Old Mission Peninsula in Traverse City, Nancy makes the rounds regionally to give of her time in various capacities to a number of organizations. Nancy volunteers for the Bijou by the Bay and State Theatre via Newcomers Club, Maritime Heritage Alliance, Northwest Food Coalition, Northwestern Michigan College food drive distribution, Traverse City Cherry Festival and Film Festival and Safe Harbor of Grand Traverse when homeless residents make their way to Grace Episcopal Church for assistance.

"I'm the head cook for our shift during the week at Grace Church," said Nancy, noting that since she became the church's food pantry coordinator in 2010, hundreds of hours of her time have been spent working with and for local people who are hungry and seeking assistance.

The scope of Nancy's responsibilities translates into doing whatever it takes to keep the church's pantry full of food and operational. She schedules volunteers, orders food monthly, picks up donations, works at food drives, writes thank-you letters and talks to church groups. Recently, she also took part in bi-monthly planning meetings, working with the architect, church administrator and contractor to make purchases and operational decisions that would give the church's pantry a new look and a permanent home.

She chuckles and adds, "I also couldn't resist adding a homey

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BALLROOM/TANGO DANCE LESSONS

Sunday, Dec. 7

Get in the swing of things just in time for the holidays. We're offering a Dec. 7 dance special of \$5 per person if the group fills its quota. To participate or for more information on this fun activity, contact the instructors, Ron and Lori Hensel, at henselr@charter.net, or 231-620-1485 or 231-838-5679.

BIKING

The biking group is suspended for the winter season but will commence again in April or May 2015. If interested in information about the group, contact Ira Wasserman at carole_wasserman@hotmail.com or 231-922-1581.

BOOK CLUB – MEN'S

Monday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m.

The Men's Book Club reads fiction, biographies and just about anything else that catches our fancy. We have a different discussion leader for each book, but sometimes we just talk about a book from each person's view. You can come even if you have not read the book! New members are welcome.

Our December book is *The Boys In The Boat* by Daniel James Brown. This is the dramatic story of the American rowing team that stunned the world at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics. We meet in the lower level of Horizon Books. For more information, contact Dave Amos, 231-271-0665, or midemos@hotmail.com.

BOOK GROUP – WOMEN'S—AM

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m.

The Tuesday AM Book Club will meet to discuss the December book, *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*, by Lorna Landvik. We will lunch afterwards at the new location of Georgina's (if open) on Front Street. If not, we'll lunch at Amical.

The club meets in the lower level of Horizon Books. For questions, contact Carole Wasserman at carole_wasserman@hotmail.com or 231-922-1581.

BOOK CLUB – WOMEN'S – PM

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1 p.m.

The afternoon women's book-club group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the lower level of Horizon Books. On Dec. 2, the group will discuss *Annie's Ghosts* by Steve Luxenberg.

Other upcoming books (not necessarily in this order) include:

The Goldfinch

Frog Music

The Boys in the Boat

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

The Invention of Wings

For questions, contact Mary Wayne at mwayne44@hotmail.com.

BRIDGE

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.

The Newcomers Bridge Group usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The date may be changed due to holiday schedules. Such is the case for December. The group will meet at the home of Barbara Wright.

Each member will receive directions and other information from the host. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. for social time and play begins at 7 p.m. Also, results will be shared from November's discussion about the possible expansion of bridge sessions to accommodate more players.

Newcomers social bridge is just that - social and not seriously competitive. We enjoy getting to know each other. If you haven't played for awhile, you can come for a brush up, you can watch over our shoulders, or take your place at the table and ask any questions you have and we will happily help you along.

Anyone interested in playing or for more information, contact Mike Semrau at 231-421-8171 or at izzyandmike@yahoo.com.

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION

Cocktails and Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to meet some new and old friends for stimulating conversation, food and libations. One of our members acts as host, providing both the location and basic bar setups. As a guest, you bring your own drinks and an appetizer to share.

This event requires an RSVP in order to attend, and you

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will be provided with driving/parking instructions as the event nears. Most of our homes have space limitations, therefore an RSVP is mandatory. Unfortunately, there may be an occasion when the event will reach capacity and will not be able to accommodate all members. Please be considerate by canceling any RSVP that you will not be able to fulfill as some hosts will have waiting lists.

There is no C&C scheduled in December. The next scheduled C&C would be in January. However, at this time, no member has volunteered to host this event. Therefore, without a host there will not be a C&C.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Michele Richard at richard.michele@rocketmail.com or 231-357-3039.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING/SNOWSHOEING

Saturday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m.

Weather permitting, there will be a cross-country skiing/snowshoeing event behind the Traverse City Commons at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Afterward we will go to Sleders for lunch.

