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A Special Newcomers Evening At Chateau Chantal

May 11, 2010 6:30 - 9:30 PM

As we enjoy the wonderful spring weather and the return of our good friends from the South, let's get together and toast the beauty of Traverse City. The wine will be superb, the views spectacular, and the friends priceless.

Here's the plan:

1. Location - Chateau Chantal on the Old Mission Peninsula.
2. Three "half" glasses of the wines of your choice. Options include: Pinot Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Naughty Red, Celebrate, Select Harvest Riesling, Cherry wine. Check them out on www.Chateauchantal.com.
3. Light snacks of cheeses, spreads, crackers, etc. Coffee, lemonade and water will also be served.
4. A tour of the winery.
5. Spectacular sunset view from the Chateau's terrace.

20% Discount on the Chateau's wines.

There will be a charge of \$10 per person collected at the door. Our Treasury will be uncorked to cover the remaining cost of the event.

Take Center Road (M-37) on Old Mission Peninsula for twelve miles to the Chateau Chantal sign on the right and follow the road to the Winery.

The Chateau can accommodate only 110 Newcomers so please make your reservation by the May 7 deadline. Contact Karen Spencer at 946-3365 or kspencertc@charter.net.

The \$10 charge may be paid at the door.

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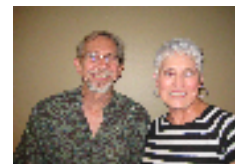
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PRESIDENTS' NOTE

May 2010



Bob Pelto & Susanne Bonner

I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy our unusual and beautiful spring and let us hope it will continue into the summer. I promised myself I would not write about the weather, but weather does seem to be such a big part of our lives in the greater Traverse City area, year round. We anticipate each season and its changes but summer is the season most of us look forward to, with a feeling of celebration and the wish that it would last longer. Ok, enough about the weather.

I am always amazed how the Newcomers turn out for our activities. I must admit I was a bit surprised and delighted to have seventeen of our members show up for our movie group this month. Judy Pelto, our movie guru, had slim pickings for a movie this month. She scheduled "Diary of a Wimpy Kid", which is usually not the kind of movie the group attends. After the movie, it was planned that we would go to the Firefly. We all sat through the movie (it was kind of cute) just to be able to get together and socialize after the movie. All it takes is food, beverages and interesting people to get a group together.

It has been great with so many of our new members joining the activities and getting to know them beyond a name and where they lived before moving to our area. New members are what help keep our group fresh and from becoming stale. And I must say, we always have a great group of new people and new friends each year.

Most of you are aware that Doug Stanton, our April speaker, had to cancel and would like to reschedule his date. He had an unexpected trip to Afghanistan. He had to take the dates offered to him because it involved government travel and meetings with politicians. It was a trip he could not pass up, as he was also doing research for a magazine article.

The remaining of our monthly meetings will not be held at the library. We hope to see you at Chateau Chantal on May 11. It should be a fun and informative evening. Early June, we have our spring outing at Ranch Rudolf and the end of June will be our annual picnic.

Susanne & Bob



Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

Saturday, June 5: Ranch Rudolf "Hootenanny".

Sunday, June 27: Annual Newcomer's Picnic at Bower's Harbor Park

NEW MEMBER CORNER

Max & Linda Proffitt
Cleveland, OH

Sally Ballenger
Bear Lake, MI

Sylvia Kelly
Maumee, OH

Michael & Stefanie Hanson
Deckerville, MI

Brad & Martha Eshbaugh
Flint, MI

Nick & Robin Onon

Plan now for the June program:

RANCH RUDOLF "HOOTENANNY"
Saturday, June 5, 2010

Pre-dinner activities begin around 3:30 PM (see schedule below)
Social time from 5:30 - 6:30 PM (rain or shine)
Buffet Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Line Dancing instruction & fun after dinner

Mosey over to Ranch Rudolf, partners, and join the fun in many late Saturday afternoon activities. Casual and western attire will reign at this rustic resort, located approximately 12 miles southeast of Traverse City.

