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Club is a 501(c)(4) tax exempt
organization.

There's still time to sign up Annual Summer Picnic - Don't miss it!

Don't forget - the annual Newcomers Summer Picnic is just around the corner. Join us for fun, friendship and food ... as we take a trip Around the World (in 180 minutes).

Where: Gilbert Lodge at Twin Lakes, 6800 N. Long Lake Road

When: Sunday, June 12, 2016

Time: 3 to 6 p.m.

Collectively, Newcomers have traveled all over the world. Join us as we explore and celebrate where we've been and our journeys to beautiful Traverse City.

RAFFLES: There will also be drawings throughout the picnic for chances to win gift certificates to downtown Traverse City shops and restaurants.

BRING A DISH TO SHARE: We invite you to bring your favorite local, regional, national or international dish! The club will provide baked chicken and table service. Bring your favorite beverage, but sorry, no alcohol is allowed. There will be coffee, iced tea and lemonade available.

COME EARLY: You may want to come early to enjoy the beautiful trails, swimming or kayaking (at your own risk).

COST: There is a \$5 charge per person to cover the lodge rental and food. Make checks payable to Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse

CONTACT: Juli Gill at whirledpeas2@me.com or 269-377-2477 with questions or to RSVP.

DIRECTIONS: At Front and Division, head west on Front Street. Go 4.7 miles, through four traffic lights (last one at West High School). Turn right into Twin Lakes Park-Gilbert Lodge Road. Gilbert Lodge is on the left.

RSVP: Although the reservation deadline has passed, you can still attend and pay at the door. BUT please let Juli Gill know if you are planning to come so she can get an accurate food count.

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Summer has finally arrived, and we're sure everyone is looking forward to all it has to offer in this beautiful place called Traverse City ... things like sitting at an outdoor café overlooking the water, boating, enjoying visits with family and friends and attending many of the numerous summer festivals.



Judy Pelto and Linda Proffitt
2015-2016 Co-Presidents

Many of the Newcomer activities take a break during the summer months but never fear as there are lots of Newcomer activities that continue, such as Men's Golf, Women's Golf, Paddling, Fishing, Walk in the Woods and Men's Softball-Senior League.

Be sure to check the calendar on our website, www.newcomers.org, for all of the events taking place in June and July. Our monthly meetings will also be on hiatus until September.

In June, we will welcome seven new board members: Mike Thomas, Treasurer; Deb Hobbs, New Member Support; Lois Byrne, Activity Groups; Juli Gill, Event Planner; Bob Campbell, Newsletter Editor; Sandy Seppala, Webmaster; and Jeffrey Walker, Member At Large.

Those leaving the board include Brenda Knaack, Co-Vice President; Barbara Wentzloff, Secretary; Dennis Stockemer, Treasurer; Rose Carman, Webmaster; and Past President Dave Richard.

Thanks go to the entire board for your dedication, time, efforts and willingness to serve the club. Special thanks to Linda Proffitt for leading us (herding cats) with diplomacy, thoughtfulness and kindness.

The Newcomers Club stresses the importance of volunteering as a way to become involved in the community. Looking for volunteer opportunities? Start with us! All Newcomer board positions are unpaid volunteer positions as are all activity-leader positions. Without members stepping up to serve on the board or as activity leaders, the club would not continue to exist.

If you have an interest in volunteering, please check our website's directory section for job descriptions of all board positions as well as a job description for activity leader. If you have benefited from being a member of the Newcomers Club please consider giving back by serving.

Hope to see many of you at the annual picnic and/or the Beach Bums game. Have a wonderful summer filled with fun.

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Group leaders needed for two NC activities

The club is seeking new activity leaders for the Board Games and Volunteer at the State/Bijou groups.

First, we want to thank Nancy Johnson, leader of Volunteer at the State/Bijou, and Roberta Amstadt, leader of the Board Games group, for their service to the club as leaders of these activities. They are retiring as group activity leaders, and we need volunteers to replace them or these activities will be put in suspension.

Becoming an activity-group leader is a great way to quickly become involved in the club and the community. You get an opportunity to interact with many new and interesting individuals and have lots of fun. As a group leader you play a key role in the club. Without activity-group leaders, we would not have a club.

