# Newsletter

# **Grand Junction Newcomers Club**

Where newcomers become old friends

# Minutes – October 8, 2025

Reminder – You don't have to wait for the next month's newsletter to read the minutes. They're posted on our website shortly after each meeting.

#### **CLUB BUSINESS**

President Gary Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 10 am and asked for comments or corrections to the September meeting minutes, as published in the newsletter. Since there weren't any, he asked for motions to approve the minutes. Tanya Davis so moved, Ruth Anna seconded and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Treasurer Bill Gates reported that the club's checking account balance stands at \$3,851.07, with \$.35 in interest, and the reserve account stands at \$5,292.93. "We're doing fine," he concluded. He also reminded the group that, when writing a check for a Newcomers activity, it should be made out to Grand Junction Newcomers Club -- even if a specific individual is collecting the money. It causes problems, he said, in depositing a check to the Newcomers Club checking account when it's made out to a person.

**President Gary** thanked **Tanya Davis** and her Hospitality team for the exceptional treats. They all represent the themes of "Halloween, autumn and joy," Tanya said.

Karen Dreher, who's handling We Care condolence and get well cards for Newcomers members, said she sent a sympathy card to **Douglas Grodt**, whose son passed away following a short illness. Douglas regularly organizes age-appropriate monthly hikes for Newcomers.

The Membership committee's **Jean Greenfield** announced two new members -Nancy Wissler, who recently moved here from
Bradenton, Florida, and David Hull, who moved
from the Denver area. She also said a guest who
deserves the award for longest distance traveled
was in attendance -- Tommy Hjort from
Sweden. He is a long-time friend of Ruth and
Larry Anna, having met them years ago when
they all shared a taxi ride from the Bismarck,
North Dakota airport.

President Gary said that Newcomers Club's executive committee is proposing a change to the membership dues structure. Currently, annual dues are \$15 for singles and \$25 for couples. Under the proposed change, singles would still pay \$15 a year, while the couples amount would increase to \$30 -- basically, \$15 per person for all members. "We've heard from some members who have concerns about the current dues structure," he said. "This change, if approved by club members, would create a more equitable situation and also help cover anticipated increased costs for future club events." Notice of the proposed dues change was published in the October newsletter. A vote on the proposal will take place at the November Newcomers coffee meeting.

Chuck Hawkins and Molly
Fitzpatrick conducted the monthly raffle, with
proceeds going to support the club.

#### **CLUB EVENTS**

On behalf of Ken and Lisa Seitz, **Tom Politzer** reminded the group that the next Wine
Club tasting event will take place on November 13
from 4-6 pm at the Art Center of Western
Colorado, 1803 N. 7th. It will feature tastes of
South African wines. Cost is \$25 per person and
the deadline for reservations is November
6. Checks should be made out to Grand Junction
Newcomers Club and sent to Ken Seitz, 2675
Autumn Book Ct.

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Bill Gates of the Tour and Lunch group said the next tour will take place on October 14, with a tour of the GLC Alpaca Place, 908 23 Road in Fruita. Because it will take place from 2-4 pm -- later in the day than the usual before-lunch tour time -- there will be no lunch following the alpaca farm visit. In November, club members who sign up will be treated to a behind-the-scenes look at the Museum of the West, 462 Ute Avenue. More details and the sign-up sheet will be available at the November 12 Newcomers coffee meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Bill Gates announced that the Armchair Travelers program will feature a November 6 presentation titled "Icelandic Beauty in the Fall" by travelers John Frosty and Dee Ramsel. Their talk will highlight everything from Iceland's waterfalls to whales to the northern lights. The program begins at 6:30 pm at the Mesa County Public Libraries' Central Library Community Room. Also, on November 17 at 5:30 pm at the Fruita Branch Library, there will be a presentation by Zebulon Miracle, local historian, Roice Hurst Humane Society CEO and executive director of Mesa County's United Way. He will discuss the Green River in northwest Colorado and the formation of the Dinosaur National Monument. Armchair Travelers is provided through a partnership between Newcomers Club and Mesa County Public Library.

