



# The Troy

# Newcomers Topics

## Mary Ann Donnelly, Membership Secretary

I joined Newcomers when a friend invited me to Kickoff Night 10 -about 12 years ago (time flies, it's hard to remember!). I've loved being a part of this group with so many friendly and supportive ladies. I retired about 3 years ago so I've had more time to participate in some of the daytime activities and on the board.

I have a son and daughter-in-law with 2 grandchildren in Ann Arbor, so I'm able to spend time with them as well. My other son lives in NYC which is a fun place to visit (I even have my own bedroom there now!)... he is getting married in Brooklyn in late June, assuming the world has settled down...

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I can't wait for spring; it's been a long winter. Now that spring is arriving, it's time for our membership renewals. Troy Newcomer's year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30 annually. The annual cost to be a member is \$30.00. However, if you renew before June 30th, the cost is \$25. After June 30th, the cost increase to \$30 so be sure to renew early.

A membership renewal form will be included in the May newsletter.

### **Announcements**

#### ***Board Meeting***

The next Board meeting will be held remotely Friday, April 4th.

#### ***Newsletter Deadline***

The deadline for articles for the May Newsletter is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please send your articles to: [troynewcomertopics@gmail.com](mailto:troynewcomertopics@gmail.com).

## **A note from our president, Jill Miceli**

This is certainly a crazy time we are living through right now. As I write this newsletter article we have been ordered to stay home by our governor. I know we all miss our activities and our normal life. I urge you to all stay safe and find things to do to keep yourself healthy.

Some of our activities may be already scheduled. Please keep in touch with each hostess to find out if things are still scheduled or postponed. Seems like things are changing daily. Please do not feel pressured to participate or keep a date that was set before all of this news broke.

As we are looking at end of year activities, we also are thinking of making a donation to some charities. If you know of any charity that could benefit, please let Jill know by the end of April and we will discuss the options at the May board meeting.

The April board meeting will be done on line as the Troy Community Center is closed. Please give all your reports to Jill by April 1.

I wanted to thank everyone for their love and support at the death of my father in law, Joe Miceli. All your calls, visits and donations were very much appreciated by our family.

I am truly grateful to be part of an amazing and selfless group of ladies. Thank you.

# O'Connor's Public House

**Thursday, April 23 at 11:30 am**  
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Join the gang in downtown Rochester for some Irish fun, food and fellowship, in Gaelic "Craic".

Menu Selections:

Pub Burger  
Grilled Chicken Sandwich  
Celtic Reuben  
Harp Crisped Fish & Chips  
Chopped Chicken Salad

See the attached menu for full descriptions.

The cost is \$17.00, or \$18.00 on PayPal, and includes a non-alcoholic beverage.

Contact Pam Mayhew to reserve your spot, or mail your check to 419 Miller, Rochester, MI 48307. Please indicate meal choice when contacting Pam.

For the fun part of the luncheon we will be testing your knowledge of the Emerald Isle so bring something to write with.

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### **Pub Burger**

**Our pub burger is one half pound of angus beef topped with shredded lettuce, tomato, onion and secret sauce. Served with a choice of Hand-cut Fries or Fruit Cup. (please specify temperature)**

### **Grilled Chicken Sandwich**

**All-natural Coleman chicken breast char-grilled Served on a hot salted pretzel bun with lettuce, tomato, Onion and secret sauce. Served with a choice of Hand-cut Fries or Fruit Cup.**

### **Harp Crisped Fish & Chips**

**This delicious combo of lightly beer battered cod and chips is served with coleslaw and our house-made tangy tartar sauce and coleslaw.**

### **Celtic Reuben**

**House-made corned beef stacked high with Swiss cheese and Thousand Island dressing on grilled marbled rye. Finished with choice of coleslaw or sauerkraut. Served with a choice of Hand-cut Fries or Fruit Cup.**

### **Chopped Chicken Salad**

**Grilled chicken, mixed greens, tomato, cucumber, red onions, Kalamata olives, bleu cheese, hard-boiled egg & bacon. Chopped and tossed in your choice of dressing. Served with a fresh scone.**

## 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. Thank you to Kathy Holm who wrote the articles this month.

### RED ROSE – April 2020



#### Pam Harvats – Interviewer

It began as a typical morning. Even though it was Pam Harvat's birthday. She had no real plans until that evening and no inkling as to what was to transpire later that day. Early that morning Pam received a video from her granddaughter supposedly boarding a school bus in Illinois, waving and saying "Happy Birthday Grandma."

