



The Troy

Newcomers Topics

Happy Holidays from Martha Brosseau, Treasurer

I joined the Troy Newcomers Club 21 years ago when my daughter Sarah was 3 months old. Soon after I joined the Board as the treasurer. After doing almost every position on the board I am now back to being the treasurer again. It is hard to follow the last treasurer, Lynne Vossler, as she did such an outstanding job and she helped me so much during the early months as I was healing from an accident. Thank you Lynne!!

I enjoy playing daytime euchre, bowling, wine tasting and luncheons as well as the fun socials that are planned. I am thinking about joining the Meadowbrook ushers on Wednesday afternoons.

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I wish each and every one a Very Merry Happy Holiday!!!!

Annual Giving Program

Carolyn Byl, Service Chair

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Annual Giving Program. Together, we are bringing joy to four families with 13 children in the Troy area. As a reminder, please bring your wrapped gift with the "Snowflake" attached to either the luncheon, wine tasting or bowling by December 18. If you are returning your gift to another activity, please call Carolyn to verify arrangements. For those that weren't able to sign up yet, gift cards are appreciated as well as cash donations. Also, we are still in need of the following food items:

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|-------------|------------------|
| ❖ Cookies | ❖ Beans |
| ❖ Crackers | ❖ Jelly/Jam |
| ❖ Rice | ❖ Canned Veggies |
| ❖ Cereal | ❖ Peanut Butter |
| ❖ Tuna Fish | ❖ Pasta |

Announcements

Save the Date!

The **January luncheon** will be on the THIRD Thursday, **January 17, 2019**.

Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held December 7 at 11:00 am in Room 301 at the Troy Community Center.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the January newsletter is Friday, December 21. Please send your articles to troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday Ladies!

Celeste Noel	12/03
Sandy Navratil	12/08
Linda Shepard	12/08
Marie Hochstein	12/10
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

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December Luncheon

RSVP and payment due December 5, 2018!

Thursday, December 13, 2018

11:30 gather 12:00 lunch served

DaFrancesco's

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West side of Van Dyke, north of 22 Mile Road

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: Tossed Italian salad, pasta with marinara sauce, Chicken Piccante, roasted red skin potatoes, and green beans almonidine. Includes coffee, teas and soft drinks. Cash bar for alcohol.

Payment choice #1 \$25.00 with cash or check

Send your check made out to 'Troy Newcomers Club' to: Pam Mayhew, 419 Miller, Rochester, MI 48307

Payment choice #2 \$26.00 using a charge card on PayPal

Pay with a credit card on PayPal. Go to the bottom of the Luncheon page on TNC website and click the "Buy Now" button. You will be redirected to the PayPal site for a secure, charge card protected payment. The \$1 extra charge covers the cost to the club for using this service.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT IS DECEMBER 5, 2018

YOU MAY BRING YOUR WRAPPED GIFT FOR THE ANNUAL GIVING PROGRAM TO THIS LUNCHEON.

Name: _____

First luncheon? yes_____ no_____

Payment: _____

December Social

Join us on December 6th at 6:30pm to make a Mosaic Holiday Ornament Craft. We will be traveling to Royal Oak to the Song and Spirit Studios for a class in mosaic tiles. We will make a heart shaped ornament. The cost is \$15 per person. There will be refreshments provided as well. Please let Darcel know if you would like a spot reserved. Payment for this will be due at the time of the craft.

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Marriage discussion group: You don't have to be compatible to be happily married
Hosted by Susan Kuhn

Are you interested in marriage fitness? This would be a marriage self-help group based on the book, audio recordings and work book by Mort Fertel. The group would be limited to 4-5 couples. We are not interested in discussing our or your marriage problems, just solutions. Talking about the problems gives them more energy, which makes moving forward more difficult. Learn how to be a better spouse, and how to have a better spouse.

