

The Troy Newcomers Topics

A Message from Your Board

Michele Burns and Kathy Mitter

The Troy Newcomers Club sponsors 3 service projects a year – Thanksgiving, Holiday Season and Spring. This Thanksgiving, we are collecting donations to assist St. David's Episcopal Church's Food Pantry in Southfield. The pantry services Southeast Oakland County residents helping around 600 families a month with food and paper products. It is staffed by volunteers and exists solely through the generosity of community support.

Thanks to your dues, Newcomers donates \$150 to the project. If you would like to add to the club's donation, St. David's needs non-perishable food especially *canned meats, canned meals/soups, cereal, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper* or of course a monetary donation is always welcome.

We visited October events and will continue to collect donations during November. 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.

We are busy making arrangements for the Holiday collection with details to follow soon. The Spring project will be decided next year 😊



Last March Pam Cheli, our then recording secretary, stated in our newsletter, *"As a group, we can be proud of the organizations and families we have helped along the way. We are NOT just a social club. We are a group of women joining together with the common goal of meeting new people, helping others and having fun as we do it."*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on Thursday, November 7th at approximately 11:30 am.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Rainy Day News

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Carolyn Simmons on the death of her mother.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

Lorraine Slattery	1
Janet Gole	1
Anne Clark	2
Grace Finazzo	7
Kaoru Goda	10
Melissa Verduyn	11
Jill Allen	12
Barb Emmer	13
Lorna Cavanaugh	17
Barbara Slavin	17
Linda Slivonen	21
Margaret Pertot	23

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November Luncheon

Grand Tavern

3512 Marketplace Circle, Rochester Hills 48309

November 21, meet at 12:00 pm

With thankful hearts we will welcome Christine Johnson, a representative from Grace Centers of Hope to update us on their holiday activities. This is the charity that we will be supporting during December.

Your choices for lunch are:

Michigan Harvest Salad - mixed greens with dried cherries, apple, tomato, red onion, walnuts, and mozzarella cheese served with raspberry vinaigrette dressing. Cost \$18, PayPal \$19.16

Turkey Reuben - roasted turkey piled high and served on grilled marble rye with Swiss cheese, coleslaw and a side of 1000 Island dressing. Cost \$17, PayPal \$18.12

Chicken Cordon Bleu Panini - grilled chicken breast, Black Forest ham, Swiss cheese, topped with lettuce, tomato and mayo on a grilled ciabatta roll. Cost \$18, PayPal \$19.16

Prime Rib Dip - shaved prime rib topped with provolone cheese, mushroom, onion and green peppers on a toasted hoagie bun served with au jus. Cost \$20, PayPal \$21.23

All sandwiches served with house made potato chips.

Beverages not included.

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

Deadline is November 21.

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May 1 thru 14, 2025

Trip Details

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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.

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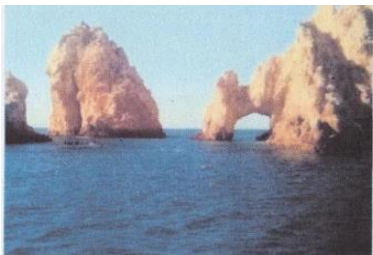
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Socials

Karen Gard

After having a great turnout (39 attendees) for our October Social at the OPC to see The Broken Badge, we are onto our next Social. Typically, we do not have a December Social, but this year, we will be skipping November and having a Potluck Sing-Along featuring our own, Claudia Zernec on the piano. The evening will be on Wednesday, 12.4.24 starting at 6 pm. Claudia will be getting us in the holiday spirit with holiday music while we socialize and nibble on appetizers and treats. This event will take place at my home and will have a maximum of 25 attendees. If you are interested in attending, please text (248.506.7412) or email (kgard7@comcast.net) your name and what you will be bringing and you will be added to our list of attendees. Can't wait to share our merriment with the group on the 4th.



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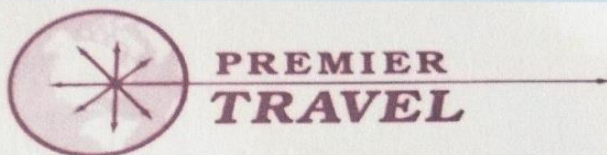
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Rose Awards

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- Gail Trendler, Sylvan Glen Golf President



The recipient of this month's red rose award is Gail Trendler. Gail retired from her job at G.M. in 2014 and joined the Newcomers. Introduced to the club by her sister, Marie Watson, Gail immediately joined the Sylvan Glen golf league and became its' president. Gail didn't stop there; she served on the board as both Recording Secretary and Business Secretary. Gail was also V.P. of Luncheons, where she and Pam Mayhew planned our first Da Francesca's Christmas lunch. Gail has been President of the Newcomers, not once but twice. (Is there a third time in her future?)