As a follow-up to the video Pams' daughter called to let her know her birthday present was on its way and she was tracking the delivery. Although Pam was home all day no delivery arrived.

It was late afternoon and Pam was sitting with her son in the kitchen. Suddenly the doorknob from the utility room began to S L O W L Y turn. In walked her daughter and granddaughter. The video and package tracking were an elaborate hoax to surprise her on her birthday.

Pam is the lovely lady who usually writes the Rose Articles. She is unavailable this month due to a hectic travel schedule. Pam is in Florida from March 12<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. After a 3-day home stay she is off to Illinois and opening day of My Fair Lady.

Pam has 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

P.S. She did get that present her daughter promised, a new Lazy Boy Recliner.

Thank you, Pam for all your club contributions.



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## WHITE ROSE – April 2020



### Carol Sofy – Activity Leader

Anyone who has attended a kick-off dinner in the last three years is aware that the beautiful home it was held in belongs to our activity leader Carol Sofy.

Carol has been a club member for 13 years and in addition to serving on the board, she is involved in bowling, book club and luncheons. Carol has previously golfed on both golf leagues.

Before interviewing her, I knew Carol was married with two children. I didn't know she grew up in Grosse Pointe with dreams of playing tennis at Wimbledon. I didn't know about her love for dark chocolate. I also wasn't aware she harbored a very, very cute 13-pound guard dog by the name of Biscuit.

Cancelled activities for Carol include a trip with her daughter to Florida and a visit to her fathers in Arizona. Her husband's April golf trip is still under discussion. I will leave it to you to guess where Carol comes down on this controversy.

Many thanks to Carol for all she contributes to our club.



### Happy Birthday Ladies!

Ann Bruttel	04/04
Janet Ferstle	04/17
Sandy Gilmore	04/06
Kathy Holm	04/19
Mary Ann Kish	04/05
Pat Moran	04/18
Maria Richie	04/03
Sandra Sands	04/15
Debbie Stewart	04/14
Ella Treloar	04/02
Kimberlee Urwiller	04/28

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

### **Book Club**

Carolyn Simmons, Activity Leader



The book chosen for the month of April is "Before We Were Yours" by Kate Wingate. Our hostess is Janet Gole and she will provide questions for discussion and snacks. Hopefully, the c. virus danger will have surpassed us and we will meet Wednesday, April 15th at 7 p.m. at 4197 Eleanor in Troy. Please contact Janet at [Janet.L.Gole@gmail.com](mailto:Janet.L.Gole@gmail.com) or call her at 248-925-6888 in a timely fashion.

### **Bowling**

Susan Holle, Activity Leader



These standings are the result of our league bowling from March 10<sup>th</sup>. Laura Carlin continues to hold the season high scores with the highest game bowled (249) and the highest series bowled (564). Barb Emmer has bowled the most Turkeys (7). Jane Egermann and Marie Watson are tied for bowling the most converted Splits (12). Team #3 holds the team high game of 508 and has bowled the highest series of 1471.

The Team standings after bowling on March 10<sup>th</sup> are as follows:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Bowlers</u>
1	#3	Pam Mayhew, Carol Sofy, Carol HendersonS
2	#4	Sue Jones, Darlene Eckhout, Elaine Olson
3	#8	Maureen Joseph, Barb Emmer and an open spot
4	#6	Kathy Holm, Ardin Moenaert, Laura Carlin
5	#2	Kimberlee Urwiller, Terry Slater, Marie Watson
6	#5	Jill Miceli, Susan Holle, Michelle Freeman
7	#7	Gail Trendler, Gina Kossick and an open spot
8	#1	Barb Peterson, Andrea Litchfield, Jane Egermann

We look forward to resuming bowling once the public health crisis is behind us and hope that all TNC members and their families are safe and healthy.

For information about bowling, contact Susan Holle at [skholle22@yahoo.com](mailto:skholle22@yahoo.com).

## ***Euchre, daytime***

Gina Kossick, Activity Leader

TENTATIVE

We are playing this month on WEDNESDAY, April 29 at 9:15 am at the home of Kathie Mardyla. Kathie lives in Shelby Twp. (see directory for address). Please RSVP to her by Monday, April 27, at 248-652-8262 or email at: kathie2m@aol.com. If you are not a regular hostess, let Kathie 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 attempting to host in March, unfortunately Covid-19 stopped us from playing!!