Directions to the Commons: Enter the Commons on 11th Street and stay left until you reach the Trattoria Stella restaurant. Go on Silver Lake Road about one-quarter mile to Brown Road and turn right. Proceed to the parking lot across from the School Administration Building.

If interested contact Ira Wasserman at carole_wasserman@hotmail.com or 231-922-1581.

DINNER FOR EIGHT

Join us for Dinner for Eight! Six people join two hosts at their home and each "pair" of people will provide part of the meal and there are four meals scheduled through May. The hosts provide the entrée and a couple of sides, plus beverages with up to two glasses of wine per person. The guests bring appetizers or salad and bread or dessert.

If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Nancy Johnson at johns526@msu.edu. We still have room for one more couple.

DINNER OUT

Sunday, Jan. 18, 5 p.m.

Because of the Holiday Dinner Dance, there will be no Din-

ner Out event in December. But if you are feeling the need for a little spice in your life during this cold Up North winter, join the group on Jan. 18 at the Red Mesa Grill. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Try something new! Maybe Peruvian Armadillo Eggs, Guatemalan Chicken, or Brazilian Steak! Many more-familiar items also are available.

Please email Barb Watson, bwatsonjb@yahoo.com, or Linda Keck, lkeck1527@yahoo.com, by Jan. 11. Hope to see many old and new friends there for a "taste of south of the border!"

EUCHRE

Euchre groups meet once a month in each others' homes. We currently have 10 groups. Each group is made up of three to four tables. Group members change tables and partners throughout the evening, which fosters lively conversation. Of course, food and beverage are involved. The players within any group are of varying levels of experience. Euchre, in Newcomers, is a social, not a competitive event.

This group is headed by Gregg and Sue McDonald at gsmcdonald64@gmail.com or librarygirl1963@hotmail.com.

FILM GROUP

Thursday, Dec. 11

The film group is a casual fun group made up of people who love the movies. We attend movies at different theaters throughout the season and go out for discussion, food and libations afterward. The group meets the second Thursday of every month from September through May. The group may occasionally add an extra film date during any given month if a film looks interesting and it's not available at the time of the regular meeting date.

Notification as to the film, time and place is emailed to film group members a few days before the outing. Anyone interested in joining the group may contact Judy Pelto at jpelto1@charter.net.

FISHING

Fall steelhead should be in most west Michigan rivers as winter settles in. This is a good time for people interested in ice fishing to check their gear and make plans for getting out once lakes freeze over. Check the fishing regulations for your fishing locations.

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The Fishing Group includes Newcomers who are interested in fishing activities of any kind. The group evolves according to the interests of its participants. Charter fishing trips for salmon usually occur in late August or in September.

Contact Pete Albers at phalbers99@gmail.com or 231-922-7289 if you're interested in joining the group.

GARDENING

With possible on-demand exceptions, Garden Club will suspend meetings until early spring.

Questions about the Gardening Club? Contact Cindy Miner at puddlenpines@gmail.com.

GOLF

The Golf Group is in hibernation until May 4, 2015.

Please mark your calendars ... we will officially kick off the new season at The Crown golf course at 10 a.m. May 4. If you would like your name added to our roster, please contact Mike Huffman at wdcspike@yahoo.com or Dale Wentzloff at dale@wentzloff.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m.

This group meets at the Omelette Shoppe next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in the Campus Plaza the second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. We meet all year around and always meet regardless of the weather. Bring all the testosterone you can muster.

Contact George Kobernus at gkobernus@charter.net or 231-933-9321

MICROBREW GROUP

Thursday, Dec. 11

The Grand Traverse area is widely recognized for its wines, but is also satisfying beer drinkers with its exploding microbrewery scene. It seems the number of breweries is growing monthly. At current, there are 20 microbreweries in the area.

It is the mission of the Microbrew Tasting Group to visit each of these breweries. The group attends one location each month. The sessions sometime include a tour of the facilities, but the focus is on trying the different beers made in the area. Also, there is priority placed on socializing with others who enjoy beer. Many times the group will have dinner together following the tasting.

The Microbrew Tasting Group will hold its December session on Thursday, Dec. 11. The location has yet to be deter-

mined, but will be provided to the group's members the first week of December.

If you have questions/comments, or wish to join the group, please contact Joel McElrath at jmcelrath@epri.com or 650-714-4557.

NEWCOMERS NEEDLERS

Thursday, Dec. 4 & 18, 1 to 3 p.m.

Join us twice a month for a couple of hours of uninterrupted knitting, crocheting, needlepoint or rug hooking. Our low-key group enjoys working on projects in the company of others. Come with a project, or just to chat. If you need help, some-one is probably able to assist you.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month, 1 to 3 p.m., at Aroma's Coffee Shop at the intersection of M-22 and M-72, across from Tom's West Bay. We meet in the conference room.

