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OCTOBER 25, 2011 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

EYAAWING MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

2304 N. West Bayshore Drive
Peshawbestown, MI 49682

6:30 PM - Socializing and refreshments

7:00 PM - Meeting & program

Our speaker is Derek Bailey, Chairman of the Inter-Tribal Council of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Chairman Bailey is the fifth Chairman since the Grand Traverse Band was federally reaffirmed on May 27, 1980, and the youngest in the tribe's history. Chairman Bailey has a Master's Degree in Social Work and has extensive experience in clinical and administrative behavioral health. President Obama recently appointed Chairman Bailey to the National Advisory on Indian Education.

Chairman Bailey will lead us on a tour of the Eyaawing Museum and discuss the history, culture and language of the Grand Traverse Band. The Grand Traverse Band also owns the Grand Traverse Resort, Turtle Creek Casino, Leelanau Sands Casino and is one of the largest public employers in the area.

If you are interested in Indian lore, feel the slots are not paying off frequently enough or want to hear Chairman Bailey's thoughts on representing the 1st District in the U.S. Congress, you'll want to attend this meeting.

The Museum is on M-22, 19 miles north of the corner of M-72 & M-22 (Tom's Market) and across the street from the Leelanau Sands Casino.

The Public is Invited

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Newcomers annual dues for the 2011-2012 season
(running September 2011 through August 31, 2012) are due by **October 1**.

Send your check for \$30 for couples and \$25 for single households to:

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PRESIDENTS' NOTE

October 2011

Question: What is your passion?

Oprah Winfrey hit the bull's eye when she said
**"Passion is energy. Feel the power that comes from
 focusing on what excites you."**



Marshall Persky and Dan Klimaszewski
 Co-Presidents

Our members had a chance to sign up for Activities we are passionate about at the Kickoff Dinner. If you didn't attend, it's not too late! Look through the newsletter, find that activity that excites you, focus on it, feel the power, contact the leader. **You're in.** Maybe you went to the dinner and hesitated to sign up for something you've always wanted to do. It's not too late! Just contact the activity leader and **you're in.**

Are you passionate for more than an activity? Maybe you want to give back to the community. Maybe you want to use your skills to help other people or organizations. That's our theme this year. In the coming months we will introduce you to a variety of opportunities to fulfill that passion. Traverse City has many non-profits that help people, improve the environment or do other great things. They thrive in this community because of people with passion. Focus, get excited.

Friendships and social contacts are universal passions so join an activity group and come to our programs. On October 25th we have the opportunity to tour Eyaawing Museum and listen to Derek Bailey, Chairman, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Derek is a dynamic speaker. His pride and passion for the Tribe and the Native American people shines through his quiet dignity. He is the perfect example of Excitement + Focus = Passion.

Dan Klimaszewski
 Marshall Persky
 Co-Presidents

2011-2012 Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse Member Directory

The Newcomers Member Directory is available in living color to view and print online at www.gtnewcomers.org. The current directory can be found in the "Members Area" of the web site. This year's updates will be available by the end of October.

Your dues must be received on or before October 1 in order to have your membership information included. Passwords to this section of the web site were previously distributed. Feel free to contact Barb Palazuk at dpalazuk@gmail.com if you are in need of this information.

All new members will receive a copy of the Newcomers Club Member Directory and Handbook. *Hard copies of the Directory will not be automatically distributed to renewing members this year.* If you wish to receive a hard copy of the Directory, please contact Dan Palazuk. He will be happy to mail one to you. Dan can be reached at NewcomersTC@gmail.com or by calling 231-421-1249, or by writing to him at 10719 Shrewbury, Traverse City, MI 49686. Of course the easiest way to view the latest directory is at the Newcomers website at www.gtnewcomers.org.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Tuesday, October 25 – Eyaawing Museum
Friday, November 11 – Newcomers Auction
Thursday, December 15 – Holiday Dinner Dance

Watch for details in future Newcomers News!

NEW MEMBER CORNER

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HELP! We Need Somebody!

Leaders are needed for the following activity groups: Biking, Cross Country Skiing/ Snowshoeing, Gardening, and Mixed Party Bridge.

Co-chairs are needed for the Dining Out and Walk in the Woods groups.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Pat Haber, Activity Group leader, at pathaber@gmail.com or 231-228-4245.

GOT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES?

Do you volunteer in the Traverse City area?
 Would you be willing to share your experiences?

If so, we'd love to know more. Please contact Robbin Stott, rstott@chartermi.net, to answer a few questions for the newsletter.

NEWCOMER GOLFERS PAUSE FOR A POSE



ACTIVITY GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 4, 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM

Newcomers who love to read met at the History Center in September for a memorable kickoff to our new season. We had a potluck followed by a lively discussion of the TC Reads book, *Tender at the Bone*, presented by two members of the TADL library staff.

