



NEWCOMERS NEWS

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Find us on the Web at:
<http://gtnewcomers.com>

Please Join Us for Our Next Program

January 24, 2006

7:00 to 8:45 p.m.

“Life and Times in Northern Michigan”

Enjoy a night of Northern Michigan lore with **Ron Jolly**, well-known radio talk show host and author of the recently published *The Northern Michigan Almanac*.

In his first-ever publication, Ron explores the unique history of the 17 county region surrounding Traverse City, offering fascinating trivia, facts and stats. He tells how his book came about as well as some of his favorite discoveries of our region.

Traverse Area District Library
610 Woodmere Ave., Traverse City

Questions? Call 946-4502 or 941-4143

**Season Schedule
For
Cross-Country Skiing
&
Snowshoeing**

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**Have a Safe and Happy
New Year's Eve!**

Youth
is when you're allowed to stay
up late on New Year's Eve.

Middle age
is when you're forced to.

(Bill Vaughan)

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER



Nancy and Patti, Co-Presidents

JANUARY 2006

Winter has arrived in Traverse City with a vengeance. We're sure everyone interested in the Cross Country and Snowshoeing group is ready to have a wonderful time. The rest of us may be thinking warmer climates.

Our annual Christmas dinner/dance was a huge success. Although the crowd was small, most stayed until the end and danced until the DJ would play no longer, much to our disappointment.

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 24, 2006**. If you are in town, you won't want to miss this meeting. Ron Jolly, talk show host, will be our guest speaker. It promises to be a very interesting, entertaining evening. We hope to see you at the Library meeting room at 7:00 pm.

All of our activity groups are running smoothly and are very well attended. The euchre groups have been very popular and lots of fun. If you would like to sub in that group, please let Patti Custance (935-4805) know as some of the regulars will be leaving for the winter. If you are interested in any of the other groups, just give the leaders a call and you will be more than welcome.

We hope the holiday season was a happy, blessed season for you and your family. We wish you the very best for 2006.

Nancy Harris and Patti Custance

Please help recruit members!

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, hsfinchtc@aol.com

Quiz: Things That Alert Newcomers Should Know

If They've Been in The Area for Few Years

1. What is the approx. population of the town of TC (based on 2002 census)?
a) 14,000 b) 20,000 c) 26,000
2. Which county has the higher percentage of 'vacation housing' (cottages, condos, cabins, 2nd homes): Grand Traverse or Leelanau?
3. Which county has more acres of grapes (based on 2003 info), Grand Traverse or Leelanau?
4. What store was in the downtown building where Horizon Books is now?
5. What picturesque business (family name and type) most recently occupied the SE corner of Park and Front Streets (before the current edifice)?
6. What is there now? (name of bldg.)
7. Which is larger, Lake Leelanau or Glen Lake (big and little combined)?
8. What is Prevos called now?
9. What business previously occupied the current location of the Grand Traverse Pie Co.?
10. What restaurant was where Mt. Jack's is now?
11. What restaurant was where the Big Eazy is now?
12. What restaurant was where 310 is now?
13. Which county has more land owned by the DNR, Grand Traverse or Leelanau?
14. The Easy Living Super Store on Airport Rd. is where what charitable organization used to be?
15. What did Maitland Cherry Orchard turn into?
16. The Rotary Club purchased about 450 acres of land by Spider Lake in 1923 for \$1,100 to be used as a Boy Scout camp. Rotary leased the property to the Scouts for 99 years but retained the oil and mineral rights. Oil was discovered there in the mid 1970s. Approx. how much money has the club received as a result?
a) \$5,000,000 b) \$20,000,000 c) \$40,000,000
17. How do many locals refer to the Munson Community Health Center?
18. In sq. miles, what's the largest inland lake in Antrim Cty.?
19. In Benzie County?
20. In Grand Traverse County?

(Answers on page 7)

Notes of Thanks

Letha Cairns wishes to thank friends for their overwhelming show of support during her recent illness and surgery. She and George are very grateful for the outpouring of assistance and indicate it has had a huge positive impact on both of them. Letha is recovering at home and looks forward to seeing everyone soon.

Judy Albert wants everyone to know how much she and Matt appreciate the tremendous moral support and friendship given them during her father's very serious illness. Phone calls and emails sustained them while they were in Minnesota at the hospital. They miss seeing everyone and hope to make up for it in the near future.

Activity Group News

BOOK CLUB

If you have been thinking about joining the Book Club, but haven't gotten around to it - now is the time.

The group will read *The Bookseller of Kabul* : a complex portrait of Afghan life written by war correspondent Asne Seierstad. The nonfiction "novel" gives a first hand look at Afghan life as few outsiders have seen it. Our discussion leader will be Lori Brickman.