Have questions or want to be added to the email list for reminders? Contact Robbin Stott, stottrobbin@gmail.com or 231-932-1709 for more information.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1 p.m.

The group will meet at Minerva's in the Park Place Hotel, 300 E. State St. To reserve your spot or for information, contact Sis Leake at sisleake@charter.net or at 231-421-8747.

A friendly and adventurous group that meets for lunch once a month at different restaurants in and around Traverse City, the Out-to-Lunch Bunch is a great way to experience the fabulous food scene in Traverse and make new friends. Find the foodie in you. Come join us for food, lively conversation and camaraderie.

This group meets the second Wednesday of the month.

PADDLING

The Paddling Group is now being led by Marilyn and Bob Auberle. They will be reaching out to members interested in joining the group and discuss ideas for the 2015 paddling season. For information, contact Marilyn and Bob at auberle29@yahoo.com.

POKER

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1 p.m.

The poker group usually meets the first Tuesday of the month, with winter hours of 1 to 4 p.m. and summer hours

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of 6 to 9 p.m. The group meets on a rotating basis at each member's home. The game is small stakes to keep the game and conversation fun and friendly and no weapons are produced. The group plays dealer's choice, which sometimes evokes a response, "Did you just make that up?" But we all like new games we haven't played before. The host merely has to provide the home and setup; participants bring snacks and drinks.

The December meeting will be held on Dec. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. The host will be Dale Wentzloff. Contact Dale at dale@wentzloff.com if you plan to attend. Dale will send out information and directions prior to the game.

SOLOS GROUP

Sunday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m.

The Solos will hold a Christmas party at Barbara LaLonde's residence, 7150 Hilltop Ave., at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. RSVP to Barbara at bjalonde@charter.net by Dec. 11.

Please mark your calendar for January 11 for our next gathering. It will be at Judy Owens home for a Potluck Dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. RSVP to Garnett Raymond @ 231-276-9727 or garnettraymond100@gmail.com or Judy Owen @ 231-922-9619.

Flying "solo" right now? The Solos Group can make being new in town and on your own more fun. The group is made up of people who are single or perhaps married but in need of someone to pair up for events when spouses or significant others prefer not to mingle. While the Solos Group will schedule lunches, dinners and other special outings, the group aims to forgo duplication of current Newcomer Club activities that are open to all members, including singles. The goal of the Solos Group is truly to meet and make friends, offering a "buddy network" to those who may initially feel uncomfortable attending Newcomer or other Up North events alone.

Anyone interested in joining the group may contact Barbara at bjalonde@charter.net or Garnett Raymond at garnettraymond100@gmail.com.

THEATRE GROUP

The Theatre Group gathers for dinner and attends plays at The Old Town Playhouse. A staff person from the playhouse speaks about the play and answers questions we may have about the play.

After seeing *The Christmas Story* on Nov. 29, our next scheduled play is *Crimes of the Heart* in January. Watch your emails for more information on this production directed by Betsy Willis.

Questions or concerns, contact: Kerr Anderson at kerrandsn@gmail.com or 231-935-1875, or Sandy Stockemer at dkstockemer@gmail.com or 231-932-2276.

VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE/BIJOU

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2:30 p.m./State, approx. 4 p.m./Bijou

Thursday, Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m./State, approx. 4 p.m./Bijou
State/Bijou Theatres Volunteers: Join us as we work in the concession area, take tickets, sweep floors, usher or run errands. Free popcorn and pop, a voucher for another movie, and tokens for the parking ramp complete the experience. Our afternoon shift is sometimes slow and sometimes busy. Give it a try and perhaps you might like to move to a busier time on your own. You are more than welcome to remain at this less active level, too.

We have two shifts per month, and you may choose the one you prefer. We work on the first Wednesday and the third Thursday of each month from 2:30 to 5:15 p.m. at the State and 4 to 6:15 p.m. at the Bijou (subject to change as the movie schedule dictates). Join us for dinner after if you have time.

Space is limited, so please sign up via email with Nancy Johnson. Contact Nancy at johns526@msu.edu or 231-668-9633 if you would like to be added to the list of potential volunteers.

TRAVEL GROUP

The travel group will plan some small and large adventures that will be open to all interested persons. Contact Barbara LaLonde at bjalonde@charter.net. See the story on Page 1 regarding the event planned in February.

WALK IN THE WOODS

This group is in hibernation until spring. If you would like to join up for future walks, please contact Don Eastway at luremug@yahoo.com.

WINE TASTING

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 4 p.m.

Our next winery adventure will take us to the beautiful vineyards of Forty-Five North Vineyard & Winery on 8580 E. Horn Road, changing venues from Old Mission Peninsula to Lake Leelanau this month. The cost per tasting is \$5/person, and we will raise our first toast at 4 p.m. This winery can accommodate up to 80 people, so please join us for some holiday cheer.

