

November 2023



The Troy

Newcomers Topics

A Message from Your Board

Michele Burns, Service



Hi, I'm Michele Burns your new Service Board Chair. I originally started with Newcomers over 10 years ago ushering at Meadowbrook Theatre. At a play earlier this year, I was approached to be the Service Board Chair and happily agreed. I was also a new member of the Sylvan Glen Golf league this summer. I'm looking forward to practicing over the winter, hopefully getting better and playing next year!!

As the Service Board Chair, I coordinate our Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter donations. This year we have chosen the Food Pantry at Faith Lutheran Church on Dequindre in Troy as our beneficiary for Thanksgiving. Faith Lutheran generally serves 20-25 local families and seniors with a turkey and all the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Their food pantry and Thanksgiving outreach are supported by their membership and community donations. They need and appreciate any non-perishable food or financial donations.

The Newcomers Club will be donating \$150 of non-perishable food. If you would like to add to our donation with food (either for Thanksgiving or everyday meals) or a monetary donation please read the Service Section of this Newsletter for pickup locations and dates.

If you have any questions or will not be attending one of the events where collections will take place, please email me at micheleburns@gmail.com by Nov 14th to make arrangements for a pickup.

Newcomers will be working with Grace Centers for Hope as our Christmas project. A representative will be at the November luncheon to tell us about their programs. Please check next month's Newsletter's Service section for Christmas details.

Thank you and together we can give a few families/seniors a happier Thanksgiving!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on Thursday, November 2nd– 11:30am. Escape is located at 1950 E. Square Lake Rd. in Troy.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Sunshine/Rainy Day News: It is with a very heavy heart that we must notify you of the passing of Sue Moher's son, Michael this past July. Member, Barb Shimoura continues to recover in the hospital from surgery she had this past August.



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November 16th Luncheon
Clawson Steak House
56 S. Rochester Rd, Clawson 48017
Meet at 12:00 pm

This month we will meet at a family-owned restaurant that has been a local favorite for 50 years. **Mark Cunningham, Dir. of Donor Relations** will tell to us about the good work and lives impacted at the **Grace Centers of Hope** in Pontiac.

The meal choices are:

- **Pepper Steak** – Medallions of tenderloin beef sautéed with green and red peppers, water chestnuts and onions served over rice. **\$25.00 (check or cash) \$26.50 (PayPal)**
- **Chicken Caesar Salad** – Grilled chicken breast atop a traditional Caesar Salad with house made dressing. **\$25.00 (check or cash) \$26.50 (PayPal)**
- **Atlantic Salmon** – Fresh salmon filet broiled and lightly seasoned, served with vegetable and rice. **\$28.00 (check or cash) \$29.50 (PayPal)**

Meals include fresh baked bread and green garden salad. Cash Bar for Beverages.

Deadline November 10th

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

September Luncheon Recap

There was a good time had by all that attended the first luncheon of our club year. After a delicious lunch provided to us by Griffin Claw, and maybe a few brews, a game was played and the longest member and the newest member in attendance were given a gift.



October Social

A little mist and chilly temps couldn't stop us from meeting at Yates Cider Mill. We enjoyed our lunches and the hot donuts and cider.



November and December Socials Karen Gard & Monica DiMaggio – Social Co-Chairs

Your Rookie Social Co-Chairs have two Socials under our belt (the Funky Ferndale Art Fair and Yates Cider Mill). Two down and many more to come



Our **November** Social will be a Craft Night on 11.8.23 from 7 pm – 10 pm. We have had a few cancellations so if you want to attend the Craft Night where we will make a wreath, please contact Karen at 248.506.7412 ASAP and she will get you the supplies needed to bring and all the details.



For **December**, we will not have a formally scheduled Social, but we have a few options that might be interesting events to attend with minimal coordination required. If you are interested in attending one of these and would like to try to sit with other TNC members, text Karen (248.506.7412) and she will set up a cell phone list for communication between everyone wishing to attend.

