



The Troy

Newcomers Topics

Carolyn Byl, Service

I have known Troy Newcomers to be a Club with generous ladies and this year has been no exception. We've "adopted" a family of a recently divorced full-time mother, with three boys, ages 7, 4, and 2. I had the pleasure of meeting the mother and two of the boys recently. I immediately fell in love with the boys. Their mother is busy building holiday traditions for them by stringing popcorn on their Christmas tree, participating in church activities and baking at grandma's house while battling a flooding basement with the landlord. She instills a sense of discipline and respect in the young children and the family loves to read. Many gifts have been selected already, however, there are still some choices left.

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If you haven't contributed yet and would like to participate, you can either attend a TNC function, or bowling on Tuesday where the signup sheet will be available. Otherwise, please do not hesitate to call Carolyn Byl. Carolyn would appreciate having the gifts returned by December 15 to bowling or by special arrangements made with her.

Darcel Connors, Fundraising

This year, I have taken on the position of Fundraising for our Club. I have held this position many years in the past when our efforts were much grander. I'm glad we have dialed it back to various smaller opportunities for our club. Our first effort was scrapbooking day in October. We had 15 women join us for a fun day of scrapbooking with breakfast and lunch included, as well as a FREE door prize drawing! I want to thank all our members who generously donated food, drinks, door prizes and/or attended. You really made this a success! We made a profit of \$150. I am looking for another location that may cost less to rent, so if you have a clubhouse or other venue available please let me know. I would like to hold another scrap/craft day if we can cut our overhead further. *Continued on Page 2*

Darcel Connors, Fundraising *Continued* We also held a fundraiser at Dream Dinners, where you can assemble freezer ready dinners for your family. We maxed out on the number of attendees of 12. It was a fun evening with friends and you get to take home three meals as well. We make \$10 from each person who signs up and attends these events. I do plan on holding another Dream Dinner event in the Spring, so if you missed out on this last one, be sure to watch your newsletter for the Spring date.

I am waiting to hear back about a couple other opportunities from restaurants in the area, but if you have any ideas for fundraising that would be a good fit for our club, please feel free to contact me at (248)396-5371 darcelc@prodigy.net. All ideas are welcome and will be considered!

Announcements

The next Board meeting will be held January 5 at the Troy Community Center Room 302.

The deadline for articles for the January newsletter is **Wednesday** December 27.

New Member

Welcome to Lou Anne Cahalan who joined our Club in October.

A Heartfelt Thanks...

Thank you for all the support club members have given since my husband, Terry, passed away suddenly on 10/4/17. The flower arrangement sent to the funeral was beautiful. I will display the angel statue in my garden next summer as a reminder of your kindness. I would also like to thank you for the food provided for the calling hours. Everything was delicious. Special thanks to those that organized the buffet, as well as those that helped me with the flowers and leftover food after the funeral luncheon at church. The cash donation will be given to one of Terry's favorite charities. So many of you either attended the visitation and/or funeral, made a donation, sent cards, made a phone call, fed me, etc., I cannot begin to thank you enough. I don't know how I would have gotten this far without caring friends like you. You are the best!

Fondly,
Sandy Navratil



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Happy Birthday Ladies!

Vickie Clark	11/20
(Sorry you were left out last month)	
Celeste Noel	12/03
Sandy Navratil	12/08
Linda Shepard	12/08
Gail Trendler	12/10
Darsha Ritchie	12/20
Amy Dennis	12/21
Tammy Duszynski	12/22
Verna Meinershagen	12/22
Pam Mayhew	12/29
Patricia Wehrung	12/30

December Luncheon Thursday, December 21, 2017

11:30 AM Gather 12:00 PM Lunch Served

DaFrancesco's

49521 Van Dyke, Shelby Township, MI 48317

Program:

We will have our annual Holiday Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift (holiday theme or not) with a maximum cost of \$15. (Please note this is NOT a White Elephant gift exchange.)

Menu:

Minestrone soup, tossed Italian salad, Pasta with marinara sauce, Chicken Piccante, Roasted Redskin Potatoes, and Green Beans Almondine. Includes coffee, iced tea and soft drinks.

Cost: CHOICE #1: \$25.00

Send your reservation check made out to "Troy Newcomers Club" to Marie W.

OR CHOICE # 2: \$26.00

With credit card. Using this convenience is \$26.00 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 Thursday, December 14, 2017

Visit our Website: www.troynewcomers.com

Name: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Is this your first luncheon? Yes No

January Social

The holidays seem to get so busy with hectic schedules so we will not be planning a social for December and hope you all enjoy your time with family. When the holidays are over and you need to get out of the house and have some fun we have planned a fun event on **January 13, 2018**.

Have you tried bombowling at The Hub in Auburn Hills? Here is your chance to try it for a fun night out. It is a game that combines bowling with throwing a football. You don't have to be good at either one just have some fun and shake off the winter blues. I have booked 3 lanes at 6:00 pm for one hour. The cost of each lane is \$100 per hour. I'm hoping to have 6-10 people per lane so the final cost will be determined closer to the time. Please call or email Jill M. and let me know how many will be coming by **December 27**. Bring your partner or a friend (maybe they would like to join Newcomers!). Look to the January newsletter for more information and final details.