Please join us at Horizon Books (lower level) on **Tuesday, January 3, 2006, 10:00 a.m.** to share your thoughts with the group or just listen.

If you have questions, please contact Letha Cairns at 231-271-6831 or gcairns@chartermi.net



CARDS



BRIDGE:

Team (1st Friday): Tom or Georgia Stoeber, 938-5846, tstoeber@bsamail.org, 7:00 p.m., Cedar Creek Commons off of Cherry Bend Road.

Ladies (2nd Thursday): Nancy Ravas, 932-1747, Scott's Harbor Grill, 11:30 a.m. Players at all levels are welcome.

Ladies (4th Thursday): Gail Hoffman, 946-1126, location has changed this year to Roma Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. Participants play as individuals, not teams.

Team Round Robin: Geri Dancy, 929-4787

EUCHRE:

Euchre Groups 1 and 2 are off and running! The response has been overwhelming. Both groups are filled to capacity! **HOWEVER**, if you would like to play once a month (and know how to play), sign up to be on a sub list. Call Karen Coquillard at 932-9883. Subs must sign up in two's.

Both groups report a lot of fun, sandbagging, snacking and nonsense was enjoyed by all who played.

Group 1 (2nd Wednesday): Karen and Mike Coquillard, 932-9883

Group 2 (1st Thursday): Tom and Patti Custance, 935-4805

SINGLES

We have a variety of activities planned on an ongoing basis. You're encouraged to call another single and participate in the ongoing activities. Four activities for Singles are planned. Mark your calendar for the year.

Late January Game Night

A Host is needed for this activity. Please contact Linda Olah at 922-0623 if you can host an evening of games and conversation.

April 30 Brunch at the Bluebird Restaurant in Leland. An organizer is needed to take reservations and contact the restaurant. Please contact Linda Olah at 922-0623 if you can help.

June 23 Barbecue at Mary O'Brien's house
Watch for more information as the date approaches.

October 13 Game Night at Karen Remy's house
Watch for more information as the date approaches

Other Activity Group Contacts

If there is not a specific date listed for an activity you are looking for, there may not be one planned for the month of the newsletter. For more information, call the activity coordinator(s):
Day Trips - Barbara Cochrane, 267-5547
Golf - Dick Hayes, 938-1705

Sailing - George Kobernus, 933-9321
Walk in the Woods - Ron Wallace, 222-0060
Questions? Want to start a different group?
Contact Joan Wallace, Activity Groups Director, 222-0060,
Joanie8315@hotmail.com

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



Dinner for Eight

This group is designed to allow people to spend an evening in a small group getting to know different people each time a dinner is held. Each couple hosts one dinner during the year and prepares the main course. The other couples help by bringing other parts of the meal and you will be with different people each time. Most groups have met for their first dinner. **Our next one is scheduled for early January, probably delayed slightly by the holidays.** Groups CAN opt for a time different from the first weekends as long as all participants agree. (If you have any food allergies or other considerations that might make your dining experience more pleasurable, talk to your host about these things before the menu is set and the dinner is held.) We still have room for more participants both as regulars and as subs. Contact Beth Hoover at 231-386-5639, casa-hoover@aol.com

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast meets at the **Omelette Shoppe** next to the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Campus Plaza every second Wednesday of the month. Reservations are not required; just show up. Questions? Call George Kobernus, 933-9321.

Wednesday, January 11, 9:00 a.m.

Out -To- Lunch Bunch

We hope you will join us. We look forward to sharing holiday news and making new friends. RSVP to Carol Hosler, 933-4397 by Mon., Jan. 16.

**Wed., January 18th, 1:00 p.m.
Hanna Restaurant
118 Cass St., Traverse City**

Dining Out

This area is home to many good restaurants in various price ranges. We will usually meet on the second or third Sunday of the month. Please join us in the food and fellowship. Reservations required. Please call Constance Kilbride a week before to reserve, 649-4888.

**Sunday, January 15, 4:30 p.m.
Silver Tree Deli
Suttons Bay**

ART SAMPLER

**Dorothy Anderson Grow's Studio Visit
Wednesday, January 11, 1:30 p.m.
7852 Underwood Ridge**

Dorothy Anderson Grow is a printmaker with a 30" x 60" intaglio press in her studio. All of her prints are original and one of a kind. Most of her ideas are derived from images seen on Old Mission Peninsula and the Grand Traverse area. Dorothy has a Master of Fine Arts Degree from Michigan State University.

She is a retired high school teacher and Northwestern Michigan College instructor. Her work has been on display throughout Michigan and

has been the recipient of many awards.

The visit to her studio will include an overview of her art work, a printing demonstration, and an opportunity to participate in a collaborative group art piece. This should be an informative and a fun experience.