- 12.7.23 ~ Winter Band Concert in the Troy High School Auditorium. The Winter Concert provides a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Admission is FREE and starts at 7:00 pm. *Go Colts says Monica.*
- 12.12.23 ~ Winter Band Concert in the Athens High School Auditorium. This is always a great way to put you in the Holiday Spirit. The concert is FREE and starts at 7:00 pm. *Go Red Hawks says Karen.*

And That's a Wrap for 2023. Stay tuned for our 2024 Social events which will be announced in the coming newsletters.

Service, Michele Burns

Faith Lutheran Church's Food Pantry in Troy is the recipient of the Newcomers Club's Thanksgiving holiday donation. Their food pantry outreach provides area needy families and seniors a special Thanksgiving dinner as well as regular meals throughout the year. The Faith Food Pantry serves the community as an emergency food provider, helping families for up to three months. If they are still in need help, the Faith Food Pantry will assist them in connecting with government agencies or community services.

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.

Thanksgiving – stuffing, cornbread, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned potatoes or sweet potatoes, boxed desserts, etc.

Everyday meals - soups, canned pastas, canned chicken or tuna, mac & cheese, canned vegetables (garbanzo beans (chickpeas) & green beans are favorites), canned fruits, pancake mix, syrup, rice, canned tomatoes, etc.

I'll be collecting this food and the monetary donations on **Nov 9th at bowling, Nov 13 at Daytime Euchre, Nov 15 at Book Club and Nov 16 at the Luncheon**. 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. 14th**. Donations are also available to be made by **PayPal** on our website, likewise due **by Nov 14th**. <https://www.troynewcomers.com/volunteering/>

If you have any questions or will not be attending one of the events where collections will take place, please email me at micheleburns@gmail.com **by Nov 14** to make arrangements for a pickup.

Thank you and together we can spread some joy to needy families and seniors this Thanksgiving!!



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advisor@troynewcomers.com

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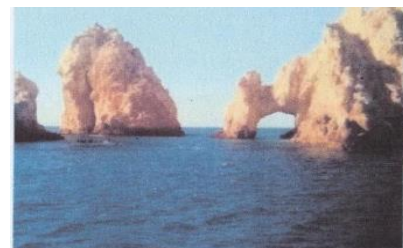
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RED ROSE AWARDS

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.



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 year's 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?

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

RED ROSE- Jan Egermann, Mah Jongg



While visiting her daughter in Oklahoma, Jane overheard her daughter asking her grandchildren “Who wants to see Nana jump out of an airplane?” When the children answered in the affirmative, Jane did what any good Nana would do and jumped out of a plane. It was a tandem jump from about 10,000 feet. I asked Jane what type of plane it was, and her answer was “small”

On an equally challenging mission, Jane survived 10 days in Grand Rapids watching over two of her other grandchildren while their parents were in Turkey.

Jane has been a Newcomer since 1985 and has been the lead hostess and instructor for Mahjong since 1991. She welcomes new players and everyone who attends a session can attest to the fact that not only is she knowledgeable, but she is also very patient.

Previously, Jane has served on the board as Newsletter editor, President and Advisor. However, her first board position was that of Baby-sitting chairperson. (The club has evolved).

You can frequently find Jane at Lifetime Fitness. She also sings Alnor in her church choir. Jane is one of the top bowlers in our league, where she is well known for her cute and inciteful t-shirts. The latest reads “I see no good reason to act my age,” Whatever age she decides to act we are grateful to Jane for all she does for the club.



ACTIVITIES

Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the **November 15** meeting, hosted by Darlene Glase. Her book is *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore. A dark and dramatic but ultimately uplifting tale of Elizabeth Packard, a forgotten woman whose inspirational journey sparked lasting change for women's rights and exposed injustices that still resonate today.

Please contact Darlene at darleneglaze@gmail.com to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

Join us for a November book club: just days away from Thanksgiving, before you'll need to prepare turkey, stuffing, potatoes and all the extras.

