

January 2024



**The Troy**

# **Newcomers Topics**

## **A Message from Your Board**

### **Darcel Connors, Newsletter Editor**

As a new year begins, I think back to when I first joined Troy Newcomers. I had moved into the city about 4 years prior, but kept putting off making that call to attend a welcome coffee. Obviously, I finally did make that call and I have been a member of this club for over 25 years. It really helped get me through the time when my children were young and my husband traveled for work. It provided me an opportunity to interact with adults. The babysitting co-op enabled me to actually make a doctor or dental appt. without dragging little ones in tow. I was “gently” coerced into joining the morning bowling league. Through these activities and more, I was able to get to know some of the other members better. Many of which I consider good friends, today.

Throughout those years I have held many positions within our club. I started doing the newsletter about three years ago and have enjoyed it. It takes me back to my high school days, when I was on the newspaper and yearbook staff. I hope you all have enjoyed looking at our newsletter and seeing the photos of our luncheons, socials or other club events. I encourage you to get more involved! You may even want to serve our club as President, as a board member or as an activity leader. Try out a new activity, or attend a social or luncheon. You will not regret it, I promise you. Hopefully, I will be seeing you in some of those photos, soon.

*Happy  
New Year*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on Thursday, January 4th– 11:30am. Escape is located at 1950 E. Square Lake Rd. in Troy.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles in the February Newsletter is, January 25th. Please send your articles to: [troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com](mailto:troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com).

### Rainy Day News

Our heartfelt condolences go out to member Sue Dlouhy, and her family on the death of her brother.

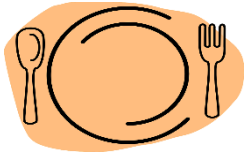


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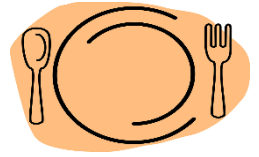
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**January 25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon  
Lukich's Family Dining  
3900 Rochester Rd, Troy 48083  
Meet at 12:00 pm**



We're kicking off the New Year by going back to an old Troy acquaintance. It's been several years since the last time we dined at this Troy establishment. Expect homemade comfort food. And, to kick off the 2024 informed, Officer Greg Pokley with the Troy Police Department will update us on the latest Safety Issues for Seniors.

Price for the meal is \$23.00, Paypal price is \$24.34.

We will be ordering at the restaurant from the following choices:

- **Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti**
- **Ground Sirloin topped with grilled mushrooms and onions with mashed potatoes and vegetable.**
- **Fish and Chips**
- **Trio Delight – Stuffed Cabbage, Potato Pierogi, Potato Pancake**
- **All meals served with tossed salad, choice of Ranch or Italian dressing, and choice of beverage.**

**Deadline January 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

## December Luncheon Recap

Once again, our December luncheon venue did not disappoint! Da Francesco's décor and food was a wonderful way to wrap up the holiday season for our club. M.C. Marie, provided very funny commentary as our annual gift exchange progressed on the mild side. Everyone remained civil and did not resort to the cut throat gift stealing, rumored to have been seen in years past. Pam Cheli made the cutest snowman centerpieces that lucky winners got to take home.





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

Monica DiMaggio & Karen Gard  
Social Co-Chairs

Let's Get SOCIAL in January & February

**December, 2023**

Although we had a couple of options to gather in December for Holiday Concerts, there just wasn't an interest probably because we are all so busy. We have learned from this and will make note to not attempt to schedule anything for future Decembers.

**January, 2024**



*Friday, 1.26.24 from 1:00 pm–2:00ish*

We can now confirm that we will hold a workshop at Telly's Greenhouse where we will learn how to create a Succulent Dish Garden. **RSVPs are due by Wednesday,**

**1.17.24** so we can reserve your seat at Telly's. There is a maximum of 20 seats available and 9 of those seats are already taken. Please refer to December's newsletter for details. Text Karen at 248.506.7412 or email [kgard7@comcast.net](mailto:kgard7@comcast.net) if you would like to join us and create your personalized succulent dish garden.

**February, 2024**



*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](mailto:kgard7@comcast.net) or via text at 248.506.7412 including the number of people attending. 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**

Well done ladies!! Thanks to your generosity, LaKenya's family – Le'ila, Tyler, Aubri-Rose and Riley – had a Christmas I am sure they will never forget!

We had 23 members make monetary donations (\$1,000.06) and 20 different members chose gift tags. There were 79 gifts/tags total, 55 were provided by club members and 24 were bought with the monetary donations. All of the family's needed gifts, as well as all of the wanted gifts were delivered. Additionally, a Gordon's Food Service gift card for \$210.22 was donated to Grace Centers of Hope.

I am so sorry but, I forgot to take a picture of my packed living room or my stuffed mini-van. The Center said they would send a thank you along with some pictures. I'll be sure to include it in a future newsletter.

