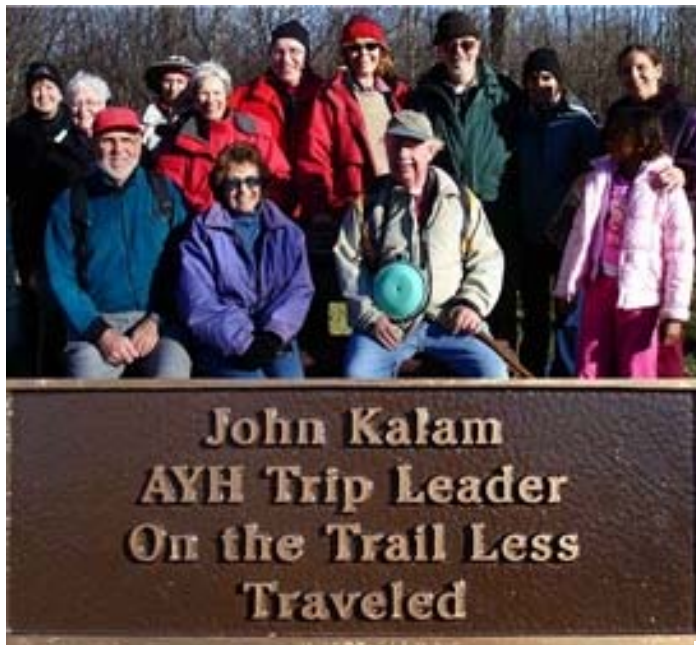




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## *The Beacon* HI-MICHIGAN'S ACTIVITIES GUIDE for December 2006, January and February 2007

### Local News

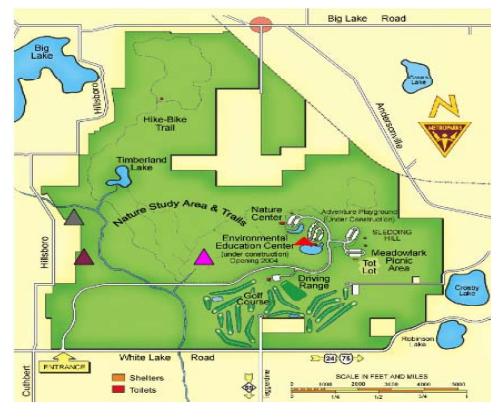
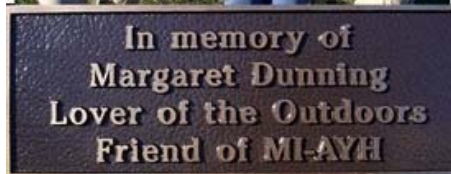


### John Kalam/Margaret Dunning Memorial Day by Phil Crookshank

October 29, 2006 started out to be a great day promising sunshine and warmth; a nice change from weeks of rain. At 1pm. we met at Indian Springs Metropark trailhead, an open hilltop with magnificent views of the area. This was the day set aside to honor John Kalam and Margaret Dunning – longtime hike leaders who passed away several years ago. Many memories were re-lived, and stories told about the wonderful qualities that these two had, and the special place in our hearts where they will now reside. Also, many humorous adventures were remembered, accompanied by the obligatory Meijers “Oreo” cookies.

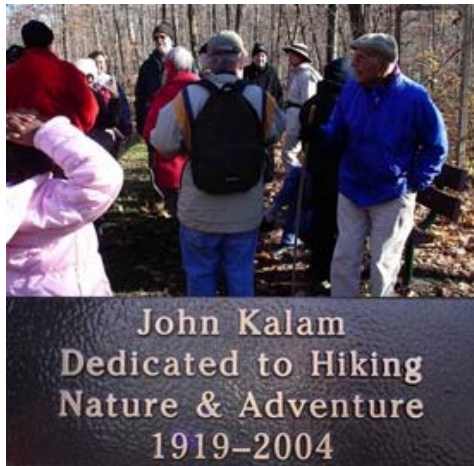
Many platters of Horse Dovers were spread out on a table, and eagerly nibbled by the 30 folks who attended.