New to TNC? Think about joining Book Club! Sometimes books just take us away for a little while, and return us to our place with a new perspective.

Bowling – Darcel Connors, Secretary



Our bowling start was delayed a week due to an issue at the lanes. But, on the 12th we were able to get back to bowling! This year we added another team.

Currently, after two weeks we have little movement in the standings. Team #4 holds first place, followed very close behind by Team #1. Teams #7 and #8 are tied for third, as well as Teams #6 and #5 are tied for fourth. The last two places are held in order by Team #2 and lastly Team #3.

Denise Nicholson set the bar very high, bowling a 194 for high game so far. Close behind her is Laura Carlin with a 178 game. We are still looking for substitute bowlers, if interested please contact me at darcelc@prodigy.net. I will add you to our list of subs.

Daytime Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on **Monday, November 13** at 9:15 am at the home of Gina Kossick. Gina lives in Troy, see directory for address. Please RSVP to her by Friday, November 10, at 248-854-9957 or email at: gbean1961@gmail.com. If you are not a regular hostess, let Gina know if you wish to bring a breakfast item for that morning.

A Big Thank You to Sue Jones for hosting in October!

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



Hello Euchre Players:

Come join us **Saturday, November 18 at 6:45** at the home of **Darcel Connors**. Darcel's warm and welcoming personality will make you feel at home, and I know you will have a good time. Let Darcel know you are coming - darcelc@prodigy.net

Thank you, Claudia Sparschu for hosting the party in October! There was a three- way tie for first place between Doug, Darcel and Linda.

Euchre is scheduled for December 2, and it is at my house. Please let me know you are coming at darleneglaze@gmail.com

We ask for volunteers to host a euchre party each month. The hostess will supply soda, coffee, and water. Attendees should BYOB and a dish to pass to share with the group. I need a hostess for February, March, and April next year. Please let me know if you can host a party. Thank you to Marie Hochstein for offering to host in January, and Marissa Hunter for the month of May.

See you Soon!

Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Diana Alexanian will host this month's Game Night on November 15 at 7:00. Please text or call her at 248-505-6159 if you can attend.

We will not have a Game Night in December. Enjoy the holidays!

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



We're working our way toward Michigan winter. That means we're all going to want some indoor activities. Why not try mah jongg?

Our play dates in November will be Friday, the 10th at 9:30 am and Friday the 24th (yes, that is the day after Thanksgiving, but I'm not a devotee of shopping in crowds) at 1pm. (See, you can even get some shopping in before you play!)

Just a heads up so you can plan your calendar for December as well. Mark the 8th at 9:30 am and the 22nd at 1pm. There will be a reminder in the December newsletter as well as an email to all those on Jane's list.

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



A Christmas Carol



Allow me to be the first to say...Happy Holidays! The TNC will next usher for **A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens and adapted by Charles Nolte. This is the 41st year of this tradition and reminds us of the true spirit of the holiday. All hands-on deck is required for this, the most attended play of the season. Remember we have an adjustment to the normal usher schedule for this play only. Our dates are December 7th through December 16th. **Wednesday matinee ushers are reassigned for the addition of a Saturday December 9th 2:00 PM performance. Wednesday evening ushers are rescheduled for the added Sunday December 10th evening performance at 6:30 PM.** Please carefully check your calendar for your assignment. Let the festivities begin! As a side note- child tickets are half price the first week of the play starting November 17th. Great Christmas gifts!

Scrapbooking – Debbie Risko, Activity Leader



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on November 20th 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



Information regarding the Sylvan Glen Golf League will be posted early in 2024. But, if you are interested in joining as a regular or as a sub, please feel free to contact me at any time at gatrendler@gmail.com

Wine Tasting – Ann Britton, Activity Leader



There will not be a wine tasting event in November.

The December wine tasting will be at Martha Brosseau's home on December 23 at 6:30pm. RSVP Martha Brosseau at marthabrosseau6@gmail.com by December 20. There will be more information in the December newsletter.



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