We also voted, from a long list of great books, for our **Roster of Reads** for the year which is as follows:

October - *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*
November - *Once Upon a River*
December - *Room*
January - *The Dry Grass of August*
February - *The Loon Feather*
March - *Unbroken*
April - *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin*
May - *The Paris Wife*
June - *State of Wonder*

It stacks up to be a fabulous year for reading and discussion! Please join us the first Tuesday of each month at either the morning session (10:30 AM) or the afternoon session (1:30 PM). We meet at Horizon Books, lower level. Lunch at Amical is an option for all members at around noon.

For questions contact Katie Brown, 231-922-9389 or jkbrow@att.net, leader of the morning group, or Terrill Persky, 231-922-8153 or terrillpersky@gmail.com, leader of the afternoon group.

Please join us!!

DINNER OUT

Sunday, October 30

"Foodies," gourmands, epicureans or just plain hungry folk, this dinner is especially for you! Enjoy a picturesque autumn drive to beautiful Glen Arbor and join us for a sure to delight dining experience at the renown 5 Star 'BLU' restaurant located a stones throw from Lake Michigan. The glass-walled panoramic atrium dining room features glorious sunset views dancing on Sleeping Bear Bay overlooking North and South Manitou Islands. The doors will open at 4:00 PM with cocktails and socializing on the outdoor patio, weather permitting, and seated for dinner at 5:00 PM.

Chef/owner Randy Chamberlain and his wife Mari Chamberlain, a Certified Sommelier, offer a daily changing menu sourcing the freshest local ingredients available with Randy's unwavering desire to be

spontaneous. We will be selecting from a prix fixe menu priced at \$26 offering soup or salad, entree of seafood, meat or vegetarian fare and a choice of dessert. As usual, drinks are on your own.

Seating at this enchanting venue is limited to 46. Please honor your commitment to join us for dinner; if cancellations are necessary please advise us as soon as possible in case we have a waiting list.

Dave and Michele Richard thank you all for joining us for dinner these past couple seasons. It has been our pleasure to serve as your hosts. We are now directing our energy into serving on your board of directors and are excited to introduce all of you to your new hosts, Brenda and Bob Knack, "foodies extraordinaire."

Please respond only if you plan to attend before October 22 to Brenda and Robert Knaack at knaack222@gmail.com or 231-421-3127.

Blu Restaurant
5705 South Lake St.,
Glen Arbor, MI 49636
231-334-2530

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. If you didn't sign up at the Kickoff dinner, please contact Nancy Johnson (johns526@msu.edu or 231-668-9633) to sign up for this delightful and delicious activity. Nancy will contact participants with Dinner for Eight details.

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.

NEWS FLASH FROM GROUP 3: Lynn Huffman started off the first get together of the new season of Euchre in a big way achieving FOUR LONERS! Congrats to Lynn.

If you have a basic understanding of the game and want to join in the fun, contact Judy Pelto at jpelto1@charter.net.

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FILM GROUP

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



Members of the Film Group enjoy a warm September evening while waiting to see *Sarah's Key*.

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

Salmon are in the bays and rivers of the western portion of the state. Hopefully some of you have been successful at catching them. Trout season (most streams) ends on September 30; other species continue.

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

GOLF

The 2011 season of Newcomers golf is winding down. The last two dates are October 3 at the Leelanau Club and October 10 at The Crown. We have had a good year welcoming new players and playing two new courses. Look for information on the 2012 season in the March and April newsletters. As in the past, we will start the first Monday in May and play until the second Monday of October. We

always welcome new players and suggestions for new courses to play. If you would like to play next year or have a favorite course that was not on this year's schedule, email Ralph Brickman at brickmanbus@yahoo.com. Have a great winter and we hope to see all of you golfers next spring.

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, October 24, 10:00 AM

Book selections for the next six months will be made at the September 26 meeting. Contact George Kobernus for October's selection. The group will meet October 24 at 10:00 AM at Horizons Bookstore lower level. George can be reached at gkkobernus@chartermi.net or 231-933-9321.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, October 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 at gkobernus@chartermi.net or 933-9321.

MIXED PARTY BRIDGE

This activity will resume if a new leader is found.

NEWCOMERS NEEDLERS

October 6 and 20, 1-3 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 while chatting with 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, 1–3 PM, at the Aroma's Coffee Shop (<http://www.aromascoffeeshop.com/>) at Kid's Creek shopping center on Division, just south of 14th Street. The next dates are October 6 and 20.

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, October 12, 1:00 PM

Enjoy one of the region's finest bayside dining experiences on October 12. We'll be visiting Lobdell's, a 90-seat restaurant overlooking beautiful Grand Traverse Bay and

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named in honor of longtime NMC supporters Wayne and Terry Lobdell.

Located at the Great Lakes Campus, Lobdell's serves as a working laboratory for culinary students and is open to the public for lunches and dinners throughout fall and spring semester.

Contact Sis Leake (sisleake@charter.net or 231-929-7036) by October 5 for reservations. We can only seat two tables of eight, so get your reservation in soon!

POKER

Tuesday, October 4, 1:30 PM

The poker group meets the first Tuesday of the month, with winter hours of 1:30-4:30 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 October meeting will be hosted by Dan Klimaszewski. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. Please contact Dan if you plan to attend. Dan's email address is danklim1@gmail.com and his phone number is 231-228-4245.

