

October 2023



The Troy Newcomers Topics

A Message from Your Board

Monica DiMaggio & Karen Gard-Socials Co-Chairs



A little over a year ago, two women seeking to enhance their social lives and find additional female companionship, attended the Troy Newcomers Club's Annual Kickoff Meeting at Raintree Park. Those two ladies are us ... Monica and Karen. We jumped into the Club's activities by attending Book Club (both of us), Game Night (Karen), and Golf League (Monica). When asked to consider a Board position, we said YES! So here we are ... your new Socials Co-Chairs. We hope to plan and pull off some fun and engaging social events this year. We shared the ideas we have for the Club at the Kickoff Meeting and asked members to share what else they would be interested in doing. If you have ideas, please feel free to email us at socials@troynewcomers.com and we will add ideas to our list. It is our hope to schedule events and publicize far enough in advance so we can block our calendars and attend some fun events together. We are both grateful for being welcomed into the Troy Newcomers Club and hope to continue for as long as some of our tenured members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on Thursday, October 5th – 11:30am. Escape is located at 1950 E. Square Lake Rd. in Troy.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Sunshine/Rainy Day News: In addition to rainy day news, I would also like to publish some of the happier events in our lives. If you or a member you know of (and they give permission) have happy news to announce, please let me know and I will publish that here as well!



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Ever wonder where your Club dues goes? There are many items in our annual budget, several you're perhaps well aware of but some you've probably never thought about. The expenses you may not be aware of include yearly fees for the post office box (which increased dramatically in cost for next year,) the company that hosts our website, renewal of our website domain name and a state reporting fee that allows us to maintain our tax-exempt status. We print out a directory for each member, mailing out as few as possible to save our Club money. We also have color and black and white flyers distributed around the area to publicize our Club. There is a budget to help a family in need or charitable organization for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter/Spring time. We have also given money at the end of the year to local charities nominated by our members. And there is money to host our annual Kick-Off night and possibly have a free/discounted luncheon at the end of the year for our members. Other than our dues, the only source of income for the Club is advertising in our newsletter and website which at the present is only one advertiser, yielding \$50 per year. Our Board members work very hard to keep expenses down and provide enjoyable luncheons and events. If you ever have questions about our finances, please contact any Board member; we're happy to discuss it. Each year you elect your Board of Directors to be stewards of your Club. We are grateful to everyone who has served on the Board to keep this Club going. We always welcome new Board members who might give us new insights or perspectives. Getting involved is a great way to help the Club we all know and love.

October 26th Luncheon
The Masters Restaurant
1775 13 Mile, Madison Heights 48071
Meet at 12:00 pm

This month we'll gather to kick off our speaker series with Courtney Wilson Wellness Coordinator to talk about women's health.

Please select one of the following meals:

- **Beef Tenderloin Tips** – Asian style beef tips served over rice and topped with scallions. **\$26.00 (check or cash)**
\$27.50 (PayPal)
- **Chicken Parmesan** – Chicken breast breaded and sautéed topped with marinara sauce and cheese, served with pasta.
\$23.00 (check or cash) \$24.50 (PayPal)

Meals include Masters famous homemade bread and garden fresh salad. Cash Bar for Beverages.

Deadline October 20th.

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



Gifts of Love"

"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me ..." Mark 9:37

July 25, 2023

Martha Brosseau
Troy Newcomers Club
P.O. Box 103
Troy, MI 48099

Dear Martha,

We join with St. Paul in saying:

We thank God upon every remembrance of you...

We are so grateful for your donation of \$382 on July 18, 2023, to Gifts For All God's Children (GFAGC). This gift will be a great help to us as we work to fulfill our mission:

The mission of Gifts For All God's Children is to be a conduit of God's generous love. We provide resources focusing on the needs of underserved children while connecting them to Jesus. We do this by encouraging churches and organizations to work together to support spiritual, academic, and social growth in these children.

Generous donations like yours help support our ongoing programs as we work to improve and expand them. Through our 2023 Connecting Kids to Christ (CKC) activities, we retained a virtual tutoring option and saw an increase in attendance for in person tutoring (which included a partnership with Marion Law Academy, a DPSCD facility). We have also continued in person summer camps and a virtual Sunday School program for the children. Our School Aid Outreach Project is currently in process and will provide backpacks filled with school supplies to hundreds of urban children.

We thank you again for your generous gift and for all that you do to support and extend our mission. You are helping to make a difference in the lives of so many!