Nancy and Roberta will help the new leaders with the transition to the leadership of their respective groups.

The job description for an activity-group

leader can be found on our website, www.gtnewcomers.org. Log in to the membership page and you will find all job descriptions on the left side of the page. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to find the Group Activity Leader job description.

Newcomers Club needs you! Step up and take the plunge. If interested in either position or discussing it, please contact Judy Pelto at JPelto1@charter.net.



One more game before the summer!

Newcomers Natalie Martin and Mary Anne Krzywosinski, left, play a game of Sequence with Roberta and Jim Amstadt during a May 8 meeting of the Newcomers Board Game group. This activity group needs a leader for the 2016-2017 season! Interested? Contact Judy Pelto at JPelto1@charter.net.

Photo by Debbie May

No July newsletter

This is a combined June-July issue of the newsletter, so there will not be a separate issue in July. The next newsletter will publish in August.

Summer break! Monthly meetings halt until October

Monthly member meetings are not held during the summer and will begin again in October.

The meetings, held on the fourth Tuesday of the month, start at 6:30 p.m. with a social time serving coffee, tea and cookies,

followed by a speaker presentation at 7 p.m. Member meetings are held at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1050 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City.

Enjoy your summer! We hope to see you at the Kickoff Dinner on Sept. 27.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

BOARD GAMES

The Board Games group is seeking a new activity leader. If a new leader can't be found, the group will be suspended.

Interested? Contact Judy Pelto at Jpelto1@charter.net.

BOOK CLUB – MEN'S

Monday, June 27, 10 a.m.

The men's book group will meet June 27 at 10 a.m. at the Horizon Bookstore, lower level. Watch your email for information on the July meeting.

Our June book is The Wright Brothers by David McCullough – the interesting story of the first powered flight told by a popular author.

For more information, contact Dave Amos at 231-271-0665 or mideamos@hotmail.com.

BOOK GROUP – WOMEN'S—AM

Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m.

Our book for discussion will be The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion. Lunch will follow at the Mackinaw Brew Pub.

Questions about the group can be sent to Carole Wasserman at iramwasserman@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB – WOMEN'S – PM

The afternoon book club won't meet again until September. Enjoy summer reading!

Here's the lineup for the new season:

September: Girl Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart

October: Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik

November: The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

December: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

January: Garbage Bag Suitcase by Shenandoah Chefalo

February: The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende

March: Wicked Takes the Witness Stand by Mardi Link

April: The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar

May: The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion

June: The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

The group meets in the lower level of Horizon Books.

For questions, contact Robbin Stott, stottrobbin@gmail.com, or Mary Kennedy, marymiles40@gmail.com.

BRIDGE - AFTERNOON

Afternoon Bridge is suspended for the summer season. A "feeler" will be put out again in the fall to access interest to continue. Questions, please call Denise Stephens at 906-364-5688.

BRIDGE - EVENING

The Evening 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.

Those interested can contact Donna Moore at donnabmooreusa@gmail.com.

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

Many thanks to Deb and Bill Holmes for hosting the C&C event in May.

We will continue through the summer months, so please contact Michele Richard if you would like to host this event. She is always looking for new hosts; you will most certainly make many new and lasting friendships when you open your home to your fellow Newcomers. It's simple and easy and Michele will walk you through the process providing written tips to lead the way for a fantastic evening of conversation, spirits and food.

Contact Michele at 231-357-3039 or richard.michele@rocketmail.com.

DINNER FOR EIGHT

Dinner-for-Eight groups is on hiatus until sign-ups occur at the September kick-off dinner. With Dinner-for-Eight, four pairs of people gather in the host/hostess' home for a meal with one other pair bringing appetizers, another salad and bread and the third pair bringing dessert.

Contact Nancy Johnson at 231-668-9633 or johns526@msu.edu if you are interested in joining as a full member or as a substitute.

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DINNER OUT

Dinner Out attendees gathered for their last Dinner Out of the season at Patisserie Amie on May 15. We have enjoyed meeting so many of you this year and look forward to you joining us to experience many more of our area's fine eateries beginning in October.

