



March 2017

The Troy NEWCOMERS Topics

Angie Pantages, Newsletter Editor

It has been a pleasure being the newsletter editor this year. It's my second year as a Troy Newcomer and the friendship and support this club has provided me has been amazing and meant a lot to me—especially with having lost my husband this past year. Thank you for all the friendship and support.

I hope you have enjoyed the changes to the newsletter this year as I work with the board to continue to improve it each issue. It has been challenging and fun at the same time.

BTW—there is an article right below this looking for volunteers for next year. If you have never volunteered with the club a highly recommend it. Some of the positions are not a lot of work and are a great opportunity to spend time and get to know other members you may not meet normally.

Looking for a few ladies to keep our

Troy Newcomers Club running!

To keep our awesome TNC running smoothly, and to keep coordinating activities of interest and monthly luncheons, it takes 12-14 ladies each year to be Board members and take on certain responsibilities. Some positions work in tandem with another one, such as monthly luncheons and programs; others are “stand alone” positions, although everyone is happy to share ideas and offer help, if needed!

Please contact Michelle Freeman, Gina Kossick or Dawn Hoyer if you would be interested in sharing your talents for a year, or more! We will be happy to go over position responsibilities, although an overview of each one is in the back of our membership directory.

It's a great way to “give back” to the organization that has offered so many ways of meeting more people and organizing so many things you like to do! Please consider it!!!!



March

Birthdays

Terry Slater	3
Carol Kelly	7
Katie Mardyla	8
Marilyn Brown	9
Jeanette Zinger	10
Marcia Williams	13
Michelle Wallman	14
Carole Packla	15
Marie Watson	16
Karen Novak	20
Joanie Opie	20
Amy Strnad	20
Ardin Moenaert	21
Darlene Glaze	22
Susan Verbaan	25
Sue Brady	30

Daytime Euchre



Gina Kossick

We are playing this month on Thursday, March 16 at 9:15 am at the home of Kathy Holm. Kathy lives in Rochester Hills (see directory for address). Please RSVP to her by Tuesday, March 14, at 262-312-8398 or email at: kath-
yholm82@yahoo.com. If you are not a regular hostess, let Kathy know if you wish to bring a breakfast item for that morning. We are beginner friendly and always looking for new people, so invite a new friend or come on by.

A Big Thank You to Laura Carlin for hosting in February and all that brought food! Hope to see everyone for a fun day of coffee, food, fun and laughter, and of course " Some Euchre Playing", if we can fit it in!!!

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Bowling



Susan Holle, Secretary

Team #4 is in first place with 101 points. Team #10 is in second place with 96 points and Team #5 is in third place with 94 points. Team #10 has bowled the highest game (571) and the highest series (1469). As for individual scores, Laura Carlin has bowled the league's highest game of 235 and Barb Emmer has the highest series of 581. Laura Carlin has bowled the most Turkeys (17) and Jane Egermann has converted the most Splits (14). Gina Kossick has the most improved average to date with a +58 increase.

We are glad to welcome a new bowler to our league - Jill Miceli. Jill joined Team #10.

The Team Standings after the twenty-second week of bowling (Feb. 14th) are as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Bowlers</u>
1	4	Carol Sofy, Ardin Moenaert, Elaine Olson
2	10	Jill Miceli, Carol Henderson, Gina Kossick
3	5	Gail Trendler, Maureen Joseph, Susan Holle
4	9	Pam Mayhew, Barb Peterson, Barb Emmer
5	3	Sue Jones, Joanie Opie, Laura Carlin
6	6	Kathy Vitale, Sandy Sands, Terry Slater
7	2	Martha Brosseau, Michelle Freeman, Marie Watson
8	8	Gretchen Rosalik, Carolyn Byl, Jane Egermann
9	7	Darlene Glaze, Dawn Hoyer, Darsha Ritchie
10	1	Denise Matthews, Darlene Eckhout, Janet Ferstle

Want to improve your bowling game? Troy Lanes currently offers free bowling practice time to their league members on Mondays from 1-2pm and Tuesday evenings from 8-9:30pm. Any questions, please contact Troy Lanes at 248-879-8700.

If you are interested in joining our league in September, please contact Susan Holle at skholle22@yahoo.com.



TROY NEWCOMERS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

THROUGH

HONEY BAKED HAM CORPORATION!

As the holidays approach and you're planning your menus, please consider a Honey Baked Ham or Turkey as a part of your menus! Our club will get 20% of each gift card purchase made online at the web site below! This fundraiser will run through April, 2017, so the immediate goal that has been set is to raise \$800—even more would be awesome, so that the TNC could offer more support to more needy charities/organizations in the spring!

