



Newcomers News

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gtnewcomers.org

Please join us for the September Program

2013 - 2014 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 2013-2014 season. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends, renew old acquaintances, learn more about 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.

Monday, September 16, 2013

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

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

Cash Bar - 6:30 PM
Sit-Down Dinner - 7:30 PM

Please cut out the form below and choose your dinner entrees. Your meal will include "Hagerty Estate" salad, fresh rolls, sides of garlic smashed redskin potatoes and steamed broccolini finished with basil butter and Bel Lago primavera as well as coffee, tea and lemonade. The finale will be chocolate mousse served with fresh berries in a chocolate cup. If needed, special dinner plates may be requested.

All reservations must be received no later than **Friday, September 6**. Please send your reservations in early! **Make your check payable to Newcomers Club for \$30.00 per person and mail to:**

Michele Richard, Executive Assistant
4915 Black Bear Drive
Traverse City, MI 49685
231-631-2448

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_____ Autumn Stuffed Pork Loin - Roasted pork loin served with apple, raisin and cornbread stuffing, finished with a sage veloute

_____ Chicken Madeira - Sautéed chicken breast topped with artichokes, roasted peppers & mushrooms, finished with a Madeira demi glaze

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PRESIDENTS' NOTE

September 2013

*"Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."
(Henry James)*



Dave Richard & Kathy Tuckerman
2013-2014 Co-Presidents

Can you think of a better place to enjoy summer than the Grand Traverse area? We hope all of you had a wonderful summer shared with family and friends, and that you enjoyed the many activities and events available to us in this region. It is hard to believe but summer is coming to an end and with that it is time to get ready for fall and all it brings including Newcomer programs and activities. We would like to thank the new board members who have stepped up to get more involved with the club and a huge thanks to those who have just come off the board and to all former board members, as well as all current and past Activity Leaders.

Our club continues to grow with our current count at 142 couples and 59 singles for a total membership of 343. Growth brings new opportunities with more people to provide ideas for speakers, activities and one-time events. It allows us to continue to be involved in community activities such as volunteering for the NMC BBQ and Cherry Festival. Growth also creates new issues and challenges. One of the challenges is to know as many of your fellow members as possible. Many of our members do not have a photo in the directory and with our size it would be very helpful to have photos for all. Don Olendorf has agreed to be our club photographer and he will attend the Kickoff Dinner, monthly programs and other activities to help chronicle events. In addition, he will be available to take your photo for the directory. If you have a favorite photo you would like us to use instead, please email the photo to Bob Knaack at robertknaack47@gmail.com. We are also asking all current members to let us know what year they joined Newcomers when they renew, so this information can be reflected in the directory.

The increase in membership contributed to a successful auction. The combined picnic and auction was held at Gilbert Lodge at Twin Lakes Park and had a great turnout. The auction had a net income of \$4,055. These funds are used for operating expenses of the club and to subsidize member costs for the Kickoff Dinner, Holiday Party and Picnic. The board has determined that based on the success of the auction that an auction will not be required in the 2013-2014 year and the need for an auction will be reevaluated on an annual basis. Thanks to all the generous members who donated to the auction and, of course, to the members who purchased the items.

The coming year promises to be another year of great programs, activities, events and one-time activities. Everyone should have seen the New Member Handbook and the Guidelines for Members provided to all members. This document will be mailed to new members and should help any member understand how the club operates. If you have any questions, please ask any board member. Your input and feedback on the organization and its programs, events and activities are always welcome.

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Dottie Willruth
Ft Lauderdale, FL

***Members joining after
May 2013**

Group Leaders NEEDED

Activity group leaders are needed
for the following groups:

Golf, Gun Club, Paddling and Walk in the Woods

Contact Pat Haber, pathaber@gmail.com,
for more information or to volunteer.

Without leaders, the groups will no longer exist.

Recipes for the eCookbook

As the summer fun continues with
some of our Newcomer activities,
remember to save those favorite
recipes to share in our eCookbook.

Send recipes to Sandy Stockemer -
dkstockemer@gmail.com.

