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Annual Newcomers Picnic



Saturday, June 25, 1:00 PM
Bowers Harbor Park

Newcomers Club will provide:

Marinated chicken breasts, brats, buns,
as well as the condiments and table service.

Members should bring:

a dish to pass and their own beverages.

Picnic tables are available but you can bring
your own lawn chairs.

Please RSVP to Pat Haber by June 18

pathaber@msn.com or 231-228-4245

Directions: At the base of Old Mission Peninsula, turn north at the Garfield/Front St. intersection. Take Peninsula Drive for 10 miles until you pass the Boathouse Restaurant on your left. Shortly after the restaurant, turn right on Bower's Harbor Rd. The park is on the right.

(Please note that the picnic will be held on a Saturday this year.)

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PRESIDENTS' NOTE

June 2011

As summer approaches, the Newcomers Club year is winding down. Many activities will continue throughout the summer, but our final "official" club activity will be the End of the Year Picnic on Saturday, June 25. Also in June, a new Board will take over and some of us will assume new positions while others will step aside. This is definitely the time of year where many thanks are extended to all those who made this a wonderfully successful Newcomers Club year and best wishes to those who have offered to serve next year.



Jo Anne Gerben & Marshall Persky

First, let's introduce the new Board:

Co-Presidents: Marshall Persky
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And now, a big thank-you to members of the current Board who will not be returning to their positions next year. Dan Klimaszewski, having done a fine job as Co-Vice President, will move up to be Co-President. Karen Spencer did a wonderful job as Secretary this year, and we cannot thank her enough for her dedication to Newcomers. Likewise, Pauline Watt worked tirelessly maintaining activity groups, which are the heart and soul of our club. Thank you, Pauline. Mary Jankowski, who called new residents and invited them to Newcomers and Judy Owen, who sent cards and notes to members in need are two great ladies who helped create the caring reputation that our group enjoys. Their efforts are appreciated so much! Pat Haber, our excellent Executive Assistant, will take over the activity groups, and we thank her for continuing on the board.

Terrill Persky did an exceptional job of keeping Membership documentation in perfect order, and Robbin Stott's Public Relations helped us set record numbers at our monthly programs. Thanks, ladies! We also thank Robin Timmerman for the wonderful work she did on the Directory. Finally, Miki Connell did a remarkable job with the Newsletter and we can't thank her enough.

As you can see, Newcomers is a terrific organization because of the talents and giving spirit of our members, especially our Board. It has been a pleasure to be able to serve on the Board for the past four years as both Secretary and Co-President with Marshall. Most importantly, I appreciate all that Newcomers makes possible, great friends and good times. Thank you all so much!

Have a wonderful summer!
Jo Anne and Marshall

NEW MEMBER CORNER

Walter & Kathleen Jankowski
Macomb, MI

Terry & Ruth Ann Hoiles
Battle Creek, MI



Members of Euchre Group 6 show their St. Patrick's Day spirit when they played on March 17.



Newcomer's Euchre — Always a Good Time



Love the guy in the background — what service!



Jo Anne Gerben, a member of Euchre Group 4, enjoys her first "go alone" hand.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

BIKING GROUP

Saturday June 11, 11:00AM TART Trail

We will start at the parking lot behind the Traverse Area District Library and will travel East to Bunker Hill Rd. in Acme and back. This is about 11 miles round trip. We will stop and have lunch on the way back.

Saturday July 16, 11:00 AM TART Trail

We will meet at Darrow Park on the corner of Bay St. and Monroe St. From there we will ride north until the pavement ends (about 6 miles) then turn around and ride back. We will have lunch at Sleder's when we get back to TC.

Sat. Aug.13 11:00 AM Old Mission Peninsula

We will leave from Traverse City Central High School parking lot on Eastern Ave. We will ride up Peninsula Dr to the Jolly Pumpkin Restaurant where we will have lunch and then return to TC. This will be a 20 mile round trip ride.

If you are interested in any of these rides please contact Don Eastway at muglure@yahoo.com or by phone at 231 884-1106

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, June 7, 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. All books that have been selected for reading are listed on our website: gtnewcomers.org, under "Literary Activities".

May's book is *The Red Leather Diary* by Lily Koppel. Lily finds a lost journal which details a glimpse into the thoughts and dreams of a privileged girl who excelled in music, art and writing. A historical tale told mostly by the diary entries.

Faith Sanko will lead the morning discussion. Ginny LeClaire will lead the afternoon discussion.