For a few small gold nuggets you can go horseback riding, or enjoy a hayride. **Please arrange any of these activities directly with Melody Hamill (co-owner) at Ranch Rudolf (947-9529) at least one week prior to the event.** Also, mention you are with the Newcomers Club. The cost and times are as follows:

- Horseback Riding (arrive @ 3:30 for paperwork, start time 4:00)...\$30
 - Hayride (arrive @4:00 for paperwork, start time 4:30).....\$12
(minimum of 10 cowgirls or buckaroos/maximum 20)

Additionally, members Lois Goldstein and John Heiam have offered to lead a paddling trip on the Brown Bridge Pond at the Ranch Rudolf event. This would take place prior to 5:30 PM social hour and dinner. They are experienced paddlers and are willing to share their expertise. The Brown Bridge Pond offers calm waters, wildlife and pristine scenery. We may see swans, loons, deer and perhaps the resident bald eagle. You will need to provide your own canoe (or kayak), paddles and life jackets. In the event of poor weather, a hike along the North Country Trail could be an option. **Please contact Lois and John at lgoldstein@charter.net or 938-9655 for details about the meeting time and driving directions to the launch site.**

Other activities (at no cost) include hiking, horseshoes, ping pong, bocce ball and volleyball. Bring a Mah Jongg game or cards and have some spirited competition on the patio or inside the ample barroom. Or, you can belly up to the cash bar and just enjoy the company of your many Newcomer cowpoke friends. The hot buffet dinner (only \$20 pp) will offer several choices for the ladies and saddle-hardened wranglers: Baked Chicken, BBQ Pork Ribs, baked potato, pasta salad, baked beans, house salad, coffee, punch, ice tea and dessert.

Please send dinner reservations in early. They should be received no later than **Friday, May 21.** Guests are always welcome. Make your check payable to Newcomers Club for **\$20.00 per person** and mail to:

Karen Spencer
8165 S. Bingham Ridge Dr.
Traverse City, MI 49684

Questions: Marshall Persky (922-8153) or Jim Neibauer (267-9553)

ACTIVITY GROUPS

BIKING GROUP

Saturday, May 15, 11:00 AM Betsie Valley Trail

From Traverse City follow US-31 west for 30 miles to Benzonia. At the stop light in Benzonia turn right on to M-115 for seven miles to Frankfort. At the bottom of the hill (A&W on the left) turn left. Go one block and turn right. Go two blocks. Parking lot will be on the left.

If you are interested in joining please contact Don Eastway at cadillac2154@yahoo.com or phone 231-884-1106.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 4, 10:00 AM

Our May selection is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, one of the classic works of the twentieth century. Jo Anne Gerben will lead the discussion.

We will close our reading year in June with *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month in the lower level of Horizon Books at 10:00 AM. We go to lunch following the discussion. For information, call Letha Cairns at 231-271-6831 or gcairns@chartermi.net.



BRIDGE

TEAM BRIDGE:

First Friday of each month (except June-Aug.), 7:00 PM at Cedar Creek Commons. Bring a snack to share. New members are always welcome (bring a partner). Call Georgia Stoeber, 938-5846.

AFTERNOON BRIDGE:

2nd Thursday of each month, 11:30 AM, at Scott's Harbor Grille.
Call Judy Owen, 922-9619.

4th Thursday of each month, 11:30 AM, at G's, 1500 U.S. 31 North, Traverse City.
Call Judy Owen, 922-9619.

NOTE: Both men and women are welcome to play in these afternoon bridge groups.

MIXED PARTY BRIDGE:

3rd Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM. All skill levels welcome. Different hosts each month.

Contact Rick and Kathy Bodette, 271-7524 or richardrbodette@cs.com.

Please note the new day. We are now playing on the third Thursday of the month.

DINNER OUT

The dining out group will resume dinners in October. With so many exciting events planned for the coming months we take an annual leave from our dinners. Hope to see all of you at future events and dinners.

Thanks for your participation and I would appreciate receiving any suggestions for future dinners.

Michele Richard, marichard43@yahoo.com or 944-5844.

EUCHRE

Euchre groups meet once a month in each other's homes. We currently have seven 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 also involved.

The groups are more social rather than serious, so don't be hesitant to join if you haven't played in a while or are a newer player. If you have a rudimentary understanding of the game and want to join in the fun, contact Judy Pelto at jpelto1@charter.net or call 231-668-6490.

FILM GROUP

Thursday, May 13

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

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during any given month if a film looks interesting and may not be playing at the time of the regular scheduled meeting.

The last gathering of the film group for the season is Thursday, May 13, 2010. Check your email for details.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Judy Pelto at jpelto1@charter.net or 231-668-6490.

FISHING

Steelhead season is winding down but the opening day for most inland species (except bass) in the Lower Peninsula is Saturday, April 24. Consult your 2010 Michigan Fishing Guide for specifics on species and locations; there are a lot of special situations. I will make inquiries about charter trips for lake trout fishing during May and June. Last year we had our first trip near the end of May.