We suggest looking up the Mort Fertel “Marriage Fitness” book to discover if this discussion group would be for you. Copies are available at the library or our 2 copies, or just listen to the tapes we have already made. No financial cost to participate.

We would like to start in January for about 4 weeks, 1 night a week – start day and time to be discussed. For more information or to sign up, email TNC member susankkuhn@gmail.com.

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 2018

Carolyn Byl - Service

A Newcomer since 2011 Carolyn has been both a V.P. of luncheons and a past President. Service, however is her passion and this is her second year in this position. Carolyn worked with the principals of Wattles Elementary and Troy Union Elementary schools to identify needy families to “adopt” this Christmas. She enjoys seeing the members of this generous club giving, and is as thrilled as if the money and gifts were coming to her personally.

As well as being an avid golfer, this is Carolyn’s first year as President of Bowling. Judging by the fun we all have on Tuesday mornings she is doing an excellent job. In her life outside of Newcomers Carolyn loves to travel. Since her husband Craig retired he has become her personal travel agent. They are leaving on November 17th for a 14 day cruise. The itinerary includes Panama and the Bahamas as well as Costa Rico and winds up in San Diego. They will be traveling on the same cruise line as the Alaska trip with the Newcomers next year.

Thank you Carolyn for all your service.

Mary Ann Donnelly – Membership

It is no coincidence that we have both 11 new club members and an extremely charming membership secretary. MaryAnn has been with Newcomers for over 10 years and is also the activity leader for the very popular Couples/Evening Euchre.

Since retiring just over a year ago MaryAnn has more time for home projects such as woodworking and knitting. There is also more time for her two sons, one who lives in NYC and the other in Ann Arbor. More importantly there is more time for a three year old grandson. MaryAnn also enjoys travelling and will be joining the Newcomers on next year’s Alaskan trip.

Asked what she likes about the club she said “The friendships that I’ve made and the ability to get together with a nice group of people.”

Thank you MaryAnn for all you do.

RED ROSE – December 2018



Terry Slater – Cake Baking for Seniors Coordinator

Terry has been baking for the Newcomers for over 30 years. In years past we also provided cupcakes for nursing home residents. Alas, health department rules no longer allow homemade goods to be brought in, (I doubt they checked with the residents before issuing that rule) Terry is a very active member of the club. She enjoys bowling, mahjong, ushering and wine tasting which she says “Is an instant party”.

Terry and her husband Andrew have three daughters living in Ann Arbor and two granddaughters, ages 5 and 3. Lucky, lucky Terry.

When not involved in Newcomer activities Terry sings in the choir at St. Anastasias and teaches tap dancing to seniors (perhaps a future activity for the Club). Travelling is also on Terry’s agenda. She has a camper and heads up north every summer for hiking and other outdoor activities. By the way she also visits family in England.

Many thanks to Terry for everything.

Carolyn Simmons – Cake Baking for Seniors Coordinator

25 years of service, 25 years of wonderful memories. Carolyn began her Newcomers journey as a member of the Hampton Golf League and ushering at Meadow Brook Theater. After retiring as an elementary school teacher Carolyn began to get really involved in the club. She joined the bowling league and served on the board as the Service Chairperson. Carolyn has great memories of delivering a car full of gifts to be shared by two families.

While serving as Socials Chairperson, Carolyn enjoyed scheduling visits to the DIA for special exhibits. Her Christmas home tour in Romeo was so enjoyable it was repeated. Taking advantage of our gorgeous members Carolyn organized a Chicos fashion show with Newcomers serving as models. Along with Linda Shepard, Carolyn assisted at Senior Bingo and from there jumped right into Senior Cake Baking.

The National American Miss Michigan pageant was fortunate enough to have Carolyn serve as a judge for six years. Carolyn is now exploring her creative side. She works part time in the floral industry creating centerpieces and other arrangements. She has also begun painting with acrylics. Here are 2 of her paintings.

Thank you Carolyn for all your past and present service.



MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Book Club

Corinna Nientiedt, Activity Leader



The meeting for December will be held at Susan Moher's house on Wednesday, December 12th. We will meet at 7 pm and start the discussion at 7.30 pm. Please email sue.moher@gmail.com or call 248 210 6776 if you plan to attend. The book will be "The Fix" by David Baldacci.

Hope to see you there!

Bowling

Susan Holle, Activity Leader



Bowling is a great way to spend a Tuesday morning! Barb Emmer has bowled the league's highest game of 232 and the highest series of 598. In the lead with most Turkeys bowled (11) is Barb Emmer and most Splits converted (9) is Carol Henderson. Team #10 holds the team high game of 494 and Team #7 has the highest series of 1345.

The Team standings after twelve weeks of bowling (November 20) are as follows:

Position Team Bowlers

1	#6	Pam Mayhew, Gail Trendler, Laura Carlin
2	#7	Carol Sofy, June Tarian, Barb Emmer
3	#10	Joanie Opie, Ardin Moenaert, Janet Ferstle
4	#2	Jill Miceli, Marie Watson, Jane Egermann
5	#5	Kathy Holm, Michelle Freeman, Gina Kossick
6	#9	Kimberlee Urwiller, Carol Henderson, Andrea Litchfield
7	#1	Kathy Vitale, Darsha Ritchie, Susan Holle
8	#3	Gretchen Rosalik, Maureen Joseph, Elaine Olson
9	#8	Martha Brosseau, Darlene Eckhout, Carolyn Byl
10	#4	Sue Jones, Barb Peterson, Terry Slater

If you are interested in being a substitute bowler on our league, please contact Susan Holle at skholle22@yahoo.com. We bowl on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am at Escape (formerly known as Troy Lanes).

Couples/Evening Euchre

MaryAnn Donnelly, Activity Leader

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

1st place was won by Doug Hunter (67). Eric Emmer took 2nd place with 61, followed by Sue Jones in 3rd place (58). There was a two-way tie for 4th place between Marissa Hunter and Tom Glaze (56). 6th place went to Dave Verduyn (53). Rounding out the scoring was Eileen Heasley in 7th place (51) and Amy Strnad in 8th place (50). Gail Hall won most loaners with 3. The Euchre pot was split 5 ways between Sandy Gilmore, Dave Strnad, Sally Myny, Gina Kossick and Dennis Connors.

Our next Newcomers' Euchre will be held on Saturday December 1 at 6:45 pm. Hostess is MaryAnn Donnelly. Cost is \$5 per person and everyone brings an appetizer or dessert. To RSVP, please call Mary Ann at 313-510-1020 or email her at mdonnelly.1844@gmail.com.

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 20 at 9:15 am at the home of MaryAnn Donnelly. MaryAnn lives in Troy (see directory for address). Please RSVP to her by Tuesday, December 18, at 313-510-1020 or email at: mdonnelly.1844@gmail.com.

If you are not a regular hostess, let MaryAnn 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 Marie Hochstein 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!!!

Ladies Game Night

Linda Marx, Activity Leader

We will not be having games night in the month of December. We still need hostesses for the following months: February, April and May. Please remember if someone doesn't volunteer to host, we will not meet that month. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all club members.

Mah Jongg

Jane Egermann, Activity Leader

Mah jongg will be at Jane Egermann's on Friday, December 14 at 9:30 am. We are still in search of someone who would like to host on December 28. If you are willing to do so, please contact Jane and she will get out an email to the usual gang.

Please contact Jane (248-879-5512 or jane48085@yahoo.com) if you plan to come or need directions.

Meadow Brook Ushering – A New Season

Laura Carlin, Activity Leader

This is your chance to see professional plays for free!

We usher for 6 more plays this upcoming season and are able to see the plays for less than an hour of your time. If you would like to usher as a regular or substitute, please email Laura at Carlin1025@gmail.com or call 248.906.0327. Please see the dates below to see if you are available for most of them; if not, please consider being a substitute because we need your commitment to usher as a regular.

