



The Troy

Newcomers Topics

Socials – Darcel Connors and Denise Matthews

As you can imagine, this year has been a challenge when trying to schedule Socials for our club. When the weather was nice, we could have outdoor events and still abide by the rules of “Covid-19” safety.

Now that the winter looms and weather will be a concern, socials that involve being indoors can be difficult. But we felt up to the challenge!

So far, we have had a picnic, and an outdoor Halloween Light walk. Our first attempt at an indoor event drew a total of 5 people for a lovely morning at the Detroit Institute of Arts. There were very few visitors, and we nearly had the museum to ourselves. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch at Honest John’s Restaurant in Detroit. We were able to eat in a covered patio adjacent to the restaurant, since the weather was sunny and not too cold for November!

We decided to forgo trying to schedule anything for the month of December and will see how things proceed in the coming new year. Please feel free to contact us with any suggestions you may have for fun events that we might plan for our membership. We are willing to look into it and try and make it work.

Please stay well and have a very Merry Christmas!

Announcements

Board Meeting

The board will meet on Thursday, December 10th at 11:30. We will meet at Escape Bowling Alley.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the January Newsletter is Wednesday, December 23rd. Please send your articles to: troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com.

Rainy Day News

Deepest sympathy to Gina Kossick, who lost her father, Joseph Pompeo, age 83 on November 15 in Poland Ohio. We are sorry for her loss and know it is difficult during these Covid times to even have any type of funeral or memorial. If you want to let her know you're thinking of her during this sad time, please feel free to send a card, note, text, or whatever way you like to correspond.

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Service – Kimberlee Urwiller

Hello Ladies,

I wanted to share with you the thank you letters from Neighborhood House and Friends of Foster Kids. You can also go to their Facebook pages and see the gratitude. Thank you all for such a successful 2020 Thanksgiving and Christmas drive. Also, I want to give a special thank you to Pam Mayhew's daughter and grandsons Aidan and Colin for their help delivering the frozen turkeys. Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!



November 17, 2020

Kimberlee Urwiller, Service Chair
Troy Newcomers Club
PO Box 103
Troy, MI 48099

Dear Kimberlee,

On behalf of staff, volunteers, board members and clients here at Neighborhood House, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your donations totaling over \$750 benefitting our neighbors in need. Thanksgiving food baskets, including turkeys, will be distributed to clients at the Food Pantry in the days leading up to Thanksgiving. So many local companies and organizations, such as Troy Newcomers Club, have provided food items. Bins are overflowing.



Blessings abound here at Neighborhood House as we continue to help our neighbors. Thank YOU for believing in our work!

Gratefully,

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November 11, 2020

*Troy Newcomers
Kimberlee Urwiller
4941 Moonglow Drive
Troy, MI 48098*

Dear Kimberlee,

Whether you are the Angels who are donors fulfilling wish lists, or providing donations to fill in missing items or donating general items to fill our shelves, you're such an important part of this organization.

The Spirit of Christmas you shared by providing the items you so generously donated impact the hope felt in the hearts of our local foster children. It truly takes a village and we are very grateful to have you in our network of Angels.

Please feel free to stop in throughout the year to catch a glimpse of how you are making a difference.

Sincerely yours,

*Theresa Toia, Founder
Friends of Foster Kids*



TROY NEWCOMERS CLUB
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 17, 2020

We are scheduled to meet for lunch as follows:

DA FRANCESCO'S RISTORANTE
49521 VAN DYKE
SHELBY TOWNSHIP
586-731-7544

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, at 11:30 AM (Lunch will be served at Noon)

The price will be \$27 (add \$1 if you use pay-pal). Please send checks to Gail Trendler, 313 East Lovell, Troy 48085 to advise that you will be attending. I'll have to give the restaurant a count by December 10.

We have chosen the plated luncheon of Chicken Picante w/ pasta, salad, potato, and vegetable. Coffee, tea, and soda are included.

Since we don't know if the rules will change from day to day, stay tuned. Right now, it looks like this will be a go program. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing everyone and hope it all works out. Remember the Board has chosen to avoid gifting this year so gift exchange will not be a part of the program.

Checks should be sent to:

Gail Trendler
313 East Lovell
Troy, MI 48085

I will be attending the December 17 luncheon: _____

Enclosed is my check No. _____ for _____.

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 Pam Harvath who wrote the articles this month.

RED ROSE – December 2020



Jane Egermann – Mahjong

Originally from Pennsylvania, Jane and her husband, Ken, moved to Michigan from New Jersey. Jane has been a member of TNC since 1985.

