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Nub's Nob party helps save trees

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The young committee for the fourth annual Save the Trees Benefit set July 3 at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs to help preserve our natural resources. A ski slope in winter, it made a perfect setting.

More than 200 localites and others summering in Harbor Springs or up north for the Fourth of July weekend attended the on-the-deck cocktail party surrounded by grassy ski slopes and lots of trees.

Elyse Fisher Hayes had the job of checking people in at Nub's Nob. Spotted on the sunny terrace on the eve of the Fourth were Elyse's husband Rip Hayes, Mike and Yvonne McCready, Kerri Mertaugh, who came over from her family's compound on Drummond Island, Steve and Julie Ryckman, and Marelis Avis.

The slightly older crowd included Patrick and Margie Smith, Eric and Susanne Mittelstadt, Ken Cook with Barbara Rau, Walter and Sis Fisher.

Margie Smith explained that the Little Traverse Conservancy is "dedicated to protecting the natural diversity and beauty of Northern Michigan by preserving environmentally sensitive land and scenic areas."

In 1989 Sheila and Shannon Smith, daughters of Patrick and Margie Smith of Bloomfield Hills and Harbor Springs, founded the Little Traverse Conservancy in response to the tremendous growth spurt in Northern Michigan.

More of the younger generation on this year's committee were David Fisher, Chris Fisher, Kristin Gargaro, the C.J. Ghesquieres, the Peter Hoghunda, Cathy and Jane Petzold, Molly Reams, the David Smith Jr. and Tracy Starkol.

Time for parades
In Harbor Springs on the Fourth, the usual outpouring of the summer people who lined the streets for the annual parade brought atmosphere to that little town. Barbara Rau and her daughter Crissy Rau entertained a group on the porch of their Main Street house. Barbara Rau will be moving to her renovated house on East Bluff this week.

The Harbor Springs harbor view from Rau's new house is spectacular. Patrick and Margie Smith built a stunning two-story apartment over the marine art gallery on Bay Street directly overlooking the yacht-and-sailboat-filled natural harbor.

Another parade, marching at the same time as the Harbor Springs parade, was the famous Horton Bay parade. Boosters claim that the triangle of Horton Bay village, Petoskey and Boyne Falls form a powerful triangle, with a stronger and more mysterious draw than the Bermuda Triangle. Bizarre? You bet. One of the parade attractions was conquistadors riding unicorns.

Paul and Jesse Weyand held their annual Fourth of July party at their Horton Bay beachside house following the wild parade in the sleepy village. Each year, people by the thousands come from all around, to see what imaginative theme was selected.

Waltz in the Garden

The preview party for the fifth annual Southfield Gold Cup Polo Competition used an English garden party theme Friday at Plum Hollow Golf Club in Southfield.

After a drenching downpour, the skies cleared and guests arrived for "Waltz in the Garden." Southfield director of community relations Nimrod Rosenthal, who started the Southfield Polo

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Conservancy cocktails: Patrick and Margie Smith enjoy the Little Traverse Conservancy party, which their daughters Sheila and Shannon started five years ago.



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Nomads trip directors: Helen and Larry Kendall of West Bloomfield show some of the mementos of Kenya trips including Masai ceremonial mask, milk container, knife, spears and shield, and ostrich egg.

Those high-flyin' Nomads



The nonprofit Nomads has just up upgraded its club-owned airplane to a Boeing 727-200 Advanced model. Membership in Nomads totals about 5,800 and includes some area travelers who have flown hundreds of thousands of miles on club trips.

BY ETHEL SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

Logging 600,000 air miles during their years with the Nomads, Delores and Dave Maylen of Lathrup Village have seen more of the world than many other members of the air travel club.

"We're almost charter members," said Delores Maylen, who joined the metropolitan Detroit club with her husband around 1968. Nomads was organized in November 1965 and has flown its own plane on destinations ranging from close to home to exotic locales.

"We really have enjoyed our African safaris. We've been on five," Maylen said. "And we like the cruises. We like the variety. The European barge trips are wonderful because you take your 'hotel' with you."

