

February 2024



The Troy Newcomers Topics

A Message from Your Board

Gail Trendler – Advisor

In February, we begin to enjoy longer periods of daylight, we might be planning a spring vacation, and we just may be enjoying some warmer days. The other thing that happens in February, is we begin to recruit nominees for next year's Board.

Our club has been blessed with a great group of talented ladies who give so freely of their time as Activity Leaders and Board Members. As your advisor this year, I will be forming a committee to nominate Board Members for the 2024/2025 season. Being a Board member does not require a lot of your time. If you find you have a few hours to spare, we would love to talk to you about taking on a Board position.

As with most groups, there is always a core team of people who so willingly give of their time to help that organization. The Troy Newcomers is no exception. But, in order for our club to continue to thrive, we need to support this core group with some new volunteers.

All of the current Board members are more than willing to work with anyone who might be interested in taking on a Board position. I think you will find it very rewarding, not to mention fun.

If you have any questions about any of the Board positions, please do not hesitate to contact me at gatrendler@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to helping create a great slate of new board members!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on Thursday, February 1st– 11:30am. Escape is located at 1950 E. Square Lake Rd. in Troy.

Newsletter Deadline

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



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February 22nd Luncheon
Noni's Grille
3364 Rochester Rd, Troy 48083
Meet at 12:00 pm

It's been several years since our last visit to the local establishment, Noni's Grille. We'll be in the private back room so that we can hear our speaker. Sue Olesen, a retired OCC instructor, is going to give us some insight into George Washington on his 292nd birthday.

Meal choices are:

- Strawberry Chicken Salad – Grilled chicken breast w/strawberries, walnuts, oranges, cucumbers, tomatoes and raisins. Cost \$20.35, PayPal \$21.59.
- Chicken Stir Fry – Grilled chicken w/fresh vegetables served on a bed of rice pilaf w/pita. Includes your choice of soup, salad or coleslaw. Cost \$20.35, PayPal \$21.59
- Fish & Chips – Crispy Icelandic cod (3 pieces) served with choice of potato and choice of soup, salad or coleslaw. \$20.35, PayPal \$21.59.
- Hamburger Deluxe – ½ lb. served w/lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickles. Select two of the following: soup, salad, coleslaw, fries or pop. Cost \$19.00, PayPal \$20.19. Add \$1.25 for cheese.
- Gyro Pita Deluxe – Gyro meat with onions, tomatoes and gyro sauce. Select two of the following: soup, salad, coleslaw, fries or pop. Cost \$22.75, PayPal \$24.08.

Deadline February 16th.

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

January Luncheon Recap

We enjoyed a delicious lunch at Lukich's in Troy. Afterward, we heard Officer Pokley inform us about the many ways scam artists are trying to outsmart us. And it isn't all happening on the internet. He came with many handouts providing tips on safety in your home, in your car, while traveling and while walking in your own neighborhood. He also provided information on vetted credit bureaus, and how A. I. has impacted the types of scams they are seeing now. Also, when using ATM machines, particularly those outside of your regular bank, be sure to check the machine out well before inserting your card. Some of those machines can have devices on them to capture your information and it gives them access to your account. I know the news above is a bit depressing, but be assured that the Troy Police Department is doing all they can to stay on top of these scams and catch those responsible. Always double check and feel free to call your bank or police department to find out if your particular situation is a legitimate one. They will always be willing to help.

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advisor@troynewcomers.com

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Full Page - \$100

Circulation of our newsletter is approximately 140. Your ad will also be posted on our website for no additional charge. Members can purchase a 30-word classified ad for \$5.00 per month (please note any classified ads will NOT be posted on the website). Ad payments are due before the newsletter deadline (the 25th of each month.)