Katie Brown is the activity leader for the morning session. You may contact her at 231-922-9389 or jkbrow@att.net. Terrill Persky is the activity leader for the afternoon session. You may contact her at 231-922-8153 or terrillpersky@gmail.com.

Women's Book will reconvene on Tuesday, September 6. Please note the change of meeting place for this meeting only.

Both morning and afternoon book clubs will meet together for a potluck luncheon on September 6 at the GT History

Center on Sixth Street from 11:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Bring a salad or dessert and no more than \$5 to help cover the cost of the room.

Voting on the recommended books for 2011-2012 will take place prior to and on that day with the results known by 1:30 PM. Katie Brown will send a notice to all book members (morning and afternoon) during the middle of August, calling for 2011-2012 book recommendations. The suggestions will be emailed to everyone before September 6 and voting can be done over email or at the September luncheon.

We will be reading the "Traverse City Reads" selection for this September meeting. Terrill Persky will lead the September discussion of that book at the luncheon.

MIXED PARTY BRIDGE

This activity will resume in the fall if a new leader is found.

DINNER OUT

This activity will resume in the fall.

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.

Euchre Group 8 has added a third table. The new additions to the group are: Rose Carman, Linda Proffitt, Sis Leake and Don Eastway.

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

FILM GROUP

The film group will resume in September. Wishing everyone a great summer! I'm sure I will see many of you during the TC Film Fest.

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

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meeting. 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 Peltó at jpeltó1@charter.net.

FISHING

Arrangements will be made for late Spring charter trips for lake trout and late summer trips for salmon. The trips will be on East Bay with the added possibility of a trip on the main lake. Practice good boat safety and be careful wading in streams. Contact one another if you have an idea for a trip. Enjoy the summer!

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

GOLF

We are two weeks into the 2011 NC golf season and we are having a great time. If you are a golfer and not part of the group it's easy to join. Just e-mail Ralph Brickman at brickmanbus@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list. That's all you have to do! Then look for the weekly emails, join us for a fun round of golf and meet a great group of people. Remember the only requirements are a set of clubs and a desire to have a good time. See you on the course.

June 6	Briar North	August 15	Champion Hills
June 13	Pincroft	August 22	Grandview
June 20	Crown	August 29	Twin Birch
June 27	Timberwolf	Sept. 12	Mistwood
July 11	Emerald Vale	Sept. 19	El Dorado
July 18	Crystal Lake	Sept. 26	Emerald Vale
July 25	Briar North	Oct. 3	Leelanau Club
August 1	Elmbrook	Oct. 10	Crown
August 8	Crown		

MEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 27, 10:00 AM

The Men's Book Club meets in the lower level of Horizon Books in Traverse City. Upcoming books are:

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway in June led by Andy Gerben—a Hemingway masterpiece and a classic example of his style.

Matterhorn by Karl Marlantes in July led by Ralph Mittelberger—Vietnam from the perspective of a Marine Corps 2nd Lieutenant.

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen in August led by Jim Brown—Story of old man working for the circus during the Depression.

We welcome any man who might want to participate, regardless of whether or not he has previously attended our meetings and even read the book. We always have a friendly, interesting and insightful discussion, usually followed by lunch at a local eatery.

Members and potential members are cordially invited to join us. Contact George Kobernus: gkobernus@chartermi.net or 933-9321.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Wednesday, June 8, 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

June 2 & 16, July 7 & 21, August 4 & 18, 1:00—3:00 PM

Bring your needles and hooks, yarn and floss, and needling toys and projects for two hours of uninterrupted needling, a great cup of coffee or whatever, and good companionship.

We meet the first and third Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 PM, at Aroma's Coffee Shop (<http://www.aromascoffeeshop.com/>) at Kid's Creek shopping center on Division, just south of 14th Street. We will continue to meet throughout the summer months.

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.

MORNING PADDLES

Morning paddles (except for 9/12 outing). Entry level.

Meet at 9:45 AM (or earlier) to be on the water by 10:00 AM. New to the sport? Need help with boat unloading? We especially encourage beginners, but all are welcome to join.

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PFDs (and boats) required. We'll paddle for about 1.5 hours and then go out to lunch. These are beginner outings, so we will cancel if bad weather is a possibility. **Be sure to call us to sign up so we can notify you in case of cancellation.** Jody and Bob, 231-932-9249, ben-nettjj@charter.net.

Tuesday June 21: Celebrate the first day of summer by paddling **Brown Bridge Pond**. * Directions: From TC take Garfield Rd. south about ten miles and turn left (east) on River Rd. Go .6 miles (.1 mile past the BB Dam parking lot) and look for a DNR boat launch sign on the right, but you'll turn left into what appears to be a private drive. Go about .25 mi to the launch parking lot.

