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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is the beginning of a new year for all of us. Many are here to renew friendships. Others for the first time to be part of this day and hopefully a part of the 2009-2010 season. It is a new beginning for me as well.

I hope to know you better as time unfolds. There are programs through September to the Christmas season. In this period let us get to know each other besides those at our usual table. Issues, such as health care, will need our undivided attention. Having group awareness will enable all to comprehend and navigate choices that may be offered.

Meanwhile, I thank all of you for your trust. Your board is knowledgeable and willing to serve the membership. Let us have a banner year!

Wally Skinner, GTARSP President

HEALTH INSURANCE NEWS

Did you READ your Sept.-Oct. VANGUARD? The front page explains our **MEDICARE ADVANTAGE** program very well. **The current federal law has also eliminated it, effective JANUARY 1, 2011.**

The changes which will be implemented on January 1, 2010 by MPERS are also included in this VANGUARD on pg. 4. Please read this information. Our out-of-pocket costs are going UP! **BE PREPARED**

This is a short preview of what's to come!

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
1. Medical coinsurance:	\$500	\$700
2. Pharmacy coinsurance:	\$800	\$1000
3. Deductible:	\$250	\$400
4. Emergency room copay:	\$0	\$50/visit

There are others things involved so please read your VANGUARD!!!

BAYLEAF NEWS

The BAYLEAF will only be printed and sent out to our GTARSP members bi-yearly, September 2009 and April 2010. We will eliminate the December newsletter. The BAYLEAF is sent out under "bulk-rate" and the Post Office will not forward. All of those who are "temporarily away" for the winter, the BAYLEAF letters come back to us at \$0.44 per copy. Therefore we will eliminate the December newsletter.

The April BAYLEAF will be sent out after April 7, 2010 assuming most "snow-birds" are on their way home. So mark your April 2010 calendar for the 2nd Tuesday, April 13th, for the first luncheon meeting of the new season. Any questions, please contact Roz Nadeau at 231-946-8606.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 8, 2009: GTARSP Luncheon Meeting, 12:30 PM, Holiday Inn.
Program: Liz Bannister, Pianist

October 6, 2009: Exec. Bd. Mtg., 10:00 AM, TBA-ISD Conference Center, Leland Rm. TC.

October 13, 2009: GTARSP Luncheon Meeting, 12:30 PM, Holiday Inn.
Program: How to Save Tax Dollars.

November 3, 2009: Exec. Bd. Mtg., 10:00 AM, TBA-ISD Conference Center, Leland Rm. TC.

November 10, 2009: GTARSP Luncheon Meeting, 12:30 PM, Holiday Inn.
Program: I Didn't Know That!

December 1, 2009: Exec. Bd. Mtg., 10:00 AM, TBA-ISD Conference Center, Leland Rm. TC.

December 8, 2009: GTARSP Luncheon Meeting, 12:30 PM, Holiday Inn.
Program: Holiday Scholarship Music Program.

April 6, 2010: Executive Bd. Mtg., 10:00 AM, TBA-ISD Conference Center, Leland Rm. TC.

April 13, 2010: GTARSP Luncheon Meeting, 12:30 PM, Holiday Inn.
Program: Kathee McCafferty, TC Covention & Visitor Center is the Speakers

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Ron Messner, Membership Chairman, reminds members to pay their 2009-10 dues. If you lost your form, they are available at the luncheon. Please renew your dues ASAP. Remember the local GTARSP dues are \$10.00. Any questions, please contact Ron Messner at 231-276-6488.

Currently, 632 members have paid their dues. Approximately 100 of you have not renewed your dues. Did you read your VANGUARD received in August? Invite a respective member to lunch this month, help increase our MARSP numbers.

The 2009-2010 addition directory will be available at the October luncheon. It will include all new members of GTARSP since September 2008, address changes of any current member and phone number changes.

LUNCHEON MEETING RESERVATIONS

Our callers will happily call to remind you of the upcoming meeting and take your reservation if you are able to attend. However, if you find that you are unable to attend after all, you must call to cancel your reservation so that a lunch is not ordered for you. If you do not cancel and a lunch has been ordered for you, we expect you and not GTARSP to assume the responsibility for it's cost. The cost of the luncheon is \$12 which includes tax and gratuity. If you wish your name to be added to (or removed from) the calling list, please contact Linda Czajka, our reservation chairman, @ 932-7393.