Ruth Anna, Newcomers member who volunteers with Friends of Mesa County Libraries, said that the Library Foundation will celebrate Banned Books Week with a conversation on censorship. Colorado author and Garfield County Library Executive Director James La Rue will lead the conversation, focusing on his 2023 book, On Censorship: A Public Librarian Examines Cancel Culture. Tickets are required and are available through the Mesa County Public Library website. Ruth Anna also announced Friends of the Libraries' "Big Annual Book Sale" on October 15-18 at the First Congregational Church, 1425 N. 4th Street -- across from Grand Junction High School. The sale will run from 9 am-6 pm on October 15,16 and 17 and from 9 am-3 pm on October 18. In addition to books, the sale will include audiobooks, CDs, DVDs and large-print materials. Proceeds go to support the library system's diverse programs.

**Stan Zygmunt**, Newcomers member who volunteers with New Dimensions Lifelong

Learning Institute, said the fall-winter session is in full swing. He asked if any Newcomers folks at the meeting had attended a fall New Dimensions class yet, and several hands went up. Since 90 classes were offered, there are lots of options -- including two that Stan is teaching. He noted that the next Midday with New Dimensions presentation, titled "Anatomy of a Thunderstorm and Other Fun Facts," will take place at noon on October 9 at Mesa County Public Library's Central Library. Jeffrey Colton, a warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service, will talk about the conditions that contribute to thunderstorm formation and how they can escalate into emergency events.

#### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Because there was no scheduled speaker, **Stan Zygmunt** was recruited to give a shortened version of his previous New Dimensions class on towns of the Uintah Railway. Stan is a retired engineer who has developed an intense interest in gilsonite, a naturally-occurring form of asphalt, and the railway constructed to transport it from mines in northwest Colorado. Stan has become an expert on the subject -- dubbed "Mr. Gilsonite" by some. Gilsonite was found in commercial quantities only in the Uintah Basin north of the Book Cliffs, where it was mined starting in 1888. It was a profitable commodity, originally used in varnish, lacquer and paint. Demand for gilsonite grew when it was considered by Adolphus Busch, co-founder of Anheuser Busch Brewing Company, as a way to seal beer barrels. In order to move greater quantities of gilsonite to market, the Uintah Railway was built in only one year, from 1903-1904. It was "the world's crookedest and steepest railway," gaining 2,000 feet between Baxter Pass and Atchee and rising at an unusually steep 7.5% grade. A series of towns were formed to support the mines, starting with Mack, the railway headquarters and transfer station. Other towns in the chain were Carbonera, Atchee, Baxter Pass, Lake McAndrews, Wendella, Dragon Junction, Dragon Camp and Watson. Uintah Railway workers were well-paid and well-treated for the times, and their jobs were envied.

-Lois Leach, Secretary



See p. 7 for information on the Holiday Party.

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### Member Notes



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#### **Craft Fairs & Artist Markets**

It's time to start your holiday shopping! Check out these events for unique gifts that support the local community.

- Nov. 7-8 Holiday House Bazaar Christmas decor, pantry, Victorian Tea
   Room. 9am-3pm Saturday and 9am Noon Sunday at First United Methodist
   Church, 5th & White.
- Nov. 8 Moose Lodge Craft Fair 30 craft vendors, homemade soup and baked goods, 8:30am-3pm at 567 25½ Rd.
- Nov. 8 Church of the Rock 17th Annual Craft Fair - Over 60 vendors will be on site with handcrafted items, food vendors will be present as well. 9am-3:30pm at 2170 Broadway.
- Nov. 8 Fall into Christmas Holiday Craft
   Fair In addition to crafts, fresh baked
   goods and bulbs for fall planting will be
   available. Redlands United Methodist
   Church (527 Village Way) from 9am-3pm.
- Nov. 14-16 Native American Fine Art Market - This marketplace features juried,

- handmade works of various types, and an evening presentation by Mark Winter of the Toadlena Trading Post on Nov. 14 from 6-8pm. Friday hours are noon-6, Saturday is 10am-4pm at the Art Center.
- Nov. 15 Salvation Army Christmas Craft
   Fair money raised benefits the World

   Services Goal. 10am-3pm at 1235 N. 4th
- Nov. 15 Fall Craft Fair at 970 Church (2711 Unaweep Ave) from 9am-3pm.
- Nov. 22-23 The Art Center's Annual Holiday Fine Art & Craft Fair - A juried holiday market where you can shop regional artists and makers, including ceramics, jewelry, textiles, painting, wood, prints and more. Purchases support the artists and the Art Center's programs, as it's the 2nd largest fundraiser of the year. Public hours are 9am-4pm Saturday, and 10am-3pm Sunday.