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

GARDENING

The Garden Club is currently in the e-mail stage of planning for the 2010 growing season. I will be sending notices to the group as things firm up regarding meetings and outings. I am looking for suggestions from the group for the type of activities they would prefer.

If you want to be on the mailing list please let me know: Rose Neibauer, 231-267-9553 or jeneibauer2@charter.net.



GOLF

Dig out the driver and polish the putter. Golf season is underway! The group is open to men and women at all skill levels. This is one more opportunity for Newcomers to get together and have fun.

We play each Monday. Most players opt for 18 holes but feel free to stop at 9. I will need to know if you are playing by the Friday before Monday's round. Just call Ralph Brickman at 231-223-4584 or email brickmanbus@yahoo.com. Once everyone has arrived at the course we will use a draw to determine foursomes.

The scheduled dates are listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Course#</u>
May 3	Crown	10:00	231-946-2975
May 10	Leelanau Club	10:00	231-271-2020
May 17	A-Ga-Ming Torch	10:00	888-678-0126
May 24	Sugar Loaf Old Course	10:00	231-228-2040
June 7	Briar North	9:30	231-885-1220
June 14	Pinecroft	9:30	231-882-9100
June 21	Crown	9:30	231-946-2975
June 28	Timberwolf	9:30	231-258-5685
July 12	Emerald Vale	9:30	231-824-3631
July 19	Dunes	9:30	231-326-5390
July 26	Briar North	9:30	231-885-1220
Aug 2	Elmbrook	9:30	231-946-9180
Aug 9	Crown	9:30	231-946-2975
Aug 16	Champion Hills	9:30	231-882-9200
Aug 23	Grandview	9:30	231-258-3244
Aug 30	Twin Birch	9:30	231-258-9691
Sept 13	Mistwood	10:00	231-275-5500
Sept 20	Crystal Mountain	10:00	800-968-7686
Sept 27	Emerald Vale	10:00	231-824-3631
Oct 4	Leelanau Club	10:00	231-271-2020
Oct 11	Crown	10:00	231-946-2975

KNIT & STITCH

First and Third Thursdays, 1:00–3:00 PM

If you knit, cross-stitch, embroider, do needlepoint or any type of needlework, you are invited to join this new group, which meets the first and third Thursdays, 1–3 PM, at the Warehouse Lounge (aka Cuppa Joe's) in the Warehouse District. The next dates are May 6 and May 20.

Just bring something to work on (or not!) and join us as we share ideas, show off our projects, and have lunch or just a *cuppa* while we knit and stitch.

Have questions or want to be on the email distribution list for this group? Contact Sandy Seppala, [sansep19@earthlink.net](mailto:sansepp19@earthlink.net), 421-3343.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, May 24, 10:00 AM

The book selection for May is *The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War* by David Halberstam.

This is a very thorough treatment of the background leading up to the Korean War and the crucial first year of the war. It provides an enlightening evaluation of the successes and failures of the highest ranking military officers; the important role of American politics; the tenuous relations between North Korea, People's Republic of China, and Russia; and

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the classic confrontation between President Truman and General Douglas MacArthur.

The club meets in the lower level of Horizon Books the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 AM. New members are welcome whether you have read the book or not. We sometimes go to lunch at a local restaurant following the meeting.

Contact Pete Albers for questions and information, phalbers99@gmail.com or 922-7289.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, May 12, 9:00 AM

This group meets at the **Omelette Shoppe next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza** every 2nd 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: gkobernus@chartermi.net or 933-9321.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, May 12, 1:00 PM

We are going back to Elk Rapids to a restaurant called *Siren Hall*. We will then tour this little town and visit the library, which is in a beautiful old home. There are also some cute shops and a fine antique shop. We will meet at Dunham's Sports to car pool at 12:30 PM.

Contact Sis Leake at 929-7036 by **Monday, May 10**, for reservations.

POKER

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30 PM

The poker group usually meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, with winter hours of 1:30 PM—4:30 PM and summer hours of 6:30 PM—9:30 PM. The group meets on a rotating basis at each member's home. The game is small stakes, (5¢, 10¢, 25¢), 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 April meeting was held by Jim Neibauer, and since I was not there it is purely rumor that someone was taken to the cleaners. Even though the game is fun & friendly, a certain game was played and the poor fellow apparently P O'd the Card Gods. Yours truly had declared this game banned, but apparently Mr. Spencer (who should know better) called it in my absence.