LOOKING BACK: APRIL LUNCHEON

Our meeting was very special because our State MARSP President, Marie Wilkerson, did a superb job of bringing us up to date on the current business of our state organization and why it is **SO IMPORTANT** to be a member and support our goals and conditions of retirement.

The Area Conference on DVD spearheaded by Executive Director Bonnie Carpenter was well received as it made us more fully aware of our health benefits and also why it is so important to be aware of legislative study and action now and in the future.

Also, we had the opportunity to fill out survey forms in which we could, as a team, volunteer to work at the "community" State Theater once a month in the afternoon. This theater has proven over its first year to reflect the community's interest with first run shows, live operas, sporting events, Saturday morning children's movies, special showings to benefit various organizations, etc.

How 'bout helping to put some "POP" in the popcorn!!!and the film festival!

MAY LUNCHEON:

GTARSP LUNCHEON was held May 12, 2009 at the Holiday Inn. President, Gordon Waldenmyer, opened the meeting with the presentation of scholarships. Dawn Humphreys, scholarship co-chairman, explained that many applications were received which made the selection process very difficult. GTARSP gave a total of five scholarships, 2 vocational and 3 academic. Each one was for \$1000.00. TBA Credit Union sponsored one of the scholarships. Milt Jacobi introduced TBA Credit Union representatives Robin Ahart, Karen Browne, Joann Anderson and Robert Witkop. TBA Credit Union helps with our scholarships, the cost of the GTARSP brochures and GTARSP membership directories.

GTARSP 2009 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Vocational Scholarships went to: *Alexandria Robinson*, graduate of TBA & TC Central High School and *Tyler Lukasiak*, graduate of TBA & Glen Lake High School. Tyler was our designated TBA Credit Union Scholarship winner.

The Academic Scholarships went to: *Suzanne Hardy*, graduate of TC Central High School; *Kaitlyn Delancey*, graduate of Kingsley High School; *Kelyse McKeon*, graduate of Elk Rapids High School.

AMONG OUR MEMBERS

A gathering of family and friends was held recently in Leelanau County to celebrate the 100th birthday of *Jo Richter*. Jo was raised on the family farm near Suttons Bay and attended Suttons Bay Union School graduating in 1929. The beautiful stone school is still in Suttons Bay and has since been turned into condominiums. The former school is located on St. Mary's Street and is well worth a drive-by just to see this lovely structure.

Jo received her bachelor's degree in education from Ferris State College and a master's degree from Michigan State University. She taught for many years at various schools throughout Leelanau and Grand Traverse Counties. Jo retired from Traverse City Public Schools in 1969 and moved to Arizona. Her sister, Edna, who will be 90, and Jo have lived in Mesa, AZ for the past 40 years. The two women returned recently to Suttons Bay for a party to celebrate Jo's century of living and to reminisce about the many changes that have taken place in our society during her lifetime.

Alberta Lynch celebrated her 90th birthday July 5th. Her daughter, Karen (Lynch) Holcomb encouraged friends of Alberta's to fill a memory book with all the wonderful heartwarming stories that made up her mother's extraordinary life. Alberta began her teaching career in 1940 in a one room school in Manton teaching all eight grades. She returned to her hometown of Buckley in 1943 where she taught both the elementary and high school levels. In 1955, she moved to Traverse City and taught fifth grade at Oak Park School until she retired in 1977.

Congratulations Alberta on a wonderful life and happy 90th birthday!

Mr. & Mrs. Quintus Stulz observed their 65th wedding anniversary on June 24, 2009. Mrs. Stulz is a retired school secretary. The couple lived in Elk Rapids for 20 years before moving to Traverse City 10 years ago. The couple have 2 daughters, 2 sons, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Congratulations for many happy years together!

