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Visit us on the web at
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Please join us for the March program:

The Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay Maureen McManus

Tuesday, March 27
6:30 PM

History Center of Traverse City
322 Sixth Street
Traverse City, Michigan

Many of you have probably seen the blue and white building on M22 on Traverse City's West Bay and wondered, "What exactly is the Watershed Center Grand Traverse Bay?" Here is your opportunity to learn about what this organization does and what it means to our region.

The Watershed Center advocates for clean water in the Grand Traverse Bay and protection of its 1000-square-mile watershed. The Grand Traverse Bay watershed covers major portions of Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Antrim and Kalkaska counties. The Watershed Center does this through on-the-ground projects, public education and advocacy.

Since 2003, the Watershed Center has brought more than \$2.7 million to our region to implement its EPA-approved Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Protection Plan. Projects have prevented more than 7,000 tons of sediments and nearly 8,000 pounds of nutrients from entering Grand Traverse Bay. Project partners include local governments, area businesses and business associations, neighborhood associations, citizen groups, environmental and conservation organizations and many others.

Maureen McManus grew up in Traverse City and was thrilled to return to the area to help protect the environment for the future after completing a double major in Environmental Studies with an Environmental Policy concentration and Geography with a Geographic Information Sciences concentration at Central Michigan University. She was named Student Environmentalist of the year by the Northwestern Michigan Environmental Action Council for her three years as a summer intern at the Watershed Center. She began her work as Program Associate in 2010.

PRESIDENTS' NOTE

March 2012



Marshall Persky and Dan Klimaszewski
Co-Presidents

The winter is winding down. Spring will soon be here and the waters of Lake Michigan will begin to appear more inviting. Most of us can agree that Lake Michigan is one of the main things that drew us to the area, and makes the Grand Traverse region like no other in the world.

No matter what we might disagree about, most of us will agree that protecting the water is of high importance to our quality of life. Sportsmen, environmentalists, hunters, hikers, skiers and all types of outdoor enthusiasts agree that we must keep this special body of water clean and welcoming for ourselves and for generations that will follow us. Lake Michigan's cul-de-sac formation means that water entering the lake circulates slowly and remains for a long time (retention) before it leaves the basin through the Straits of Mackinac. That means that we must take care of what we put into the lake because it takes so long for it to remove itself.

The next two membership meetings of the Newcomers will focus on our water. The Watershed Center of Grand Traverse Bay will be presenting at our March 27th meeting. Their vision statement says: "The Watershed Center is the leader in protecting and preserving the Bay's watershed and achieving broad community commitment to clean water." They will be explaining some of their programs, and how they benefit our area,

In April, Kerry Kelly from the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes will join us. The *Friends* coordinate the [Adopt-A-Beach](#), [Adopt-A-Garden](#), [Adopt-A-River](#) and [Adopt-A-Trail](#) programs. Kerry has great stories about the Dunes, and this should also be an entertaining and instructive program.

We hope you can attend these meetings which will be held at the History Center of Traverse City.

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What's new on our website - www.gtnewcomers.org? You can read the newsletter online **before** receiving a paper copy. You'll receive an email with a link to the website and can click on the 'News' tab. You'll be able to see all the 'Newcomers News' photos in color, link off to any websites listed, or click on an e-mail address to send a note to that leader or contact. As always, if you have any photos, suggestions, comments or questions, contact our Newcomers webmaster Lynn Huffman at lhuffman@gammet.com.

HELP WANTED

Volunteers to bring two or three dozen cookies/bars to the March 27th monthly members meeting.

Contact Kathy Tuckerman at kmt08@gmail.com or 231-947-3251 by March 15th to volunteer.

THANK YOU!!

Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 24: Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes

May 22: Game Night

June 23: Cherry Bend Park Pavilion

NEW MEMBER CORNER

Rita Jacobs
Flint, MI

Mary Wayne
Prairie du Chien, WI

Christine Noga
Dearborn Heights, MI

Roseanne Sabatine
Three Lakes, WI

Susan DeSeranno
Grosse Pointe, MI

Thomas & Marsha Andres
Rochester Hills, MI

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MEET NEWCOMERS VOLUNTEERS John and Kathy Daniels

John and Kathy Daniels left their Detroit home of 40 years to retire in Traverse City in June, 2009. They were long-term staff members at the University of Detroit and lived within walking distance of the school. Within a few months of moving here, Mark and Maureen Anthony, fellow Detroiters and Newcomers, introduced them to Newcomers. The Daniels are both involved in various activities. John enjoys woodworking and Kathy is a writer and artist.