Money had been set aside for a tree, table, and benches – all with bronze plaques memorializing our departed friends. Jim Gessner reviewed his friendship stories with John, and made a toast to his memory. John’s sister Nancy read a life review of John, Phil reviewed a memorable trip with John and Debbie recalled times of Board meetings and adventures with John.



- ▲ Location of John Kalam table and red oak tree
- ▲ Location of Margaret Dunning bench (2<sup>nd</sup> one down the hill)
- ▲ Location of 1<sup>st</sup> John Kalam bench (1.6 mile mark)
- ▲ Location of 2<sup>nd</sup> John Kalam bench (2.1 mile mark)

Liz, Rose, Frieda and others spoke of their years with Margaret; her wonderful positive and hearty attitudes. A glass of wine was had by all, and then we went on a 5-mile hike to visit the various benches – to sit a spell with our departed friends and talk of wonderful times shared. Yes, the wind on the hilltop had kicked up to bone chilling temps, but we all enjoyed the day and hike - and left fully warmed by the fellowship and memories, and by the credo that both Margaret and John had – “Take the road less traveled – the journey is more important than the destination”.



## Announcements

### HI Member Holiday Party

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

5:30 Greetings 6:30 Chowtime!

Avon Providence Clubhouse (Darvie's Place)

2600 W. Auburn Rd.

Rochester Hills, MI

Potluck Suggestions:

A-D: appetizers \* E-I: Main dish \* J - N: Veggies \* O-S: Salad \* T-Z: Dessert.

BYO choice of beverage

Please RSVP ASAP to DARVIE at 248-852-0338

## Did You Know.....

HI-Michigan was REI's nonprofit of the Month for November. We had tables at both their Troy and Northville stores every weekend to tell travelers about traveling the HI Way! Please support these businesses that support our council!

We are getting interest from Grand Rapids, Traverse City and other parts of our state for

Programming in their area. Hopefully we can expand that direction at some time in the future. We now have 1700 members around the state!

## **Annual Meeting October 18, 2006**

### **State of the HI-Michigan Council**

The Annual Meeting is an evening of thanks, of reporting on where we've come since last year and for conducting the business of the Council membership, which is the election of new Board members, and also this year, voting on new Bylaws. Thanks first to REI Stores for hosting our meeting and to Darvie Strobridge for arranging for the food for the evening.

Thanks to all who helped us through this year of change—those who helped start new programs and those who kept the old ones going while others were starting the new.

Also, to our new Volunteer Coordinator, Joan Smykowski, our new webmaster, Gayle Walters, and those who have given input into the revised website.

Finally, thanks to Al Heavner and Laura Gogola for a wonderful Paddle Event which is now a tradition in Detroit, to Bob Holley and Martha Spear for managing all the details of our building garage sale, and to our Board who has served in many ways in the past year.

**Our special award for this year goes to Al Heavner, who becomes our first Board Member Emeritus. Thank you for many years of dedication and service to the Council. We are looking forward to many more. As Board member emeritus, Al will be included in Board meetings but will not be required to serve on a committee or to vote.**

### **State of the Council**

#### **Logistics**

Our 35 years at the Coolidge address yielded years of files and old records. It is also in need of a great deal of maintenance on a very old building. This year the Board decided to put it up for sale, based on the maintenance needs as well as our new direction to go into the community with our programs and promote hostelling. We hired Joan Smykowski as part-time Volunteer Coordinator, to work from her home and be mostly on the road.

Sale of building—we have no buyers yet, so as of October, 2006, we still have our tenant next door and are still paying basic utilities on the building. The lawyer for the National office, Bill Evans, happens to have his office in Huntington Woods and has offered to handle all inquiries on a sale for us. Many thanks to Bill for his expertise and time.