Take Center Road north past McKinley Road. Turn left at Underwood Farms South. Turn left at top of hill onto Underwood Ridge. Continue south to 7852.

Please contact Joan Wallace, 222-0060, or Joanie8315@hotmail.com, if you plan to attend.

Cross-Country Skiing & Snow Shoeing Schedule

The locations selected for these winter sports are suitable for both cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The skiers and the snowshoers meet at the same site, but use different trails and then go to lunch together.

Saturday, January 7, 2006 10AM at Muncie Lakes Pathway

Follow Supply Rd. south of TC to Rennie Lake Rd.; follow Rennie until it T's, turn left and the trailhead parking lot is on the left about a mile. Call Carl Kucsera 946-7762 if you are planning on coming to assure a proper headcount.

Saturday, January 21, 2006 10AM at Lost Lake Pathway

Take US #31 west just beyond Interlocken Golf Course, turn north (right) on Gonder Rd. and follow the signs, the trailhead parking lot is within the first couple miles on the left hand side of the road. Call Carl Kucsera 946-7762 if you are planning on coming to assure a proper headcount.

Saturday, February 4, 2006 10AM at Sand Lakes Quiet Area

Follow M 72 east, past Turtle Creek Casino to Broomhead Rd. (first road after Ginop Sales), turn south (right) go approximately 6 miles to trailhead parking lot on left hand side of road. Call Carl Kucsera 946-7762 if you are planning on coming to assure a proper headcount.

Saturday, February 18, 2006 5:00PM at Timber Ridge

(Formerly Jellystone Nordic Center), 4050 Hammond Rd. E. They have 2k lighted trail. Dinner will follow outing at local restaurant. Call Carl Kucsera 946-7762 if you are planning on coming to assure a proper headcount.

Saturday, March 4, 2006 10:00AM at Lake Ann Pathway

Take US #31 about 5 miles west of Interlochen, turn north (right) on Reynolds Rd. (right after BP gas station) go approximately 4 miles, you will come to the trail head parking lot on the right hand side of the road. Call Carl Kucsera 946-7762 if you are planning on coming to assure a proper headcount.

Saturday, March 18, 2006 10AM at Muncie Lakes Pathway

Follow Supply Rd. south of TC to Rennie Lake Rd.; follow Rennie until it T's, turn left and the trailhead parking lot is on the left about a mile. Call Carl Kucsera 946-7762 if you are planning on coming to assure a proper headcount.



NEWS for NEWCOMERS



Lee Hosler looks on while Matt Albert displayed items for sale at the November Silent Auction. (Photo by Judy Albert)

Several photos of the December Dinner Dance will be in the February newsletter. Thank you all for supporting the Northwest Michigan Food Coalition.

Become one of our contributors: Please send news, articles, photos, letters, or classified ads to the newsletter editor at bennettj@traverse.net or 932-9249 (ph and fax) or 9670 E. Walkabout Ln., TC 49684

Classified Ads

Nothing for January

You know you have things you want to sell. Send in those ads!

Looking for Downhill Ski Buddies

Bud & Nancy Dockter are wondering if there are any downhill skiers in the group who would like to ski at Boyne Mtn. or Highlands. If so, give us a call at 932-2394 or email at ND231Mi@Aol.com.



Money saving hint from one of our members:

Bed Bath & Beyond continues to honor its coupons even after expiration dates.

Money saving hint from editor's husband:

Don't go shopping at all and save even more.

Answers to Quiz

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| 1. a | 12. Mico's |
| 2. Leelanau (31%). GT only has 9% | 13. GT (68,000). Leelanau only has 8,500 |
| 3. GT (395 acres). Leelanau only has (325) | 14. Goodwill |
| 4. J. C. Penney's | 15. Lochenheath Golf Course |
| 5. Selkirk's Farm Market | 16. c |
| 6. Radio Centre | 17. Old Osteopathic Hospital |
| 7. LL (13 sq.mi.). Both Glens total 9.8 | 18. Torch Lake (29.4 sq.mi.) |
| 8. Glen's | 19. Crystal Lake (15.7 sq.mi.) |
| 9. Expressions Furniture | 20. Long Lake (4.47 sq.mi.) |
| 10. Embers | |
| 11. TC Traders | |

Editor's Picks for January Activities

Wednesday Evening Snowshoe Walks - Behind Bldg. 50, 6:30 p.m., sponsored by McClain Cycle and Fitness, 941-8855

January 21 - 12th Annual Downtown Chili Cook-off,

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Park Place Dome, \$8 for 8 cup sample, 922-2050

January 28 - Interlochen Band Concert, 8:00 p.m., Corson Auditorium, Interlochen, 276-7800

Beginning January, Any of the short courses sponsored by the NMC LIFE Academy, www.nmc.edu/ees, 995-1700

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