As to the 600,000 miles they have traveled, she said, "I believe it's the highest of any member who pays for their trip." Some Nomads trip directors — who get free travel in exchange for their work — have logged higher

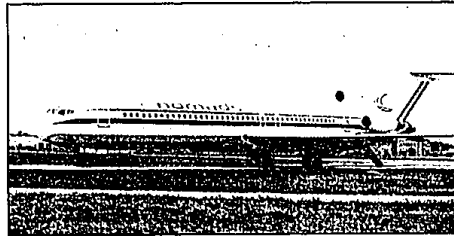
miles. "It's a lot of adventure. It's very well-handled. Our trips are well planned," Maylen said, stressing a few of the things that make the Nomads such a special club for its members.

They're charter members

When it comes to trip directors' mileage, charter members Larry and Helen Kendall of West Bloomfield have logged more than 800,000 miles. They were aboard the Nomads' first trip, on New Year's Eve, to Ft. Lauderdale. "Joe Benich (club president and founder) was trip director, and we were just passengers," he recalled.

The couple also took the club's second trip, to Freeport in the Bahamas, in January 1966. "We've been to virtually every country in the world," he said. The Kendalls directed 187 of the 200 Nomads trips they have taken.

This fall, they will escort their fourth Nomads trip to Kenya in East Africa. Because some 276 members signed up for the Kenya safari, three



Alhambra clubhouse: This is the Nomads new plane, which took its first trip Monday.

separate Nomads groups will travel there in the same month.

"This is not our aircraft," he said, referring to the plane they will take. "The Nomads runs 12 or so commercial trips that are beyond the range of the 727 (the Nomads plane)." Commercial flights include the Around-the-World trip, China, Australia, New Zealand and Egypt, as well as Kenya.

"The 727 is limited to four to four-and-one-half hour range, 2,200 to

2,500 miles," he said. Just this month, the Nomads replaced its 727-100, 126-passenger plane, with a substantially newer 727-200, which holds 140.

On the photographer's safari to East Africa, Nomads will visit animal parks. "Kenya is a photographer's paradise," Kendall said.

"We're taking the camcorder this year for the first time," Helen Ken-

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Mother's book remembers vibrant daughter

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After Barbara Mellen's daughter Jennifer died two years ago, at 19, friends urged her to publish some of the poems the talented college student had written.

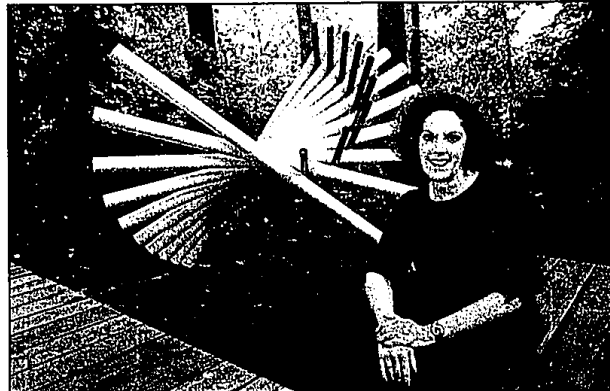
Mellen expanded upon that idea, writing a book to celebrate her then-only child's life, in which she includes her daughter's poetry. The book "She Walks in Beauty" is self-published and offers Mellen's thoughts about the loving relationship between herself and her daughter, letters they had written to each other, and other writings by Jennifer, and about Jennifer — by the vibrant teenager's devoted friends.

In the garden of her art-filled Bloomfield Hills home, Mellen sat beside a sculpture she had commissioned by noted sculptor David Barr, in memory of Jennifer. "David met Jennifer a couple of times. He knows me very well," said Mellen, who is an interior architect/designer. "Jennifer was such an important part of my life. Everyone was aware of her though me."

The abstract sculpture in shades of pink, and dark green, "represents reaching and movement, and dance even. It's not static. It's something that's directed upward. There's a young beauty to it."

Mellen said Barr was honored that she chose him to do the sculpture. In "She Walks in Beauty," subtitled "Jennifer, a Celebration of Life," Barr has commented on the book's opening page, "Her life moved many . . . the measurement of life is in ago."

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In loving memory: Bloomfield Hills resident Barbara Mellen, author of a book about her late daughter, poses in garden with David Barr's sculpture that, like the book, celebrates Jennifer's life.