The Board is currently meeting in his law office, but may select another location in the future. It will always be posted on the website and all members are welcome to any meeting. All old files, records that we are required to save, and special historical artifacts will be saved, but a location has not been decided yet.

#### **New Directions for the Council--What were our three goals for last year?**

1. Redesign the website to replace the paper Beacon newsletter, saving costs, and increase public knowledge of HI-Michigan.
2. Expand Travel Education Workshops to at least meet our minimum requirements of 130 attendees/participants every six months.
3. Start a trips program aiming at 3 hostel/cultural related trips per year

#### **Status/accomplishments**

1. More people and institutions know we exist today than a year ago. Joan has established contacts with Wayne State, the U of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University and Madonna College. She also established a relationship with the Girl Scouts of Detroit and Ann Arbor and has scheduled several programs for them. The enthusiasm and excitement when new people learn about us, and what we are trying to do is very exciting.

2. We found and trained 14 Workshop Presenters in September to give our WT101 programs

3. Although we had a great trip to St John's this spring and one this fall to Tobermory, both thanks to our fearless trip leader, Jim Gessner, we were not able to fully develop this goal yet., primarily due to time and volunteer constraints. With our long history of running trips as a Council,

the Board will revisit this goal next year.

### **Finance Report**

In this fiscal year, October 1, 2005-September 30, 2006, our Council took in \$79,809.95 and spent \$80,155.62, for a loss of \$345.67 for the year. This is an improvement over the previous year, in which we lost \$4,037.47. With the closing of the building June 15 and with our Executive Director, Randa Haurani, resigning effective Jan 1, 2006, with and the Office Assistant, Lisa Giesecke leaving June 15, we saved some funds this year.

Next year's budget is currently set at \$46,966.00, a great reduction from previous years. However, fundraising will still be critical for the Board, as we receive \$13,000 from our membership dues, if we meet minimum requirements of program delivery. The rest we must raise through donations or other fundraising.

With the change in the Bylaws of the fiscal year, the Board decided to use this budget until March 31 and then develop a new one-year budget to begin April 1, 2007. The budget is always available on request through the Council email address or phone number.

### **Other Business**

The Sleeping Bear Dunes Hostel project was officially put on hold, with a letter from our Council to the National Park Service there. With many delays by the Park Service as they develop a new general management plan, to be completed in 2009, and with our need to focus on just three goals this year, to be effective, it didn't seem feasible to pursue the hostel project at this time. Efforts to find local leaders in the Traverse City area did not provide results, either. We were told that Federal Funds to preserve the

farmhouses is to come forth in 2011. Perhaps at that time, if there is a group who wants to pursue the hostel, it will be taken up again.

There is a possibility of an effort to start a hostel in downtown Detroit. Some initial feasibility work is being done. If it proceeds, we will post all news on the website.

### **Council Business**

#### **Vote on new Bylaws**

A quorum was met at the meeting and the revised Bylaws were passed unanimously. The primary change was that of the date of our fiscal year, which will change to April 1 in 2007. The next Annual Meeting will be spring 2008, rather than October, as in the past. Copies of the Bylaws can be emailed on request.

#### **Elections-**

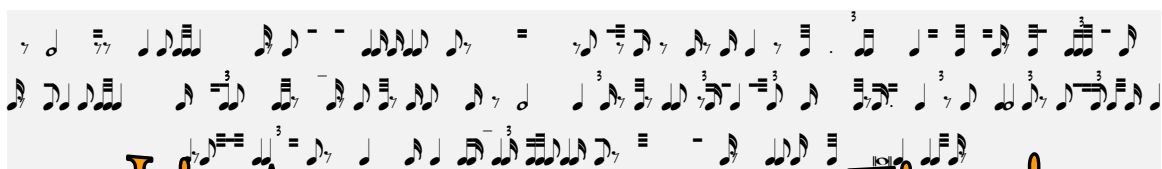
The Council elected Kathleen Conklin, Anne Gomez Huff, Sally Janacek and John Prusak to the Board of Directors, class of 2008. Welcome and congratulations!