Thank you to Denise Matthews and Kathy Mitter who gave me suggestions on how to organize, Jill Miceli and Kathy for helping to collect the donations and Kathy once again for accompanying me to Grace Centers for Hope to drop off the packages. Denise and others had told me the club was very generous and I have now witnessed that myself – WOW!!

You are going to start running when you see me-but stay tuned in the February Newsletter for our Easter project. The Penrickton Center for Blind Children – <https://penrickton.org/> - a non-profit, providing care and support to blind and visually impaired, multi-disabled children and their families in the Detroit Metropolitan Area will be the beneficiary. Easter is early this year and I won't be available for most of March, so any additional donations to the club's \$75 will all be collected in February.

Thank you once again! Wishes for a HAPPY, HEALTHY New Year to all!



## **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- Darcel Connors, Newsletter Editor**

There is a saying that goes something like "If you want something done, ask someone who is busy." The saying was made with Darcel in mind. She has been a Newcomer for about 25 years and has served as Newsletter editor for 3 years. She has also been President, Advisor, Membership and Recording Secretary as well as overseeing Fundraising and Socials. This past year has seen her join and become active in the Troy Garden Club.

Darcel is a frequent hostess for both daytime and night time euchre. She has also hosted scrapbooking, book club and craft nights. She is a long-term bowler and the Secretary of our bowling league. She has even advanced to a number 2 bowler this year.

While we all appreciate everything she does for the club, we really appreciate the way she does it, with warmth. Darcel is the heart of our club. But her heart belongs to one year old Clover. Babysitting for her granddaughter is her favorite hobby. This is Darcel's first Christmas not working, so she will definitely be available for plenty of Clover.

Darcel and her husband were on the Newcomer cruise and are planning a trip this February to someplace warm.

"The club is great", said Darcel "And I have been enjoying for 25 years".

Our thanks to Darcel for all she does.

### **RED ROSE- Karen Hrit, Somerset Golf**

Karen Hrit is our Red Rose recipient for January. Even if you are not a golfer, I am sure you recognize Karen as the owner of Premier Travel, which advertises in our monthly newsletter.

As president of the golf league and owner of a travel agency, it is no surprise that Karen's main hobbies are golf and travel. Karen returned from Alaska at the end of August. Two years ago, she was on a Rhine River cruise to Switzerland and Amsterdam. Next November, her trip will include England and Ireland. 2025 will find Karen and her husband, Jim on a cruise along the Nile River. Vacations to Vegas are interspersed among the big trips. Vegas is where Karen and Jim love to play golf. Her favorite course is Wolf Creek in Mesquite, Nevada.

Karen has been a Newcomer for about 30 yrs. When her children were young, she was involved in the babysitting co-op and helping at the senior center. After her children grew up, and left the house, Jim said, "I always wanted to live on a lake." So, Karen and Jim sold their home in Troy and moved to Harrison Township. They now live on a canal, three blocks from Metro Beach. Her three grandchildren, 10, 5 and 18 months enjoy visiting where they can swim, boat and kayak.

Thank you, Karen, for your work on the golf league and all of your travel advice.



## ACTIVITIES

### Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the **January 17** meeting, hosted by Janet Gole. My book is The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams. A story about a chance encounter with a list of library books that helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb. They share and read the books, creating a connection between two lonely souls, as fiction helps them escape their grief and everyday troubles and find joy again.

Please contact Janet at [janet.l.gole@gmail.com](mailto:janet.l.gole@gmail.com) or **248-925-6888** to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find my address within the TNC directory.

Story-driven, fiction books put our minds at ease. They allow us to wander, to travel without moving our feet.

### Bowling – Darcel Connors, Secretary



We have seen a lot of movement in the bowling standings. The previous team in first place has fallen to fourth! Team #2 (Sue Dlouhy, Terry Slater and Pam Cheli) has taken that position, followed by Team #6 (Bobbie Fantin, Ardin Moenaert and Lynn Sarosik) in second. In Third we have Team #5 (Marissa Hunter, Marie Watson, and Barb Emmer), followed by Team #1, (Sue Jone, Darcel Connors and Laura Carlin) Team #8 (Mary Ellen Alampi, Diana Alexanian and Jane Egermann), Team #3, (Jill Miceli, Gail Trendler and Carol Henderson), Team #4 (Kathy Holm, Pam Mayhew and Gina Kossick) and lastly Team #7 (Darlen Glaze, Kaoru Goda and Denise Nicholson). Barb Emmer will be a hard one to catch up to with 6 turkeys to date. Denise Nicholson leads in 8 splits converted. (What is her secret?) Season High Game and Series is still held by Carol Henderson and Barb Emmer respectively. We can always use sub bowlers, so let me know if you would like to have your name added to our list. Hopefully, we will all return from our short holiday break, refreshed and revived and ready to bowl.

### Daytime Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



Welcome Everyone to 2024!!

We are playing this month on **TUESDAY, January 16 at 9:15am** at the home Darcel Connors. Darcel lives in Rochester Hills (see directory for address). Please RSVP to her by **FRIDAY, Jan 12** at 248-396-5371 or email her at: [darcelc@prodigy.net](mailto:darcelc@prodigy.net).

