

Hello Pioneer!

As our spring convention gets closer, I wanted to remind everyone about our popular Thursday Night Sing Fest to kick off the convention weekend.

This time it will be at the Bayview Inn Bar & Grill at 5074 US 31 N, not far from the Grand Traverse Resort. They have a great menu, and a wide selection of beers on tap. If the weather cooperates we will be able to enjoy some singing on the large deck connected to the restaurant.

We are looking for quartets (both registered and pick up) to entertain that night. We are also hoping that the Cherry Capital Chorus will sing for us as well.

If your quartet will be able to be there, please let me know.

We had about 70 people at the Sing Fest a year ago in Grand Rapids. Let's keep that going!

ALSO:

As we look forward to another great convention weekend in Traverse City, I wanted to tell you about some other activities available that weekend .

Of course, everyone knows about the great wineries in the TC area, including several on the Old Mission Peninsula. If you have time, all the wineries have tasting opportunities.

Also, the old State Hospital in Traverse City has been turned into the The Village at Grand Traverse Commons, a unique venue that has a lot of shops and restaurants (including The Red Spire, owned by the Chad Hall, the director of the Cherry Capital Chorus). Many of the shops feature work from local artists, and are well worth the trip.

You can also book some very interesting tours of the property, including some that visit the amazing underground steam tunnel that was built in 1883. It is recommended that tours be booked in advance. You can do that at [www.THEVILLAGE.COM/TOUR](http://www.THEVILLAGE.COM/TOUR)

The Village at Traverse City Commons is located on the west side of downtown TC, west on W. 11th Street off US31/M37.

If you have the time, it is well worth a stop.

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