#### **Upcoming Events (also found on the website)**

November 29 Polish ethnic dinner  
Dec. 8 Holiday party at Darvie's  
Jan 9 Workshop Presenter's training  
Jan 26-28 Traverse City ski trip

### **National News**

Sue Trudeau and Joan Smykowski were in Washington DC for the HI National Meeting Nov 16-19. They spent one morning with all attendees at the Congress talking to our Senators and Reps urging them to approve a Hostelling International postage stamp. We'll let you know if they were successful!



# It's Annual Donation Time!

## Midweek Meanders Outings

All meeting days are Tuesdays unless otherwise specified. For all outings, call leader if weather is questionable.

**December 5, 10:00am**

### **Stony Creek Ski Trail Hike**

Meet at Oakland Mall behind the LaSalle Bank on 14 Mile east of I-75. Restaurant stop after. Laura Gogola, 248-545-0457

**December 12, 10:30**

### **Clinton River Trail Hike-Auburn Hills**

Meet at Oakland Mall behind the LaSalle Bank on 14 Mile east of I-75 or at 11:15 at Riverside Park on Squirrel Road just north of Auburn Road in Auburn Hills. Restaurant stop after. Ruth Olsen, 586-751-5413

**December 19, 10:30am**

### **Belle Isle Hike**

Meet at the Casino on the Island. Greektown restaurant stop after. Jeanne Mercier, 313-581-6648.

**December 26, 10:30am**

### **Paint Creek Trail Hike**

Meet at Oakland Mall behind the LaSalle Bank on 14 Mile east of I-75 or 11:15 at Rochester City Park, 1 block west of Rochester Road and 1 block north of University, on Pine street. Restaurant stop after. Edith Waldhart, 586-795-5565.

**Thursday, January 4, 10:00am**

### **Detroit Historical Museum Tour**

Meet at Oakland Mall behind the LaSalle Bank on 14 Mile east of I-75 or 10:45 at the Museum. Admission fee. Restaurant stop after. Mary Stoolmiller, 248-879-6004

**January 9, 10:30am**

### **Orion Oaks Hike**

Meet at Oakland Mall behind the LaSalle Bank on 14 Mile east of I-75. Restaurant stop after. Lee Becker, 586-294-7789.

**January 16, 11:00am**

### **Cranbrook Science Museum**

Meet at the museum entrance. Admission fee. Restaurant stop after. Darvie Strobridge, 248-852-0338.

**January 23, 11:00am**

### **Heritage Park Hike**

Meet at the park visitor center, west off Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile. Restaurant stop after. Liz Allingham, 313-581-7579.

**January 30, 10:00am**

### **Indian Springs Ski or Hike**

Meet in the Costco parking lot behind McDonalds on Telegraph north of Square Lake Road. Restaurant stop after. Joanne Cantoni, 248-932-5370.

**Wednesday, February 7, 9:30am**

### **Detroit Institute of Arts Tour**

Meet at Oakland Mall behind the LaSalle Bank on 14 Mile east of I-75 or 10:00 at DIA. Admission fee. Lunch at museum café after. Mary Fritz, 586-731-2403.

**February 13, 10:00am**

### **Independence Oaks Ski or Hike.**

Meet at Oakland Mall behind the LaSalle Bank on 14 Mile east of I-75 or 10:45 at ski patrol hut in the park. Bring picnic lunch. Laura Gogola, 248-545-0457.

**February 20, 10:30am**

### **Stony Creek Hike**

Meet at Stony Creek Nature Center. Restaurant stop after. Lee Becker, 586-294-7789.

