



# Newcomers News

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2010

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Please join us for the January Program:

## The Point Betsie Lighthouse

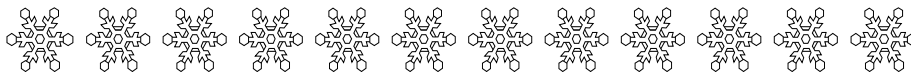
Tuesday, January 26  
7:00 PM

Traverse Area District Library  
610 Woodmere Avenue  
Traverse City

Jonathan Hawley, president of The Friends of Point Betsie Lighthouse, Inc. and author of a comprehensive history of Point Betsie published jointly by The University of Michigan Press and Petoskey Press last year, will present an illustrated account of the light and lifesaving stations.

Point Betsie Lighthouse, located on the Lake Michigan shore about five miles north of Frankfort, began guiding vessels to and from the Manitou Passage off Sleeping Bear Dunes one hundred and fifty-one years ago. A modern automatic light in its tower still serves as an official Aid to Navigation under the administration of the U.S. Coast Guard. Between 1877 and 1937, crews of the U.S. Lifesaving Service and Coast Guard shared the light station site, patrolling the long shoreline and rescuing mariners from ships that fell victim to these dangerous waters.

Each summer, Point Betsie draws thousands of visitors who tour the lighthouse and grounds, or come to walk the adjacent beach and enjoy the sunset. The station buildings, Benzie County's most historic structures, are currently being renovated; the lighthouse's beautiful exterior has been restored to its appearance at the end of World War II, and the interior rehabilitation will be completed this winter.



### MISSION STATEMENT

The Newcomers Club of Grand Traverse is a social and civic organization whose purpose is to extend a welcoming hand to people living in the Grand Traverse area. The Newcomers Club also provides opportunities to meet and to socialize with other relocated people, sharing common interests.

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# PRESIDENTS' NOTE

## January 2010



Bob Pelto & Susanne Bonner

The annual Dinner Dance was a successful evening, with a lot of dancing feet and singing to songs from ...forty plus years ago. Does anyone have the answer why we can remember the words to old songs, but cannot find our car keys? The food was excellent, and we have managed to obtain the recipe for the walleye, which is printed below.

So, we move into the New Year possibly a few pounds heavier after the Holiday Season. Our magical Winter Wonderland surrounds us and calls us to enjoy the beauty of the season. The Newcomers have scheduled snow shoeing and cross country skiing twice a month for the winter months. The exercise will help us work off the extra holiday pounds, get some fresh air and spend some time with other Newcomers. Our other activities are available to all, depending on time and interest, and can keep us more active than we ever thought we would be "up north." If you have not been to an activity or would like to try a new activity, just let the group leader know you will be joining them.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our January 26 program, featuring Jonathan Hawley, the author of "Point Betsie--Lightkeeping and Lifesaving on Northeastern Lake Michigan." This interesting and informative program will be held at the Traverse City Library.

We hope to see many of you at the January activities and wish all a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful 2010.

Co-Presidents,

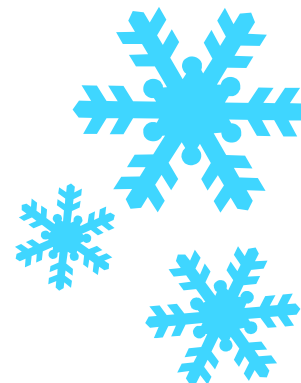
Susanne & Bob

### WATERFRONT BRANDIED PECAN WALLEYE

Pin boned and skinned walleye fillets.  
 Dredge in seasoned flour (salt, white pepper and paprika).  
 Dip in egg wash.  
 Dredge in Japanese Bread Crumbs (panko).  
 Pan fry in butter until crispy.

Top with Buerre Blanc and Brandied Pecans.

Recipe courtesy of the Waterfront Conference Center



**Mark your Calendars for  
An Upcoming Event:**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010:** Jennifer Wurtz, Lead Interpreter for the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, will give a brief history of how the National Lakeshore came about and will discuss some of the major attractions and facts about the park.



