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Please join us for the November Program:

The Newcomer Auction

Thursday, November 11
7:00 PM



The Presbyterian Church of Traverse City
701 Westminster Road
Traverse City, MI 49686
(one block south of Munson Avenue off Airport Access Road)

**Bring your "quality" donated items between 6:00 PM and
6:45 PM. Bidding starts at 7:00 PM.**

Get a jumpstart on holiday shopping, or maybe find a unique treasure for yourself. The Newcomer Auction is an enjoyable activity for all. Your donated items may include homemade goodies and crafts, collectibles, tickets to local events, wine or, items for the home. Favorite donations in the past have included gift baskets, handmade jewelry, boat rides and dinners served in members' homes. You do not need to contribute in order to participate. We need lots of buyers, too. We are expecting unique items, a great time and much fun!

The evening's event includes both a silent auction and a regular auction. The regular auction is naturally a little more upbeat than the silent auction, but the gentle presentation of the items for sale is always done in good taste. Conducting the event this year is our own Marlowe Bonner.

This is a major fund raising event for the club and we need your help. We need both items and bidders. Bring your donated items and description of services with you that evening. Enclosed in this newsletter is a page of "Bid Sheets" that you may use to describe your donated items and set a minimum bid. Additional sheets will be available at the auction if you bring more than four items.

Please bring your auction items between 6:00 PM and 6:45 PM. Also, if you can get local businesses to contribute an item or service, we will recognize them in our December newsletter. Come join the fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have questions, please contact Marlowe Bonner at 932-0943 or mbmarbon@aol.com.

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PRESIDENTS' NOTE

November 2010

November 11th is Veterans' Day and Jo Anne and I would like to thank all veterans in Newcomers for their service.

Going Once, Going Twice, Going Three Times.... SOLD to the NEWCOMER with the SMILE on their face! Thursday November 11th (Veterans Day) is also our annual auction, our only fundraiser of the year. Did I mention it is always one of the most fun events of the year?

Hopefully you have been to a couple of events and/or activities and have met some members you hit it off with. How about giving them a call and come to the auction together? As we have discovered, it's fun to go to an event with others, but come no matter what because everyone knows everyone in Newcomers! We are looking for a big turnout to make this year's Auction the most successful one yet.

Our two VP's, Kathy Tuckerman and Dan Klimaszewski, along with Pat Haber, events coordinator, are burning the midnight oil getting the Traverse City Country Club ready for the Newcomers Holiday Dinner. New for our event—live music! Dan has hired one of Traverse City's best bands, Jazz North, to entertain us. Please block out Thursday night, December 9th, on your calendars. We are looking for another record turnout.

Are you using our website? Take a few minutes and check it out. Go to the members' area and sign in. Forgot how to sign in? Email Marshall at marshallpersky@gmail.com and he will send you the information. The website contains lots of information on our activities and members for your personal use.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Marshall and Jo Anne



Jo Anne Gerben & Marshall Persky



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Fall Kickoff Dinner

More than 130 Newcomers and guests enjoyed the Fall Kickoff Dinner, held at the Hagerty Center on September 22. The newest members of the club were welcomed by Co-Presidents Marshall Persky and Jo Anne Gerben. Good food, good company, and a great setting all added up to another successful Newcomer event.



ACTIVITY GROUPS

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 2, 10:30 AM & 1:30 PM

Both the morning and the afternoon book groups meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the lower level of Horizon Books.

November's book is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese, a journey into one man's remarkable life. It is a story about the power, intimacy and curious beauty of the work of healing others. This book is Indies Choice Book of the Year Award Winner.

Bonnie Lockwood will lead the morning book discussion. Susanne Bonner will lead the afternoon discussion.

Katie Brown is the activity leader for the morning session. You may contact her at 231-922-9389 or brownjk6248@sbcglobal.net.

Terrill Persky is the activity leader for the afternoon session. You may contact her at 231-922-8153 or terrillpersky@gmail.com.