Until then, have an enjoyable, fun-filled summer!

For information about the Dinner-Out group, contact Joan Showalter at JoanShowalter@gmail.com or Gretchen Bergen at gbergen1223@hotmail.com.

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

The film group will not meet until September. Enjoy your summer and hope to see many of you at the Traverse City Film Festival, July 26-31. Go to www.travesecityfilmfest.org for more information.

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 in-terested in joining the group may contact Judy Peltto at jpelto1@charter.net.

FISHING

Now that summer is here, fishing activity will be picking up. Ensure that your boats and tackle are in good shape and check the regulations for changes. Contact one another for fishing partners or questions. Keep safe and have a good summer.

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

GOLF - MEN'S

Our summer season continues at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 2, with golfing at the Grandview course in Kalkaska. The remaining schedule for June and July is below.

Please arrive at 9:30 a.m. for our card draw, putting practice and cart setup

Come when you can, and guests are welcome. Please reply to Mike Huffman's email by the Friday before so we can have an accurate number of tee times on Monday or Thursday.

We look forward to seeing you on the links.

Questions? Contact Mike at 517-655-3374 or wdcspike@yahoo.com, or Dale Wentzloff at 231-383-0379 or dale@wentzloff.com.

Date	Course	Cost	Location	Time
June 2	Grandview	\$37	3003 Hagni Rd, Kalkaska	10 a.m.
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GOLF - WOMEN'S

The new Ladies Golf Group is ready to begin its first season, with many golfers on the roster. We are excited to have such a large interest in this new group.

Our season begins on June 9 and will be held weekly on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Bay Meadows Family Golf Course, 5550 Bay Meadows Drive, Traverse City, phone: 231-946-7927. We will play nine holes followed by

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lunch, which will be catered by the course.

Schedule of dates: (Thursdays)

June 9, 16, 23, and 30

July 14, 21, and 28 (no golf on July 7)

August 4, 11, 18, and 25

The cost starts at \$10 and pull carts (\$3) and riding carts (\$6) are available. Lunch is \$7 - \$10.

Members will receive an email one week prior to each Thursday with details for that day. Be sure to respond to the email by the deadline given, so that we can have an accurate count for the course. (We realize that everyone will not be playing every week, and members don't need to make a commitment for the entire set of dates, just a week-by-week commitment.)

If you are interested in joining this group please email either Juanita Watson at watsonjuanita.1949@gmail.com or Janet Cohen at cohenp@charter.net.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, June 8, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, July 6, 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@chartermi.net or 231-933-9321.

MEN'S SOFTBALL—SENIOR LEAGUE

Men's softball is under way for the new season. Men's softball - senior league is sponsored by the YMCA and is made up of men age 55+. All games are played at the Civic Center fields. Games are played once a week from May through August. Players do not have to be a member of the YMCA to play. Anyone can play, no experience necessary, but players will have to supply a glove as the league does not supply any equipment. Everyone who shows up will get a chance to bat.

For information about this summer's season, contact Tom Andres, tandres8@hotmail.com, 231-421-5060.

MICROBREW GROUP

Thursday, June 23, 5 p.m.

The Microbrew Tasting Group will be meeting at Right Brain Brewery on June 23 at 5 p.m. Right Brain is known for

innovative beer recipes. The food menu includes their waffle sandwiches and burgers. Right Brain also serves local wines.

If you have not yet signed up for the group, please contact Joel McElrath at jmcelrath@epri.com or 650-714-4557.

It is the mission of the Microbrew Tasting Group to visit all the area's 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.

NATIONAL WRITERS SERIES

The National Writers Series Newcomers activity group is on hiatus through the summer. It will start again with sign-ups at the September Kickoff Dinner.

The group meets for dinner before the monthly NWS author events. The NWS brings in best-selling authors of national reputation for an informative, on-stage conversation about the author's books.

Questions? Email co-leaders Doug Weaver at dwindsail@aol.com or Linda Proffitt at lindajproffitt@gmail.com.

NEWCOMERS NEEDLERS

Thursdays, June 2 & 16, 1 to 3 p.m.