Wednesday, July 13: Bass Lake. Directions: From the intersection of Division (31/37) and W. Silver Lake Rd., turn right onto W. Silver Lake Rd. Turn right (west) on Boone Rd. At end of the road there's a 'T' intersection; turn left (south) on Bass Lake Rd. Follow signs to launch. You'll make another left turn. I think the road is called Fishing Site Rd., but there should be a launch sign too.

Thursday, August 4: Boardman Lake and River. Directions: Hull Park behind the TC Library.

Thursday, September 1: Brown Bridge Pond. * Note change of time. Meet at 4:00 PM to be on water by 4:15. Dinner after. See directions for 6/21 outing. If water level is too low for paddling, we will change the destination before the day of the outing.

*This summer we want to visit Brown Bridge Pond twice since by next year the pond will be returned to the river it once was. We are hoping that the water level is still high enough for the end of season paddle on 9/12.



OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH

This activity will resume in the fall.

POKER

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.

Plans for the summer meetings are still underway. If you are interested in participating, let Mike Huffman know.

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

SOLOS

Several Solo events are planned for the summer. Dates and times are flexible. Call Judy (922-9619) to express interest in any of the following activities:

- 6/9 - Nursery/gardens tour @ 1:00 PM
 - 6/28 - Sunset at Mary's beach
 - 7/11 - Seven Bridges walk and picnic - bring lunch
 - 7/16 - Sunset at the beach
 - 7/31 - Interlochen Symphony Orchestra - 7:00 PM, \$12
 - 8/3 - Sunset boat cruise - \$34 - Leaves at 6:30 PM
 - 8/7 - Annual Les Preludes outdoor concert at Interlochen.
- Bring a chair or blanket
? Evening concerts at the Pavillions
? Trip to the UP to collect rocks and see waterfalls

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 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 summer dates are: June 1 & 16, July 6 & 21, August 3 & 18.** 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.

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WALK IN THE WOODS

Saturday, June 11, 11:00 AM. Alligator Hill

Alligator Hill Trail comes equipped with beautiful views of both Lake Michigan and Big Glen Lake. It has a total of nine miles of trail, which are divided into different loops. The hike is very hilly and passes through beautiful Michigan forests.

The 1.5 mile hike from the Stocking Road trailhead to the Islands Lookout on top of Alligator Hill is a relatively gentle uphill walk through Maple-Beech forest on an old road bed. The view from the Lookout is outstanding. On a clear day, you can see North and South Manitou Island and Sleeping Bear Point. Quite often South Fox Island will also be visible. There is a bench at the lookout, so you can take some time to relax and enjoy the view before continuing your hike. From this vantage point you will often see a freighter making its way through the Manitou Passage.

The Alligator Hill area is just west of Glen Arbor and just south of M-109. From the main intersection in Glen Arbor, proceed west on M-109 to Stocking Road. Turn left (south) on Stocking and go about a half-mile to the trailhead turnoff, which is on your left.

If you are planning to join this walk, please email Jane at jedgrewe@charter.net. We will send out an email reminder just prior to this hike.

This will be the last walk until September.



WEBSITE

We have a few changes to our Newcomers website - www.gtnewcomers.org—including some new photos.

And why not 'Friend' us on **Facebook** to keep in touch with others, for reminders and last-minute news – just Google 'Facebook Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse.'

If you have any images, suggestions or questions, contact our Newcomers webmaster Lynn Huffman at lhuffman@gammet.com.



PLEASE REGISTER NOW for the Newcomers Holiday Adventure in Chicago on December 6—9 (see last month's newsletter for complete details.)

Please email Dennis Stockemer (dstockemer@comcast.net) by the June 15 deadline to receive important information on booking your hotel & train reservations! We have a limited number of rooms – please book now so Newcomers may obtain more rooms if necessary.

This is the last Newsletter Notice for making reservations.

Activity Group Leaders Needed

Leaders and/or Co-Leaders are needed for the following groups:

Mixed Party Bridge, Dinner Out,
Walk in the Woods, Gardening, Solos

If you are willing to help with any of these groups, please contact Pat Haber at pathaber@msn.com or 231-228-4245.

Lost & Found: a Men's Columbia jacket (size L, green and black), was left behind at the Bodette's house. If you think it might belong to you, please call Kathy at 271-7524. She has even offered to deliver it to its rightful owner!

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