



Newcomers News

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Visit us on the web
at
gtnewcomers.org

Please join us for the September Program:

2011- 2012 Fall Kickoff Dinner

It's that time of year again! Mark your calendars and make your reservations now for the Newcomers Fall Kickoff Dinner. This event is the first of the 2011-2012 season. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends, renew old acquaintances, learn more about the Newcomers Club, and sign up for the many group activities available to you. We are sure you will enjoy the evening. If you have friends who are considering joining the club, this would be a great event for them to attend.

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

**Hagerty Center of Northwestern Michigan College
715 E. Front Street, Traverse City**

The center is located on beautiful West Bay between the
Holiday Inn and the Senior Center

**CASH BAR 6:30 PM
SIT-DOWN DINNER 7:30 PM**

When making your reservations, please select from the two **Dinner** and two **Dessert** choices on order form below. The meal also includes a Savory Winter Salad; Fresh Rolls; sides of Smoked Yukon Potatoes and Michigan Mix of Seasonal Vegetables; and beverages of Coffee, Tea and Lemonade. If needed, special dinner plates may be requested.

All reservations must be received no later than **Saturday, September 10**, so please send your reservations in early! Make your check payable to Newcomers Club for **\$27 per person along with food choices** and mail to:

Michele Richard, Executive Assistant
4915 Black Bear Drive
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- ___ ___ **Hanger Steak** - Lightly Marinated "Hanging Tender," chargrilled and served w/Caramelized Onion Jus
- ___ ___ **Lake Superior Whitefish** - Broiled with a Lemon Citrus Butter and served with Remoulade
- ___ ___ **Profiteroles Pastry** with Chantilly Cream, topped with Chocolate Garnish
- ___ ___ **Carrot Cake** served with a Caramelized Pineapple Chutney
(Contains no nuts)

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PRESIDENTS' NOTE

September 2011

Summertime and the living is easy. Wait, summer is almost over...what happened? The Newcomers picnic was just a little while ago in June. Wait, that was two months ago. Oh well, time to get ready for fall. Our new officers would like to thank all of the people who have served on the Board of Directors this year and in past years. We have a well-run club that offers great activities for our members and that is in no small part due to those who have previously served on the Boards of Directors.



Marshall Persky and Dan Klimaszewski
 Co-Presidents

The introductory statement on our web page, gtnewcomers.org, describes the club:

The Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse is a social and civic organization whose mission is to extend a welcoming hand to residents of the Grand Traverse area of Michigan. Monthly programs and activity groups provide opportunities to meet and socialize with residents and other newly relocated people sharing common interests. The Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse is also a volunteer source for local non-profit agencies.

So how are we doing with this mission? We have 260 plus members in our club. We have great activity groups, monthly programs, and special events. All of our activities were very well attended, and most outdrew similar events the previous year. So far so good.

But besides all of those impressive things, there are intangibles about this club that help people new to the community feel like they are a part of things. This summer you probably ran into many people you knew from Newcomers at one of the many Traverse City events, such as the Cherry Festival, the Film Festival or one of the concerts or wine festivals in the area. Or it may have been at the grocery store, a movie or just walking down the street. The club provides a community for those of us who have not been here all of our lives. Several people have recently commented about how Newcomers has made their move to Traverse City easier than any previous moves in their lives.

What do we have to look forward to this year? The Vice Presidents and the board will be working on programs that will focus on living in the Grand Traverse area. We hope to continue to provide enjoyable and informative events for our members. Please feel free to give us your feedback on programs, events and activities. It is **your** club.

Dan Klimaszewski
 Marshall Persky
Co-Presidents



**Tentative Meeting Dates
2011-2012**

Mark your calendar for Newcomers meetings for the coming year. The dates are tentative, but we'll keep you updated!!

- September 21, 2011 – Kickoff Dinner
- October 25, 2011 – Eyaawing Museum
- November 11, 2011 – Newcomers Auction
- December 15, 2011 – Holiday Dinner Dance
- January 24, 2012
- February 28, 2012
- March 27, 2012
- April 24, 2012
- May 22, 2012
- June 2012

NEW MEMBER CORNER

Guy & Betsy King
Columbus, OH

Elizabeth Boutell
Charlevoix, MI

John & Alicia Evans
Grand Blanc, MI

Richard & Christine Kras
Racine, WI

My Kind of Town, Chicago Is.....