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

SOLOS

Friday, October 14

The Solos group will go to Alden on Friday, October 14. Alden has a great dress shop, museum and interesting restaurants. We will have lunch at the hotel. **Call Sis Leake (sisleake@charter.net or 231-929-7036) by October 7 for carpool information and to reserve your spot.**

VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE THEATRE

Wednesday, October 5, 2:30 PM

Thursday, October 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 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 October dates are Wednesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 20. 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.

WALK IN THE WOODS

Saturday, October 8, 11:00 AM

Join us on October 8th for our second Walk in the Woods of the season. We are modifying our plans from the September newsletter slightly and will be walking the Skegemog Swamp Pathway. The Skegemog Swamp has been here since the glaciers receded and water levels dropped. The swamp flooded significantly when settlers built a dam with a head of water 7.5 feet high at Elk Rapids in the mid-1800's. The level of Lake Skegemog did not rise that much, but it rose enough to inundate the extensive backwater slough. The trail starts out with 0.5 mile on an abandoned railroad bed through a predominately beech forest, then crosses a small bridge and moves onto another 0.5 mile of wooden boardwalk which winds through a beautiful cedar swamp, crossing a small creek and ending at the east end of Skegemog Lake. The boardwalk/trail leads to a 16 ft. high observation tower that provides a beautiful view of Skegemog Lake and its surrounding wetlands. With binoculars we may see egrets or great blue herons, or even bald eagle or osprey. Other wildlife occasionally seen include otters, mink and beavers. By early October the colors should be beautiful.

This is a flat, easy walk, but wear long pants because the swamp grasses grow right up to the boardwalk. Depending on the weather, bug repellent may be advisable. Meet us at the parking area at 11:00 AM. We will plan lunch after our walk at Red Mesa Grill on US-31.

Email Bob and Brenda Knaack at knaack222@gmail.com to let us know that you plan to join us so we don't leave anyone behind.

Directions to the parking area are:

From Traverse City, follow US-31 east to M-72 east. At the intersection of US-31 and M-72 in Acme, follow M-72 east for 10.2 miles to Hill Rd. (sign will say Rapid City). Turn left on Hill Rd. Hill Rd ends at Rapid City Rd (1.2 miles). Turn left and go approximately 2.4 miles to the trailhead sign and parking on the left.



Congratulations to Derek J. Bailey Our October Speaker

Derek J. Bailey, Tribal Chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, has received the 2011 Glen T. Miller Tribal Leadership Award from the Great Lakes Region of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. The award, named for the late Glen T. Miller, a Tribal Chairman of the Menominee Indian Tribe, was given to Tribal Chairman Bailey in recognition of his "outstanding leadership on natural resource issues, and the protection of Indian hunting and fishing rights on behalf of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians." Tribal Chairman Bailey was sworn in as Tribal Chairman of the Grand Traverse Band on December 11, 2008. He is the fifth Chairman since the Grand Traverse Band was federally reaffirmed in May 1980, and the youngest in the Tribe's history.

WEBSITE

Would you like to see the newsletter in color, print off a monthly calendar of activities, or check out photos of your friends? Then go to our website at www.gtnewcomers.org. If you have any photos, suggestions or questions, please contact our Newcomers' webmaster Lynn Huffman at lhuffman@gammet.com.

Recognize Anyone?

Can you identify two unrelated Newcomer members in this photo? The two just recently discovered they grew up in the same area, had mutual friends, and coincidentally, were both in the same wedding party in 1967!

The discovery was made when an auction donor and winning bidder spent time together.

Answer: Patty Custance--First Bridesmaid from left; Dennis Stockemer--First Groomsman to right of Groom



Our Auction Needs YOU!!

It is that time of year again to have some fun and help the club too! Plans are underway for the **Newcomer Auction** to be held on **Friday, November 11** at 7:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City.

We need auction items and auction bidders. We are asking members to donate items or services for the upcoming auction. We are looking for quality items that will bring quality bids. Be creative. Homemade goodies are always a big hit (jewelry, bags, cookies, jams, etc.). Gift certificates for services are very popular — **do you know a local business that you could approach who would be willing to donate to our cause?** Or, put together a gift basket with a special theme. Other items of interest include collectibles, tickets to events, boat rides, an original painting of your home, and dinners at area restaurants and at members' homes.

This program is one of our most important activities in terms of raising funds for our club. It is a lot of fun, too. Membership dues cover our basic operating costs for the year, such as rent for our meeting room and printing and postage for our monthly newsletter and our annual directory. The funds raised from the auction have allowed the club to help offset some of the costs of the dinners, such as room charges and the cost for the music at our holiday dinner dance. Also, the costs for our summer picnic are covered by these extra funds. With that in mind, we hope that you get in the spirit and help make our auction a success.

Details for donating and bidding will be in the November newsletter.

Questions? Call Kathy Tuckerman at 947-3251.

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