Hope to see everyone for a fun day of coffee, food, fun and laughter, and of course "Some Euchre Playing"!

STAY HEALTHY EVERYONE!!!

## ***Euchre, Evenings***

Mary Ann Donnelly, Activity Leader

Thanks to Darcel Connors for hosting March Euchre with 5 tables.

First place belonged to Dave Strnad (63), while 2<sup>nd</sup> place was won by Mark Sparschu (60). Following in 3<sup>rd</sup> were Gina Kossick and Dave Verduyn (63). 5<sup>th</sup> place was won by Claudia Sparschu (57) and 6<sup>th</sup> place was won by Mary Ann Donnelly (52).

Most loaners was won by Dennis Connors with 3. The Euchre pot was split four ways between Tammy Duszynski, Jim Myny, Sally Myny, and Michelle Freeman.

At this time, evening euchre has been cancelled for April. If our situation changes an email will be sent out to determine interest in rescheduling a game.

## ***Ladies Game Night***

Linda Marx, Activity Leader

Because of the coronavirus outbreak we will not be having games night this month. Although we will miss getting together with our friends. I think it is important that we follow the necessary guidelines to keep everyone safe. Please stay health!!



## ***Mah Jongg***

Jane Egermann, Activity Leader

Okay, maybe you weren't frightened by the number 13 but covid-19 seems to have us all on the run! Obviously with the "shelter in place" order from the governor we will not be meeting for mah jongg (or anything else!)

Stay safe, make healthy choices and remember this is not the "new normal", it's the new temporary. We'll be able to get together again – hopefully soon.

## ***Meadow Brook Theatre Ushering***

Laura Carlin, Activity Leader

This is your chance to see professional plays for free! We usher for 2 more plays this season and are able to see the plays for less than an hour of your time.

We still have openings for regulars on Sundays at 2 pm and Friday nights at 8 pm.

Please let Laura know if you would like to fill these slots as a regular.

There is also an option to usher with your spouse if there is room. If you would like to usher this season as a regular usher or substitute, email Laura Carlin at [Carlin1025@gmail.com](mailto:Carlin1025@gmail.com) or call 248.906.0327 (leave a message).

Please see the dates below to see if you are available for all; if not, please consider being a substitute because we need your commitment to usher for the plays as a regular. Ushers should report at least 50 minutes before their performance and wear black pants and a white shirt. 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.

Little shop of Horrors, May 6-10  
Fancy, A New Country Musical, June 10-14

## **Scrapbooking**

Denise Matthews, Activity Leader

In consideration of our present situation, there are no plans at this time to have a cropping session in the month of April. However, depending on the progression of the virus, I may be able to reschedule our visit to Rememner When? later in the month. If that is the case, I will notify all our regular attendees by email regarding the date and time.

Hopefully our outing on Friday, May 8, to the Mega Meet in Novi will proceed as planned. I will notify activity members if I find out it is cancelled. At this time, I am pre-registered and plan on attending. Fingers crossed that we see a quick containment of the virus and we will be able to get out and about sooner rather than later.

Until then, stay well!

## **Somerset Golf League 2020 Season**

Karen Hrit & Janet Ferstle, Activity Leaders

It's time to starting planning for your summer golf. Come join the Troy Newcomers Thursday morning golf league at Somerset Golf course in Troy. All levels of play are welcome in this 10-week league that starts mid-June and ends mid-August. Missed games can be made up at your convenience, so bring a friend or we will match you up with a partner. Look for registration details in early spring. Questions? Contact Karen Hrit at 248-840-0755 or Janet Ferstle at jaw6581@gmail.com

## **Sylvan Glen Golf League 2020 Season**

Gail Trendler, Activity Leader

As I write this we are under the "stay at home" direction of the Governor and with much optimism, we expect the golf league will be up and running on time. The Sylvan Glen Golf League kicks off on Thursday morning, May 7. We have 16 ladies on the league this year and we are all looking forward to catching up with everyone after the long winter and more importantly, the social distancing that has been required of us.

There is still time to join and we are always looking for subs. This is a great way to try us out and you may find you'd like to join the league next season. If you would like to join the league as a sub, please contact Gail Trendler, Ann Kappaz, or Barb DiFazio and we can supply you with all the details.

## **Wine Tasting**

Jan Fuhrman, Activity Leader

There will be no wine tasting in April.

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Book Club 7:00	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Articles Dues for Newsletter	23 April Luncheon 11:30	24	25
26	27	28	29 Daytime Euchre 9:15	30		