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Join us for the February Newcomers meeting!

TRAVERSE AREA COMMUNITY SAILING

Feb. 24, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church (**PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE!**)
1050 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City

We have all seen the multicolored sails racing on West bay and Boardman Lake, but do you know how they got there? Where do they come from?

Join us for the Newcomers February meeting and get acquainted with Traverse Area Community Sailing (TACS). This volunteer-run, non-profit organization has programs that include:

- Learn-to-Sail Programs for youths. (Bring the grandkids up for a couple of weeks this summer).
- Learn-to-Sail Programs for adults for all ages. Try it this summer!
 - Opportunities to race.
 - An introduction to adrenaline sailing.
- Opportunities to upgrade skills so you can sail the big boats on West Bay.
 - Sailing for handicapped individuals.
 - Volunteer opportunities.

Our presenters will be Jim Sorbie, Eric Lind and club member Sam Bender. TCAS hosted the U.S. Sailing Junior National Championships this past August and was recognized as one of the best sailing clubs in the United States. Our presenters will also discuss the efforts that went into these accomplishments. And for the true adventurers: Ice-boating will be discussed.

REMINDER OF CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION

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

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PRESIDENTS' NOTE

FEBRUARY 2014

When we joined the Newcomers Club, the membership was under 200. It was easy to get to know new members as there were only 40 to 45 members at monthly meetings, not the current 80 to 90. As a stranger it's always easier to walk into a small group rather than a large one. Activity groups could accommodate everyone, and no limits were set for attendance.



Linda Proffitt and Dave Richard
2014-2015

In just five years our club membership has doubled in size (450 at the beginning of 2015), which certainly reflects the desire of retirees and others to move to the Traverse City area. This increased membership has resulted in more attendance at events. Hopefully this hasn't hindered your ability to join small groups and get to know folks individually. The board is looking at this issue and would welcome your comments about managing the growth of the club. Co-Vice-President Brenda Knaack chairs a task force to examine the effects of our growth. Feel free to contact her if you have concerns, ideas, suggestions.

We continue to be impressed with the willingness of our members to serve on the board, chair activity groups, help members in need and volunteer in our community. Many members volunteer at the State and Bijou theaters, sell pins at the Cherry Festival, and work at the NMC BBQ. When several board positions changed this past month, existing and new members stepped up to fill these positions. Thank you Doug Morrison and Donna Stein-Harris.

With growth comes the need to get input from the membership. In response to this need the board has added two new positions — At-Large — which will be filled during the May elections for service to begin in June. (See related articles about these positions and how to submit your name if you are interested in serving.) We are always interested in your ideas, suggestions for new activities, and ideas for better ways to operate. Don't hesitate to contact any board members with your suggestions.

In reflection, we couldn't be happier to be leading the Newcomers Club into 2015. Everyone is so excited to be in Traverse City, living active and vital lives. We hope you are getting involved, volunteering, having fun and make lasting relationships through the Club.

That's the goal of Newcomers — to connect people with people.

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From Making Popcorn to Making Friends at the State

It was a typical day of volunteering at the State Theatre in Traverse City in February 2012 for Newcomer Donna Moore. Suddenly, in a rush, a conservative 43-year-old American author, political-activist, publisher and commentator burst through the front door.

"Andrew Breitbart ...came with entourage and cameras wanting to see Michael Moore. He wanted to 'discuss a few topics' ..." said Donna.

After telling him Michael was not at the theater, Donna remembers she and her fellow volunteers were grilled with questions about where Michael lived and where Michael could be found.

"(Breitbart) was ready to make a splash with his conservative views against Michael's liberal ones," said Donna. "As volunteers we had been warned never to give out this information even if we knew it - which we didn't."

Chuckling about the on-duty volunteers being true to their customer-service nature, Donna said, "We offered to show (Breitbart) around. While doing so we talked up how the State had helped to revitalize the downtown community."



Donna Moore, left, pictured with her Wednesday Rebels, a group that volunteers at the State Theatre. **Front row, left to right:** Ruth Assenmacher, Nikki Herman, Jerry Beasley, Peggy McNew and Jane Grewe. **Back row, left to right:** Mike Assenmacher, John La Fave, Betty Wattles-Williams and Jan Korr.