Mail to: Troy Newcomers P.O. Box 103 Troy, MI 48099

Monica DiMaggio & Karen Gard
Social Co-Chairs

Let's Get SOCIAL in February



Friday, 2.23.24 from 5:30 pm - ??? at Gumbo's Bar & Restaurant

February is the month when Mardi Gras is celebrated in 2024 and we will be gathering for a fun filled night with New Orleans cuisine, (boiled crawfish is even on the menu), a live jazz band, cocktails and dancing. This will be a guest event, so come solo or bring a significant other, friend or anyone who would love to join our lively group ... either way, we guarantee a good time! This is an annual event at Gumbo's and it is always a sellout, so check your calendars and send in your **RSVP by 2.2.24** to Karen at kgard7@comcast.net or via text at 248.506.7412 including the number of people attending. We currently have 7 people already signed up. You will be ordering food and beverages at the restaurant and be responsible for your own bill. No need to send in any money before the event but we do ask that you please respect the RSVP process to give anyone who wants to attend the event a seat in the main room with the band.

Here are the links about the night

Restaurant: <https://www.gumbosmtclemens.com/>

Band: <http://rjspangler.com/rjtbone.php>

Laissez les bon temps rouler, y'all!

SERVICE

Michele Burns

Penrickton Center For Blind Children has been chosen as our Spring Service project. Penrickton is a private non-profit, providing care and support to blind and visually impaired, multi-disabled children and their families in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

Check out their website at: <https://penrickton.org/>.

Penrickton Center for Blind Children was established in the City of Taylor, Michigan in 1952 by three families (**Penman**, **Ricker** and **Wigginton**) as a day nursery for blind preschoolers. Through the years, Penrickton Center has constantly changed to meet the needs of visually impaired children in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

Currently, they specialize in working with children who are visually impaired, ages one through twelve, with at least one additional handicap. Such as deafness, cerebral palsy, developmental delay, seizures, etc. The Center provides five-day residential, day care, and consultation/evaluation services. There is no charge to families for any of their services. Penrickton Center for Blind Children relies **solely** on private donations for all programs and services.

Newcomers Spring \$75 donation will go towards a Meijer/Kroger gift card (for fresh fruit, vegetables and dairy products) and a Michael's/Jo-Ann gift card (for their class arts & craft supplies.) Members who would like to add to the Newcomer donation should bring to **February** events, cash or a check made out to "Troy Newcomers Club" or a Meijer/Kroger/Michael's/Jo-Ann gift card. Donations may also be mailed to Troy Newcomers P.O. Box 103, Troy, MI 48099 or donate by PayPal on the Newcomers website under Service/Fundraising page. I'll try to attend as many events as possible, at the beginning to collect donations (bowling collections will be at the **END** of bowling on Feb. 1st and 8th) If I'm not at your event, please give your donation to the event hostess or contact me at micheleburns@gmail.com for pick-up. All donations should be in by February 24th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! The Thanksgiving and Holiday service projects were a huge success, let's see if we can finish off the season with another successful project!



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- Kathy Mitter, VP of Luncheons

Kathy Mitter has been a Newcomer for about 5 years. I would like to think she joined because I kept telling her how much fun it was. Alas, credit must go to another member, Joyce Udder, her mom. Marie Watson gets the credit for talking Kathy into joining the board. The ladies have known one another since high school and as our wonderful luncheons suggest, they make a great team. In true Newcomer fashion, Kathy and her husband Kurt are planning a 3-week road trip to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. The road Atlas is out, and they are probably going West.

Personally, I think Kathy will have a hard time being gone for so long. She has 2 daughters, Katie and Kristen and by the time of the trip will have 4 granddaughters, Aili, Ella, Remi and (yet to be determined). Kathy babysits for the girls 3 days a week (2 days during the summer). I anticipate a lot of facetiming. As the girls grow up and babysitting becomes less time-consuming, Kathy plans on becoming more active in the club.

Kathy retired from Troy Beaumont several years ago where she worked as a Respiratory Therapist. She even remembers Gina as being one of the nicest nurses in the Neo-Natal Unit.