DIRECTORY



The 2013-2014 Newcomers Club Directory is continually updated on the web-site. In early November it will be updated to reflect membership renewals.

Any member interested in updating their photos and/or providing a photo for the Directory should submit a digital photo to Bob Knack at NewcomersTC1@gmail.com. The photos in the directory are a wonderful way to refresh your memory after meeting a lot of members at an event when you can't remember names and/or faces. In addition, Don Olendorf will be available to take photos at the Fall Kickoff Dinner on September 16. Find him at the sign-in table at the dinner.

If you have questions, Bob can be reached at 231-421-3127. New photos should be submitted no later than October 15. Thanks for your help in keeping our Directory current.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

BIKING

Saturday, September 7, 11:00 AM (Weather permitting)

The ride for September will be on the trail at Sleeping Bear Dunes. Take M-72 to Empire, head north for a few miles on M-22 to M-106 and turn right. Proceed to the Dunes parking lot, where we will meet. There is a charge from the park service for using the Dunes trail. The round trip ride is approximately eight miles.

We will then go to the Harbor Grill in Glen Arbor for lunch.

If you are interested, contact Ira Wasserman at carole_wasserman@hotmail.com or 231-922-1581.

BOOK CLUB – MEN'S

Monday, September 23, 10:00 AM

We will discuss the book selected at the August meeting, ***The Cellist of Sarajevo*** by Steven Galloway. Our selections for the remainder of the year will be available after the August meeting.

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

BOOK GROUP – WOMEN'S

Tuesday, September 3, 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM

The morning group meets in the lower level of Horizon Books. Lunch will follow at the Shine Café. The afternoon group will now also meet in the lower level of Horizon Books. **Note location change.**

The book for discussion is ***Gone Girl*** by Gillian Flynn.

For questions, contact the morning group leader Carole Wasserman, carole_wasserman@hotmail.com, or afternoon group leader Mary Wayne, mwayne44@hotmail.com.

BRIDGE

Wednesday, September 25, 7:00 PM

The group meets the fourth Wednesday of each month, in different members' homes. Newcomer's Social Bridge is just that - social, not competitive. We enjoy playing but are also enjoying getting to know each other. Haven't played in a while? Join us and watch over our shoulders to get refreshed.

Anyone interested in playing, contact Mike Semrau at izzyandmike@yahoo.com or 231-421-8171.

COCKTAILS & CONVERSATION

Cocktails & Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to meet some new or old friends for stimulating

conversation, food and libations. One of our members acts as host, providing both the location and basic bar setups. As a guest, you bring your own drinks as well as an appetizer to share.

This event requires an RSVP in order to attend, and you will be provided with driving/parking instructions as the event nears. Most of our homes have space limitations; therefore, an RSVP is mandatory. Unfortunately, there may be an occasion when the event will reach capacity and will not be able to accommodate all members. Please be considerate of fellow members by canceling any RSVP that you will not be able to fulfill as some hosts will have waiting lists.

The next Cocktails & Conversation is scheduled in October with the date and time to be announced at the Kickoff Dinner.

Everyone must sign up on the activity list at the Kickoff Dinner - both old and new members! If you are not attending the dinner please email or call Michele Richard, 631-2448 or richard.michele@rocketmail.com requesting to be on the mailing list. Include your name, phone number and email address.

There are hosts for October and November. Please consider volunteering to host in January, February or any month thereafter. It is a lot of fun to host, and Michele will walk you through the process and be there for you.

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.

The new groups and dates will be determined after the Kickoff Dinner In September.

The new season for Dinner for 8 will begin in October. Please sign up at the Kickoff Dinner in September or contact Nancy Johnson, johns526@msu.edu, to be part of this group.

DINNER OUT

Calling all food aficionados!! Do you enjoy good food and good company? The Dining Out crowd would love to have you join us once a month (October/November/January/February/March/April), usually on Sunday evenings at local restaurants. The TC area is fortunate in its many exceptional restaurants and we look forward to old and new friends joining us for Dining Out!!!