The May game will be hosted by Jerry Hawkins. This game will start the summer series and will be from 6:30 to 9:30 PM, Tuesday, May 4. Please contact Jerry or the group coordinator by phone or email if you plan to attend. Jerry's email is jer5dihawk@charter.net. Jerry's phone is 231-995-9814.

The poker group coordinator is Mike Huffman. Phone is 517-655-3374. Email is wdcspike@yahoo.com.

QUILTING

The Newcomer Quilt Group will not meet in May.

SOLOS

Sunday, May 16, 11:00 AM

We will meet in Tom's parking lot in Acme at 11:00 AM to carpool to Hartwick Pines State Park. We will walk the trail among the big pines and stop at their visitor center before returning to the Tom's lot. I'm hoping the pink ladyslippers will be in bloom. Call Judy at 922-9619 if you would like to join us.

And, we will have a new leader in June. Paula Hartmann has agreed to take over the group. I'm sure she will have some great new ideas for fun. Thanks for the great company while we did my activities. **Please send Paula an email so she will have your email address without having to type them all.** Her address is phartmann1625@charter.net.

VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE THEATRE

Thursday, May 20, 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 usually slow. It is designed to introduce you to the State and help you determine whether you'd like to move to a busier time on your own. You are more than welcome to remain at this less active level too. Sometimes we have more volunteers than theater-goers.

We work on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 2:30 PM to 5:15 PM. Join us for dinner after if you have time.

Contact Jody Bennett if you would like to be added to the list of potential volunteers, bennettjj@charter.net, 932-9249.

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WALK IN THE WOODS

Saturday, May 1, 11:00 AM

Whaleback Natural Area

These walks are low impact, gently paced hikes through the many beautiful natural areas that bless the Grand Traverse Region. They are most always suitable for all members of the club but occasionally we do have some steep climbs which will be made clear in the announcements for each event. The hikes begin at 11:00 AM and are usually on the second Saturday of each month. We schedule walks for September, October, November (weather permitting), April, May, June and July. Normally, those interested in doing so will meet for lunch afterwards since this area also boasts many interesting restaurants in reasonable proximity to the hiking venues.

From Traverse City, take M-22 north to Suttons Bay. Then take M-204 west toward Lake Leelanau and Leland. From the junction of M-22 and M-204 (3 mi S. of Leland), take M-22 north approximately one mile. A sign on the west (left) side of M-22 marks the entrance to the parking area. Continue straight for a few hundred feet on the gravel road entrance to the parking area.

This hike is somewhat uphill. It is a gradual climb through hardwoods to the flat top of the Whaleback formation. We will take it slow and easy. Lunch will be at The Cove or Fisher Tavern.

Please contact Dick and Jane Grewe if you plan to attend: jedgrewe@charter.net or 941-4961. Jane's cell: 989-329-3000.

To all fellow Newcomers:

Have you come across facts about the area or articles that might be of interest to other Newcomers? Do you have any pictures of activity group events from this past year? If so, please send them to the newsletter editor:

mikiconnel@aol.com
or
929-1049

The next newsletter will cover June, July and August. It will be the last issue until our new club year starts in September.

The deadline for this issue is May 15.

Thanks!

A note from Pauline Watt, Activity Groups Leader:

We have new leaders for the following groups:

Walk in the Woods: Jane and Dick Grewe will co-lead

Solos: Paula Hartmann

Garden Group: Rose Neibauer

Volunteer at the State: Nancy Johnson

Dinner Out: Michele Richard

Knit and Stitch: Sandy Seppala

Congratulations and Thank You for volunteering!



Congratulations Fran Alfs

Fran participated, again this year, in the White Pines Stampede. This is an annual cross country ski race for both Classic and Freestyle skiers. A total of 509 skiers competed in the event. Fran was entered in the 10k Classic Competition. She finished **first in her age group with a finishing time of 0:58:58** and tenth overall. Way to go Fran!

Helping Hands Request

The Newcomers Club
'Helping Hands' Coordinator
attempts to acknowledge happy and sad times in our
members' lives.

Please notify
Judy Owens at 922-9619
jowen9619@charter.net
if you know of any of these
circumstances.

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935-6482

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938-9300

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Extended Educational Services &

Life Academy (Classes for adults over 50)

231-995-1700

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3850 N. Long Lake Rd. TC
947-6510

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148 E. Eighth St., TC
947-2210, ext. 3

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