Both groups are now accepting membership. Contact the respective leaders for information. NOTE: time change for the morning group...now 10:30 AM.

MIXED PARTY BRIDGE

Thursday, November 18, 7:00 PM

This group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. All skill levels welcome. Different hosts each month.

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

DINNER OUT

Saturday, November 20, 5:30 PM

Please note date change for this month only.

Get stuffed at Mulligan's - Join us at Mulligan's Pub & Grill; home of the "Stuffed Burger." If you've never tried one you are in for a treat! YUM... The homemade soup is delicious, the salads fresh and crisp, the sandwiches outstanding and the drinks are very reasonable. We will order from a limited *pub style* menu selected just for us and as usual drinks are on your own. Mulligan's is providing us with their homemade chips and homemade salsa at no charge; we sampled them and they are delectable.

Mulligan's is an "up north" friendly and cozy establishment, so meet us alongside the warm fireplace for conversation, cocktails, food and an opportunity to meet some new some neighbors. As always, all are welcome bring someone new with you. We will gather at 5:30 PM.

RSVP before Sunday, November 14th **only if you plan to attend** to Michele Richard at richard.michele@rocketmail.com or 944-5844.

Mulligan's Pub & Grill, 2340 West Crown Drive, TC, just off Silver Lake Road - 932-2166



On October 13th, Del Johnson of the Group Five Euchre group scored 73 in seven rounds (56 hands) of euchre. He didn't keep track of how many loners he had, but it was more than four. He is pictured here with one of the loners he dealt himself. Right, left, ace, king, ten and the nine was turned up, which he had to pick up! Way to go, Del.

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 involved.

The groups are more social 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 Peltó at jpelto1@charter.net.

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We are in the process of putting together an 8th Euchre group. Robin & Bill Stott have graciously accepted to be the leaders of the new group. Robin has contacted the potential members and scheduled the first get together where they will settle on a date/time to meet on a regular basis. Their first meeting is scheduled after the deadline for this Newsletter so we will provide more details in the next issue. They will start off with two tables and will, hopefully, add a third table sometime in the future.

FILM GROUP

Friday, November 12

Please note date and day change for November.

Because the auction is being held on the night normally scheduled for the film group we will meet, for November only, on **Friday, November 12th**.

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.

Watch your email or check the website for specifics each month. Notification as to the film, time and place is emailed to group members a few days before the outing. Anyone interested in joining the group may contact Judy Pelto at jpelto1@charter.net.

FISHING

Charter season is over and the primary focus of stream fishermen is the steelhead run which will begin in November. Enjoy the lake fishing while you can; winter is not far away. Contact one another for any special trips or fishing opportunities.

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

GOLF

A GREAT Newcomers golf season has come to an end. The weather was wonderful and the golf even better. I hope all that played this year had as good a time as I did and are looking forward to playing and meeting new friends next year. If anyone has a course to recommend for next year please pass it on to me and I will try to put it on the schedule.

If you are not currently on the golf mailing list and wish to

join us next year, please forward your name and email address to brickmanbus@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list.

I will send next year's schedule out in mid-April so that you can mark your calendars. We will start play the first Monday in May and play every Monday to mid-October.

See you in the spring,
Ralph Brickman

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, November 22, 10:00 AM

The Men's Book Club will meet in the lower level of Horizon Books to discuss *The Polish Officer* by Alan Furst. This novel tells the story of a captain in the Polish army in September 1939, when Germany invaded and defeated Poland. Thereafter, the captain first transports the national gold reserve to safety, and then actively participates in the underground war against the German invaders. This book presents a fascinating view of WWII in Eastern Europe from the perspective of a "small" person caught up in this worldwide cataclysm.

Everyone is invited to join in the lively discussion and the lunch that follows, regardless of whether you have previously attended any of our meetings and/or even read the book.