**February 27, 10:30am**

### **Detroit Zoo Tour**

Meet at the zoo entrance. Admission fee or bring zoo membership card. Restaurant stop after. Laurine Cybulski, 248-543-1642

**NEWS FLASH!!!**

## HI OPENS NEW HOSTEL CLOSE TO HOME!

HI-Eagle Hostel has opened this fall in lovely, 10,000 acre Kettle Moraine State Park in Wisconsin. This is a 10 bed home hostel. Managers JP and Mike Herman welcome all travelers. Reservations are by phone currently at 608-931-2201. Beds are \$19 per night.

HI-Wisconsin already has a hostel on the U of W campus in Madison. Congrats and welcome to our newest hostel!

## Sunday Hikes

**Sunday December 3, 2006**

**Distance: 3mi., Level: 5**

**METAMORA/HADLEY STATE REC. AREA HIKE**

Meet at 12:00 noon at Oakland Mall 14 Mile Rd. just east of I-75, behind the LaSalle Bank. Optional Restaurant stop afterward.

**Leader: Karl Gordon, 248-577-3286**

**Sunday December 10, 2006**

**ORION OAKS HIKE**

**Distance : 5 mi. ; Level 2**

Meet at 12 noon at the Standard Federal Bank in 14 Mile Rd. East of I-75 in front of Oakland Mall in Troy. Optional restaurant stop afterwards.

**Leader: Karl Gordon 248-577-3286**

**Sunday December 17, 2006**

**Distance: 3-4 Level: 1/2**

**WINDSOR DOWNTOWN HIKE**

Meet at noon at the HI office, 3024 Coolidge Berkley. Bring documents for crossing the border: Passport and 1 other picture I.D. and money for toll . We will walk the streets of Windsor, perhaps finish up any holiday shopping and have dinner in this exotic foreign country.

**Leader: Chuck Werney at 248-360-3799 or 586-997-6648**

**Sunday January 7, 2007**

**STONY CREEK NATURE CENTER BACK TRAILS HIKE**

**Distance: 5mi. Level: 3**

Meet: 12 noon in SEMTA parking lot at 16 Mile Road (Metro Parkway) & Van Dyke or 12:45 p. m. at Nature Center inside Stony Creek Metro Park. Five miles at moderate-to-brisk pace over varied terrain. Optional restaurant stop at Ocean Breeze Restaurant afterward.

**Leader: Al Trudeau (586) 751-4284**

**Avtrudeau@wowway.com**

**Sunday January 14, 2007**

**ROSE OAKS HIKE**

**Distance : 5 mi. ; Level 2**

Meet at 12 noon at the Standard Federal Bank in 14 Mile Rd. East of I-75 in front of Oakland Mall in Troy. Optional restaurant stop afterwards.

**Leader: Karl Gordon 248-577-3286**

**Sunday January 21, 2007**

**VALLEY WOODS NATURE PRESERVE**

**Distance 4 mi. ; Level 2**

Meet at 12 noon at the old AYH/HI office, 3024 Coolidge, Berkley. We will hike this scenic nature preserve along the Rouge River in nearby Southfield. Optional restaurant stop afterwards at Sweet Lorraines.

**Leader: Chuck Werney 248-360-3799 or 586-997-6648**

**Sunday January 28, 2007**

**HERITAGE PARK HIKE**

**Distance 4 mi. ; Level 2**

Meet at 10am in the parking lot of the Heritage Park located on west side of Farmington Rd. between 11 and 12 mile Rd. We will hike the various rolling trails of this scenic park at moderate pace. Optional restaurant stop at the Brass Point.

**Leader: Chuck Werney at 248-360-3799 or 586-997-6648**

**Sunday February 4, 2007**

**ORION OAKS HIKE**

**Distance : 5 mi. ; Level 2**

Meet at 12 noon at the Standard Federal Bank in 14 Mile Rd. East of I-75 in front of Oakland Mall in Troy. Optional restaurant stop afterwards.