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Troy Newcomers Annual Travel Plans for February 10-17, 2018

Couples and singles join us to escape the cold this February to **Punta Cana, Dominican Republic**. So far, Laura & Lou Carlin, Barb Emmer, Dawn Hoyer, Darlene Eckhout and others have expressed interest. Secrets Royal Beach all-inclusive adults only resort is highly rated and recommended. All are welcome to use their own travel agent or the one listed below.

At **Secrets Royal Beach Punta Cana**, amenities include:

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- Daily maid service, plus 24-hour room and concierge services
- Pool and beach wait service
- Daily refreshed mini-bar with soft drinks, juice, bottled water and beer
- Endless daytime activities and live nightly entertainment
- Theme parties, oceanfront bars and entertainment venues
- Catch some rays on a chaise lounge poolside or on our private sugar-white beach
- Try your luck at the on-site casino
- Take to the sea for sailing, kayaking or snorkeling; tee off at a nearby golf course
- Dance to live music or take in a show in our theatre
- Large pool (lazy river style)
- All taxes and gratuities included
- From dazzling days to evenings of magic – do it all or nothing at all. There are so many different ways to play. Float around in the expansive, free form swimming pool or catch a movie out on the beach. The choices are all yours.

All rates below are with Delta flights with 1 stop on the outbound & nonstop on the return, round trip hotel transfers, 7 nights, all meals & beverages, a \$200 resort coupon and a \$25 per person tour credit.

Tropical View	Double \$3805.15	Single \$2297.35
Garden Terrace View	Double \$4083.94	Single \$2439.89
Partial Ocean View King	Double \$4935.56	Single \$2871.43

The rates below are for the same resort and dates listed above but priced **without airfare**. Hotel transfers are still included as long as I get everyone's flight information in advance.

Tropical View	Double \$2995.05	Single \$1882.88
Garden Terrace View	Double \$3363.17	Single \$2046.05
Partial Ocean View King	Double \$4289.26	Single \$2485.05

All rates are subject to change until under deposit.

Insurance is not included and highly recommended. There are two different types of coverage. When you call to book your room I will explain the differences & pricing because the prices are based on the cost of your individual vacation.

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ROSE AWARDS

Each month, September through May, 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. The Troy Newcomers Club is truly grateful for the time these women take out of their busy schedules and the extraordinary effort they put forth on behalf of our Club.

WHITE ROSE – DECEMBER 2017

Darcel Connors – Fundraising

Darcel has worn a few different hats in her 20 years in the club. This year she has taken on the position of Fundraising. Again, Darcel is working the holidays at Brighton Collection in Somerset Mall. I'm sure she wouldn't mind if we stop in and see her sometime.

All of her kids are either working or in college now. Lauren is working at Recipes (I love that place) in Rochester after graduating with her chef's degree. She is doing Thanksgiving dinner for the family. Sit back and relax, Darcel. Lucky you! Claire lives in Oregon where she is attending a Master Make-Up School. That sounds really interesting! Michael is working and looking at buying a house. Samuel attends Central Michigan University. Darcel is also a distributor for Young Living Oils. Many of us have learned the benefit of them from Darcel. She dropped a hint that Young Living now has their own line of make-up also.

Darcel and her husband, Dennis have hosted many events including kick off nights and pool parties for our club. We want to say thank you for your hospitality and everything else you do for our club.

RED ROSE – DECEMBER 2017

Mary Ann Donnelly – Couples/Evening Euchre

Mary Ann has chaired the popular couples/evening euchre for our club, which meets once a month, for the past few years. Mary Ann is retired from Hewlett Packard at Detroit Diesel in Redford. She enjoys travel and joined our group this year on a Viking Cruise when they traveled from Paris to Prague. She is thinking about joining the group this next year when they travel to Punta Cana to escape the Michigan winter.

She has raised two boys. One of her sons is a Michigan fan that runs a sports blog in Ann Arbor. She herself attended MSU so I wonder who she cheers for when the two colleges go head to head? She also has one grandson.

We would like to thank you, Mary Ann, for continuing to chair this activity.

Book Club

Corinna Nientiedt, Activity Leader

The meeting for December will be held at Darlene E's house on Wednesday, December 20th at 7.00 pm. Please be on time. Please email or call Darlene if you plan to attend. The book will be "Christmas Stories" by Max Lucado.

Tuesday Morning Bowling

Susan Holle, Secretary



The Troy Newcomers Bowling League just finished the tenth week of bowling. Jane Egermann has bowled the league's highest game with a 212 and Susan Holle has the highest series with a 531. In the lead with most Turkeys bowled (6) is Laura Carlin and most Splits converted (5) is a tie between Jane Egermann, Maureen Joseph, Jill Miceli, Sandy Sands, June Tarian and Marie Watson.