Some of Gail's' favorite memories include a Halloween lunch at Ginos. (Hopefully this years' Halloween party will be just as much fun.) Gail also has very fond memories of a Newcomer Viking cruise from Paris to Prague.

Gail and her husband Ron have 2 daughters, Lauren and Andrea. They have 2 grandchildren, First grader Elise and 2-month-old Connor. Their family also includes 3 grand cats, courtesy of daughter Lauren who has just been named Beer and Wine Manager at Western Market in Ferndale. Some of us remember Lauren as the speaker at a wine-tasting event several years ago. (Thinking only of the club, I wonder if there could be any discounts in our future?)

Gail encourages new people to join the club and current members to try new activities. She also hopes more members will consider joining the board. Thank you, Gail, for your work as Golf President and for all you do for the club.



WHITE ROSE- Kathy Mitter, Service

Kathy has been a Newcomer for about 6 years. This is her second year on the board and her first official year working on Service. Last year Kathy worked with Marie Watson on luncheons. (Remember the door prizes of jam and chocolate). She also assisted Michele Burns with Service. One of the main reasons Kathy was drawn to the Newcomers was the charitable work we do. She and Michele, both feel it is important to really check out the charities we contribute to.

When I spoke with Kathy, she and her husband Kurt had just returned from a trip to their home in the U.P. The house once belonged to Kurt's Finnish grandmother and Kathy and Kurt bought it about 11 years ago. (Still remodeling). The weather was beautiful, sunny skies with warm days and cool nights. While there they went to "Lake of the Clouds" where one climbs up 100 stairs. The climb was a little more difficult this time. Kathy said, "My knees are not quite the same." They also went to Copper Harbor for dinner.

Copper Harbor, Lake of the Clouds, Tahquamenon Falls and Picture Rock, both Kathy and Michele rave about the area. As a matter of fact, my bowling teammate, Allison Henderson, was wearing a Picture Rock sweatshirt last week.

Family plays a very important role in Kathy's life. She and Kurt have been married for 40 years. They have 2 daughters and 4 granddaughters. Kathys' mom, Joyce Utter, also a club member is still very much in the picture. This week Kathys' aunt Debbie is visiting from California and she and Kathy are taking a drive to visit with additional family members.

Thank you, Kathy, for contributing so much to the club.

WHITE ROSE- Michele Burns, Service



QUESTION: What musical instrument does Michele Burns play?

The answer will be given at the end of this article.

Although Michele has been a Newcomer for over 10 years, this is her first time on the board. Michele was ushering at Meadowbrook, when fellow usher Pam Mayhew nabbed her. After a few minutes of Pam's enthusiastic pitch Michele found herself agreeing to join the board and take charge of service.

Michele has definitely taken charge of service. We will be partnering with the Faith Lutheran food pantry for Thanksgiving. She is also working with the Grace Centers of Hope for our Christmas giving. Twice widowed Michele has 3 grown sons. She and her husband Tom share 2 adorable grandchildren. She always told her boys she wanted them to see every state. So far, they have been to 49. However, Michele is the only one who has been to Hawaii.

Needless to say, Hawaii is on the list for this years' vacation.

Two of Michele's sons have lived overseas and they tell her that she may have taken them to see every state, but they will take her to see every country. So far, she has been to Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and China. When not travelling Michele works one day a week at the OPC. She also crochets for "Michigan Knits". They donate hats, scarves, pillows and blankets to people receiving chemotherapy. She also donates her time to "On My Own of Michigan", an organization that works with developmentally challenged individuals. Michele is definitely the right person to handle the service side of our club. She encourages all members to "Be generous at Thanksgiving and Christmas."

Thank you, Michele, for taking on this important position.

Answer: What musical instrument does Michele play? UKELELE

Anyone who guessed the answer see Kathy Holm at the next luncheon for a delicious candy. (You are on the honor system)

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

ACTIVITIES

Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the **November 20** meeting, hosted by Julie Francuch. Her book is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. A researcher at a pharmaceutical company, Marina Singh journeys into the heart of the Amazonian delta to check on a field team that has been silent for two years--a dangerous assignment that forces Marina to confront the ghosts of her past.