Sincerely,

Patti Jacques

Patti Jacques
Executive Director

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July 6, 2023

Susan Purcell
Troy Newcomers Club
PO Box 103
Troy, MI 48099-0103

Dear Susan,

Thank you for making sure more kids like ours get their own PAWS Service Dog for Children with Autism. We spent years trying to find the best solution for Matthew, but none of the interventions we tried really worked. Then Paws With A Cause, and people like you, gave us all the help we needed.

You also gave us the gift of sleep! We have not had to spend a night in Matthew's room since VERNA, his PAWS Dog, came home. This has been wonderful for all of us. Matthew is a great kid, but his autism makes life hard sometimes. He gets overwhelmed easily, making trips to the grocery store or other daily activities difficult.


We heard that PAWS provided Service Dogs for Children with Autism and began to investigate how they might be able to help our family. When we discovered that PAWS provides Dogs to their Clients at no cost we were elated.

VERNA has become Matthews's best friend, and our whole family's favorite teammate. We all work together to keep Matthew safe, happy, and calm. Now that VERNA is in his life, he handles the little everyday challenges life throws our way more easily and his confidence has grown by leaps and bounds.



Thank you for giving our son a brighter future, for giving us a full night's sleep, and for giving the next kid on the list their PAWS Dog a little quicker.

Sincerely,

Judd Anne MATTHEW 

Judd, Anne, Matthew, and VERNA



October and November Socials

Karen Gard & Monica DiMaggio – Co- Chairs

**Wednesday, 10.11.23 / Rain Date: Thursday, 10.12.23 from 11 am
– 1 pm RSVPs due by 10.6.23**



Bring a chair, pack a lunch, bring some money for cider and donuts, wear comfortable walking shoes if you want to walk the beautiful path and come spend a couple of hours with your TNC members at Yates Cider Mill. We have been told that construction should be completed by our event date(s). We will update everyone in next month's newsletter.

If it rains on Wednesday, we have set aside Thursday, 10.12.23 as our Rain Date day.

Please RSVP by 10.6.23 to Karen Gard at kgard7@comcast.net or call or text 248.506.7412.

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Wednesday, 11.8.23 from 7 pm – 10 pm – Craft Event at a Member's Home RSVPs due by 10.19.23

**Ladies
Craft
Night**

We are accepting wait list names, as we have a full list of attendees at this time. We will be making a mesh wreath of your choice. Details will be added closer to the event, but we wanted everyone to mark your calendars.

RSVPs will be due by 10.19.23 to Karen Gard at kgard7@comcast.net or call or text 248.506.7412.

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 – Linda Pruss



Many of you remember last February's luncheon at the Alibi. It was preceded by "Gentle Chair Yoga" with our very own Linda Pruss as instructor. Some were pleased with their strength and balance. Others, like me, learned we had some work to do. (actually, a lot of work). Either way it is pretty cool to have a Yoga Therapist as a club member. Linda began teaching yoga at the Beaumont Health Club in 2011. In 2022 she completed her studies and is now a certified Yoga Therapist. This Fall Linda began one on one therapy both at the club and at her home. Linda has been a member of the Newcomers for about 20 years. A friend invited her to a few events and soon Linda became a member. She began by Ushering and joining Book Club. Linda still enjoys these events along with some socials and luncheons. When not busy with Yoga, Linda enjoys biking and gardening. She and her husband have two adult daughters. Until recently her oldest daughter was living in Spain. Luckily Linda was able to visit her there and get a real insider's view of the country. This September Linda and her husband are taking a 3-week trip to Ireland, Scotland and Iceland. They both love to travel and are planning additional trips to include Malta and Norway. Linda encourages all potential members to join. "You will find something you enjoy and discover many opportunities."

Thank you, Linda, for sharing your yoga expertise with us.

RED ROSE - Laura Carlin



Technically, she is not on the board. Technically, she is not an activity coordinator. Actually, when anyone needs help, one of the first people they call is Laura Carlin. Laura has been a Newcomer for 28 years and has held almost all board positions, including President. She oversaw Meadowbrook Ushering for years. (Luckily, we had Marie Hochstein to take over when Laura retired.) Laura assisted Janet with the summer events and helped Gina with the kick-off. She is also a wealth of information regarding anything Newcomers. She enjoys bowling, euchre, luncheons and socials. When not participating in Newcomer activities, Laura enjoys her 5 grandchildren. Taylor, 7yrs and the only girl. Twin boys aged 5, Brooks and Nolan. Jack 4 ½ and Mason 2yrs. Believe it or not, the entire family was together for a full week this summer at her daughter and son in law's cottage. There they enjoyed boating, tubing, fishing, kayaking, swimming and even campfires.