Almost immediately, John began volunteering with Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan. Their volunteer coordinator, Luann Heinert (995-7713), was expert in interviewing John to learn about his talents and skills to match him with a volunteer experience. Every Tuesday evening John serves dinner to the 40-some residents of Goodwill Inn, a shelter for both men and women who are struggling with housing, work, and personal issues. Out of this grew his leadership of groups of residents to encourage them to keep trying to find jobs and appropriate housing. Rediscovering their talents and worth leads them to be more confident in their problem-solving.

John enjoys using his previous professional skills to meet the needs of Goodwill, and he especially enjoys not having the day-to-day responsibilities of a job. He said his greatest reward in volunteering is "to do something simple and helpful and enjoy doing it. Doing little things with love is enough."

Both Kathy and John volunteer with the TC Film Festival and John also volunteers at the State Theatre.

Welcome to Traverse City and to Newcomers, Kathy and John.



WINGS OF WONDER

Rebecca Lessard, founder of Wings of Wonder, shows a Great Horned Owl (left) and a Red-Tail Hawk (right), two of the feathered guests she brought to our January meeting.



ACTIVITY GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 6, 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM

Please join us the first Tuesday of each month at either the morning session (10:30 AM) or the afternoon session (note new time of 1:00 PM). We meet at Horizon Books, lower level. We try to overlap the sessions enough to have lunch together at Horizon at the Shine Café. Morning group should leave their tables joined for us! Thanks.

The March selection is ***Unbroken*** by Laura Hillenbrand. The morning session will be led by Laurie Grant and the afternoon by Nancy Johnson.

The remainder of the year we will consider the following:

April: *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

May: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

June: *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

Rescheduled from last month, we will explore some possibilities for downloading podcasts as a way of accessing more information about the books and authors we read. Interested morning members should stay at Horizon after their session to join in. Bring your iPads, iPods or iPhones to learn how to download. We aren't expert(!) but we think we can muddle through enough to get everyone started!

Some of us are looking for additional reading with a light tone to mitigate the remaining grey, Northern winter, so be thinking of novels you have read that were lighthearted but well written and kept your interest. I will compile a list and email it to the group.

For questions contact Carole Wasserman (922-1581 or ira_wasserman@hotmail.com) or Terrill Persky (231-922-8153 or terrillpersky@gmail.com), overall leaders of the morning group (Carole) and afternoon group (Terrill).

DINNER OUT

Sunday, March 25, 5:00 PM

We hope that all of our new (and not-so-new) members will join us March 25th as we revisit that perennial favorite, Boone's Long Lake Inn. Known throughout northwest Michigan for their steaks, seafood and prime rib, as well as their welcoming atmosphere and generous portions, there is something on Boone's menu to please everyone. Join your Dinner Out friends, meet new members and welcome back the snowbirds who escaped the winter that never happened.

We will enjoy cocktails and socializing beginning at 5:00 with dinner seating at 6:00 in our own dining room. As

usual, we will order from the regular menu and have separate checks.

Gayle and Scott Roelofs will host the dinner this month, so please place your reservations with them at scottroelofs@msn.com by March 15th. For questions call the Roelofs at 231-409-6963.

Boone's Long Lake Inn

www.boonesli.com

7208 Secor Rd., TC

946-3991

DINNER FOR EIGHT

Eight people will join together at one person's home each month (rotating hosting) to enjoy dinner together with each person or couple contributing to the meal. Join us for great food and great fellowship. Nancy Johnson has contacted participants with details. If you'd like to join the substitute list, contact Nancy (johns526@msu.edu or 231-668-9633).

EUCHRE

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

We are in need of two individuals to start a ninth Euchre group. A couple or two singles will do it. If interested please contact Judy Pelto at jpelto1@charter.net.

If you have a basic understanding of the game and want to join in the fun, contact Judy Pelto.

FILM GROUP

Thursday, March 8

The film group is a casual fun group made up of people who love going to 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. I may occasionally add an extra film date during any given month if a film looks interesting and may not be playing at the time of the regular scheduled meeting.

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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

Spring steelhead fishing is underway and ice fishing continues on inland lakes. Be careful of the ice, especially after warm spells. Contact one another for fishing opportunities.

Contact Pete Albers, phalbers99@gmail.com or 922-7289, if you are interested in participating in any of the group activities.

GUN CLUB

The Newcomers Gun Club is a new activity that has twenty-three participants and we welcome all Newcomer members who think they might like to learn about target and defensive pistol shooting.