Please contact Julie at jfrancuch2@msn.com or **248-219-2717** to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

If you risk nothing, then you risk everything.

Bowling – Bobbie Fantin, Secretary



After five weeks of bowling, Team 7 is in the lead, featuring Michelle Freeman, Diana Alexanian, and Carol Henderson. Barb Emmer is the Top Turkey with three turkeys, while Marie Watson, Denise Nicholson, and Barb Emmer each have three splits, earning them the title of Split Queens.

Please remember, there will be no bowling on Thursday, November 28th (Thanksgiving Day).

Daytime Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 at 9:15 am at the home of Maryann Locricchio. Maryann lives in Troy, see address in the directory. Please RSVP to Maryann by Friday, November 8 at: malocricchio@gmail.com or call at 248-515-3749.

If you are not a regular hostess, please let Maryann know if she needs a breakfast item to bring that day.

Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



November 23, 2024 at 6:45pm. Let's have fun at the home of Darcel Connors and play euchre. Email Darcel and let her know you are coming darcelc@prodigy.net

Thank you to Claudia Sparschu for hosting the October euchre party! Congratulations to our 1st place winner Doug Hunter and 2nd place to the team of Claudia and Mark Sparschu!

Set your calendars for this upcoming euchre party:
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 fun, beginner-friendly night of different games the hostess chooses with some light refreshments served. Each month we have a hostess, they get to pick a date and time and then decide what games to play. We play anything from cards, dominoes, board games, activity games or something new. If you attend regularly but do not host, it is asked that you offer to bring something to help the hostess out. Gina Kossick will host on Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00. Please let Gina know if you can attend. We will not be meeting in December and I am looking for a hostess for January. Please let Jill know if you would like to pick a date to host.

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



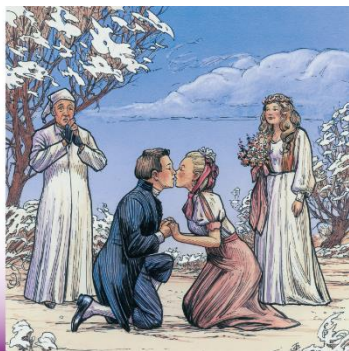
If you're looking for additional reasons to be thankful this holiday – why not let it be that you learned to play mah jongg. While I understand that the people who play in Florida can be cutthroat, our group is very understanding and forgiving (unless you discard jokers!), we have yummy treats at the morning session and we just have a lot of fun (no betting in this group).

Our play dates in November are Friday the 8th at 9:30 am and Friday the 22nd (no conflict with after Thanksgiving shopping this year) at 1 pm. 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



It's the most wonderful time of the year! Welcome the holiday season with the 42nd year of the classic A Christmas Carol. Most of you know that Meadow Brook puts on a fabulous rendition of this Charles Dickens's masterpiece. I know many of you have seen the play before but we do need all hands-on deck for this crowd pleasing and busiest show of the year. This is an all-ages show and it makes a perfect holiday gift. Our ushering dates are unique for this play so please check your assignments.

Wednesday matinee ushers will usher on December 14th at 2 PM instead of normal Wednesday schedule. **Wednesday evening** ushers have a time change to December 11th at 7:00 PM. I am still looking for one or two additional ushers on **Dec 15th at 6:30 PM**. If interested please call ASAP.



NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 22						
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Scrapbooking – Debbie Risko, Activity Leader



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on Friday November, 22nd 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**



Look here in the spring for information on the new season.

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



The Sylvan Glen golf league season for 2025 will begin the first Thursday in May. Looking forward to Golf, 2025!

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 November wine tasting will be held on Saturday, November 23 at 6:30 pm. It will be hosted at the home of Claudia Zernec. Please RSVP, Claudia at cjzernec@yahoo.com or #586-405-6668 by Wednesday, November 20, 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 wine. Those who do not drink wine are welcome to attend contributing an appetizer but 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's 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.



November

2024

Troy Newcomers Club



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Games Night	7 Bowl Board Meeting	8 Mah Jongg	9
10	11	12 Morning Euchre	13	14 Bowl	15	16
17	18	19	20 Book Club	21 Bowl Luncheon	22 Mah Jongg Scrapbooking	23 Evening Euchre Winetasting
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

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