Laura and Lou love traveling. This past year they have been to Hawaii, Florida and on a Caribbean cruise. They are also joining other Newcomers on the upcoming Mediterranean Cruise. When asked about her feelings about the club, Laura said "It's been a great 28 years. I have enjoyed meeting so many new people and doing so many things."

Thanks to Laura for everything she does for the club.

WHITE ROSE – Gina Kossick, Activities Co-Chair



To most she is Gina Kossick, NICU nurse at Roya Oak Beaumont Hospital. However, to the Troy Newcomers, she is Gina Kossick Hostess Extraordinaire. Our 2023-2024 kick-off meeting was held at Gina's home on Tuesday August 29th and what a success! 63 women showed up for tacos and margaritas, and we welcomed 6 new members to our club. Gina oversees activities along with her co-chair Denise Nicholson. She is grateful to Denise, Laura Carlin, Darcel Connors and Janet Gole for all their help in pulling off a great night.

Gina has been a newcomer for 28 years. She credits the Newcomers with her desire to stay in Michigan. When she and her husband, Don first moved here, she didn't know anyone and had no family here. She began her Newcomer career by joining the bowling league. (She is still a bowler today) and made friends to last a lifetime.

Married, with both a son and a daughter, Ruthie, her 16 month old granddaughter is without a doubt the star of the family. Gina gets to take care of her every Wednesday. Next January, Ruthie will become a big sister. Needless to say, Gina is overjoyed.

Last February, Gina and Don went on a short cruise with the Carlins. However, their big post-covid trip is coming up this September. Along with 14 other Newcomers, they will be cruising the Mediterranean. They will be visiting Spain, France, Italy, Croatia as well as Venice. It sounds like a fabulous trip.

We all thank Gina for her hard work over the years.

WHITE ROSE - Denise Nicholson, Activities Co-Chair



A million thank yous to Denise Nicholson who worked with Gina to make our kick-off night such a success. For those of us who felt a little tipsy that night, we can thank Denise and her margarita machine.

A little over two years ago Denise attended the kick-off meeting at the Troy Community Center. She joined the club because of bowling and gradually became more active in the club. Other interests include Pickle-ball, Bible Study and Line Dancing.

Denise is originally from Toledo and moved here with her husband in 1990. Shortly after the move her husband was sent overseas to fight in Desert Storm. While he was away Denise worked as a respiratory therapist at Henry Ford Hospital. Her training was what enabled her to care for her husband at home before he passed away.

Denise and her husband have one son and two grandsons aged 13 and 15. Luckily, they live in Rochester Hills. The entire family spent 16 days on a European vacation. They spent 4 days in Rome and were on a ship touring Florence, Barcelona, France and finally back to Italy.

September 10th has Denise on a bus trip to Savannah with her line dancing friends. There they will be touring Jekyll Island. Fortunately, she will be home in time for the new bowling season.

Denise encourages all new members to "Be open to meeting new people and trying new things."

Thank you, Denise, for your work with the club and especially the Margaritas!

TNT Advertising Information

Troy Newcomers offers an opportunity for businesses in Troy and surrounding areas to advertise at very reasonable rates. If you have a business, would like to recommend a business, or have any questions, please contact the Advertising Director at the following email:

advisor@troynewcomers.com

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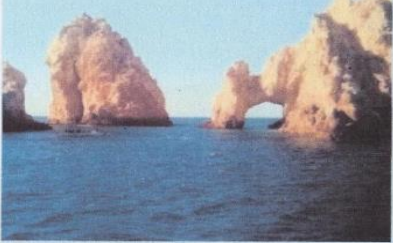
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ACTIVITIES



Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader

Please join us at the **October 18** meeting, hosted by JoAnn Bologna. Her book is The Chilbury Ladies Choir by Jennifer Ryan. Through letters and journals, The Chilbury Ladies' Choir unfolds the struggles, affairs, deceptions, and triumphs of a village choir during World War II as England becomes enmeshed in the early days of World War II and the men are away fighting, the women of Chilbury village forge an uncommon bond.