Jane's daily routine has changed a little bit since last March like the rest of us. Jane is an active member of Lifetime Fitness and even has a membership that she can go to any of their facilities. When the pandemic hit and they closed the gyms she started doing her workouts from home everyday thanks to that thing we call technology.

Jane used this time to also become familiar with zooming and live streaming. She's on the Community Action Team at her church and they were able to do their September 2020 Crop Walk via zoom along with church services done by live streaming. She also does a lot of take out from the library.

Jane said things have been put on hold this year but will happen just later. A trip to Pennsylvania for their 50th is now happening in August next year and a Disney Trip is TBD.

Jane has worn many hats in TNC and now she is in charge of Mahjon. Thank you, Jane, for all the service to the club over the years.



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WHITE ROSE – December 2020



Sherry Dittrich – Publicity

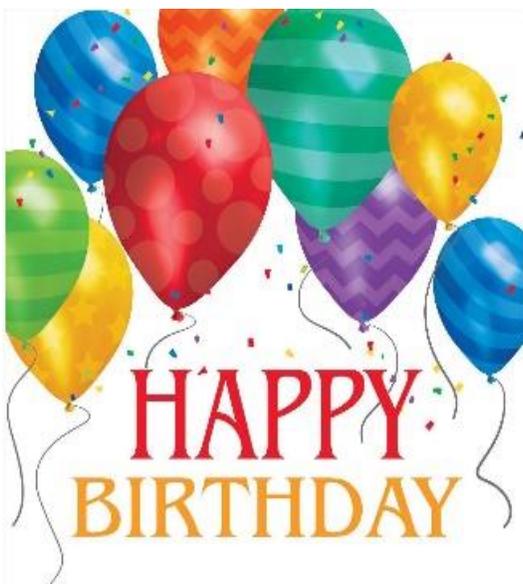
Sherry came to Michigan when she was just 10 years old. She was the oldest daughter of nine children when she moved her from San Jose, CA. That move kind of laid out Sherry's future for her.

Her older brothers hung out with a guy down the street from them and whose name was Mike. This guy stole her heart as she got older. Their theme song became "Sherry" by the Four Seasons. She really was the girl next door. She married that guy that we all know.

Sherry is doing a project that reflects her caring personality. She and her husband Mike have collected 11-12 suitcases that they have cleaned and repaired if necessary. To go with the suitcases, they have bags of clothing and shoes for men and women. These are going to be donated to the Macomb Foster Closet in Mt. Clemens. It will be in TNC's name. She kept saying how blessed she is and she's passing it on.

Sherry and Mike have a son and a daughter. Her daughter, Jessica and her husband have a 13-year-old daughter and Sherry's son Jacob and his wife have a son and a daughter.

Sherry has been in the club about 5 years. Her first activity was playing couples' euchre. Thanking you for taking on the position of Publicity this year. You kept saying "but I haven't done anything yet". Just wait. When this thing we are having gets under control you will be very busy!



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| Marie Hochstein | 12/10 |
| Pam Mayhew | 12/29 |
| Verna Meinershagen | 12/22 |
| Sandy Navratil | 12/08 |
| Celeste Noel | 12/03 |
| Linda Shepard | 12/08 |
| Gail Trendler | 12/10 |
| Joyce Utter | 12/17 |
| Patricia Wehrung | 12/30 |

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Book Club

Janet L. Gole, Activity Leader



The meeting in November was cancelled due to the new MI Gov gathering restrictions. I was supposed to host. Many who wanted to attend loved the chosen book "The Dutch House". If you have not read, please consider as it was an easy and interesting read.

Marie Hochstein volunteered to host the December meeting. Based upon current restrictions, she is not comfortable hosting inside. She chose "A Woman is No Man" by Etaf Rumill for her meeting. Even though we will not meet in December, I recommend all read it. I did....so compelling to read about different cultures and expectations for both women and men.

I'm praying Covid-19 numbers are under control in January so we can meet at Haruko Minato's for "The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead. I have already read this book and found it so enlightening to hear our country's history from a slave's perspective.

I'll send an update and files to those on the book club list. I'm assuming everyone had a thankful Thanksgiving. Have a wonderful holiday, hoping with families present.

Bowling

Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



We were able to bowl a total of 5 weeks before a new order closed bowling alleys until early December. There was excitement on the lanes when Pam Cheli bowled 7 strikes in a row, and a resounding "Aww" when she missed on the 9th frame. Pam Cheli now holds the record for most turkeys, at 6 and highest individual game with a 232 and highest series with 541. We have two people tied for number of splits converted with 4 splits each; Diane Alexanian and Jill Miceli. Below you will find the current team standings:

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Team#</u> | <u>Bowlers</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | #5 | Darcel Connors, Ardin Moenaert and Pam Cheli |
| 2 | #4 | Gail Trendler, Diana Alexanian and Jane Egermann |
| 3 | #2 | Jill Miceli, Marie Watson and Barb Emmer |
| 4 | #1 | Kimberlee Urwiller, Pam Mayhew and Gina Kossick |
| 5 | #3 | Kathy Holm, Michelle Freeman and Carol Henderson |

Cannot wait to get back on the lanes.