When Breitbart realized he wasn't going to have the confrontation he'd envisioned, Donna said, "He became very pleasant and bought a T-shirt.... Three weeks later (March 1, 2012), he died of a sudden heart attack. He was in his 40s."

Now Donna can say that most of her days at the State Theatre have been tame in comparison. As a volunteer there since 2009, Donna has helped out in many capacities -- meeting and greeting theatergoers, taking tickets and helping patrons find their seats during Met Opera Live programming. She also works with a group of friends called the Wednesday Rebels in concessions, popping corn, taking orders for candy and soda and cleaning everything.

"Everyone can do all jobs. We just do what needs to be done," Donna said.

On Saturdays from 3 to 6 p.m., Donna can be found seated in the box office at the State Theatre where she sells tickets, answers the telephones and fields tourists' questions about nearby restrooms and restaurants. She has a four-legged fan base, too.

"Many people regularly walk their dogs downtown. The dogs come up to the box-office window, jumping up for a treat," she laughs.

Donna also gives of her time at the Bijou by the Bay theater, not to mention local events including the Comedy Festival and the Traverse City Film Festival, where she has volunteered in concessions and in the box office. "These events have been so good to Traverse City. They bring people from all over the world to our beautiful city," she said.

Additionally, Donna answers questions and guides people at home shows for Child and Family Services of Northwestern Michigan and can be found behind the cash register in the gift shop at the Denos Museum Center.

ADVENTURE AWAITS AT THUNDER BAY!

The Newcomers Travel Group is going by bus to northeast Michigan's Thunder Bay resort in Hillman, on Saturday, Feb. 21. The bus leaves 10 a.m. and will return by 7 p.m. the same day. The trip



cost is \$150 per person. Please refer to the December newsletter for a full description.

If interested in making the trip or if you have questions, contact Susanne Bonner at susannebonner@gmail.com or 231-932-0943 immediately.

The trip is being organized through Tailored Traveling of Traverse City. You will have to fill out a trip reservation form at the company's web-site, www.tailoredtraveling.com. Click on "Tours" then click and print "Reservation Form" for the tour. Pay by check or credit

ACTIVITY GROUPS

BALLROOM/TANGO DANCE LESSONS

The dance gatherings are on hold because most group members are out of town through March. But if you're interested in knowing more about this group, contact Instructors, Ron & 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, Feb. 23, 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 February book is *Lawrence in Arabia* by Scott Anderson. The book gives a well-researched description of events in the lives of major players in the Middle East around the years of the First World War. It's an excellent background for understanding the roots of the ongoing conflict throughout the region, from Iraq to Egypt. We meet in the lower level of Horizon Books. For more information, contact Dave Amos, 231-271-0665, or mideamos@hotmail.com.

BOOK GROUP – WOMEN'S—AM

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 10:30 a.m.

The Tuesday AM Book Club will meet to discuss the *Next Life May be Kinder* by Howard Norman. Lunch will follow at Amical. Everyone should have received by email a list of our next books. The club meets at 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, Feb. 3, 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 Feb. 3, the group will discuss *Frog Music* by Emma Donoghue.

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

The Goldfinch

The Boys in the Boat

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

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

BRIDGE

The Newcomers Bridge Group usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Each member will receive directions and other information from the host. Evenings begin at 6:30 p.m. for social time and play begins at 7 p.m.

Newcomers social bridge is just that - social and not seriously competitive. We enjoy getting to know each other. If you haven't played for a while or need a brush up, 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 on the February session, contact Mike Semrau at 231-421-8171 or at izzyandmike@yahoo.com, or Linda Proffitt at 231-421-5389 or lindaiproffitt@gmail.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.

We have hosts for February and March with dates and times to be determined. If you are on the group's mailing list, you will be advised when appropriate. Please remember this is a "reservations-only" event with limited capacity. The number of guests varies with each host according to the space available. We love the idea of gathering in smaller, more-intimate settings, affording newer members closer contact with fewer guests as well as getting acquainted with different neighborhoods and lifestyle options, be it condominiums, apartments, planned communities, peninsula living or even the downtown lifestyle.

For more information, please contact Michele at richard.michele@rocketmail.com or 231-357-3039.

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CROSS COUNTRY SKIING/SNOWSHOEING

Saturday, Feb. 7, 11 a.m.