*The gift cards **must** be purchased online!! This opportunity is not limited to just TNC members, so please tell any and all friends and relatives about it! It's very easy, just a click on the link below, and place the order! The site allows you to see the funds that are accumulating for the Club!*

https://honeybakedfundraising.com//fundraisers/Troy_Newcomers_Club_Fundraiser

Follow the directions, but please make certain you indicate Troy Newcomers Club as the name of the person, or in our case, Club, that should be credited for the purchase!

Let's see how much we can raise funds this way towards our charitable contributions in the spring!! If you can share this link via Facebook, Twitter, or your email, please do so!

TNT Advertising Information

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Ad and payment due to the Newsletter Editor before newsletter deadline. Email troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com for information on submitting your ad and payment.

Scrapbooking

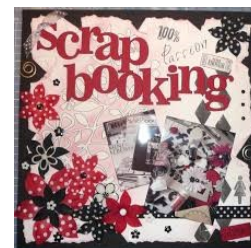
Denise Matthews

Hello Ladies,

We are going to have a slightly different format for our meeting this month.

Scrapbook Tree, 23 Mile and Van Dyke, offers a free crop from 11-3 on Friday, March 17 (St Pat's Day). And for a fee of \$15. they have a cropping workshop in the evening from 4- midnight.

Please let me know if you plan to attend either or both sessions. If you want to do the evening session you must pre-register and pay the non-refundable \$15 fee thru their website at www.scrapbooktree.net. The fee does include pizza dinner. Once on the site, click on Classes/Workshops then on General Info to complete your registration. If you have other questions contact the store directly at 586-323-2888.



Mah Jongg

Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



It seems like déjà vu. Oh, right, it's just that in non-leap years February and March have the same dates. At any rate, mah jongg will be at the home of Jane Egermann on Friday, March 10 at 9:30 am and Friday, March 24 at 1 pm. This will probably be our last session with the old card so come and get acquainted with the game and then we'll all get a refresher course in April.

Quick reminder, we have moved the April play date to the first Friday (April 7) at 9:30 am. This is to avoid meeting on Good Friday.

Please contact Jane at jane48085@yahoo.com or 248-879- 5512 if you plan to come or need directions.

Wine Tasting

Jan Fuhrman, Activity Leader

No wine tasting is scheduled for March. Please check next month's newsletter for information about the wine tasting scheduled for April.





Activity Summary

Bowling - Tuesdays

Mah Jongg 3/10 & 3/24

Daytime Euchre 3/16

Couples Euchre 3/25

Game Night 3/20

Luncheon 3/23

Somerset Golf League 2017 Season

Karen Hrit & Janet Ferstle, Activity Leaders

It's time to starting planning for your summer golf. Come join the Troy New-comers Thursday morning golf league at Somerset Golf course in Troy. All lev-els of play are welcome in this 10 week league that starts mid June and ends mid August. Missed games can be made up at your convenience, so bring a friend or we will match you up with a partner. Look for registration details in early spring. Questions? Contact Karen Hrit at 248-840-0755 or Janet Ferstle at jaw6581@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2017-2018

Early Renewal - ALL MEMBERS April 1 to June 30 \$25.00 payable by cash or check OR

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After June 30 ALL MEMBERS \$30 payable by cash or check

New Members Contact Membership Secretary

or Visit the Website for Membership Forms

Our club's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30

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March Luncheon

Thursday, March 23, 2017

11:30 AM Gather

12:00 PM Lunch Served

LINO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

50 W.Tienken Rd.

Rochester Hills, MI 48306

Our Speaker will be

Kelly Martin from "Kelly's Karamels", a local business here in Troy that makes unique and delicious caramels.

She will talk to us about how her story began in Grandma Renie's kitchen when Alaska was still a territory and what it is like to start a business in Oakland County.

Menu: BUFFET

Lino's house salad, Penne pasta with tomato basil sauce, Italian Meatballs, Lemon Chicken, Fresh vegetables, Red skin potatoes, Rolls and butter

Chocolate Eclairs

Coffee, Tea and Soft Drinks

Cost: CHOICE #1: \$24.00

Send your reservation check made out to "Troy Newcomers Club" to

Pam Harvat

43456 Hillcrest Dr.

Sterling Hts., MI 48313

OR CHOICE # 2: \$25.00

With credit card. Using this convenience is \$25.00 for this month, to cover the fees charged to our club by PayPal. Go to bottom of Luncheon page on our TNC website and click "BUY NOW" button. You will be directed to Pay Pal website (secure site, credit card info protected) to make your payment.