**Leader: Karl Gordon 248-577-3286**

**Sunday February 11, 2007**

**INDIAN VILLAGE HIKE**

**Distance 4 mi. ; Level 2**

Meet at 10am at the old AYH/HI office, 3024 Coolidge, Berkley. We will carpool to Detroit and hike this residential gem in the heart of Detroit, represents a unique combination of social and architectural history. The Village, placed on the national register of historic places in 1972, has 17 types of architecture styles, almost all built between 1895 and the late 1920s. See if you can pick out the famous ones designed by Albert Kahn, Louis Kamper and William Stratton or the family homes of Edsel Ford, Arthur Buhl, Bernard Stroh and J. Burgess Book Sr. Optional restaurant stop at Hare Krishna Mansion /Govinda's in Detroit.

**Leader: Chuck Werney 248-360-3799 or 586-997-6648**

**Sunday February 18, 2007**

**KENSINGTON NATURE CENTER HIKE**

**Distance: 5 mi Level: 3**

Meet: 12 noon in parking lot of Tel-12 Mall behind Marathon Station, south-east corner of Telegraph Road and 12 Mile Road, or 1:00 p. m. at Nature Center inside Kensington Metro Park. Five miles at moderate-to-brisk pace over varied terrain. Optional restaurant stop at Moe's Restaurant on Wixom Road afterward.

**Leader: Al Trudeau (586) 751-4284**

**Avtrudeau@wowway.com**

**Sunday February 25, 2007**

**METAMORA-HADLEY STATE REC. AREA HIKE**

**Distance : 5 mi. ; Level 2**

Meet at 12 noon at the Standard Federal Bank in 14 Mile Rd. East of I-75 in front of Oakland Mall in Troy. Optional restaurant stop afterwards.

**Leader: Karl Gordon 248-577-3286**

**Sunday March 4, 2007**

**DOWNTOWN DETROIT HIKE**

**Distance : 4 mi. ; Level 1**

Meet at noon at the old AYH/HI office, 3024 Coolidge, Berkley. We will carpool to our city center to see what's new and what's historic on this easy hike. Did you know that the Detroit River is honored as one of 14 American Heritage Rivers? Experience all that downtown offers from the Detroit RiverWalk, the Spirit of Detroit and Mariner's Church to Campus Martius and of course Lafayette Coney Island!

**Leader: Chuck Werney 248-360-3799 or 586-997-6648**

**Credo of the Peaceful Traveler**

Grateful for the opportunity to travel and experience the world and because peace begins with the individual, I affirm my personal responsibility and commitment to:

- Journey with an open mind and gentle heart
- Accept with grace and gratitude the diversity I encounter
- Revere and protect the natural environment which sustains all life
- Appreciate all cultures I discover
- Respect and thank my hosts for their welcome
- Offer my hand in friendship to everyone I meet
- Support travel services that share these views and act upon them and,
- By my spirit, words and actions, encourage others to travel the world in peace.

*International Institute for Peace Through Tourism*

**Sunday March 11, 2007** Daylight savings time begins

**HOLLY REC. AREA HIKE**

**Distance : 5 mi. ; Level 2**

Meet at 12 noon at the Standard Federal Bank in 14 Mile Rd. East of I-75 in front of Oakland Mall in Troy. Optional restaurant stop afterwards.

**Leader: Karl Gordon 248-577-3286**

**Sunday March 18, 2007**

**BRIGHTON STATE RECREATION AREA HIKE**

**Distance: 7 mi., Level: 4**

Meet: 12 noon in parking lot of Tel-12 Mall behind Marathon Station, south-east corner of Telegraph Road and 12 Mile Road, or 1:00 p. m. at trail head in parking lot at Brighton State Recreation Area. Seven miles at moderate-to-brisk pace over varied terrain with option to bail out after five miles. Optional restaurant stop at the Yum-Yum Tree in Brighton afterward

**Leader: Al Trudeau (586) 751-4284**

**Avtrudeau@wowway.com**

**Sunday March 25, 2007**

**Distance: 5 mi., Level: 5**

**CRANBROOK HIKE**

Meet at noon at the HI office, 3024 Coolidge Berkley. We will walk 3 miles around the scenic grounds and then retire to the a nearby restaurant to dine on tasty treats.