The Newcomers trip to Chicago trip is coming along very well! We have a great group, but there is still room for more Newcomers! The date to sign up has been extended for a short time.

If you are interested in joining us from December 6-9, 2011, with a great rate at the Seneca hotel (\$109 plus tax per room per night) and a great group rate on the train from Kalamazoo (\$30 per person round trip), email Dennis Stockemer at dstockemer@comcast.net or Pat Haber at pathaber@gmail.com for details.

WE NEED YOU!!

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

A co-chair is needed for the Dining Out and Walk in the Woods groups.

Thanks to Don Eastway for his years of leading the Biking and Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing groups.

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

Monthly Newcomers Calendar

Would you like a handy calendar with ALL Newcomers activities for the month?

Go to: www.gtnewcomers.org/calendar/default.html

Directory Update

The new 2011-2012 Newcomers Club Directory will be published in the beginning of October. Any member interested in updating their photos and/or providing a photo for the Directory should submit that photo to Dan Palazuk at NewcomersTC@gmail.com or by mail to 10719 Shrewbury St., Traverse City, MI 49684. The photos in the directory are a wonderful way of refreshing your memory after meeting a lot of members at an event when you can't remember names and/or faces. Dan will also be available to take photos at the September 21 Fall Kickoff Dinner. See him by the banner at the sign-in table at the dinner.

If you have any questions, Dan can be reached at 231-421-1249. New photos should be submitted no later than Friday September 30th.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 6, 11:30 AM

The Book Group resumes meeting September 6 at 11:30 AM at the **History Center of Traverse City**, 322 Sixth St. The morning and afternoon groups will meet together **this month only** to decide our list of books for the year. Please bring either a dessert or a salad to share for lunch; extra points for anyone making a recipe from *Tender at the Bone* by Ruth Reichl, our selection for this month!

The Book Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at Horizon Books, lower level. The morning group meets at 10:30 AM, leader Katie Brown; the afternoon session meets at 1:30 PM, leader Terrill Persky. Members may attend either session. Everyone is encouraged to join together at Amical between sessions for lunch. Anyone new to Newcomers is welcome to check us out!

For questions, contact Katie Brown at 231-922-9389 or jkbrow@att.net or Terrill Persky at 2312-922-8153 or terrillpersky@gmail.com.

MIXED PARTY BRIDGE

This activity will resume if a new leader is found.

DINNER OUT

Mark your calendars for the first dinner of the season which is sure to delight all you gourmands, epicureans and just plain foodies! Sunday, October 30 is the day; we will commence at 4:00 PM. Look for the details in the October newsletter. Contact Michele Richard, 944-5844 or richard.michele@rocketmail.com for more information.

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. We will have a short organizational meeting immediately following the Kickoff dinner in September to determine groups and rotations. Join us for great food and great fellowship. If you cannot make the Kickoff dinner, please contact Nancy Johnson (johns526@msu.edu or 231-668-9633) to share your ideas and concerns on the organization of the group.

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 Newcom-

ers, is a social, not a competitive event.

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

FILM GROUP

Thursday, September 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.

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

A salmon fishing trip on East Bay is being planned for September. Check the state regulations for season endings for inland species. Remember, trout season ends for most streams at the end of September. Contact one another for special trips.

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

GOLF

There is still lots of golf to be played this year. If you would like to meet Newcomers who play golf, come and join us for a fun day on the course. We play every Monday except holidays. Just email Ralph Brickman at brickmanbus@yahoo.com to be added to the player list.

Here are the remaining dates and courses for the year:

August 29	Twin Birch
September 12	Briar South
September 19	El Dorado
September 26	Emerald Vale
October 3	Leelanau Club
October 10	The Crown

Hope to see you on the course.

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MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Contact George Kobernus: gkobernus@chartermi.net or 933-9321 for information.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, September 14, 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.

NEWCOMERS NEEDLERS

September 1 and 15, 1-3 PM

Fall is a good time to bring out those needles (knitting, needlepoint or crewel) or hooks (crochet or rug) to spend a few hours twice a month needling with the Newcomer Needlers. Come stitch and chat with our congenial group.

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 September 1 and 15.

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.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 PM

Join us for lunch at Siren Hall, 151 River St. in Elk Rapids. Siren Hall serves fresh, local seafood and produce in a clean, crisp and elegant atmosphere. They boast a variety of oysters from both coasts. The simple design of the building is both modern and antique accentuating the building's essence and rich history. Nestled near Elk Rapids harbor, it offers both indoor and patio dining. Elk Rapids has a fabulous library, knit shop, antique shop and other interesting shops to roam through after lunch.