Weather permitting, there will be a cross-country skiing/snowshoeing on the TART Trail at 11 a.m. Saturday. We will go up about three to four miles on the trail west of West Bay. Afterward we will go to Sleder's for lunch.

Directions to the TART Trail: Take West Grandview Parkway to M-22 and turn into the Harrington's by the Bay restaurant parking lot on the west side of M-22.

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.

DINNER OUT

Sunday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m.

Have you tried the cuisine at one of T.C.'s newest restaurants? If not, The Franklin will be the February destination for the Dinner Out crowd on Sunday, Feb. 22. The younger "sibling" of Trattoria Stella, its menu offers many unique items. Why not try calamares fritos, duck pastrami, or flammkuchen! If you're not quite that adventurous, many other familiar choices can be made. Spicy Thai chicken sounds good to us!

Social hour begins at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. Email Linda Keck at keck1527@yahoo.com or Barb Watson at bwatsonjb@yahoo.com by Feb. 17. Hope to see you there!

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, Feb. 12

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 afterwards. 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 judy_pelto@yahoo.com.

FISHING

Ice fishing season is at its peak but be careful when you go out. Watch out for previously drilled holes and dress appropriately. Steelhead are present in rivers all winter for those willing to deal with the cold.

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 puddenpines@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, Feb. 11, 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

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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, Feb. 26

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.

The February outing will be held on Thursday, Feb. 26. Specific information about this next event will be sent to all group members.

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.

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, Feb. 5 & 19, 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, someone 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, Feb. 11, 1 p.m.

The group will meet at Georgina's Fusion Cuisine, 236 East Front St., Traverse City. 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, Feb. 3, 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 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 February meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of the month, Feb. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. The host will be Howard Bridges. Contact Howard at hkbridges@hotmail.com if you plan to attend. Howard will send information and directions prior to the game.

The poker group coordinator is Mike Huffman. Contact Mike at 517-655-3374 or wdcspike@yahoo.com.

SOLOS GROUP

Saturday, Feb. 14, 1 p.m.

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.

The Solos will meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at Cindy

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Miner's home in Mesick. Please bring an appetizer and your own beverage. Weather permitting, you could snowshoe or cross-country ski or just bring your slippers if you prefer to sit by the fire. Depending on the interest of the group, we could go out to dinner afterwards. This is limited to 15 people. Please RSVP to Cindy @ puddlenpines@gmail.com or 231-313-8866 and to get directions, address, etc.

Also, mark your calendar for Thursday, March 19, for a gathering at Doug Morrison's home. This will be an afternoon event and details will appear in the March newsletter.

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

THEATRE GROUP

Saturday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Ever wonder how theater sets are designed and built? What happens at auditions? How do directors decide how they want actors to act? Would you like to see how characters develop at rehearsals? Come join our Theatre Group and get a new appreciation for The Old Town Playhouse.

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.

February takes us to the Studio theater for "Dead Ringer," a film-noir western and also a comedy, a winning combination. There is promise of romance and intrigue.

Join us on Feb. 7 as we gather for dinner and conversation before we proceed to the Studio, 620 Railroad Place at the corner of East 8th and Woodmere, to enjoy another OTP performance. Dinner plans will be sent via email.

Our group-discounted tickets are available through Betsy Willis, Development Director, OTP. Please let her know you are with the Newcomers group. Cut-off date for discounted tickets is Feb. 2.

Questions? Email 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, Feb. 4, 2:30 p.m./State, approx. 4 p.m./Bijou

Thursday, Feb. 19, 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 bjjalonde@charter.net or Susanne Bonner at susanebonner@gmail.com. See the stories on pages 3, 8 and 9 regarding upcoming events.

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, Feb. 10, 4 p.m.

The Newcomer wine connoisseurs will be venturing up to a winery that we have all been looking forward to visiting, Bonobo Vineyards on Old Mission, on Feb. 10. A tour of the cellars and facility will be a part of our tasting experience.

Afterwards, those who are interested are welcome to gather at The Boathouse for dinner.

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

New members needed for club's board

To keep our club lively and dynamic, we constantly search for creative folks to serve on the board. This year there will be two new opportunities to serve.

