



The Troy

Newcomers Topics

A Message from Your Board

Karen Gard – Socials



I am happy to be back for my second year serving as your Social Chairperson. This year Pam Cheli will be assisting with the coordination of events. Thank you, Pam! Last year we had fun, learned stuff along the way, and I hope to offer the same, but different, opportunities this year. I have been very fortunate to receive wonderful ideas from members of this fabulous group. If you know or see something you think might be of interest to our group, please pass the information along to me (kgard7@comcast.net) and I will add your idea to our growing list. We try to avoid times when other TNC groups meet, stay within a reasonable cost and find places flexible with our ticket ordering process.

Here are a few possibilities I am working on for this year. Please note these are not definite events until announced in the newsletter. This list is just a list of possibilities:

- Dinner Theatre
- Amazon Fulfillment Center Tour
- Holiday Sing-A-Long/Potluck
- Visit to Nine-Design in Detroit
- Puppy/Kitten Yoga
- Dinner & Dueling Pianos
- Afternoon Tea

I hope you find choices available that pique your interest and you join us this year to mingle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on Thursday, October 3rd at 11:30am.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the November Newsletter is, October 25th. Please send your articles to: troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com.



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October Luncheon



The Haunted Clubhouse of Meadowbrook Hills

2929 Meadowbrook Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48039

Join us for a scary good lunch and lots of Halloween fun at the Meadowbrook Hills condo clubhouse. Have Madam Cassandra and Madam Martha read your fortunes, if you dare!

The menu includes a do-it-yourself Chicken Caesar salad bar, assorted rolls, and dessert. Beverages also included. Sangria Witches Brew, assorted pops and coffee.

Participate in games with prizes. Costumes optional.

Cost is \$20.00 PayPal \$21.23

Due to room size attendance is limited to 35.

Deadline October 24th

Mail checks payable to Troy Newcomers to:
Karen Patterson at 3508 Tothill Drive, Troy 48084.

IRELAND/SCOTLAND TRIP OPPORTUNITY

DID YOU EVER WISH TO SEE THE WORLD, BUT ARE INTIMIDATED BY THE PROCESS, OR DO NOT LIKE TO TRAVEL ALONE? JOIN US AND THE DETAILS ARE TAKEN CARE OF FOR YOU. WE HAVE A GROUP OF 6 PEOPLE ALREADY CONFIRMED AND ARE HOLDING SPOTS FOR UP TO 10 MORE.



May 1 thru 14, 2025

Trip Details

We will be using a very well rated travel tour group, **Insight**. This is a land tour, with hotels, transportation and many meals included. Please go to the following link to see the detailed itinerary.

<https://weblink.ttc.com/webli nk/42e0d5d2-43b4-11ef-a741-02cfac3f5530>

Our member and travel agent, Karen Hrit is handling the travel plans. Please contact her at Premier Travel if you are interested. There may be time sensitive discounts that can be applied to the cost. A \$200 refundable deposit will hold your place.

Phone: #248-816-6700

Email:

cwtpremiertravel@yahoo.com

Service

Michele Burns and Kathy Mitter

St. David's Episcopal Church's food pantry located at 16200 West Twelve Mile in Southfield is the recipient of the Newcomers Club's Thanksgiving holiday donation. St. David's Food Pantry is an emergency food pantry created to assist Southeast Oakland County residents, serving 600 families a month. It is an outreach ministry of St. David's and Lighthouse, Pontiac (building communities that end poverty). The Pantry is staffed by volunteers and exists solely through the generosity of community support. The food pantry is open from 9:00 AM – noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you would like to add to the Club's donation, here are some ideas for non-perishable food and of course a monetary donation is always welcome.

Canned Goods - fruit, juices, vegetable, meats, stew, tuna, chicken, milk, etc.

Staples - dried pastas, pancake mix/syrup, Bisquick, flour, sugar, crackers, cereal, coffee, tea, cake mixes & icing, etc.

Personal Items - hair conditioner, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products, deodorant, dish soap, clothes soap, cleaners, etc.