**Book Exchange**

Last year at some of our monthly programs we started a very casual book exchange. It was a success and all of the books happily disappeared. So, we are going to offer the exchange again at our January meeting.

Bring your fireside reads and literary wonders to the program and put them on the designated table. Look around at the other donations and take whatever you want. At the end of the evening, check the table again. If any of your books are still there, take them home. We don't want anyone to be responsible for storing or recycling them at a future meeting.

Now isn't that easy?

**NEW MEMBER CORNER**

**Grace Travis**  
Traverse City

**Barbara LaLonde**  
Reno, NV



**Far, Fast, & Light: 23,000 Miles of  
Backpacking in America's Wild Lands**  
By Andrew Skurka

**Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 7:00 PM**  
**Boardman River Nature Center**

The presentation\* will encompass many of Andrew's hikes and outdoor experiences starting with his early trips to the mountains of New Hampshire and Maine, moving on to his first steps on the Appalachian Trail, an exhilarating trek around the West, and his adventures in exotic destinations like Alaska and Iceland. With a mix of photos and video clips, he'll share his most entertaining, inspiring, and heart-warming stories, and will highlight what he believes are the most important life lessons that he's learned through them. The presentation will last about 45 minutes and it will be followed by a 15-minute Q&A session. Some of his lightweight gear will be on display, though it won't be a primary focus of the presentation.

Andrew snow shod 1,400 miles through both peninsulas of Michigan, northern Wisconsin, and northern Minnesota in winter 2005 via the North Country Trail as part of his Sea-to-Sea Route hike.

\*A \$5.00 admission charge will help defray Andrew's travel expenses.

Submitted by Jody Bennett

# ACTIVITY GROUPS

## **BOOK CLUB**

**Tuesday, January 5, 10:00 AM**

Please join the Newcomer's Book Club this month in the lower level of Horizon Books at 10:00 AM. Our selection for January is *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout with Katie Brown as discussion leader. The February book is *Starvation Lake* by Bryan Gruley. This selection is a mystery set in our region. Bernadette Albers will lead that discussion.

If you have questions, please contact Letha Cairns at 231-271-6831 or [gcairns@chartermi.net](mailto:gcairns@chartermi.net).

## **BRIDGE**

### **TEAM BRIDGE:**

First Friday of each month (except June-Aug.), 7:00 PM at Cedar Creek Commons. Bring a snack to share. New members are always welcome (bring a partner). Call Georgia Stoeber, 938-5846.

### **WOMEN'S BRIDGE:**

2nd Thursday of each month, 11:30 AM, at Scott's Harbor Grille.  
Call Judy Owen, 922-9619.

4th Thursday of each month, 11:30 AM, at G's, 1500 U.S. 31 North, Traverse City.  
Call Judy Owen, 922-9619.

### **MIXED PARTY BRIDGE:**

3rd Friday of the month, 7:00 PM. All skill levels welcome. Different hosts each month.

Contact Rick and Kathy Bodette, 271-7524 or [richardrbodette@cs.com](mailto:richardrbodette@cs.com).

## **DINNER OUT**

**Sunday, January 24, 5:30 PM**

Hoping you all had a wonderful holiday season! Perhaps you're feeling exhausted or maybe have a little cabin fever so how about getting out for the evening and joining the Dining Out Crowd at Boone's Long Lake Inn for cocktails, dinner and some good ole' conversation and fun. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 PM with dinner following alongside the cozy fireplace in our own private area.

Hope to see you all there. **Please RSVP before January 19 to Michele Richard** at 944-5844 or [marichard43@yahoo.com](mailto:marichard43@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.



Newcomers enjoying "Dinner Out" at Hanna's in November.

## **EUCHRE**

Beginning January 1, 2010, Judy Peltó has graciously offered to coordinate the Couple's Euchre activity. Thank you so much, Judy, for coming forth and assuming this task. We are very lucky to have you, and I know you will enjoy it.

