

Natural Health Network
June 26, 7PM
Horizon Books – Horizon Shine
Traverse City, MI

Those in attendance:

Christy Baum
Judy LaCross
Constance Kilbride
Debbi Phillips
Christine Watts

Georgia Knight
Keli MacIntosh
Bryan Jung
Jacquie Wilson
Paul Murray

Tonja Carlson
Madalyn Tangora
Rock Wilson
Eileen Welton

Because we had some new faces in the crowd we started the meeting with introductions. It's always nice to welcome newcomers to the group.

Keli showed a copy of the directory and reminded members to get their information to Heidi Kistler (hkistler@canturytel.net) soon if they want to be included in the next printing.

Georgia headed a discussion about plans for next year's Expo. We would like to have it in May again. There were suggestions that we look for a venue that might donate the space to us for a promise that we would continue to use their place in years to come. Paul and Christy will look into this arrangement with the Grand Traverse Resort. Discussions will continue with the Civic Center as well.

We would like to remind everyone about the challenge for increasing the number of vendors for Expo 2009. The person who get the largest number of new vendors will have either their booth for free or have their membership for the following year paid in full. We discussed "thinking out of the box" to include anything that is related to natural health - like healthier food production, less toxic building supplies, even introducing healthier home grown foods. We appreciate the practitioners and health products; but keeping ourselves (and our planet) healthier includes a much broader scope. Please send any vendor information to Georgia (g.knight@att.net) - she is compiling a master list for mailing out the vendor applications. Be sure to keep the names and contact info of those you submit. Our goal is to have 75-100 vendors!

Another idea is to invite some local high schools to have students display exhibits from their science fairs or class projects (anything that might relate to natural health). If your local school has this type of activity, let Keli (camilek@aol.com) know and she will contact them in the fall.

Judy confirmed that we will have a space at the Cherry Festival Health and Wellness Day on Monday, July 7th from 10a-4p. We have members who have committed to man the booth for the day (Paul, Debbi, Keli, Georgia, Bryan) but if any more of you want to take advantage of this opportunity to promote your business while giving exposure to the NHN, feel free to stop by. You may need to provide your own chair; Paul is providing the canopy cover. We will be at the Open Space area.

Tonja (ttmnc6@yahoo.com) has volunteered to work with Judy (heyjude49621@aol.com) on print coverage of our activities. If you can provide contact information for any smaller local periodicals they would be appreciative. We would like to have better coverage for our networking meetings, events like the Cherry Festival, and especially for next year's Expo.

Many of you may be aware of the situation in Canada which might make it illegal to purchase supplements like Vitamin C without a prescription. The NHN as a group cannot become politically involved in situations like this or become affiliated with any political organizations. However, this does not mean that we cannot facilitate the spread of information through our group. Several members have verbalized concern over this issue and would like to become actively involved. Further discussion will take place at future meetings. Check out the information on www.mercola.com and come prepared to share your opinions.

Our next meetings will be Thursday, July 24th and August 28th at 7pm at Horizon Books. If you would like to be one of the speakers contact Keli a camilek@aol.com.