### **Community Performances**

- Nov. 14 Grand Junction Symphony
   Orchestra "Chamber 2: Textures in
   Motion". The Chamber Players present
   dynamic layers of chamber music in an
   acoustically inviting intimate environment.
   7:30pm at the First Presbyterian Church
   (3940 27½ Rd). Tickets start at \$53.
   <a href="https://giso.org/">https://giso.org/</a>
- Nov. 15 The Grand Mesa A Cappella Chorus presents their fall concert, "Seasons in Harmony", a journey through Spring, Summer, Winter, and Fall featuring an award winning soloist, and men's and women's quartets. Shows at 2pm and 5pm at the First Presbyterian Church (3940 27½ Rd). Admission is free, donations accepted.
- Nov. 28 The Nutcracker, a Christmas classic, will be performed by an international cast, plus local children from the Dance Works studio. Performance takes place at the Avalon Theater at 7pm. Tickets start at \$41, available at <a href="https://nutcracker.com/">https://nutcracker.com/</a>

### **Community Doings**

The **Confluence Center Grand Opening** will officially take place on **Nov. 5** from 11am-1pm. Come celebrate with a ribbon cutting, time capsule, nature activities, and building tour. More details are available:

https://www.confluencecenterco.org/events-2-1/grand-opening

Western Colorado Native American Market Days will take place Nov. 7-9 at the GJ Convention Center on Main Street. There will be Native American vendors, traditional dance exhibits, silent auction, craft table, and more. Entry is \$5. Details can be found at <a href="https://www.coloradonacp.org/events">https://www.coloradonacp.org/events</a>

Grand Junction's annual **Veterans Day Parade** will take place on **Nov. 8**, starting at 2pm on Main Street. This year's theme is "Waves, Wings, and Warriors", and the parade will feature veterans, marching bands, floats, and community groups. A block party will take place after the parade on Main Street with live music and activities. <a href="https://www.steadfastvalorfoundation.org/">https://www.steadfastvalorfoundation.org/</a>

The **Run 4 Rivers 5k** run/walk on **Nov. 8** supports the new Confluence Center and their mission to connect people to Western Colorado's lands and waters. Race starts at 10am, registration is \$25 for adults, free for kids. Signup link: <a href="https://www.confluencecenterco.org/events-2-1/run-for-rivers">https://www.confluencecenterco.org/events-2-1/run-for-rivers</a>

Prehistoric fun meets craft cocktails at **Dinos on the Rocks**, a Cocktail/Mocktail Competition where local bars and restaurants compete head-to-head in the exhibit galleries of the Dinosaur Journey Museum. This unique experience takes place **Nov. 8** from 6:30-9:30pm. \$40 Admission includes tastings, 1 full drink, and dessert bites. Tickets available:

https://museumsofwesternco.org/dinosontherocks/

The **Palisade Historical Society**'s monthly history talk on **Nov. 13** will be given by Archeologist Curtis Martin, presenting "Life on the Western Slope in 1876". 6-7pm at the Ordinary Fellow Winery (202 Peach Avenue in Palisade). Free (donations welcome).

Free Community Scam and Fraud Prevention Class, Nov. 20 - join fraud investigators who will

provide information on how to identify frauds and scams, how to avoid them, and what to do if you fall for one. Mesa County Sheriff's Office (215 Rice Street), 9-10am.

https://westerncolorado.beaconseniornews.com/events/316269/scam-and-fraud-prevention-class

Join Handelbar Tap House for their **Movember Brew Run** 5k run/walk on **Nov. 22** to support men's cancer awareness. Sport your best mustache post-run while enjoying an included craft brew or hot chocolate/cider. Cost is \$35, register online at

https://grandvalleybrewruns.com/handlebar-tap-house/

Is it that time of the year already?! **Downtown Tree Lighting** takes place on **Nov. 22** from 5-7pm at the plaza at 4th and Main St.