GTARSP has several members who previously were inducted into the Traverse City Central High School Hall of Fame. Joining this distinguished group, which includes *Jim Ooley, Bob Lober and John Lober*. The newest inductee is *Jim Anderson*. The induction ceremony was held at Central High School June 5, 2009

Starting in high school Jim was very active in organizations, including being Student Senate Governor his senior year. Not only was Jim active in high school sports, he continued in college athletics. He earned his BA and MA degrees from Central Michigan University in Speech Pathology. After being employed for 30 years with TBAISD as their speech specialist, Jim decided to retire in 1997. During his tenure Jim served as an elementary school athletic director and boy's varsity basketball coach for St. Frances and Suttons Bay High Schools. Jim coached the Central High School girl's varsity basketball team for 10 years. During that time his teams won five district titles, one regional title and made one quarterfinal appearance. One of his former players is very successful as a women's college coach. At the present time Susie Merchant is coaching the MSU women's basketball team. Jim continues to support his former players by organizing a bus trip each fall to a MSU basketball game in support of Susie. With his love of sports, Jim has been a director for the Northwest Michigan and the Michigan All State girl's basketball team's camp. He has served as director of the Northwest Michigan Basketball Academy. For 20 years Jim enjoyed officiating at area schools for both boys' and girls' basketball games. Jim has spent over 50 years encouraging young people to set goals in order to reach their highest potential. In the 70's and 80's one

could hear Jim and Bob Lober announcing Central's football games on WTCM every Friday night. Also having a love for flying, Jim is a commercial pilot. He currently is serving as the Green Lake Township Airport manager. Jim has assisted with the air shows for the Cherry Festival for many years. In 1990 he established his own aerial photography business; many of his photographs can be seen around town. Jim also finds time to volunteer at his church. Looking at Jim's successes and accomplishments, one is not surprised he has been selected for this Hall of Fame honor.

Congratulations to *Bob Lober* for his selection to the 2008 National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was inducted June 23, 2009 in Minneapolis, Minn. Bob is the first and only golf coach in Michigan to receive this national honor. Bob has also been honored with the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2003, Traverse City Central Hall of Fame in 2005, and in 2006 the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame. At the present time Bob is serving as the MIGCA Hall of Fame Chairman.

Roz & Jim Nadeau and their son, Carson, Karen & Milt Jacobi, Marcia LeMieux, Julie Medlin and Jim & Gerry Slis were among the 20 members of Roz's Rangers who participated in the MS Walk for Research on June 27, 2009. Roz and her team members raised \$19,500 for MS Research. Many thanks to the members of GTARSP who donated to this great cause. 300 plus people participated in the six mile walk from the Civic Center to the Open Spaces and back. The Traverse City MS Walk raised over \$74,000 for research for this disease which affects over 300,000 Americans.

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER: Marie Wilkerson



(Dawn Humphreys, Gordon Waldenmyer, Marie Wilkerson)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO GTARSP

Ralph Altwies lives in Traverse City.
Adeline Anspaugh lives in Traverse City.
Jodeen Bennett lives in Traverse City.
Carol Bocskay lives in Williamsburg.
Barbara Bolden lives in Traverse City.
Antoinette Bower lives in Benzonia.
Camille Brand lives in Grawn.
Lucille Carpenter lives in Copemish.
Ann Chalker lives in Kalkaska.
Suzette Cooley-Sanborn lives on Bois Blanc Island.
Lawrence Cotter lives in Grosse Pointe Park.
Darrell Dafeo lives in Traverse City.
Ned Deater lives in Rapid City.
Jan Doran lives in Traverse City.
Karen Edwards lives in Bellaire.
Keith Evans lives in Traverse City.
Shirley Fuller lives in Traverse City.
Rebecca Gauden lives in Traverse City.
Ruth Groll lives in Traverse City.
Charlene Hamlyn lives in Traverse City.
David Harrison lives in Rapid City.
Gilbert Hoffman, Jr. lives in Kingsley.
Harrison Holdredge lives in Traverse City.
Michael Kelly lives in Traverse City.
Michael Knight lives in Traverse City.
Harriet LaPlante lives in Traverse City.
Phyllis Luidrand lives in Beulah.
Emory Lundy lives in Kewadin.
Maureen Machuta lives in Traverse City.
Marjorie Minthorn lives in Fife Lake.
Dewey Mummert lives in Traverse City.
Margaret Nielsen lives in Interlochen.
Jo Peck lives in Adrian.
Paul Rajala lives Williamsburg.
Dennis Richardson lives in Central Lake.
Caroline Saunders lives in Williamsburg.
Donna Sears lives in Kalkaska.
Christine Seeley lives in Fife Lake
Beverly Sheffer lives in Traverse City.
Dolores Smith lives in Williamsburg.
Barbara Solomonson lives in Traverse City.
Garry Sumerix lives in Essexville.
Luella Tupper lives in Traverse City.
Shirley Whipple lives in Kalkaska.
Mary Wichert lives in Frankfort.
Charles Wolterink lives in Traverse City.
Linda Wrobel lives in Traverse City.
Marguerite Wuelser lives in Flushing.