Paper Products – toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, tissue, etc.

We'll be attending events and collecting tangible items and monetary donations the *last 2 weeks of October for those activities scheduled at the end of the month and the first 2 weeks of November for bowling and those activities at the beginning of the month.* If donating by check, please make checks out to "Troy Newcomers" with "Thanksgiving" on the memo line or mail to Troy Newcomers, PO Box 103, Troy, MI 48099, Attn: Michele Burns **by Nov.**

15th. Donations are also available to be made by [PayPal](#) on our website, likewise due **by Nov 15th.**

If you have any questions or will not be attending one of the events where collections will take place, please email either Kathy (kmitter99@comcast.net) or Michele (micheleburns@gmail.com) **by Nov 15** to make arrangements for a pickup.

Thank you and together we can spread some joy to needy families in Southeast Oakland County this Thanksgiving!!



Socials

Karen Gard



Our October Social is turning out to be a huge success. We will be going to the OPC in Rochester on Thursday, October 24th, 2024 from 5 pm – 8 pm to see the production of “Broken Badge”. This will be a dinner theater event. We have five tables of eight reserved for our group and have sold all but 4 seats. If you would like to join us, please reach out to me by October 3rd, 2024 so I can hold your reservation.

Tickets are \$25 each and include the performance and dinner. You are welcomed to bring guests to this event. Once I receive your request for tickets, I will send you and email with more information and payment details.

You can reach me via text at #248-506-7412 or kgard7@comcast.net to secure your spot. Your request will constitute a firm commitment to reimburse me for the ticket. If after you have ordered your ticket, you no longer can attend, it will be your responsibility to sell your ticket and pay for it, regardless if you can't find someone else to buy it.

We are really looking forward to this evening!



September Luncheon Recap

Our first luncheon was held at Mike's on the Lake in St. Clair Shores. The drive was worth it. Inside this restaurant is a hidden museum of all things Snoopy. This childhood collection of owner Mike LeFevre began with a very sentimental story. It now has become a 16,000 plus piece display of Snoopy items from all over the world. Custom pieces and drawings from patrons are also featured, every item has a story behind it. Mr. LeFevre is often referred to as Snoop himself and began sharing his collection with the public to benefit area charities. Thank you, member Ann Britton for recommending this venue and thank you to Marie and Kathy for setting up all the details.



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Rose Awards

Each month, Rose Awards are given in appreciation to members who have made an outstanding contribution to our club. White Rose Awards are presented to Board members and Red Rose Awards to non-board members.



RED ROSE- Janet Gole, Book Club

This Fall will be a very busy time for our red rose recipient, Janet Gole. Her travels begin with a stay at The Grand Hotel in Mackinaw Island. In early November she will be spending her birthday at one of her favorite vacation spots, Disneyworld in Orlando Florida. Sometime at the end of November, Janet and her husband Tom will be vacationing in Cancun. The best trip of all will be in December. Janet and Tom will be in the suburbs of San Francisco visiting their brand-new grandson.

Janet has 2 other grandsons Parker age 7, who lives in Troy and soon to be big brother Eddie, age 3.

Janet has been organizing the book club for about 6 years and its popularity continues to grow. If you ask any of the members about the club, they will first rave about Janet and then go on to tell you about the great discussions they have. Janet particularly enjoys being exposed to a wide variety of books she may never have read on her own.

Along with book club Janet enjoys luncheons and socials. She has previously served on the board and oversaw both publicity and service.

Once again, we thank Janet for all her work on behalf of the Newcomers.



WHITE ROSE – Gina Kossick, Activities

The purpose of our annual kick-off event is to re-connect with current members and to welcome new ones. In all honesty, it would be hard to find someone more welcoming than Gina to coordinate this activity. She hosted 60 women at the United Methodist Church, and we gained 4 new members.

