



The Troy

Newcomers Topics

Kathy Holm - Recording Secretary

I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy holiday season.

It's been a difficult year for everyone, but being a Newcomer has made it just a bit easier. Septembers' picnic brought so many of us together (no one wanted the afternoon to end). We managed to squeeze in an October lunch at Fillippas. Euchre, Mahjong, Book Club and Scrapbooking were scaled down, but everyone enjoyed them. A few hearty souls trekked down to the D.I.A. There was also golf and bowling available for interested members.

If anyone is still wondering why they joined Newcomers this year I urge you to read the November newsletter. We donated over \$700.00 to The Neighborhood House for Thanksgiving turkeys. There will be six children in the foster care system who will have a special holiday because of our club. Many thanks to Kimberlee for organizing this and making all of our Christmases a little brighter.

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Announcements

Board Meeting

The January board meeting is not currently scheduled. Details will be sent to board members.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Rainy Day News

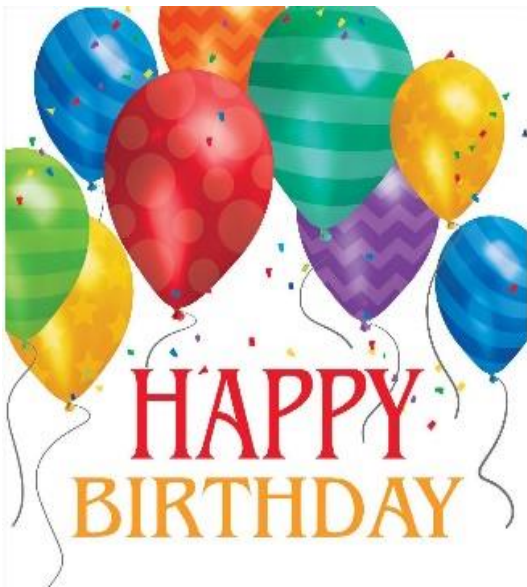
Deepest sympathies to Jill Miceli who recently lost her brother and Kathy Mitters and Andrea Litchfield who both lost their fathers. We are sorry for each of your losses. The Troy Newcomers send positive thoughts and healing prayers to each of our TNC friends.

Socials – Darcel Connors and Denise Matthews

Happy New Year 2021 to everyone and their families! I know we all wish for an effective vaccine and a healthy environment that will allow us to enjoy our club activities and one another's company as soon as possible.

However, there will not be an opportunity to gather for a social during the month of January. Depending on state regulations and safety guidelines, a movie and lunch outing may be scheduled in the month of February.

Check for an update in next month's newsletter. Until then, stay healthy and safe.



JoAnn Bologna	1/15
Martha Brosseau	1/15
Barb Difazio	1/28
Michelle Freeman	1/23
Janet Fuhrman	1/27
Dorothy Fuller	1/1
Suzanne Guzelaydin	1/30
Maureen Joseph	1/5
Norma Klisz	1/25
Irene Koziel	1/16

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 – January 2021

Barb Emmer – Red Rose – Website

Barb has been in the club for 16 plus years. She started on the bowling league (which she still does) and that expanded to euchre, mah jong, game night, luncheons, and scrapbooking.

One of Barb's favorite things to do outside of the club is play tennis. She belongs to the Troy Racquet Club. She plays when she can between Covid restrictions.

Barb just finished what she called her "COVID Project". She taught herself to quilt which I thought was quite something. Over the years she had saved t-shirts that belonged to her two sons. She decided that she was going to make each one of them a quilt out of the tee shirts for Christmas. They have no idea. I think they will be very surprised and proud of their mom's talent. Would love to see a picture.

Her husband, Eric, retired the end of April. Life changed a little. They can "both" go to their cottage up north now where Barb has been going by herself.

Barb and Eric have two sons but only one lives here. Steven lives in Long Island and is coming home for Christmas thru the month of January. Her son, Christopher, lives in Midtown in Detroit.

Barb, thank you for the awesome job you're doing keeping our website and Pay Pal running smoothly. We appreciate your expertise.



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WHITE ROSE – January 2021



Gina Kossick – White Rose – Euchre Activity Leader

Where do we start? With COVID setting in last March things have changed for the club. However, the Gina we know that is full of energy and ideas will still be full of energy and ideas when we emerge from all of this I am sure.

Even with the shutdown, Gina and Don were able to achieve one of their dreams. In July they became the proud owners of a bigger boat. They were able to use it quite a lot this past summer. Gina said when they got out on it they felt like they were leaving all of this crazy world behind just for a short while.

This past April Don had to have a stint put in only eight months after his by pass last year. He's back up and running again now. Thanks goodness!

As many of you know Gina lost her dad this past fall. Covid made it even harder because she and her brothers all got it. Gina spent 12 days in a hotel by herself in Ohio quarantined. I can only imagine. Thank goodness for tv and our smart phones.

Amid all this, Gina still works in the NICU at Beaumont.

On a happier note, their daughter, Maria, is getting married in July in a beautiful church in Detroit.

Thank you, Gina for all you've done for the club in the past and continue to do.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Book Club

Janet L. Gole, Activity Leader



The meeting in December was cancelled.

Hakuro Minato volunteered to host the January 20, 2021 meeting. If Covid restrictions are lifted, she will host in her house. Odds are, conditions will not be improved for multiple households to meet. She has agreed to host a Zoom meeting. I'm really hoping she receives a positive response. Please see our directory for Hakuro's address. We'll meet / Zoom at 6:45, book discussion will start at 7:15. Please contact Hakuro at harukominato@gmail.com or 248-444-1830.

Hakuro chose "'The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead for her book. This is a wonderful book, chronicling a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South. I checked the Troy Library, some hard copies are available.

I'll send an update and files to those on the book club list early January. Hoping everyone enjoyed the holiday season. Hoping it was magical!

Bowling

Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



Bowling – Thursday Mornings at Escape We will be getting back to bowling after the Holidays, now that the order has been lifted banning bowling alleys from doing business! As a reminder, the standings are below:

Position	Team#	Bowlers
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

Everyone, have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year! See you soon!

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



Daytime Euchre is not scheduled this month. If you would like to hostess for upcoming months depending on the Covid guidelines, let me know. I need a hostess for every month except May.

Hope to see you all soon!

Stay Safe and Healthy!

Gina Kossick

Ladies Game Night

Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



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

Mah Jongg

Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



I have never been so happy to see a new year in my life. Hopefully, 2021 will bring us relief from the pandemic and the restrictions and isolations it has brought to us.

While we're waiting for the vaccine hierarchy to get around to us, we will continue to have mah jongg under mask restrictions. Our play dates in January will be Friday the 8th at 9:30 am and Friday the 22nd at 1 pm.

If you'd like to greet the new year by learning an old game, please plan to come. Updates to dates/times and reminders will be sent out to those on Jane's email list.

Contact Jane at jane48085@yahoo.com or 248-879-5512 if you are interested in adding your name to the list.

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 January.

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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