RSVP to Kimberly Belles at kimberlybelles@sbcglobal.net. Kimberly will be sending out a reminder email as the event gets closer.

THE HISTORY OF THE NEWCOMERS CLUB ... REVISITED!

Judy Peltó asked that we reprint part of an article written by Bob Luoma (still a member) for the Newcomers March/Apri, 2007 Newsletter about the history of Newcomers. "I think it is important for members, including board members, to have knowledge of the history of the TC Newcomers Club," Judy said.

Newcomer History Update

By Bob Luoma

Because of a lack of information, I made a major error in February's newsletter. I thought that the Newcomers Club and Welcome Wagon were one and the same. After talking with a long-time Newcomer member, I learned that they were totally different entities. (Thank you, Alice Beeker!)

Newcomers was started in Jackson,

Mich., in 1946. The first Traverse City meeting was held June 15, 1948, led by Floyd and Kay Dorherty. At that time a "welcome" person did the same job as City Hostess Sharon Finch does now. He/she found the names of persons moving to Traverse City and welcomed them by presenting coupons from various area merchants.

The main difference between then and now is that the newcomers back then were generally young couples who were moving to the area to get jobs and start careers in the post-war economy. There were many opportunities in the post-war boom. There were many couples with young children, as evidenced by the fact that the club back then had a babysitting cooperative.

Most, if not all, of the active members in the club were women. Officers in the

club, especially the presidents, were female. In fact, the first male presidency was not until 1997 when Norm DuCoin took on the job. The trend for men to share leadership of Newcomer Club activities continued with David Mann's presidency a few years ago, and now with our current male president, Matt Albert, and co-vice presidents Bud Docter and Brad Spencer.

Why the average age of the club's membership has increased is anybody's guess. Some have opined that when the club was meeting at the Senior Center, it may have given the impression that it was mainly for seniors. This is far from the truth. The only reason for meeting there was one of price. It was free! The club seems to be doing fine financially now, but that was not always the case. Any place that would have us for free was the place to go.

NC Website Update

Exciting news - we are working with a local firm, ProWeb Marketing, to update our website. The first step was for them to take over the hosting of the current website, which took place during October.

The new site will be easy to use and easy to navigate. Our main goal is to highlight our club's activities and events to all of our members with visual appeal. The new website will be launched in the near future. Stay tuned!

Seeking Anonymous Author

One of our members went to some effort to submit suggestions and recommendations to the board for modifying our club events, but somehow the author's name has been lost. The board would like to talk to this person further about their thoughts, but we need to know who you are! If the anonymous author would contact either Mike Semrau at izzvandmike@yahoo.com or Brenda Knaack at knaack222@gmail.com, we would love to talk to you.

Volunteer Spotlight

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touch to the new pantry by sewing up some valances for the windows."

Today, the Jubilee Ministries Spedding Food Pantry of Grace Episcopal Church is located at Boardman and Washington Streets in newly renovated garage behind the church. Nancy says the new pantry comes with a new philosophy.

"Groceries were pre-bagged for the clients since the pantry's inception in 1978. With the new pantry we are able to offer the shopping experience with choices for our clients," said Nancy, who is working now on developing more recipes using commonly stocked pantry items.

In retirement, Nancy finds she can give back to the community more easily and that the giving repays her in many ways.

"Volunteering improves my self-worth, keeps me active physically and mentally while keeping me engaged in the community," she said.

Nancy challenges other interested Newcomers to research volunteer opportunities to find their niche. She said, "Decide how much time you can spare and find a fit. Organizations do need volunteers and offer numerous opportunities to become involved."

**NOTICE OF CHANGE
IN MEETING LOCATION**

Please note that our Newcomers Club monthly meetings for January through May 2015 will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at **Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1050 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City.** We will meet for socializing at 6:30 p.m., with our program beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Membership duties move to Doug Morrison

Responsibility for the Newcomers Membership and Directory has been assumed by Doug Morrison. He can be reached at newcomerstc2@yahoo.com. The mailing address remains P.O. Box 8, Acme, MI. 49610-0008. Many thanks to Bob Knaack for his hard work overseeing this detailed job!

**NC Travel Group
needs co-chair**

The Travel Group of the Newcomers Club needs a co-chair to accompany Newcomer Barb Lalonde in planning fun day trips and short traveling events year-round for this activity group.

If you are interested in volunteering to help lead the Newcomers Travel Group, please contact Newcomers Board Activity Group Chair Judy Pelto at jpelto1@charter.net.

Check out the Travel Group's first adventure ... a trip to Thunder Bay to see elk and more in February! See Page 1.

NEW MEMBERS

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