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Even if you were a member of this group in the past, sign up at the Kickoff Dinner or contact Linda and Tom Keck, lkeck1527@yahoo.com, or Barb and Chuck Watson, bwatsonjb@yahoo.com, to add your name to the email list.

EUCHRE

Euchre groups meet once a month in each others' homes. We currently have nine 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 beverage are involved. The players within any group are of varying levels of experience. Euchre, in Newcomers, is a social, not a competitive event.

If you have an interest and want to join in the fun as a regular or substitute, contact Ed Crippen at edcrippen@yahoo.com.

FILM GROUP

Thursday, September 12

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

The theme for September is salmon. Pete Albers will be organizing a charter trip during late August through mid-September, depending on what the salmon do. Trout season will end on most streams at the end of September as will some of the inland lake species. Check the 2013 fishing regulations.

Contact Pete Albers, phalbers99@gmail.com or 231-922-7289, if you are interested in participating in any of the group activities.

GARDENING

Thursday, September 12, 1:30 PM

Cathy Hamilton from the Traverse City Rose Society will speak on "How to Grow Roses" on September 12 at 1:30 PM. The group will meet at Four Seasons Nursery, 7557 Harry's Road, Traverse City (off M-72 west).

For information, contact Cindy Miner, puddlenpines@gmail.com.

GOLF

There is still some great fall golf to played, come join us! Email Ralph Brickman at brickmanbus@yahoo.com to be added to the player list.

A new leader is needed for next season. If you're interested, contact Pat Haber at pathaber@gmail.com.

DATE	COURSE	TIME
9/9	El Dorado	10:00
9/16	Elmbrook	10:00
9/23	Grandview	10:00
9/30	Leelanau Club	10:00
10/7	A-Ga-Ming Sundance	10:00
10/14	Crown	10:00

GUN CLUB

Because we still can't buy ammunition, the Gun Club is suspended until further notice. The prospects of this changing in the near future look bleak, although there are reports that ammunition can be purchased online.

Due to increasing responsibilities Dave Richard is resigning as Activity Group Leader. If you are interested, please email Pat Haber at pathaber@gmail.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, September 11, 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 gekobernus@chartermi.net or 231-933-9321.

NEWCOMERS NEEDLERS

Thursday, September 5 & 19, 1:00 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 of the month, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, at Aroma's Coffee Shop at the intersection of M-22 and M-72, across from Tom's West Bay. We'll be

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meeting in the conference room.

Have questions, want to be on the email list, or just want to let us know you'll be there? Contact Robbin Stott, stottrobbin@gmail.com or 231-932-1709 for information.

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, September 11, 1:00 PM

The Out-to-Lunch Bunch will eat at Copper Falls Steakhouse, www.copperfallssteakhouseetc.com. Their menus include scratch-made selections prepared by their highly trained culinary team. Executive Chef Josh Benedict and his team use a farm to table approach, highlighting ingredients from local growers and purveyors from all over northern Michigan.

Copper Falls Steakhouse is located at 1796 South Garfield, at the corner of South Airport and Garfield.

RSVP to Sis Leake, sisleake@charter.net or 231-929-7036, by Monday, September 9.

POKER

Wednesday, September 4, 6:00 PM

The poker group meets the first Tuesday of the month, with winter hours of 1:00 – 4:00 PM and summer hours of 6:00 – 9:00 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 and no weapons are produced. We play Dealers Choice, which sometimes evokes the response, "Did you just make that up?" The group likes new games they haven't played before. The host merely has to provide the home and setup, while members bring snacks and drinks.

The September meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The host will be determined. If you are not on the poker group email list, watch for updates on the website or in future newsletters.

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

VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE THEATRE

Wednesday, September 1, 2:30 PM

Thursday, September 16, 2:30 PM

State Theatre Volunteers: 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.