Thursdays, July 7 & 21, 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.

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OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will not be meeting during the summer. Watch for news about September's lunch.

For information about the group, contact group leader Sis Leake at 231-313-3310.

PADDLING

June 17, June 24, July 8 and July 28

The Newcomers Paddling group does recreational (easy) kayaking on flat rivers and inland lakes. Our paddles are kept at or near two hours. We paddle on Fridays; a starting time of 10 a.m. is best for low winds. This also allows the group to lunch together after the paddle.

The group schedules two trips per month in the summer, depending on the weather. The plan is to schedule one river trip and one lake trip each month.

Upcoming paddles:

June 17- Long Lake, Taylor Park, North Long Lake Rd. We will put in, take out & picnic at the same location

June 24- Lower Platte River.

July 8, July 22, August 12, August 26, September 9, & September 23 (locations to be announced)

Details about these trips will be emailed to those on the group list.

Members are responsible for their own gear (kayaks, paddles, personal flotation devices, etc.) and their own means for transporting their kayaks to the meeting site. When kayaking rivers, the group works out carpooling between drop off and destination spots.

We have a good-size group signed up this year, but we always have room for more. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Lin Dann at dannL@michigan.gov.

POKER

Wednesday, June 8, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 6, 6 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. Note, though, the change to Wednesdays in June and July.

The June meeting will be held Wednesday, June 8, from 6

to 9 p.m. The host is Ira Wasserman, who also will be serving dinner. Ira's e-mail is iramwasserman@gmail.com.

Please let Ira know of your attendance. He will send an email blast with directions to his house in the next couple of weeks.

The July meeting will be held by the poker group coordinator, Mike Huffman. The game will be held on Wednesday, July 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. Phone is 517-655-3374. E-mail is wcdspike@yahoo.com. Look for an e-mail from Mike leading up to the date. For those not on the poker group list, send Ira or Mike an e-mail if you want to be added or want to attend a game.

THEATRE GROUP

The Newcomers Theatre Group takes a summer break until August. Watch for an announcement in the August newsletter about the next event at the Old Town Playhouse.

If interested in joining the group, please contact Chuck Watson at watson144@gmail.com or Kerr Anderson at kerrandsn@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE/BIJOU

Group needs a new leader or will be suspended! Interested? Contact Lois Byrne at lois.byrne@gmail.com.

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

Thursday, June 16, 2:30 p.m./State, approx. 4 p.m./Bijou

Wednesday, July 7, 2:30 p.m./State, approx. 4 p.m./Bijou

Thursday, July 21, 2:30 p.m./State, approx. 4 p.m./Bijou

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.

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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.

WALK IN THE WOODS

Thursday, June 16, 11 a.m.

The next two dates for Walk in the Woods, are Thursday June 16 and Thursday July 14. (Thanks to all of you who took our survey last fall and told us you wanted some week-day opportunities, Thursday being the favorite day.)

June 16 we'll meet at 11 a.m. for a hike on the Mission Point Lighthouse trails at the tip of Old Mission Peninsula. This should be a great way to enjoy this trail without encountering too much weekend or summer tourist traffic. Group leaders Leigh Wietsma and Dave Bessmer will send details, directions and lunch plans in an email and have them posted on the Newcomers web site soon. Likewise, we'll announce the July location a little later by email and on the web site.

If you haven't signed up but want to participate, please email group leader Leigh Wietsma: lwietsma@gmail.com. Our page on the web site is <http://qtnewcomers.org/events-activities/exercise/walkwoods/>.

WINE TASTING

Thursday, June 9, 4 p.m.

It's time to play our swan song. After two years of planning the monthly wine-tasting sessions, Denise and I will be turning over our reins after this June gathering. It has been such a pleasure getting to know so many of you throughout our "traversing" the vineyards!

When we began chairing this group there were about 50 members, and now, after two years of wining and dining, we have over 150! Adding the dining venue to our tastings seemed to be very well received, and we appreciate the kind words so many shared with us along the way.

That being said, we thought it would be nice to survey you regarding the final venue. We received a significant number of responses, and the results are in.