If you are not a regular hostess, let the hostess 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 and come on by.

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 Marie Hochstein on Saturday, January 20, at 6:45pm. Please let Marie know you are coming [mariebbh@comcast.net](mailto:mariebbh@comcast.net)

We are still in need of a home to play euchre for the months of February, March, and April. Let me know if you are available to host a party. I can help with chairs and tables, and you decide how many people you would like to host in your home. Let me know [darleneglaze@gmail.com](mailto:darleneglaze@gmail.com)

Happy New Year!!!

## Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Gina Kossick will host our Game Night on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00. Please let Gina know if you are attending at 248-740-9957.

## Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



It's a leap year! The perfect time to LEAP into a new activity (particularly one that allows you to sound busy while having fun!) Which makes mah jongg the best choice for you to take up. While telling you family (and non-mah jongg friends) that you're washing tiles and building walls, you'll be doing the Charleston (no dancing required, but you can if you want to!) and learning the age-old game of mah jongg.

An ancient Chinese game, played with tiles, you try to match a set hand to win. It's vaguely similar to gin rummy. It's also lots of fun, you'll meet some nice people and have yummy treats at the morning session.

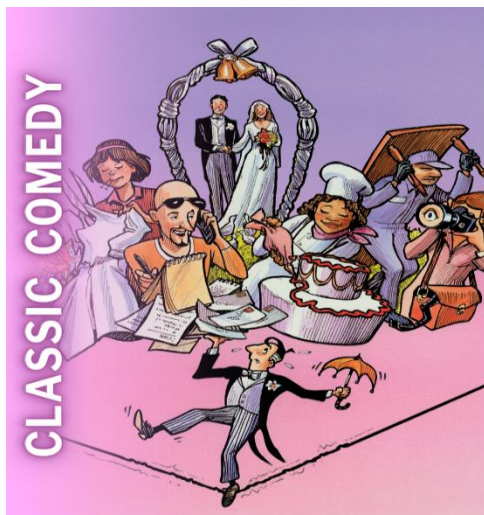
We meet on the second Friday of the month at 9:30 am (that's January 12, 2024) and the fourth Friday of the month at 1 pm (that's January 26, 2024) at the home of Jane Egermann.

Please contact Jane at [jane48085@yahoo.com](mailto: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



Happy New Year MBT Ushers!



## Father of the Bride

By Caroline Francke  
Based on the novel by Edward Streeter

**January 10 – February 4, 2024**

Poor Mr. Banks! His jacket is too tight, he can't get a cocktail, and he's footing the bill.... He's the father of the bride. Stanley Banks is just your ordinary suburban dad. He's the kind of guy who believes that weddings are simple affairs in which two people get married. But when daddy's little girl announces her engagement, Mr. Banks feels like his life has been turned upside down.

MBT Rating: Middle School & Up

## **Meadowbrook Ushering Con't.**

The new year is a perfect time for a hilarious comedy. Our next ushering assignment is the much-loved play, "FATHER OF THE BRIDE". Are you ready to relax and have a hearty laugh? I know I am. Please make sure your calendars are set up for the week including January 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. The sub list is up to date and thanks to all who let me know of changes in their availability. That being said, I am looking to switch or find a sub for Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. My partner has a performance "gig" on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Anyone on Wednesday evening the 24<sup>th</sup>, Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> or Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> willing to switch, please let me know. I really hope to see this production. Thank you.

## **Scrapbooking – Debbie Risko, Activity Leader**



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on Friday January 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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**



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](mailto:gatrendler@gmail.com).

## **Wine Tasting – Ann Britton, Activity Leader**



Wishing everyone and their families a Healthy and Happy 2024.

We do not have a wine tasting scheduled in January or February. If someone would like to host the February wine tasting, please contact Ann Britton before January 17<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding the March wine tasting will be found in the February newsletter.

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

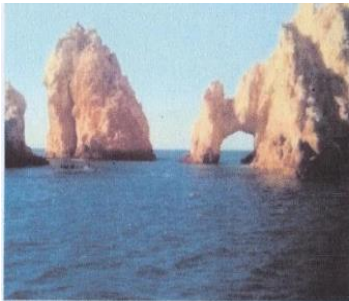


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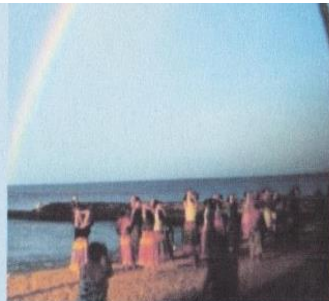
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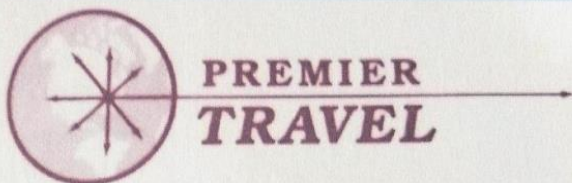


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## Troy Newcomers



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