Gina has been a Newcomer for about 29 years and has some wonderful memories of the clubs' earlier days. Halloween would find the club creating a scary scene in Troys Haunted Forest. Shockingly, we also ran the food concessions. The club hosted large fundraisers including dinner dances and casino nights. There were art auctions and silent auctions. Gina's favorite auction was one where Darcel generously donated her Northern cottage for a week. Gina bid on and won the prize. There have always been big trips and group travel is still one of Gina's favorite activities.

According to Gina, the best part of the club was the opportunity to meet new people and make long lasting friendships.

Along with her Activity Coordinator duties Gina runs Daytime Euchre, attends luncheons, socials and of course bowling.

We received the following letters of thanks from our year end charities:



You made our day!

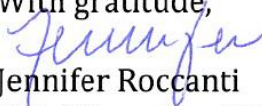
Thank you for your generous \$350 donation to On My Own of Michigan.

Here's why your gift matters:

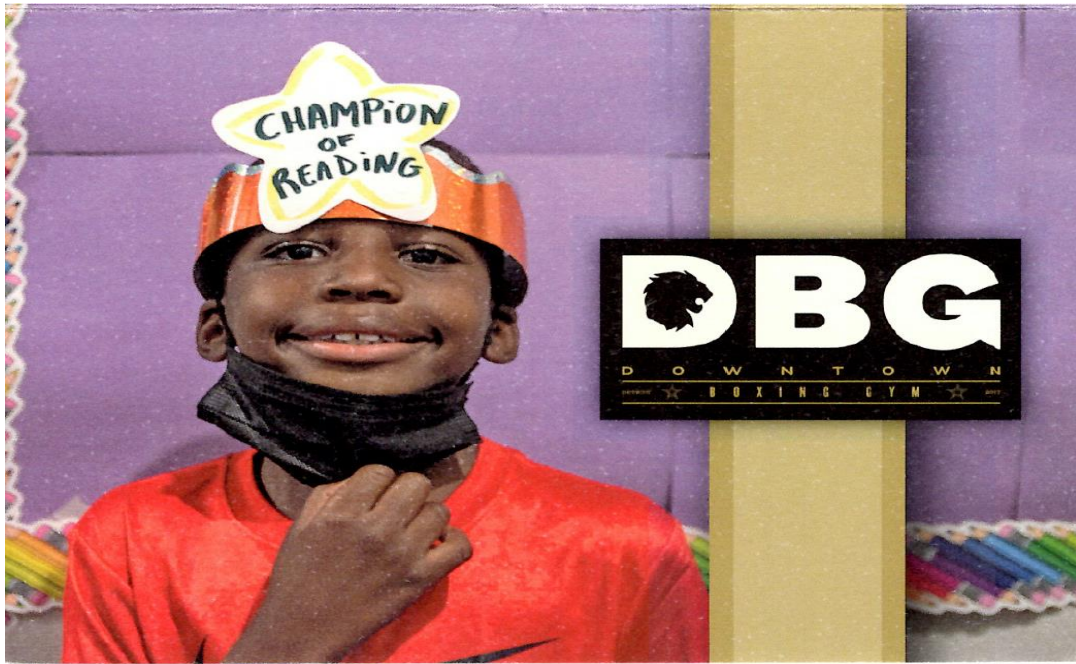
- 1. Our impact is growing.** We helped more than 100 people with developmental disabilities grow their independence in 2023, the most amount of people we've served in one year in our 26 years of service to our community.
- 2. Our members are succeeding.** 70% of people we've supported for at least a year are living independently while 63% are working competitive wage jobs. Nationwide, less than 25% of adults with developmental disabilities live independently and work competitive wage jobs.
- 3. Our programs are reaching capacity.** Demand for our services has never been greater, with our Skill Building and Independent Living programs nearing wait-list status and Independence Prep selling out every session.

We rely on your support to make independent living possible and you came through, making a real difference for our members today.

Thank you for making our work possible.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Roccanti
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you so much!



Kourtney Priter 3rd Grade

Tray Newcomer's Club,
Thank you for helping train
our kids for life! We
are honored to have you in
our corner.