Please contact JoAnn at joann.bologna@comcast.net to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

Join us for an October book club, the days include cider, pumpkins and the changing fall leaf colors.



Bowling – Darcel Connors, Secretary

We begin play on Thursday, October 5th at 9:30 a.m. at the Escape Lanes located on Square Lake Rd at John R. We have 8 teams this year. We are always looking for subs. Looking forward to a wonderful season! Contact Darcel at darcelc@prodigy.net if you would like to be put on our sub list!



Daytime Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader

Welcome back euchre players to another season of Daytime Euchre!

We are playing this month on **TUESDAY**, October 24, at 9:15 am at the home of Sue Jones. Suel lives in Troy, see directory. Please RSVP to her by Friday, October 20 at 248-909-7839 or email: sci1jones@gmail.com.

We will play the following month on **MONDAY**, November 13 at 9:15 am, at the home of Gina Kossick. Gina lives in Troy, see directory. Please RSVP to her by Friday, November 10, at 248-854-9957 or email: gbean1961@gmail.com.

If you are not a regular hostess, let Sue and Gina 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.

I still need hostesses for **DECEMBER, JANUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY**

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!!!

Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



If you like to play euchre, laugh, and have fun, come join us Saturday, October 21 at 6:45 at the home of Claudia Sparschu. Please let Claudia know you are coming by sending her an Email: csparschu@yahoo.com

Thank you to Amy Strand for hosting the euchre party in September. Dave Strand came in first place and Amy Strand in second. Good card night for the Strand family! A big warm welcome to two new players Kathi and Mike!

I am looking for hostesses January through May. Send me an email and we can work together to create an enjoyable night darleneglaze@gmail.com

Save these dates:

November 18, 2023 Home of Darcel Connors Email darcelc@prodigy.net

December 2, 2023. Home of Darlene Glaze - Email darleneglaze@gmail.com

Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Game Night is a fun night of beginner friendly games that the hostess can choose each month. All are welcome to come. If you attend regularly but do not host, it is asked that you call the hostess and offer to bring something to help.

This month, Sue Jones will host on Monday, October 23 at 7:00. Please email her at sc1jones@gmail.com if you are able to attend.

Looking ahead, Diana Alexanian will host on November 15 at 7:00.

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Okay, all you people who said you wanted to play Mah jongg at Kickoff Night but couldn't get to play in September...

You have another chance as long as you aren't superstitious. Play will be at the home of Jane Egermann on Friday, October 13 at 9:30 am. If you are a triskaidekaphobe, you can join us at the same address on Friday, October 27 at 1 pm.

Please contact Jane at jane48085@yahoo.com or her phone number in the directory if you plan to come, need directions or just want to be on the email list for reminders.

Meadowbrook Ushering – Marie Hochstein, Activity Leader



Are you already to begin a great new season of plays at Meadow Brook Theatre? I know I am! I encourage all ushers to read the newsletter every month for details, changes and special announcements. Our first play is Ken Ludwig's Moriarity. A Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson mystery that is sure to keep us guessing. We will be ushering October 18th through the 22nd. All ushers have been sent a packet of information and a yearlong schedule/calendar. Please arrive 45 minutes in advance and wait in the foyer for the staff to instruct us on actions to be taken. Dark skirts/pants and white blouses/sweaters/shirts are the uniform expected. Remember that ushers are instructed not to sit in front of patrons, so only take available seats in the back of the Theatre. We have many new ushers this year, so I ask all usher veterans to guide them into a positive start.

Thank you for volunteering! I look forward to drams, laughter and fun musicals!

Scrapbooking – Debbie Risko, Activity Leader



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on Wednesday October 25th from 11am – 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 and crop for free. Please let Debbie know you will be attending.

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



Please look for information on joining our league in the Spring of 2024.

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



Our end-of-season golf outing was a great success! It was held this year at Glen Oaks golf course in Farmington Hills. It was so nice to enjoy the season wrap up with such a great group of ladies. I look forward to joining them all next spring!

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 28 at 6:30pm. It will be hosted at the home of Terry Slater. Please RSVP Terry at terryslater@live.com by Wednesday, October 25 if you plan to attend. Halloween attire and costumes are welcome but not necessary or required.

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. This is held once a month on a Friday or Saturday evening of the hostess's choice beginning at 6:30pm.

Thank you, Accent Florist for donating the roses for our Awards this month! Please remember them for all your floral needs!



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October

2023



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