Ushers should report at least 50 minutes before their performance. The performances are on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., Thursdays at 8:00 p.m., Fridays at 8:00 p.m., Saturdays at 6:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. There is also an option to usher with your spouse if there is room.

2018-2019 Season

*A Christmas Carol, November 29-December 2

A Fox on the Fairway, Jan. 23-27

The Spitfire Grill, February 27-March 3

Stick Fly, April 3-7

The Marvelous Wonderettes, May 8-12

The IT Girl, June 12-16

*** A Christmas Carol ONLY:**

- No Wednesday 2:00 performance, so will usher Sat. Dec. 1 at 2:00
- No Wednesday 8:00 performance, so will usher Sunday, Dec. 2 at 6:30
- Saturday ushers time changed to 6:30 performance
- Thursday ushers time changed to 7:00 performance

We need 4 ushers for Sundays at 2:00 performance for the rest of the plays. We have a few openings for USHERS at many of the performances. We always need substitutes, please let Laura know if you are interested.

Scrapbooking

Denise Matthews, Activity Leader



Thank you to Jill Miceli who hosted our evening scrapbook meeting in November.

Our daytime session will be meeting on Wednesday, December 12 between 11-4 at the Scrapbook Tree, located on Van Dyke between 21 and 22 Mile Roads. The fee is \$10 or purchase that amount of materials in the store, and use the space for free. Bring your own lunch and beverage and stay as long as you would like.

Please let Denise know by Monday, December 10 if you plan to attend. Her email is dsm214@msn.com or call 248-879-0550. The store wants to be notified ahead of time to insure there are enough spaces available. Hope to see you there!

Wine Tasting

Jan Fuhrman, Activity Leader



December Wine Tasting will be held on Saturday, December 15th at 7:00 pm at the home of Martha and Mike Brosseau. If you plan to attend, please contact Martha at mmbrosseau@wowway.com or 248-680-9989 by Thursday, 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!

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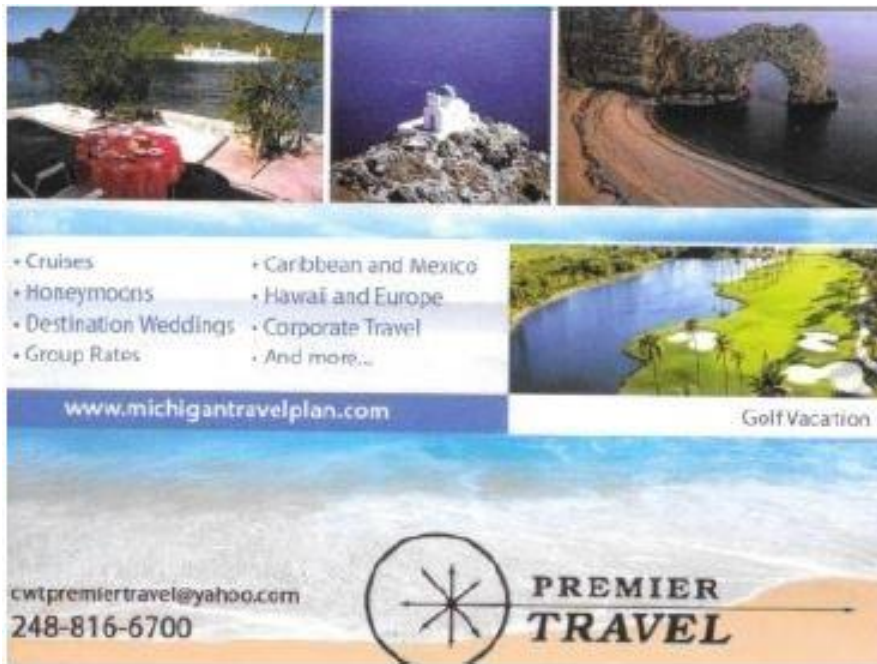
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