Contact Ralph Mittelberger for questions and information, mittelberger.ralph@arentfox.com.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, November 10, 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

November 4 & 18, 1—3 PM

Join us twice a month for a couple of hours of uninterrupted knitting or stitching or rug hooking or needlepoint or whatever strikes your fancy. Show off your finished projects. Bring something to work on (or not!) and for a relaxing afternoon. We also help beginners.

We meet on the first and third Thursdays, 1—3 PM, at the

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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 November 4 and 18.

Have questions, want to be on the email list, or just want to let us know you'll be there? Contact Sandy Seppala, sansep19@earthlink.net, 421-3343 or 703-597-7925 (cell).

OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, November 10, 1:00 PM

Join us for lunch at The Cove Restaurant, 111 West River St., Leland, MI. Situated on the Leland River, "the award-winning menu combines with the picturesque backdrop of the Leland River and Fishtown to create a dining experience that cannot be matched."

Contact Sis Leake at 929-7036 by **Monday, November 8**, for reservations and so that car pools can be formed.

POKER

Wednesday, November 3, 1:30 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 November meeting will be hosted by Steve Lockwood. **Because of election day, the meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 3, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.**

Please contact Steve by phone or e-mail or the group coordinator if you plan to attend the November meeting. Steve's e-mail is steve.640@hotmail.com. Steve's phone is 231-968-2293.

The poker group coordinator is Mike Huffman. Phone is 517-655-3374. E-mail is wcdspike@yahoo.com.

SOLOS

November 12, 7:00 PM Euchre Night. Call Josie for directions, 231-668-6167.

Solos' Film Festival

November 13, 12:00 PM Movie at Denny's followed by snack/dinner and discussion. "Iron Ladies of Liberia" Call Judy Owen to RSVP and for movie description. 231-922-9619.

November 14, 2:00 PM Movie at Denny's followed dinner and discussion. "Profile of Twelve Women" (Arab and Jewish women problem-solve). Call Judy to RSVP and for movie description.

November 15 Movie at Suttons Bay followed by snack/

meal and discussion. "Winter Bones" (Best Picture at Sundance Film Festival). Call Judy ASAP to RSVP and for time and movie description (discounts available for groups).

November 25 Thanksgiving Day

Judy is willing to cook the turkey if there is enough interest, or form a group to go out for dinner if there is enough interest. Call Judy for details.

November 26 Old Town Play House.

"White Christmas". Reservations needed by November 12. Call Judy to RSVP.

SUNDAY SUPPER for 8

Sunday, November 7, 6:00 PM

This new group will meet on the 1st Sunday of each month at the home of the host.

The host will serve the main dish. Guests will bring a dish to pass. Guests will also bring their beverage of choice. Hosts and guests will rotate monthly.

Dates: November 7, December 5, January 4

Time: 6:00 PM

Information: Call Izzy Semrau, 231-421-8171

VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE THEATRE

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 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. **Note: Dates may change in November and December because of the holidays. Nancy will provide more information.**

Contact Nancy Johnson 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, November 13, 11:00 AM

November's walk will be on the Boardman Trail in Traverse City. Meet at 11:00 AM behind the Traverse Area District Library. The walk is about 2 miles long in one direction. Lunch will follow at Agave on Garfield Road.

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I hope to get a Trail Ambassador to come and speak about the trail system and why it is important to finish it around the Boardman Lake.

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



Newcomers enjoyed hiking at the Sand Lake Quiet Area

NEWCOMERS WEBSITE



Our website - www.gtnewcomers.org - is a great tool to help keep us updated, view our calendar, look at colored photos in our newsletter, and check out all our activities. We'd like to thank our former Webmasters George Kobernus, Judy Albert and Jane Pearsall - they've done a terrific job. Currently, we are in the process of updating and redesigning our website. Look for more details in upcoming news as we hope to have it complete within the month. If you have any suggestions or photos, please contact our Newcomers Club Webmaster Lynn Huffman at lhuffman@gammet.com.

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Holiday Dinner Dance
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 • Thursday, December 9
 • Traverse City Golf & Country Club
 • Live music by Jazz North
 • Watch for details in next month's newsletter
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