-Khali Sweeney, Founder

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advisor@troynewcomers.com

RATES for DISPLAY ADS (per year):

Business Card - \$25

Page - \$75

Quarter Page - \$50 Half

Full Page - \$100

Circulation of our newsletter is approximately 140. Your ad will also be posted on our website for no additional charge. Members can purchase a 30-word classified ad for \$5.00 per month (please note any classified ads will NOT be posted on the website). Ad payments are due before the newsletter deadline (the 25th of each month.)

Mail to: Troy Newcomers P.O. Box 103 Troy, Michigan 48085

ACTIVITIES

Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the October 16 meeting, hosted by Darlene A. Eckhout. Her book is Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah. Can a woman ever really know herself if she doesn't know her mother? This is a powerful, heartbreaking novel that illuminates the intricate mother-daughter bond and explores the enduring links between the present and the past.

Please contact Darlene at dmeckhout@att.net or 248-225-8439 to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

Do something wonderful, people may imitate it.

Bowling – Bobbie Fantin, Secretary



Fall is upon us, and the bowling season has begun. Our first week was Thursday, September 19th. Welcome back regular bowlers: Diana Alexanian, Pam Cheli, Darcel Connors, Jane Egermann, Barb Emmer, Bobbie Fantin, Kaoru Goda, Carol Henderson, Kathy Holm, Sue Jones, Gina Kossick, Pam Mayhew, Jill Miceli, Ardin Moenaert, Denise Nicholson, Lynn Sarosik, Terry Slater, Gail Trendler and Marie Watson. Welcome new regular bowlers: Michelle Freeman and Alison Henderson. Welcome to our new subs: Marissa Hunter, MaryAnn Locricchio, Margaret Ruffner and Barb Shimoura. We took a vote and decided on the following:

- Holiday Party Gift Exchange – should be a gift with an approximate value of no more than \$15
- The end of the season banquet will be held on May 1st for lunch.
- If you bowl on the wrong lane, you get a zero score.
- Foul lines will not be turned on.

Daytime Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on TUESDAY, October 22 at the home of Sue Jones. Sue lives in Troy, see directory for address. Please RSVP to Sue by Friday, September 18 at: sci1jones@gmail.com or call at 248-909-7839.

If you are not a regular hostess, please let Sue know if she needs a breakfast item to bring that day. Save the date for next month- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Euchre will be fun because it is at the home of Claudia Sparschu on October 12th at 6:45 PM Please let Claudia know you are coming no later than October 9. Her email is csparschu@yahoo.com

Thank you to Amy Strnad for hosting the September euchre party! Everyone had a good time! Mark Sparschu won 1st prize. Sue Jones and Amy Strand tied for second place. Congrats Winners!

Set your calendars for these upcoming euchre parties:

November 23 at the home of Darcel Connors

December 7th at the home of Maryann Donnelly.

If you can host a party, please let me know darleneglaze@gmail.com

We need a hostess for January, February, March, and May.

Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Game night is a beginner-friendly night of games with some fun competition and laughs. Each month we have a hostess, she picks a date and time to host. She plans the games to play and serves some light snacks. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

Our first Game Night will be on October 2 at 7:00. Jill Miceli will host. Please call or text her at #248-515-5793 to let her know if you are coming.

Looking ahead, Gina Kossick will host on November 6 at 7:00. Please let Gina know if you are able to attend.

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Calling all current and prospective mah jongg players! October's dates are Friday the 11th at 9:30 am and Friday the 25th at 1pm. It would be fun to have all the new players come and we'll set up a learning table.

As usual, play will be at Jane Egermann's house.

Please let Jane know if you plan to attend or need directions to her house. Her email is jane48085@yahoo.com

Meadowbrook Ushering – Marie Hochstein, Activity Leader



Hello ushers!