**Small Business Saturday** is **Sat, Nov. 29.** Shop locally and support the entire community.

# Some doings at **Mesa County Libraries** (Mesacountylibraries.org) include:

- Nov. 1, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Mending Circle - Learn how to mend clothes with experienced menders. Clifton Branch.
- Nov. 4, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. Bookbinding Basics with Artist-in-Residence Meghan Reker. Central Library Community Room. Registration required.
- Nov. 7, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. 970 Studio Portrait Pop-Up - Drop in to check out the library's portrait photography setup and podcasting gear and sit for a free professional-style portrait. 970West Studio.
- Nov. 8, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Culture Fest 2025 - explore the cultures represented in the Grand Valley with performances and displays from around the world. Central Library.
- Nov. 25, 10:30 am-11:30am. Crafting for Adults. Supplies provided. Room 1, Orchard Mesa Branch.



Daylight Saving Time ends **Nov. 2**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour and check your smoke alarms and carbon

monoxide detectors.

### **November Activities**



#### **COFFEE (Monthly Meeting)**

Everyone is welcome at our monthly coffee, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Masonic Lodge/Grand Valley Event Center (2400 Consistory Ct). We meet at 9:30 am to enjoy a bit of coffee and socializing before our business meeting. We usually have a guest speaker from local non-profit or other organization. Meetings conclude around 11 am. The next meeting is Wednesday, Nov.



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#### ARMCHAIR TRAVEL

Join our own Dee and Frosty Ramsel as they share their *Icelandic Beauty* adventures on **Thursday, Nov. 6.** The program will be held **6:30-7:30 pm** at the Mesa County Central Library. Seating is first come, first served.

On Monday, Nov. 17 Zebulon Miracle will guide us through a tour of the Green River, captivating adventurers and nature lovers alike. This program will be held 5:30-6:30 pm at the Fruita Branch Library. Seating is first come, first served.



#### **BOOKCLUB**

November's book is by Abdulrazak Gurnah, 2021 winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. After Lives is historical fiction and set in early 20th century German East Africa. We'll meet to discuss it at Janet Jones' home on November 11 at 10 am. Please

reach out to **DJ Clancy** at djclancy68@ gmail.com with any questions.



#### **BOWLING**

Strikes! Spares! Gutter Balls! Whatever your skill level, you are welcome to join up with other Newcomers every Friday at 9:15 am at the Orchard Mesa Lanes, 295 27 Rd. It's only \$9 for three games. Shoes are available for rental. For information, phone or text Michael Shea at 970-663-3238, 970-213-4859, or dakotah1001@msn.com.

#### **HAPPY HOUR**

Happy hours are on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month, usually from **5 to 7 pm**. Check your email for locations.

A suggestion: With so many new members and guests at happy hours, wear your name tag to facilitate introductions and lighten the load on our memories.



#### **DINNER CLUB**

Dinner Club theme for November is "Dinner in a Bowl." Hosts' choice of soup, stew, chili, etc. Comforting for Fall!



#### HIKING

This group is for those who like an easier and friendy form of hiking around the scenic Grand Valley and the Grand Mesa. Participants meet at **8:45 am** on **Thursdays** at a trailhead or carpool site. Contact **Douglas Grodt** at <a href="mailto:newcomerhikers@gmail.com">newcomerhikers@gmail.com</a> to be put on the distribution list for upcoming outings.



#### **KNITTING**

Knitting will meet **Monday**, **Nov. 17** at **1:30 – 3:30 pm** at **Suzan Fournier's** home: 3088 Mandan, GJ.

#### MAH JONGG



The mah jongg group plays year-round on **Thursdays** with a fun group of multi-level players. Play is from **9 - 11:30 am** at St Mary's Pavilion (coffee café, 750 Wellington). Looking for more information or wish to observe, then contact **Nancy Hollmaier** at <a href="mailto:nancyksh@gmail.com">nancyksh@gmail.com</a> or

text 224-688-2308.