We will head to Leelanau Cellars in Omena on Thursday, June 9, at 4 p.m., where the tastings are free! From there we will stroll next door to Knot Just A Bar, which has an outdoor balcony by the water.

We will be sending out a detailed email to those on our list, and as always, please RSVP ASAP. Thanks!

Kimberly Belles and Denise McElrath,
kimberlybelles@sbcglobal.net.

You and kazoo welcome at Fest parade!

It is not too late to sign up for the Newcomers Club Kazoo Band to march in 2016 DTE Energy Cherry Royale Parade

The Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse still has spots available for the DTE Energy Cherry Royale Parade, July 9, during the National Cherry Festival.

We are looking for a minimum of 30 members to walk in this parade while we play patriotic songs on kazoos along the 1.3-mile parade route. There is a fee of \$10 per participant to cover the cost of a kazoo and commemorative T-shirt to be worn during the event. We already have 11 board members who are planning to march with us.

The minimum requirements are to be able to walk the parade route, hum and have oodles of fun. It is not necessary to be able to carry a tune.



We should know in the next few weeks if our application to march has been accepted, so if you are interested, email your reply to vgutowski@mac.com with your name, phone number and email address, along with everyone in your household who is interested.

Vickie Gutowski will e-mail you additional details once she knows if our parade application has been accepted.

NEW MEMBERS

Kait Bennett,
Royal Oak, Mich.

Jack Christensen,
Crystal Lake, Ill.

Pamela Herringshaw,
Royal Oak, Mich.

James and Ann Muennich
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sue Noland
Belleville, Mich.



NC's Caring Connections a club resource

Friends always help friends in need. With that in mind, the expanded role of the Caring Connections Program will continue in 2016-17.

We never know as members when health or other setbacks can occur. Caring Connections is there to help.

To use the program, to sign up to become a volunteer or to obtain more information on the program, contact Lorna Anderson at 231-935-1875 or lea4475@gmail.com.

Snowshoeing survey is under way

Attention all Newcomers who are looking for a winter outdoor activity that is easy and fun!

We are currently surveying members to see if we have enough critical mass to reinstate the Snowshoeing Activity Group.

All levels (including beginners) are welcome. We would meet the last Wednesday afternoon of each month from January through April, snow permitting, at various snowshoeing trails in the area.

We would gather for an informal restaurant dinner immediately following (at a location close to the trail).

You'd bring your own equipment, or rent from local sporting shops. Snowshoe rental rates are



Photo courtesy State of Michigan

about \$15 a day.

If you are interested in joining this group, or have questions, please email Sue Rollert at sue.rollert@gmail.com.

Newcomers volunteer to promote 'Maire's Journey'

Newcomers Joanie Abbott and Carolyn Green were key to promoting Hospice of Michigan's "Maire's Journey" on May 1 at the State Theatre in Traverse City. Due in part to their efforts, local residents, including many Newcomers, attended the local event.

"Maire's Journey" is an emotional documentary that follows the final months of a 24-year-old cancer patient, Maire Caitlin Kent, and the fulfillment of her last wish - sailing into the sunset - which stemmed from a favorite children's book, "Paddle to the Sea."

As the story goes, Maire's



Maire Caitlin Kent

ashes go into a wooden sailboat handcrafted by blind carpenter George Wurtzel, and the boat sets sail on a long river-to-the-sea journey. Where the trip takes Maire and the lives she touches along the way provide lessons about liv-

ing and dying. The film was created by Emmy-winning directors and producers Keith Famie and John Feist. The event in Traverse City featured a panel discussion following the film with Famie, the director; Wurtzel, the master carpenter; Rosemary Hagan, the spiritual care advisor, Hospice of Michigan; and Jack O'Malley, the emcee.

You can see more about Maire's Journey at www.Mairesjourney.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

The Annual Newcomer's Kickoff Dinner, which will start the 2016-2017 season, will be Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Let's get the Newcomer's "new" year off to a great start with a lovely dinner at the Hagerty Center, an opportunity to meet new people and an opportunity to sign up for the year's activities.

Watch for more information in the September newsletter, which will be mailed to you around mid-August.