Welcome back to Meadow brook Theatre. Our first play is an Alfred Hitchcock mystery. I have met the cast and this is sure to be a fun production. You have your assignments. Our dates are Wednesday October 23rd through Sunday October 27th. Remember it is black skirts/pants and white tops/shirts. Ushers should arrive to the theatre 45 minutes prior to show time and remain in lobby for instructions. Ushers are welcome to sit in the back of the theatre after doors close, but never sit in front of patrons. An usher will now be at each aisle door and a second half way down at approximately row K. If you are unable to make your commitment, it is up to you to find a replacement from the sub list provided. Each team will have a lead this year who will assist as

CHILLING MYSTERY

STRANGERS ON A TRAIN

By Craig Warner based on the novel by Patricia Highsmith

October 9 - November 3, 2024

The Alfred Hitchcock classic live on stage! Guy Haines and Charles Bruno meet on a train and, because they are strangers, they think they can say anything while chatting. Bruno suggests that they could get away with murder-he could kill Guy's unfaithful wife while Guy could eliminate his hated father. Guy does not take him seriously, but Bruno is deadly serious.

*Michigan Premiere

needed. Please email Marie with any questions @ MarieKBBH@Comcast.net. Let the fun begin!

Scrapbooking – Debbie Risko, Activity Leader



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on Friday, October 25th from 11:15 to 4pm. We will meet at the Scrapbook Tree located at 48099 Van Dyke Ave. Shelby Township. The cost is \$10 or you can spend \$10 in product and crop for free. Please let Debbie know if you can attend.

Somerset Golf League 2023 Season Debbie Risko & Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders



We had a trying season with three rainouts. But we had a great season with this wonderful group of ladies. Six new members who fit right in. We had our Scramble and Luncheon August 29, with the luncheon held at Sheild's. Our scramble winners were Team 2 - Karen Lawson, Jane Heuinckx and Team 7 - Lorraine Slattery, Marlyn Van Tiem. Hope to see everyone next year.



Sylvan Glen Golf League 2023 Season – Gail Trendler, Activity Leader

The Sylvan Glen golf league season is officially over! On September 12, we had our end-of-season outing at The Orchards of Washington Township.

We had four groups playing a scrambles format, followed by lunch and prizes.

Congratulations to the winning team of Marti Forrer, Sue Purcell, Sue Brady, and Anne Clark. They had an awesome score of 75, which is only 3 over par! Way to go ladies!

If you think you may like to join next year, either as a regular player or a sub, please let me know (gatrendler@gmail.com) I will also be putting a notice in the newsletter around February.



Wine Tasting – Ann Britton, Activity Leader

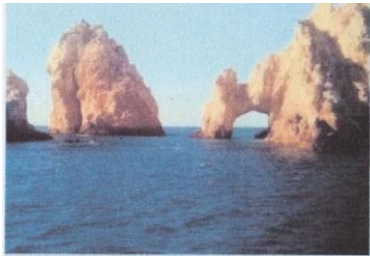


If you are interested in trying some new wines, enjoying good conversation and sampling a selection of appetizers and pot luck type dishes, consider attending a wine tasting evening.

The October wine tasting will be held on Saturday, October 19th at 6:30 pm. It will be hosted at the home of Carole Packla. Please RSVP Carole Packla at trixie1948@hotmail.com by Wednesday October 16 if you plan to attend.

Each wine tasting evening is hosted by a Troy Newcomer member. The members attending may bring a spouse or friend, along with an appetizer, their wine glasses and \$10 per wine drinker, which will contribute to the cost of the wine. Those who do not drink wine are welcome to attend contributing an appetizer but are not asked to pay the \$10. The hostess chooses the wines she would like to serve. The Hostess supplies the coffee and desserts. The wine tasting is held once a month on a Friday or Saturday evening of the hostess' choice beginning at 6:30 pm.

If you would like to attend a wine tasting evening and do not drink wine, feel free to bring your own beverage.



Mexico



Hawaii



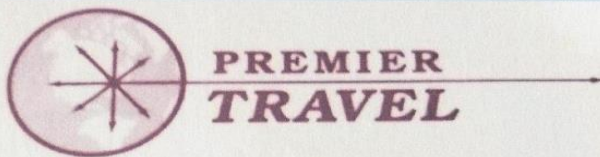
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