Before starting her career as a respiratory therapist, Kathy was the only female regional manager in the soft drink industry. Kathy worked for Vernors and covered Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. While aspects of the job were fun, such as planning the company Christmas party and going to Toys R Us with a blank check, you must remember that she had to drive everywhere with no cell phone or GPS. Five nights a week in a hotel is not as glamorous as it sounds.

Kathy enjoyed helping Michele Burns with the Christmas giving project. Kathy said "I was glad to get involved, I felt it was a very positive experience. Whenever I meet someone new in the club, they seem very upbeat and positive." We are glad to have such an upbeat and positive club member in Kathy. Thanks, Kathy, for all your efforts

WHITE ROSE- Marie Watson, VP of Luncheons

Marie joined the Newcomers 14 years ago, one week after the Memorial Service for her late husband, Duane. "I am so thankful for the love, support and fun the Newcomers provide. It got me through a tough time," said Marie

Marie has spent quite a few years on the board, as Recording Secretary, President, and Advisor. This is about her third time serving as Vice President of Luncheons. This year she is happy to be working with Kathy Mitter, a high school friend. Speaking of high school friends, about 12 years ago Marie attended a mini reunion with high school classmates. There she met a fellow widower and romance bloomed. Marie and Terry have been together ever since. They each maintain their own home but own a Harbor Springs condo together.

Marie has 2 boys, Stuart and Ian. She also has 4 grandchildren, Jordyn 18, Abigail 8, Parker 6 and Dylan 15 months. Much of Marie's time is spent with family, babysitting and watching Parker take after his Dad on the hockey rink.

We all know Marie's sisters, Gail, Carol and Tracy. Gail and Carol are active club members as was Tracy until she moved to Florida, where she frequently opens her home to her sisters.

This March, Marie will be traveling to North Carolina to visit with a former Newcomer, Sandy Sands. A little bird whispered in Marie's ear that 2025 would bring a Newcomers trip to Spain & Portugal. She is really hoping for the bird chirps to come true. Until then Marie will occupy herself with luncheons, book club, bowling and golf. In addition to Newcomers, Marie is very involved in her church, United Methodist and is a member of the United Women of Faith.

Thanks Marie, for all you do for the club and the community.

RED ROSE- Jill Miceli, Game Night Activity Leader

Fresh off a 405 series in bowling, Jill Miceli is awaiting a call from "Bowling with the Champs." Even though her 158 was slightly overshadowed by Bonnies' 163, Jill was not bitter, she was grateful no one saw her paying off the pin boy.

Jill will be resting on her laurels for a few weeks as bowling will have to take a backseat to babysitting. Jill will be spending a week in Myrtle Beach watching over 14-month-old Hannah, currently Jill and Jim's only grandchild and light of their lives. Following Myrtle Beach, they will spend an additional week in North Carolina.

Ever since her girls were young (3 girls in 4 years) Jill and her husband Jim have been spending summer weekends at their cottage in Gladwin. Luckily Jim's brother had three boys just about the same age. The kids grew up together and are still close.

In true Newcomer tradition Jill is planning a future trip to Colorado.

Jill joined the Newcomers with good friend Debbie Risko because of the scrapbooking club. After a few times at scrapbooking, they decided to try luncheons, which lead to serving on the board where Jill oversaw luncheons, socials and activities. Jill also served as president and advisor.

Currently Jill runs games night and while things get competitive, it is to Jills' credit that the police have never been called.

Jill encourages everyone to "Try new things and come to game night." Thank you, Jill, for all you do for the club.

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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ACTIVITIES

Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the **February 21** meeting, hosted by Julie Francuch. Her book is *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. Inman, a soldier broken in spirit by the futility and waste of the Civil War, decides to walk home to Ada and his beloved Cold Mountain. Learn of their past relationship, what he wishes it would be, how this wish is his drive back.

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.

Books can capture our imagination, take us to different worlds, and reveal great people, and their visionary minds.