Notification of a Death

Recently the death of one of our members back in 2007 was called to our attention. Our chapter is usually notified of a member's death by the MARSP office, but somehow, there was a slip up. When a member dies, we would appreciate a phone call or e-mail to notify us so we can avoid this happening again. Please contact Sylvia Burns at 947-7755 with this information.

IN MEMORY

Harold Emerson

Harold died February 15, 2009 in Traverse City. He was born and raised in Traverse City, and graduated from Traverse City Central High School in 1945. He attended Michigan State College, now MSU, where he successfully completed a short course in agriculture. In 1945 he entered the U.S. Army and served in Japan. After his discharge in 1948 Harold returned to Traverse City to marry his "Betty" and they lived in a house they built in Williamsburg. He owned and operated a service station in Acme for many years. After Betty's untimely death, Harold married Elaine and they continued to live in Williamsburg until 1980 when they relocated in Traverse City. Harold was a gifted storyteller who loved to reminisce about his time in the service and his family's long, colorful history in Traverse City. Besides working at the service station, Harold was a milk tester and a truck driver. He later helped teach auto mechanics for the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District. Besides storytelling, Harold enjoyed singing, reading, and talking about sports. He was a big fan of the Beach Bums. Harold is survived by his wife, one son, 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Catherine Healey

MARSP office in Lansing has notified our chapter of the death of Catherine Healey from Traverse City. No other information has been given. We would like to express our sympathy to her husband, Paul and the family on her passing.

Helen Schmittdiel.

News has reached our chapter of the death of Helen Schmittdiel. Helen died August 21, 2009 in Traverse City. GTARSP would like to express our sympathy to Helen's family. Helen served on the GTARSP board for many years as chairman of reservations.

Dolores "Dody" Muratzki

Dolores Muratzki passes away in December 2008 in Traverse City. Dody was born and raised in Dearborn, MI. After she graduated from high school, she immediately began working as a secretary for the Ford Motor Company International Division. In 1960 Dody married the love of her life, Wilbert Muratzki, and moved to Bloomfield MI. After her husband's untimely death in 1983, she worked as a secretary for the Southfield Public Schools. Dody moved to Traverse City in 2003 to be closer to her son, Jim. She was a fan and supporter of the arts, enjoying theater, opera and symphony performances, especially the Traverse Symphony Orchestra. World events were an interest of hers. She kept her mind sharp working crossword puzzles until just days before her death. Dody is survived by one son, two sisters, one brother, 14 nephews and nieces and 14 great-nephews and nieces.

Frances Black

Frances Black passed away August 22, 2009 in Traverse City. Frances was born in Boyne City, but grew up in Flint. She graduated from Flint Northern High School and moved to Ypsilanti to attend Michigan Normal State College (now Eastern Michigan University). After graduating with a degree in education, Frances moved out east to work at the Institute for Living in Hartford, Conn. But her roots called her back to Michigan where she began teaching in a rural school system in Midland County. After her marriage to Robert Black, the couple moved to Interlochen. Frances spent the rest of her teaching career at Central Grade School in Traverse City teaching third grade. She enjoyed knitting. Her hats and mittens kept many hands and ears warm for several years. She found time to knit each child in her third grade class a hat or a set of mittens. Frances was a warm and caring teacher. She spent her free time, reading and baking in addition to her knitting. She is survived by one daughter, one niece and two nephews.

Dorothy 'Pat' Moore

News has reached our chapter of the death of Dorothy 'Pat' Moore. She died July 17, 2009 with her daughter Shelley Moore by her side at home. GTARSP would like to express our sympathy to Dorothy's family. A full obituary will appear in the next BAYLEAF.

Richard Edward 'Dick' Easter

News has reached our chapter of the death of 'Dick' Easter. He died August 22, 2009 at his home surrounded by family. GTARSP would like to express our sympathy to 'Dick's' family. A full obituary will appear in the next BAYLEAF.

GTARSP would like to express our sympathy to member, *Fran Wyatt* and her family for the death of her husband Gerald Wyatt, in July.

GTARSP would like to express our sympathy to member, *Steve Stasinis* and his family for the death of his wife, Ann, in early August.