Couple's Euchre Groups meet once a month in each other's homes. It is an evening of fun and friendship. We now have seven euchre groups, each having a group leader, and everyone is commenting on the pleasure of their group. Contact Judy Peltó, [new] Euchre Coordinator, [jpelto1@charter.net](mailto:jpelto1@charter.net) or 231-668-6490 if you are interested.

I have had so much fun with the Couple's Euchre Group. When we first got off the ground, we had two euchre groups. Today we have seven. Each one of the groups insists theirs is the very best. All enjoy this activity so much. So many great friendships have been made. Thank you to the leaders of all of our groups. You and your members make Couple's Euchre the fun we all look forward to each month. Karen Coquillard.

## **FILM GROUP**

**Thursday, January 14**

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

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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.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Judy Peltó at [jpeltó1@charter.net](mailto:jpeltó1@charter.net) or 231-668-6490.

## **FISHING**

Ice fishing season is rapidly approaching. Group members are encouraged to contact each other about opportunities to engage in frigid fishing.

Contact Pete Albers, [phalbers99@gmail.com](mailto:phalbers99@gmail.com), 922-7289 if you are interested in participating in any of the group activities.

## **GOLF**

On November 16th, despite a one hour delay due to frost, three players enjoyed a cool round of golf in three hours as no one else was playing. Terry Samuel had his best round this year. He was on fire, shooting 73 missing his age by one stroke! Steve Lockwood finished with 88 and 30 putts and Dave Charlton shot 84 with 31 putts.

**Editor's note:** isn't it delightful to be able to read about a recent outing of the golf group in the January newsletter?

## **MEN'S BOOK CLUB**

**Monday, January 25, 10:00 AM**

Book selections for the next six months are to be determined at the December meeting, which is scheduled to meet after the deadline for the January Newsletter. Contact Pete Albers for questions and information, [phalbers99@gmail.com](mailto:phalbers99@gmail.com) or 922-7289.

The club meets in the lower level of Horizon Books the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 AM. New members are welcome whether you have read the book or not. We sometimes go to lunch at a local restaurant following the meeting.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Wednesday, January 13, 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](mailto:gkobernus@chartermi.net) or 933-9321.

## **OUT-TO-LUNCH BUNCH**

**Wednesday, January 13, 1:00 PM**

We will have lunch at Trattoria Stella, located at Building 50 in the Grand Traverse Commons (1200 W. Eleventh, TC). Our original date there last month was snowed out — let's try again!

Contact **Sis Leake** at 929-7036 by **Monday, January 11**, for reservations and so that car pools can be formed.



## **POKER**

**Tuesday, January 5, 1:30 PM**

The poker group usually meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, with winter hours of 1:30 PM—4:30 PM and summer hours of 6:30 PM—9:30 PM. The group meets on a rotating basis at each member's home. The game is small stakes, (5¢, 10¢, 25¢), 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 January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5. The location for the January meeting will be hosted by Dan Klimaszewski. Please contact Dan by phone or e-mail or the group coordinator if you plan to attend. Dan's phone is 231-228-4245. His e-mail is [danklim1@gmail.com](mailto:danklim1@gmail.com).

The poker group coordinator is Mike Huffman. Phone is 517-655-3374. Email is [wdcspike@yahoo.com](mailto:wdcspike@yahoo.com).

## **QUILTING**

**Tuesday, January 12, 1:00 PM**

Newcomer Quilters will meet at Miki Connell's home, 8221 Maple Leaf Drive, Traverse City, on January 12 at 1:00 p.m. We will be demonstrating machine paper piecing -- so everyone needs to bring some of their scrap material. Show and tell is always welcomed.

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**RSVP to Miki and Pauline** (mikiconnel@aol.com, 231-929-1049, jwatt1107@charter.net, 231-929-1107) **by Sunday January 10.**

## **SNOWSHOE/CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**

**Saturday January 9, 11:00 AM**

### **Muncie Lake**

Follow Hammond Rd East to High lake Rd. Right on High lake to Supply Rd. Left on supply Rd. to Rennie Lake Rd. Follow Rennie Lake Rd until it T's. Turn left and the trail head parking is on the left about a mile.