#### **MOVIE CLUB**



November's book is by Abdulrazak Gurnah, 2021 winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature. *After Lives* is historical fiction and set in early 20th century German East Africa. We'll meet to discuss it at **Janet Jones**' home on **Nov. 11 at 10 am**. Please reach out to **DJ Clancy** at djclancy68@ gmail.com with any questions.

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#### **NEEDLECRAFTERS**

Needlecrafters meets monthly at member homes. Contact **Nancy Hollmaier** at 224-688-2308 for details.



#### SINGULAR DINERS

Singular Diners is for the those who want to experience the many restaurants in the Grand Valley area but hesitate to dine alone. Please join us at our next lunch on **Nov. 19 at noon** at Ginger Oriental Restaurant, 2381 Patterson, Grand Junction. Please confirm your attendance to **Lina** <u>bluetopaz1129@yahoo.com</u> or (626) 993-7046.



#### **TENNIS**

Drop in any **Monday, Wednesday** or **Friday** at Canyon View Park for mixed doubles play. Court time has been 10 am to noon. Starting Monday, **Nov. 4**, it will be **1 pm to 3 pm.** Everyone welcome. Questions? Call **Tony Miller**, 970-255-9964.

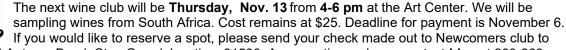
#### TOUR AND LUNCH



The Tour and Lunch group will be visiting the Western Colorado Museum on **Thursday, Nov. 13** at **10 am**. We will get a behind-the-scenes tour of their extensive and impressive collection of artifacts, including basketry, pottery and guns. Afterwards, we will adjourn to the Goat and Clover for lunch.

There are only a few spots available for this tour so if you are interested, please contact **Bill Gates** at <a href="https://www.uhgates.62@gmail.com">whgates.62@gmail.com</a>.

#### **WINE CLUB**



Ken Seitz, 2675 Autumn Brook Ct., Grand Junction, 81506. Any questions, please contact **Lisa** at 303-263-4391 or at lisa.seitz623@gmail.com. Hope to see you in November!

### Holiday Spirit

#### **NEWCOMERS HOLIDAY PARTY** is **Thursday**,

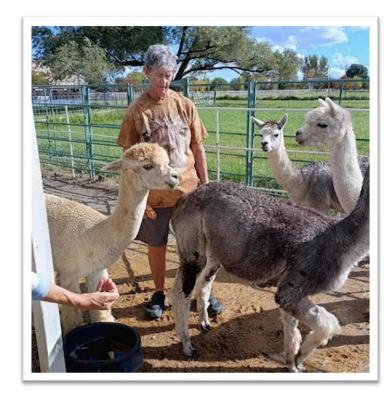
**Dec. 4** at the Masonic Lodge. Members--\$30; guests--\$35. Social Hour with pictures and music starting at 5:45 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. The caterer for this year's event is the same that just did the REC fundraiser.

MENU: Chips, Salsa, Cabbage / Chicken Enchiladas/ Cheese Chiles Rellenos/Red Pork Tamales/Calabacitas/Rice and Beans and dessert.

Final Count will need to be given to Cater no later than **Nov 26**.

A flyer/reservation slip will be e-mailed soon. Hard copies will also be available at the November meeting. We need volunteers to set up, serve, and clean up after the party. Please contact **Terie Furtney** (661-496-4019) or **Barb Hofecker** (661-496-4018) if you are available to help.

Please come for the socialization and stay for the great food.



Kathy Joseph shared her alpacas with the Tour and Lunch group in October.



A Newcomers holiday tradition is the **Salvation Army Giving Tree.**Participation is easy and rewarding.
Joan Robinson will have gift tags at

our **Nov. 12** coffee. Each has a child's age and gender, with a short Christmas wish list of toys and clothing. There will also be some tags for parents, usually single moms. You do the shopping, put gifts in open gift bags, and Joan does the rest. Or, give Joan money and she'll do the shopping for you! For information call **Joan Robinson** at 414-975-5109 or email pedalsup@gmail.com.