At its January meeting the board amended the by-laws to add two new at-large positions. These two individuals will not have specific monthly duties but will be asked to attend board meetings, ask questions, provide input, and help with major events.

In addition, one of the two at-large positions will monitor the by-laws to see that we are operating within them and make suggestions for changes, as needed.

Each position will serve for two years with the option of extending for one more year. Sitting on the board will give these individuals an opportunity to get to know the operation of the club up-close and personal and perhaps see a position they might fill as others rotate off the board.

Also, there will be an open co-vice-president position to fill. No other current board members have completed their full three-year terms.

Brief job descriptions for each board position can be found on the website at gtnewcomers.org. If you are interested in any of the above open positions, please contact one of the following members of the Nominating Committee **no later than March 1st**: Linda Proffitt, Brenda Knaack, Judy Pelto and Debbie May. All email addresses and phone numbers can be found on the home page of the website. Elections will take place in May with service on the board beginning in June 2015.



Hold 'em or fold 'em!

Diamond Jim Neibauer dressed up in his poker-table finest to host the January poker activity group. Oh ... Jim was also the big winner.

Join Travel Group on the Art Trail

Come experience the creative and talented artists and craftsmen of Northern Michigan in late April! The tour will start in Traverse City and end at the Crooked Tree Art Center in Petoskey.

You will have the chance to explore and get inspired as you step in each Art Gallery/Center. There will be a variety of contemporary and traditional art in a wide range of mediums consisting of sculpture, painting, drawing, pottery, jewelry, glass, photography, woodturning and more. This will be a great day to view and appreciate the

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Newcomers board amends by-laws

At its January meeting, the board of the Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse approved two amendments to its by-laws, both relating to Article IV: Officers and Board Positions. Over time and with improved technology, certain positions overlapped with others and new tasks were identified as critical to the overall operation of the club.

Thus, the Membership and Directory Positions were combined into one—Membership. This position will maintain the club's database, manage new and renewal memberships, and provide name tags at meetings. Doug Morrison, who had filled the Calling Position, has moved to the Membership position. The previous Calling Position was changed to New Member Support. This position will now be responsible for reaching out to new

members to assist them in getting involved with the Club. Donna Stein-Harris was elected to fill the unexpired term previously held by Doug Morrison.

Two At-Large positions were created. (See related story at left.) These individuals will provide broad input to the activities of the club and will assist with major events. One of the two will also be responsible for monitoring the by-laws for compliance and suggesting updates, as needed. Also, terms of office were more clearly defined.

Except for the Executive Committee, board positions will be elected to a two-year term with the option of being re-elected for one more year, resulting in a

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NEW MEMBERS

David and Linda Dann
Traverse City

Dennis and Roberta
Hartwell
Traverse City

Joan Franklin
Lansing, Mich.

Attend 'Kinky Boots,' Broadway's high-heeled hit!

"Kinky Boots" is the exhilarating Broadway musical that will lift your spirits to new high-heeled heights! Winner of six Tony Awards including Best Musical, this inspirational story follows a struggling shoe factory owner who works to turn his business around with help from Lola, a fabulous entertainer in need of some sturdy stilettos.

City Opera House is offering a Broadway Bound tour package for Saturday, May 30, to Broadway at Wharton Center on Michigan State University's campus. The tour package includes round-trip travel by luxury motor

coach from Traverse City to East Lansing, gourmet boxed lunch, access to Wharton Center VIP Donor Lounge (cash bar), premier Zone! tickets, and a catered dinner at Wharton Center following the performance.

Bus schedule: 9 a.m. bus leaves Traverse City, 10 p.m. bus returns to Traverse City. Tickets are \$185 per person. Full payment due to the Opera House by April 27.

To reserve a seat (32 are left), contact Susanne Bonner at susannebonner@gmail.com or 213-932-0943.

Art Trail

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diverse and whimsical array of talent in our area!

You may also find some personal treasures and unique gifts along the way. You are sure to see incredible ART and have FUN! We'll see you on the trail!!

PLEASE NOTE that the trip details, schedule and pricing are in the works and will be updated as soon as possible. Stay tuned!

Board by-laws

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maximum of three years in any one position. Positions will be staggered so as to maintain as much continuity on the board as possible. A copy of the amended by-laws with a brief job description of all positions can be found on the website at gtnewcomers.org.



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