**Saturday January 23, 11:00 AM**

### **Lost Lake**

Take US 31 West just beyond Interlochen Golf Course. Turn right on Gonder Rd. and go about 2 miles. The Trail head parking lot will be on the left.

**Saturday February 13, 11:00 AM**

### **Sand Lake Quiet Area**

Follow M72 East past Turtle Creek Casino to Broomhead Rd. (first rd after Ginop Sales). Turn right and go approximately 3.5 miles, through 2 curves to trail head parking on the left (watch for signs)

**Saturday February 27, 11:00 AM**

### **Lake Ann Pathway**

Take US31 about 5 miles West of Interlochen. Turn right (north) onto Reynolds Rd. (just past BP Gas Station). Go approximately 4 miles. Trail head parking lot on the right side of the Rd. **ALTERNATE ROUTE:** West on M72 from TC past West Michigan Landfill to Reynolds Rd. Left on Reynolds Rd to Almira Rd (M610). Right on Almira Rd for a short distance to Reynolds Rd. Left on Reynolds Rd. Go about a mile and Trail head parking on the left.

**Saturday March 13, 11:00 AM**

### **Lone Pine Trail**

This trail is along the Boardman River. Take Garfield Rd south to Birmley Rd. Turn right at the stoplight and go 1 mile to the next stoplight. Turn left onto Keystone Rd. and go for 1.5 miles. head parking on the right.

**If you are interested in joining any or all of these outings please contact Don Eastway at cadillac2154@yahoo.com or phone 213 884-1106.**

## **SOLOS**

**Friday, January 15, 5:00 PM**

**Sunday, January 24, 3:00 PM**

**January 15** — Solos will go to the Bayview Inn for an informal dinner. Their special on Fridays and Saturdays is

prime rib for \$15, but I hear other things are good too. The Bayview is at the corner of 5 Mile Road and M72. **Please call Judy if you would like to join us.** And if anyone is interested, we can go to a movie after dinner. (Judy: 922-9619)

**January 24**—Judy and Gini will be going to the Old Town Playhouse to see "You Can't Take It With You." If you'd like to join us, **call and get a ticket and let us know you will be there.** Dinner after is optional.

I will be looking into a sleigh ride, maybe at Garland in Lewiston, so **let Judy know if you'd like to do that.** It will be a late night if we go. (Judy: 922-9619)

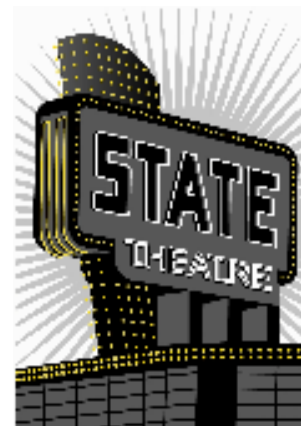
## **VOLUNTEER AT THE STATE THEATRE**

**Thursday, January 21, 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 usually slow. It is designed to introduce you to the State and help you determine whether you'd like to move to a busier time on your own. You are more than welcome to remain at this less active level too. Sometimes we have more volunteers than theater-goers.

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.

Contact Jody Bennett if you would like to be added to the list of potential volunteers, bennettjj@charter.net, 932-9249.



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## Euchre News



Recently Euchre Group #2 broke a record. In one evening of play 10 people made 18 bids for "loners" and made it! For those who have yet to take up the game of euchre, a loner is accomplished when one player without their partner takes all of the tricks in a hand. For those who know this card game, that is no easy feat. The winners gathered for a picture and then celebrated with a little extra dessert. Winners included: Elaine Novak (twice), Ralph Brickman, Patti Custance (twice), Pam Dickerson, Joe Harris (3 times), Laurie Kupferer (3 times), Tom Custance (3 times), Brad Spencer, Nan Harris, Lori Brickman. That evening John Novak and Dan Dickerson supported their teammates' efforts and helped them with the dessert.



An enjoyable evening of good food, good music and great company.....the Newcomer Dinner Dance.



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