Please return no later than Saturday, March 18, 2017

Name: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Is this your first luncheon? Yes No

Visit our Website: www.troynewcomers.com

Ladies Game Night

Linda Marx, Activity Leader

This month we will be meeting at the home of Maureen Joseph on Monday, March 20 that 7:00pm. We encourage any member to join us. It is fun evening out! It is a chance to see Newcomer friends and have some friendly competition playing board games.

If you attend regularly and haven't hosted in awhile, please consider bringing an appetizer, dessert, or drinks to help out the hostess. Please let Maureen know ahead of time so she can plan accordingly.

If you will be coming, please contact Maureen by Friday, March 17th by emailing mojo1561@gmail.com or calling (248) 689-1509. We hope to see you there!

We are in need of a hostess for the month of April. If you attend often and have not hosted in awhile, please consider doing it. Please send an email to Linda Marx at lindamarx0825@gmail.com if you are willing to host. If no one offers to host in April, we will not meet that month. Please check the April newsletter for more information.

Couples Euchre

Mary Ann Donnelly, Activity Leader

February Euchre will not be held until next weekend, Feb. 25, so results are not yet available but will be included in the April newsletter.

March Couples' Euchre will be held at the home of Darlene Glaze on Saturday, March 25, at 6:45 pm. Cost is \$5 per person and everyone brings an appetizer or dessert. To RSVP, please call Darlene at 248-229-8077 or email her at dglaze@wowway.com.

Rainy Day News

Photos on the Website

Barbara Emmer, Website Coordinator

We would like to put photos of our events on our website. This would be a recruiting tool to show others how much fun we have in our Club. There would NOT be any names associated with any of the photos. I understand that some people are very private and would not want their face on a public website. So, if you do **NOT** want your photo posted on our website, please either email me at busy_be@comcast.net or call me at 248-828-7031 by March 31, 2017. Alternatively, if you have pictures that you think would be good for our website, please email them to me at the above address.

Ann Harding, a former TNC member, passed away a few months ago.

She was good friends with Joan Knapp and attended lunches for many years. Rest in peace. July 15, 1931 - December 14, 2016

Announcements

**Friday, March
4, 2017**

***Troy New-
comers Board
Meeting***

Troy Community Center

Friday, March 25, 2017

White Rose

Monica Taubitz - Publicity

Monica is in the process of becoming a Shutterfly guru. After three (yes, three) weddings as mother of the bride last year she has lots of pictures to archive and hopes to finish in time for first anniversary presents. (Very appropriate, since the traditional gift is paper!)



Although she claims her role was “occasional consultant and checkwriter” she was glad to have retired for six months before being lured back to work by some former co-workers. She currently works part-time for an allergy and asthma doctor and is enjoying learning something new.

Now that the weddings are behind them, Monica and husband Jim are planning to travel more. In April they will head off to visit one daughter in Chicago and another in Minneapolis before returning through Wisconsin. They are also planning a trip to the Grand Canyon. Monica also hopes to attend more Newcomers functions.

Monica enjoys the fact that the publicity job can be mostly handled from home with the occasional trip to place brochures in places. She is very grateful to Pam Harvat who preceded her in this job for having things so well organized and telling her about “American Towns” which allows her to send details to selected local papers.

Thank you, Monica, for taking on this vital role keeping our club growing and vibrant.

Red Rose

Denise Matthews - Scrapbooking



Denise Matthews is being recognized for chairing scrapbooking but she is proudest of her participation in Book Club. She has “read a lot of books that I wouldn’t have otherwise and finished them all!” She also participates in Bowling and Games Night.

Son Jake is in his last year at Wayne and is a very accomplished musician. Denise and husband John enjoy going to different places in Detroit to hear him play. Denise and John are also “School Partners”. They go every Monday afternoon to Harrington School in Pontiac. Denise assists with a 2nd grade class doing “whatever the teacher wants me to do” while John works with 5th graders on math.

Denise and “first dog” Ginger also go twice a month to Troy Beaumont where Ginger is a therapy dog. “Second dog” Bentley is in training to be a “Read to Me” dog at the Troy Library. Denise says she also has to spend some time training the children how to act around dogs.

In May (to celebrate graduation?) they will be travelling to Phoenix and the Grand Canyon.

Thank you, Denise, for initiating and continuing this activity.