The Team standings after the tenth week of bowling (11/14) are as follows:

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

We have a spot open on a team and are looking for a bowler. If you enjoy bowling, please consider joining the league and bowling on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am at Troy Lanes. The league is a non-sanctioned, fun and social league with an \$8 weekly fee and three-person teams. The season ends on April 24, 2018. For more information, contact Susan H.

Ladies Game Night

Linda Marx, Activity Leader

We will not be having games night in December. Everyone is so busy this time of the year, we decided to skip this month. We have hostesses for the rest of the year. So please check the newsletter each month for the details. Thanks again to everyone who has hosted so far this year and to those who will be hosting later this year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members.

Couples/Evening Euchre

Mary Ann Donnelly, Activity Leader

Many thanks to Michelle Freeman for hosting November Euchre. We had a full house with 7 tables and 28 people.

1st place was won by Mark Bazoian (86). Michelle Freeman took 2nd place with 76. In 3rd place was Dave Verduyn (73). There was a two-way tie for 4th place between Sharon Bazoian and Tom Duszynski (71). 6th place went to Amy Strnad (70) and a three-way tie between Sandy Gilmore, Sue Jones, and Dave Strnad in 7th place (68) rounded out the money winners.

Darcel Connors, Darlene Glaze, and Barb Emmer tied for most loaners with 3. The Euchre pot was split 4 ways between MaryAnn Locricchio, Dennis Connors, Tammy Duszynski, and Mike Dittrich.

Our next Newcomers' Euchre will be held on Saturday Dec. 2 at 6:45 pm. Hostess is Mary Ann D. Cost is \$5 per person and everyone brings an appetizer or dessert. To RSVP, please call Mary Ann.

We're an intermediate group and welcome new players. If you've played Euchre before, consider joining us for a fun evening!

Daytime Euchre

Gina Kossick, Activity Leader

We are playing this month on Thursday, December 14 at 9:15 am at the home of Darcel C. Darcel lives in Troy (see directory for address). Please RSVP to her by Tuesday, Dec. 12. If you are not a regular hostess, let Darcel 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 Barb P. for hosting in November 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!!!

Save the Dates for 2018:

January 18 at Kathie Mardyla's

February 15 at Kathy Holm's



Mah Jongg

Jane Egermann, Activity Leader

Are you one of those people?? You know the ones I mean – the people who have all their Christmas shopping done before Halloween, the house completely decorated the day after Thanksgiving, everything wrapped by December 1 and all the cookies baked by the 15th. (I'm not! Although, if I did have all the cookies baked by the 15th, I'd have to do it all again on the 23rd.)

I ask because we are debating having mah jongg on December 22nd. What I can guarantee is that we will meet on December 8th at 9:30 pm at the home of Jane E. That's certainly early enough in the month that you can fit it into your holiday plans. It's a no-stress morning (except when someone discards a joker!) that is certainly welcome during the holiday season.

If we do meet on the 22nd, it will be a 1pm also at Jane's. Make sure you're on her emailing list for the latest updates. Please contact Jane if you plan to come or need directions.

Scrapbooking

Denise Matthews, Activity Leader

We will be meeting for a daytime session of cropping on Thursday, December 7 at the Scrapbook Tree, located at Van Dyke and 23 Mile. The room is available between 11-7 pm. Come and stay as long as you like, take a lunch break or bring your lunch with you. There is now a \$10 fee to crop or you can purchase at least \$10 in scrapbooking supplies and the fee will be waived. The room has been renovated lately and they have upgraded their workstations.

Please contact me at by Monday, Dec. 4 if you plan to attend. We will all be seated together if the store is given a total upon our arrival.

Hopefully, our session is early enough this month for us to get together before holiday crunch time. If you are unable to attend this month, take lots of holiday photos and plan to come to our evening session in January. It will be held at the home of Darcel C in Troy. Check your January newsletter for the exact date and time.

Happy
Holidays!

Wine Tasting

Jan Fuhrman, Activity Leader

Take a break from your Christmas preparation and join us at the December Wine Tasting on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th** at 7:30 pm at the home of Mary and John K. If you plan to attend, please contact Mary at by Wednesday, December 13th. Please bring your own wine glass and an appetizer to share.

Cost will be \$10 per wine drinker. Hope to see you there!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

Meadow Brook Ushering

Laura Carlin, Activity Leader

We need ushers for Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. for all the plays listed below. If you are interested, members can bring their spouses (could be a date night). Arrive at Meadow Brook Theater on the campus of Oakland University 50 minutes before the performance time; have a brief meeting with the house manager, and seat patrons for 1/2 hour, then sit down in open seats toward the back.

If you cannot commit to the plays, please consider being a substitute and usher when you want. Please email me if you would like to be a regular on Friday Nights or a sub. Hope you can join us.

2017-2018 Season

*A Christmas Carol, November 30-December 3

Nana's Naughty Knickers, January 24-28

Tenderly, February 28-March 4

The Snow Geese, April 4-8

The All Night Struti, May 9-13

Burt & Me, June 13-17

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24 Christmas Eve	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27 Deadline for newsletter articles	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						