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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. Join us for dinner afterward 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

September 14, 2013 10:45 AM

The season's initial Walk in the Woods will be Bob's Surprise. We will visit an urban preserve for an easy, level 1.5 mile hike. Wear long pants as the trail is narrow and raspberry bushes abound. As parking is limited, we will meet at Tom's East Bay, (US31, north of the city between Garfield and 3 Mile Road) near the funeral home, in the NE corner of the parking lot to car pool at 10:45 AM. Lunch will follow in a famous TC deli.

Please contact Bob Knaack at robertknaack47@gmail.com or 231-421-3127 if you plan to participate or have questions. We don't want to leave anyone behind.

NOTE: Unless a new activity leader is found, the October walk will be the last and this activity will be terminated. Please contact Pat Haber (pathaber@gmail.com) if you are interested in leading Walk in the Woods. Bob Knaack will be available as a resource for the new leader.

WINE TASTING

The first wine tasting of the season will take place the first week of October. Details to follow.

Sign up for the Wine Tasting group if you would like to participate in any tastings (even if you were in the group this past year). You can sign up at the Kickoff Dinner or send Edie Brown, ediebk@gmail.com, an email to be added to the list. Because our club membership is growing, all wine tasting activities will be limited to active members of the Newcomers Club, which means no guests.

Activity Sign Up

Sign-up for all activities takes place annually at the Kickoff Dinner. You can also contact the activity leaders.

FUN AT NEWCOMERS PICNIC & AUCTION

Close to 140 Newcomers attended the annual spring picnic combined with our auction in Gilbert Lodge at Long Lake Park on June 2. Auctioneers Marlowe Bonner and Lee Hosler kept the bids going higher and higher!!



Over 35 items were donated by members including Italian and Mexican dinners, boat rides and sailing on a tall ship. Thank you members!!

Huge thanks also go to businesses who donated to the event: **Beach Bums, Incredible Mo's, Right Brain Brewery, Crown Gold Club, Elmbrook Golf Club, Clipper Dog Grooming, Formative Fitness, McMillan Framing, Boutique a la Vie, Studio 415, American Spoon, Maxbauers, Fustini's, Bon Vin, Old Mission Traders, Harbor 22, The Cook's House, Phil's on Front, Magnum Hospitality, Up Town, Moomer's, Original Flap Jack Shack, Boone's Long Lake Inn, Miner's North, Americana Gallery, Daisy Jane, Marvin's Garden Spot, and Garden Goods.**

The auction is an important fundraiser for our club. Membership dues cover the basic operating expenses. Proceeds from the auction allow the club to offset some of the costs of club dinners and the annual picnic. Thanks to you, our members, this year's event was a huge success.

Newcomers are Going Places.....

Two opportunities for fun are available to members of Newcomers. Please join us!!

- **Make sure and join the fun in Chicago** from November 5-8! While we are beyond the deadline for the Newcomers block of rooms at the *Holiday Inn Express-Magnificent Mile* in Chicago, you can still book a reservation - but please do it soon!
Should you need more information on the Chicago trip, or directions on making your hotel reservations under our group, please email Dennis Stockemer at dkstockemer@gmail.com.
Also, for tracking purposes, please update Dennis via email when you've made your hotel reservations.
- **A bus trip to "The Book of Mormon"** is being organized by the Traverse City Opera House on June 14, 2014. An email blast was sent in August explaining details. The deadline for sign-up with Newcomers is September 5. Call or email Brenda Knaack with questions at 231-421-3127 or knaack222@gmail.com.

Tentative Meeting Dates 2013-2014

September 16, 2013 – Kickoff Dinner
October 22, 2013 – Coast Guard Station
November 21, 2013 – Botanical Gardens
December 6, 2013 – Holiday Party
January 28, 2014
February 25, 2014
March 25, 2014
April 22, 2014
May 27, 2014
June 8, 2014 - Picnic

WEBSITE

Want to find a contact listing of someone in our membership or check what's happening next on our calendar?

Take a look on our website at gtnewcomers.org which features photos in color, the option to link to any website listed, or to click on an email address to send a note to that leader or contact.

If you have any questions or pictures of Newcomer activities you've been involved in, please contact our Newcomers webmaster Rose Carman at brcarman@live.com.

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