If you are interested in subbing for us please contact me at the email below. We maintain social distance rules, wear masks and leave one lane between all teams when bowling.

Euchre, Evenings

Mary Ann Donnelly, Activity Leader



Evening Euchre is not scheduled this month. Hope to see everyone soon!

Euchre, Daytime

Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We do not have a hostess for this month.

If anyone would like to hostess, we have openings every month except May 2021. Please contact Gina Kossick if you are interested in hosting.

Ladies Game Night

Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Looking forward to some enjoyable activities next year. Please let Jill know if you would like to host a fun evening.

Mah Jongg

Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Only one mah jongg date in December since the fourth Friday happens to be Christmas Day. (Of course, if you find yourself really at loose ends on Christmas afternoon, give me a call and maybe we can set something up!)

Our regular play date is Friday, December 11 at 9:30 am at the home of Jane Egermann. This is after the new Covid restrictions have expired so we should be good to go. If you plan to attend, please let Jane know so she can set up the tables accordingly.

We would welcome newbies to the game. Tables will be set up in separate rooms, hand sanitizer available, and any treats will be prewrapped. (Okay, I haven't been doing that because all the treats have come out of my kitchen so far.) Technically we are limited to 10 people and will need to wear masks. Obviously, we cannot sit at the same table and maintain 6 foot distances but we will try to respect one another's space.

Contact Jane at jane48085@yahoo.com or 248-879-5512 if you are interested.

.Meadowbrook Theatre Ushering

Laura Carlin, Activity Leader



Meadow Brook Theatre Ushering Season Starts March 2021

I hope all of you are healthy in these uncertain times. I wanted to let you know what I have been told about ushering. Meadow Brook Theatre has cancelled the fall schedule along with A Christmas Carol. They plan to open in 2021 for the same plays that were scheduled for last season.

Mary Jane

Little Shop of Horrors

Fancy, A new Country Musical

March 24-28, 2021

April 28-May 2, 2021

June 2-June 6, 2021

If you would like to usher or substitute for the 3 scheduled plays, please let me know now. There are a few openings available. You are welcome to usher with your spouse if there is an available spot.

Respond by email to Carlin1025@gmail.com if you would like to be included in the ushering schedule for the 3 plays. I can let you know what times/days are available.

Scrapbooking

Debbie Risko, Activity Leader



No events are planned for December.

Wine Tasting

Ann Britton, Activity Leader



Wine is sunlight held together by water...Galileo

During these long, dark nights of December enjoy a little wine sunlight. Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2021. Hoping we can meet sometime in 2021 for wine tasting.

There are no wine tasting events scheduled. If you would like to host a wine tasting at some future date, contact Ann Britton at annandjim@comcast.net.

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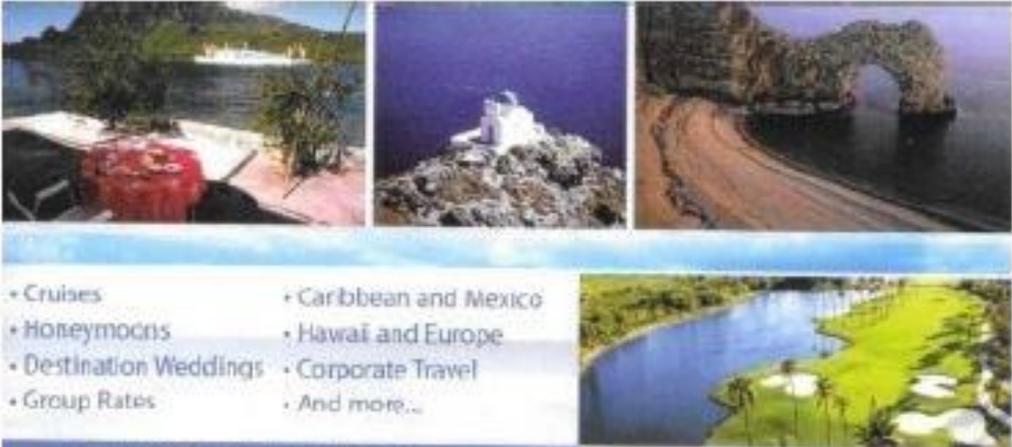
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