Please contact Sis Leake at 929-7036 by **Monday, September 12**, if you plan to attend, for reservations and so that car pools can be formed.

POKER

Wednesday, September 7, 6:30 PM

The poker group meets the 1st 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 September meeting will be hosted by the group coordinator, Mike Huffman. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Please contact Mike if you plan to attend.

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

SOLOS

Sunday, September 18, 5:00 PM

Hats off to Judy Owen for her excellent leadership qualities while guiding the Solos for the last couple of years. Judy has been instrumental in bringing many new members into the Solos group. She has had some interesting and innovative ideas about bringing this group together, and appealing to everyone's interests. Judy will now be a participant and not a leader. She shall be missed.

Sis Leake will host a potluck dinner at her home on Sunday, September 18 at 5:00 PM to get feedback from the group and to discuss how we should proceed. Please contact Sis (sisleake@charter.net or 231-929-7036) with your suggestions and to RSVP. The Solos group has been loads of fun. It would be sad to see its demise.

VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE THEATRE

Wednesday, September 7, 2:30 PM

Thursday, September 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 September dates are Wednesday, September 7th and Thursday, September 15th. Join us for dinner afterwards if you have time.

Space is limited, so please sign up via email with Nancy

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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

September 10, 11:00 AM

The Walk in the Woods activity will take place on the second Saturday of each month in the fall and spring. Tentative plans for the fall months are: September 10th: Alligator Hill, October 8th: VASA Trail and November 12th: a little used trail to a bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. All hikes will begin at 11:00 AM, weather permitting, with lunch following.

For September, we're hoping the third time is the charm and the weather will cooperate for our walk up Alligator Hill. After two rainouts last spring we are planning this hike for September 10th. Alligator Hill, part of the old Day estate, offers excellent views of North and South Manitou Islands and Sleeping Bear Point. The 1.5 mile trail begins at the Stocking Road trailhead and gently climbs up to the lookout point where benches are available for relaxing and enjoying the view.

For more information on the Alligator Hill trail, visit the National Park Service site at: <http://www.nps.gov/slbe/planyourvisit/trailalligatorhill.htm>. **Directions:** From the main intersection in Glen Arbor, proceed west on M109 to Stocking Road. Turn left (south) on Stocking Road and go about 1/2 mile to the trailhead turnoff, which is on your left. Plan on lunch after our hike at Boondocks in Glen Arbor.

If you are interested in joining this walk, please email Bob and Brenda Knaack at knaack222@gmail.com.

PLEASE HELP RECRUIT MEMBERS!

Do you know someone who has just moved to the area?

Contact Sharon Finch, City Hostess, with their names and she will do the rest.

947-8403, hsfinch@charter.net

Helping Hands Request

The Newcomers Club 'Helping Hands' Coordinator attempts to acknowledge happy and sad times in our members' lives. Please notify Diann Nance at 231-668-7217 or 1477newport@charter.net if you know of any of these circumstances.

Community Volunteer Opportunities

Father Fred Foundation - We are looking for Office Assistants, Check Writers, Database Entry and Furniture (minor repairs and moving) volunteers. These volunteers are needed for one four-hour shift per week.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sue Bauer, Volunteer Coordinator, at sbauer@fatherfred.org or 231-947-2055 ext.34.

Third Level Crisis Center - Third Level Crisis Center is looking for volunteers and interns that want to make a difference in the community to join our crisis counseling staff.

Minimum qualifications: 18 year of age, 150 hour commitment, pass criminal background check, some computer experience. Free 40 hour training provided.

Please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Heidi Lovy or access our website at www.thirdlevel.org for more information or to download a volunteer application.

Traverse Symphony Orchestra Celebrates 60th Season

The Grand Traverse area offers many events ranging from the arts, food and wine, sports and outdoor adventures. One of these offerings is the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra is celebrating its 60th season in 2011-12 with Maestro Kevin Rhodes at the podium for each performance. Nationally recognized as a "big-city orchestra" with a "world-class conductor," the orchestra offers 11 performances that begin in September and conclude in May. Concert venues include Corson Auditorium at Interlochen and the City Opera House in downtown Traverse City.

To find out more about the upcoming season and the scheduled performances visit www.traversesympphony.org.

Newcomers Picnic June 25, 2011



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