Bowling – Darcel Connors, Secretary



The last week of January was position week for our league. The result was a little of bit of movement in the ranking of the teams. Currently, we have Team #2 (Terry Slater and Pam Cheli) holding on to the top spot, despite losing a team mate. Team #5 (Marissa Hunter, Marie Watson and Barb Emmer) has moved into 2nd place, dropping Team #8 (Mary Ellen Alampi, Diana Alexanian and Jane Egermann) into 3rd place. Barb Emmer dominates with Season High Game, High Series and Most Turkeys (11). The Most splits converted honor is held by Terry Slater and Pam Cheli with 9 each. We are still accepting names of substitutes. It is a great way to try out the league without the season commitment. Contact darcelc@prodigy.net if you are interested.

Daytime Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on **Tuesday February 13** at 9:15 am at the home of Pam Mayhew. Pam lives in Rochester, see directory for address. Pam is already filled, but taking subs if needed (Pam can hold 12 people and all signed up at last month's euchre day). Let her know if you wish to be on the sub list at 248-872-6459 or email at: pmayhew@wowway.com. If you are not a regular hostess, let Pam know if you wish to bring a breakfast item for that morning.

A Big Thank You to Darcel Connors for hosting in January!

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



Come join us for a fun filled evening playing Euchre at the home of Darlene Glaze on Saturday, February 24, at 6:45pm. Please let Darlene know you are coming darleneglaze@gmail.com

Thank you, Darcel for hosting again on Saturday, March 23. It is always a good time! It will start at 6:45pm. Please let Darcel know you are coming darcelc@prodigy.net

We are still in need of a home to play euchre for the month of April. Let me know if you are available to host a party darleneglaze@gmail.com

Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



We don't have a hostess for Feb so are skipping this month and see you all in March.

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



There's an extra day in February! (Couldn't we have managed to get an extra day in a warmer month?) But at least that gives you a chance to use that extra day to come play mah jongg. Our play dates for February will be Friday, the 9th at 9:30 am. (Special treat day to celebrate Chinese New Year.) and Friday the 23rd at 1 pm.

Please let Jane Egermann know if you plan to attend or need directions to her house. If you're someplace warm and not available to attend in February but would like further notices, let Jane know at jane48085@yahoo.com and she will add you to the email list.

Meadowbrook Ushering – Marie Hochstein, Activity Leader



Brrr! AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! What we all need is a warm, heartfelt and original folk-pop musical! Beginning Wednesday, February 28th TCN will usher for **A LITTLE MORE ALIVE**; book, music and lyrics by Nick Blaemire. Memories and secrets, right and wrong perceptions, and unexpected revelations are sure to keep us all intrigued and engaged. This presentation is a Michigan Premiere. Please review your commitment and in case of conflict reach out to find your replacement. Our next update will be for March play - Spring is coming!

Scrapbooking – Debbie Risko, Activity Leader



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on Feb. 19th 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



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

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



We are getting closer to the start of the golf season! The Sylvan Glen golf league will begin on Thursday, May 2nd.

If you think you might be interested in joining, either as a regular golfer or as a sub, please send me an email at gatrendler@gmail.com

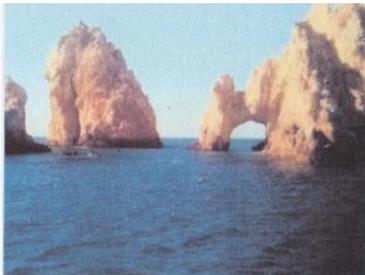
Looking forward to a great season!



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 February wine tasting will be held on Saturday, February 17 at 6:30pm. It will be hosted at the home of Claudia Zernec. Please RSVP Claudia at cjzernec@yahoo.com by Wednesday, February 14, 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 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.



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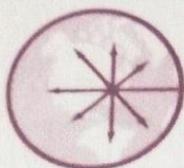
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February

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Troy Newcomers Club



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