We have met twice at Shooters, an indoor shooting range that promotes gun safety and accuracy. Barb Wright encourages "all women and men, who have not had the opportunity to try pistol shooting, to give it a try." She feels, "It is important in this world to be aware, informed and confident. Also, it is a fun sport." Edie Brown, has shot handguns, shotguns and rifles. She believes that, "Pistol shooting at Shooters is a lot of fun, reasonably cheap at \$11.00 for 30 minutes of range time and that Steve Lauer, our resident NRA instructor, is an excellent instructor with great patience and knowledge. The Shooter's staff is very knowledgeable and supportive in welcoming new shooters, especially women." Shooters also sells bullets and has a limited number of handguns to try if you are not sure which style or caliber you would like.

In March the Gun Club will began skeet shooting at Cedar Rod and Gun Club. Skeet shooting is a sport that requires good hand eye coordination, using a shotgun to hit targets that are thrown from machines to simulate birds in flight. The shooter fires from eight different stations at the simulated birds. Skeet shooting is a lot of fun, gets you outdoors and, if we have enough participation, we could challenge other clubs to competitive shoots.

If either of these sports interests you, please call Dave Richard at 231-933-0359 or crowbar38@gmail.com, or Steve Lauer at stevlauer12@yahoo.com. We welcome your participation.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, March 26, 10:00 AM

The group will meet March 26 at 10:00 AM at Horizon Bookstore, lower level. The March selection will be ***A Moveable Feast*** by Ernest Hemingway

The April selection will be *City of Thieves* by David Benioff.

Contact George Kobernus, 231-933-9321 or gkkobernus@chartermi.net for more information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, March 14, 9:00 AM

This group meets at the Omelette Shoppe next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza every second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 AM. 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.

MIXED PARTY BRIDGE

Ira Wasserman is the new leader of Mixed Bridge group. Contact Ira at ira_wasserman@hotmail.com for more information.

NEWCOMERS NEEDLERS

March 1 and 15, 1:00-3:00 PM

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 our projects in the company of others. Come with a project, or just to network (or "knitwork"). If you need help, someone is probably able to assist you.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays, 1:00–3:00 PM, at Aroma's Coffee Shop (<http://www.aromascoffeeshop.com/>) at Kid's Creek shopping center on Division, just south of 14th Street.

Have questions, want to be on the email list, or just want to let us know you'll be there? Contact Robbin Stott, rstott@chartermi.net or 932-1709 for information.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, March 14, 1:00 PM

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will go to lunch on Wednesday, March 14, at 1:00 PM at Poppycock's, 128 E. Front Street, TC (poppycockstc.com). Poppycock's provides a casual contemporary atmosphere with a friendly, welcoming staff and inspired cuisine. Interested "lunchers" will play

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Mah Jongg after lunch, so feel free to bring your sets or cards.

Contact Sis Leake, sisleake@charter.net or 231-929-7036, by Monday, March 12 for reservations.

POKER

Tuesday, February 28, 1:00 PM

The poker group meets the first Tuesday of the month, with winter hours of 1:00 – 4:00 PM and summer hours of 6:30 – 9:30 PM. 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. The host merely has to provide the home and setup, while members bring snacks and drinks.

The March meeting will actually be held on **Tuesday, February 28th**, from 1:00—4:00 PM. Joe Harris will be hosting. Please contact Joe if you plan to attend at grisharris@charter.net.

The poker group coordinator is Mike Huffman. His phone number is 517-655-3374 and his email is wdcspike@yahoo.com.

SNOWSHOE/CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

Saturday, March 17, 11:00 AM

Weather permitting, we will go to the Nature Center, 1450 Cass Road (natureiscalling.org) at 11:00 AM for a winter outing. Afterward we will go to Agave Mexican Grill, 851 S. Garfield Avenue, for lunch.

Directions: Follow Garfield Road to Airport Road and turn west. Turn left on Cass Street and go south about 1.5 miles until you reach the Nature Center. We will meet at the parking lot.

If you'll join us, or have questions, contact Ira Wasserman, Ira_Wasserman@hotmail.com or 231-922-1581.



Enjoying the winter snow are Ira Wasserman, Bob Knaack, Barbara Wentzlof, Dale Wentzlof, Brenda Knaack, and Don Eastway.

SOLOS

The Solos group will take a break during the winter months.

VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE THEATRE

Wednesday, March 7, 2:30 PM

Thursday, March 15, 2:30 PM

State Theatre Volunteers: Join us as we work in the concession area, take tickets, sweep floors, usher, run errands, and sometimes we even get to watch the movie.

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 PM until 5:15 PM. Our March dates are Wednesday, March 7 and Thursday, March 15 Join us for dinner afterwards 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.

WINE GROUP

Thursday, March 8, 2012, 3:30 PM

Please join us for our next wine tasting event at Peninsula Cellars, 11480 Center Road, on Old Mission Peninsula. This is a family owned and operated winery located on the 150 year old Kroupa Farm. Peninsula Cellars specializes in Rieslings and Gewurztraminer wines. This winery also produces several other white wines (including Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, and a Riesling Ice Wine). They also have several red wines, including one named Detention!

We will be offered four complimentary tastes. Additional options include sampling premium red wines (\$1.00 a taste) or Ice Wine for \$3.00.

This tasting promises to be a lot of fun. **Please RSVP to Edie Brown, 231-883-6337, no later than Monday, March 5, 2012 if you plan to attend this event. CHEERS!**



Newcomers Volunteer Throughout the Region

The list of Newcomers who volunteer continues to grow. Here are more great volunteers. We'd like to include you and your activity. Email Linda Proffitt at lindajproffitt@gmail.com with your volunteer information.

Fran Alfs: Women's Resource Center, Humane Society Dog Walking, Adaptive Skiing—Munson, Dennon Museum, State Theatre

Virginia Le Claire: Traverse City Film Festival, State Theatre, History Center, Grand Traverse Genealogical Society

Ron Olson: Sleeping Bear National Park, Benzie Area Symphony Orchestra, Benzie Conservation District, First Congregational Church of Benzonia, Benzie Area Library, Teaching Adaptive Downhill Skiing

CALLING ALL WOODWORKERS

(Even Wanabees)

**Got time on your hands?
Wanna make some sawdust?**

We are exploring the possibility of starting a men's woodworking activity group, to get together and share expertise, mentor a newbie, or just get outta the house for a few hours once or twice a month. If interested, contact Larry Constantineau (lacintc@aol.com or 231-342-6856). Maybe we can make things to give as gifts (perhaps a bread board which would be useful after the recent bread-making field trip), or help one another to make some memories for grandkids.

If there is sufficient interest, we will have an organizing meeting and share ideas on how we might make this happen. All levels of experiences, skills and abilities welcome!



Nan Strickler and Lynn Huffman weigh flour as they prepare bread dough.

NEWCOMERS BREAD CLASS A SUCCESS

On February 4th eighteen Newcomers met at the kitchen at Black Star Farms for a bread baking lesson by Jen Welty of 9 Bean Rows.

We each took home a loaf of fresh baked bread, dough for two loaves to be baked the next day and levain (natural leavening) for our next loaf.

Everyone had a great time and before we left were tentatively planning a croissant class for the spring. Watch for details in a future newsletter.

TRAVEL GROUP

The results to our survey of the Chicago travelers indicated a strong interest in returning next December to catch the opening week of *The Book of Mormon*. Unfortunately, the show is red-hot and group bookings have already sold out for December. As the show seemed the principle driver for a return to Chicago next year, we are exploring hotel, transportation, and entertainment options in Toronto (#2 survey choice) as an alternative destination for late November or early December. More details will be provided in future newsletters.

Meanwhile, if you have any insight into modestly priced hotels, tours, and entertainment venues in Toronto, please share them with us. Please send any information you may have Dennis Stockemer at dstockemer@comcast.net, or Pat Haber at pathaber@gmail.com.

SUPPORT NORTH STAR HOCKEY

On March 30, the Traverse City Senior Center (www.tcseniorcenter.com) will sponsor an event to support North Stars Junior-A Hockey and show that we want to keep the North Stars in Traverse City. For only \$10.00 per person, you can enjoy spaghetti, salad, bread, cookies, a beverage **AND** a hockey game!

To sign up, contact Sis Leake, (sisleake@charter.net or 231-929-7036). To get your ticket, stop at the Senior Center, 801 E. Front Street by Monday, March 12. You'll need to pay in cash (no checks), and also give your name and phone number. If you're a Senior Center member, you won't have to pay, although you do have to get your ticket at the Senior Center!

The North Stars play at Centre Ice (www.centreice.org), 1600 Chartwell Dr. Be there at 6:00 PM on March 30 ready to eat and enjoy a night of hockey.

Contact CC at the Senior Center, 231-922-4911, with questions about tickets.

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