**Leader: Pete Bolgar 248-948-8010**

**Sunday April 1, 2007**

**Distance: 5 mi., Level: 5**

**GALLUP PARK HIKE**

Meet at 12 noon in parking lot of Tel-12 Mall behind Marathon Station, SE corner of Telegraph Road and 12 Mile Road Gallup Park is a 69-acre park and is Ann Arbor's most popular recreation area. It is located along the Huron River and Geddes Pond with scenic walkways that traverse small islands with bucolic pedestrian bridges. Restaurant stop afterwards.

**Leader: Karl Gordon 248-577-3286**

**Sunday, April 15, 2007**

**KENSINGTON NATURE CENTER HIKE**

**Distance: 5 mi. Level: 3**

Meet: 12:00 Noon at the Tel-12 Shopping Center, behind the Marathon Station at the southeast corner of Telegraph Road and Twelve Mile Road, near the Meijer Super Market, or 1:00 pm at the Nature Center inside Kensington Metro Park. Optional restaurant stop.

**Leader: Peter Bolgar, 248-948-8010**



# FOOD FOR THE TRAVELERS SOUL

## Ethnic Dinner Nights

Join us once a month, usually on the fourth Wednesday evening, for a gastronomic adventure. New members and volunteers are especially encouraged to join us to share some ethnic food and interesting conversation.

HI is expanding our programs in Travel Abroad and Travel Within. Since many people are reluctant to travel to many areas, we plan on presenting local alternatives that will whet your appetite for the future by expanding your awareness of the present and past.

Unless noted, we usually meet at 6:30 p.m. at the restaurant. Please call Mike at 313-300-2397, if you have any questions or would like to let us know you're coming.

### Wednesday November 29, 2006-Polish Restaurant Night-6:30 p.m.

Polish Village Restaurant

2990 Yemans St (Cross Street: Campau Street)

Hamtramck, MI 48212-3264

(313) 874-5726

Join us for a casual dining experience of great Polish food. A guest speaker will speak briefly on Polish food, culture and recreation. After reading this review from the Best of Citysearch website you'll want to come:

The BEST zupa ogorkowa (Dill pickle soup!) Sounds different, but TRY IT!!!

This place has a warm and cozy atmosphere With dim lighting and string lighting throughout the place.

Has POLISH BEER <~~~ enough said!

Pros: Good food, Romantic, Inexpensive

Cons: Crowded

Overall user rating: HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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## TRIP NEWS

### Traverse City Ski Trip January 26-28, 2007

**Leaders** Gayle Larson, [glarson@rcoc.org](mailto:glarson@rcoc.org), and Deb Bell, [debbell960@yahoo.com](mailto:debbell960@yahoo.com), 248-887-5399

**Price \$225.00**

Complete with luxury motorcoach, 2 nights at the Park Place Hotel in beautiful Traverse City, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. Similar to last year's trip, we should have a full bus again this year. (P.S. Darvie is taking this year off for her New Year's trip, so come along on this one!)

To reserve your spot, payment in full is due no later than December 15.

**Regular mail:** Send a check (made out to HI-Michigan to Deb Bell, 1000 Murray Hill Road, Highland, MI 48357 with your name, address, email phone and name(s) of those going.

*or you can register and pay online with your credit card!*

We are working on a spring bike trip to southern France with Madonna College. Call Joan Smykowski, 248-302-8026 if you want more details.

Peter Bolgar will be leading two trips next July: a camping trip to Hocking Hills, OH and a "culture" trip to the Caribbean. Call if you are interested or need more info: 248-948-8010