## Need a Name Tag?

We suggest you keep your name badge in your car so it will always be handy. If you don't already have a magnetic name badge, you can order one from **Alberta Husch** for \$12. Email her at <a href="mailto:aahusch@gmail.com">aahusch@gmail.com</a>.

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And more alpacas, just because they're so cute.



New Dimensions Lifelong Learning, a volunteer nonprofit organization, provides classes each fall and winter/spring for adults 50+ years. Information on class schedules is available

at www.newdimensionsgj.org.

The fall term is in full swing classes ending on November 14. Planning for the winter/spring term is already in progress. Look for the class catalog online on January 14 with classes scheduled from February 2 until March 20, 2026.

If you did not register for classes this fall, find out what you are missing by attending a Midday with New Dimensions lecture. Midday lectures are short versions of past classes.

Midday with New Dimensions offers a one-hour lecture titled Noble Ships of the American Desert: U. S. Army Camel Corps Experiment presented by Peter Booth at the Mesa County Central Library, at noon, on Thursday, December 11. Peter is an historian who has worked in cultural institutions throughout the West including Arizona, Oregon, and Colorado

In May of 1856, thirty-four camels were disembarked in Indianola, Texas.
These animals, as well as the 41 camels that were shipped over later, became part of an Army experiment to determine their "usefulness in the transportation of military supplies" across the southwest desert. Peter will tell us how the experiment progressed, how it ended, and stories that passed into legends until the last of these animals passed away in 1934.

Midday with New Dimensions is a partnership between Mesa County Libraries and New Dimensions Lifelong Learning, offering free public lectures Seating is first come, first served. Lecture information can be found on the Mesa County Libraries' event calendar at https://mesacountylibraries.org/events/.



Medicare Open Enrollment for 2026 is Oct. 15 – Dec. 7, 2025.

Medicare plan enrollees can reevaluate their coverage, whether it's Original Medicare with Part D prescription drug coverage or Medicare Advantage. During this time, you can make changes or purchase new policies. **Mesa County RSVP** SHIP counselors will be available to answer questions and assist you in changing your plan. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.mesacountyrsvp.org">www.mesacountyrsvp.org</a> or call 970-243-9839, ext. 1. Also, Mediare.com.



# Free and Fun in November \*



Date	What	Where	Time	More Information
6	Armchair Travel: Icelandic Beauty in the Fall	Central Library Community Room	6:30 – 7:30 pm	mesacountylibraries.org
6	Common Waters, a film about the clash over stream access in CO	Mesa Theater	7:30 pm	Reserve tickets at mesatheater.org
7	First Friday	The Art Center and downtown galleries	evening	gjartcenter.org
12	A Little Noon Music – <b>Brian Hanly</b> , violin	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church, White & 5th	12:15 pm	fumcgj.org
17	Fruita Armchair Travel: Green River	Fruita Community Center Meeting Room	5:30 – 6:30 pm	mesacountylibraries.org
20	Mesa County Oral History Meeting: "Whoopin' It up in the Grand Valley: Early 1900s"	Central Library Community Room	12 – 1 pm	mesacountylibraries.org
22	Tree Lighting	Downtown 4 <sup>th</sup> & 7th	5 – 7 pm	downtowngj.org/events/tree- lighting/



Please contact Karen Dreher if you know of someone in the club who needs a card: 303-475-5776 (text preferred), niagaraway@comcast.net

### Member Classified Ads

Free text-only space is available for member noncommercial and personal ads. They will run until forbid or a maximum of three months both in the newsletter and on our website. Send your request to ginewcomers@gmail.com by the 20th of the preceding month.



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Submissions for general club news and ads are due the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month.

You don't have to be new to the area to join Newcomers. Annual dues are \$15, \$25 for a couple. Download the membership form at gjnewcomers.org, and mail the completed form with a check. Or come to a monthly coffee (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 9:30 am, at the Masonic Lodge/Grand Valley Event Center (2400 Consistory Ct) to get to know us a bit and sign up then. You'll meet great people, receive our member directory, get our newsletter and timely email alerts, can join any of our regular activity groups, and participate in special events.

#### Executive Board 2023-2024

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