



The Troy

Newcomers Topic

Jill Miceli - Advisor

I am serving this year as the Advisor and part of that role is putting together a committee to nominate members for Board positions for next year.

I am looking for two members at large and also two board members that would like to be part of that committee. The committee will present a ballot or slate of candidates for the offices of President, VP/Luncheons, VP/Programs, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Business Luncheon Secretary, Activities Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Fundraising Coordinator, Membership Secretary, Socials, Service, Publicity and Website plus the Standing Committee Chairpersons.

Please contact Jill if you would like to be on this committee.

Nominations will be submitted and closed at the April Business Meeting (or alternative) and approved at the May Luncheon (or alternative).

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Announcements

Board Meeting

The February board meeting will be on Friday, February 5th at 11:00 via Zoom. The link and agenda will be sent out to the board prior to the meeting

Newsletter Deadline

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

Rainy Day News

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Barb Peterson who recently lost her father Charlie Bruno. Mr. Bruno would have celebrated his 100th birthday on January 25.

If you would like to send a card, text, or email, I am sure that it would bring some comfort to know you are thinking of her.

Helping Hands

Darcel Connors

In the past we used to have a committee called "Helping Hands". For some reason it faded into the background of our club. The past 10 months have been difficult to say the least. At our last board meeting we discussed and agreed to bring back Helping Hands.

The purpose of this committee is to get the word out to our members, if someone in our club is ill, has been suffering a loss, or needs help shoveling snow, picking up groceries or getting other errands done, we could offer help. The committee members would then volunteer to help with the needs.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let me know. You would not be required to participate every time, unless you wish to. The committee leader sends out a notice/appeal for help and if you are available, you would let them know. If you are in need of a helping hand, you know a member who is, or you would like to be contacted to help- please let me know at the email below.

Thank YOU so much,

Darcel Connors - darcelc@prodigy.net

Rainy Day News

Darlene Glaze

Troy Newcomers is a nonprofit group that offers socialization, fun, service, and the support to charitable organizations in the area. When you join Troy Newcomers, you are welcomed into a group where members unite to laugh, work together, and support our members. After a discussion with members of the board, we have decided to make the column "Rainy Day News" a regular monthly feature in our newsletter

The column would post information if someone has lost a member of their family. It would give members the opportunity to offer support to members in our group

This past year I lost my sister who was my best friend, and my mother who led an active life until 97. I cannot tell you how healing it was to receive cards, texts, and even emails from different people. Friends I was close to and people I have not seen in years took time to acknowledge that they were thinking of me. We can give that support to members of our group and help them heal

If you know someone in our group that has suffered a loss, let me know. I will email the member to ask if it is okay to publish their information in the newsletter. If the member agrees, I will let our members know in the column "Rainy Day News", and anyone who would like to bring a smile to someone who is experiencing the sadness of losing someone close, can send a card, text, or email, and we can let them know that they are not alone

My email address is dglaze@wowway.com

Donation

Denise Matthews

At our last meeting the board decided to combine the money collected for Cake Baking for Seniors with the money allotted for the Needy Family Easter donation. Due to Covid restrictions that have altered the way food donations can be made, it was decided that the money would be used to purchase pre-packaged snack foods to be given to the Baldwin Center in Pontiac.

The Baldwin Center is open 3 times weekly to distribute sack lunches to those in need. They are now providing up to 600 lunches weekly. They are always in need of prepackaged snacks, chips, cookies, crackers, trail mix, dessert items, fruit snacks, to supplement the sandwiches and drinks that are the main part of the lunches.

I was able to purchase about 475 assorted items through Walmart. My husband and I then took the donated items to the Center. The workers were most appreciative to receive the snacks!

Socials

Denise Matthews and Darcel Connors

We have been trying to come up with a “new” way of enjoying each other’s company and we have a couple ideas:

February 18th @ 7:00PM Zoom Game Night

If you are interested in joining us for “virtual cocktails” and a fun game of Family/Friend Feud. We are going to try a Zoom meeting with the first 10 or so people who reply back with their emails. We will have our own choice of cocktails and play a fun game while visiting with friends. We will split into teams and may the best team win! The prize is bragging rights! If you are interested you will need to make sure you have the Zoom meeting app on your computer, cell phone or Ipad. You will receive an email with a link to the zoom meeting and instructions on the game information. And make sure to have your favorite wine, beer or mocktail close by!

Private Rental of MJR Theater for movie and/or Lunch afterwards. Date: March - TBD

Please feel free to email one of us and let us know if you are interested in doing this. The cost is \$100 - \$130 for the rental and that would be divided between attendees. (max 20) It includes the movie ticket as well. The movie would be decided on when the lineup is available. And let us know if you would like a day/evening showing and new/old release movie.

Take care and keep safe!

Darcel: darcelc@prodigy.net

Denise: dsm214@msn.com

Hello Ladies,

I thought everyone would like to read the thank you letters that Neighborhood House sent to Troy Newcomers. Thank you all again for your generosity.



November 17, 2020

Troy Newcomers
PO Box 103
Troy, MI 48099-0103

Dear Friends at Troy Newcomers,

Thank you for your donation of \$150.00 given on October 2, 2020 via check number 2408. This gift has been designated for our Thanksgiving program and will be used to provide holiday food to those who are struggling during these unprecedented times.

Neighborhood House has seen the number of people coming for assistance double since COVID-19 hit Michigan. By donating, you are playing a critical role in caring for the families who have been overwhelmed by this pandemic.

Now more than ever, we are tremendously grateful for the community that has funded, volunteered, celebrated and advocated for Neighborhood House. At a time when everything feels uncertain, we find comfort and encouragement knowing that you are taking action to help your neighbors in need.

In the words of one neighbor, who has been helped through your generosity: *"I can't even imagine what I would have done these past years without you and Neighborhood House. I just want to thank you again for the help and support you have given me. You have given me hope during this difficult time."*

If you have any questions or wish to know more about Neighborhood House and our services, do not hesitate to contact me.

With Gratitude,

Kathy
Kathy Losinski
Executive Director

*So nice to meet you!
Happy Holidays.*

P.S. Did you know joining our **Self Sustainability Circle**, our treasured community of monthly donors, is the safest, simplest, and most effective way to support our neighbors in need as we adapt to ever-changing circumstances due to COVID-19? Find out more at www.ranh.org/donate-now

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November 24, 2020

Troy Newcomers Club
PO Box 103
Troy, MI 48099-0103

Dear Troy Newcomers Club Members,

Now more than ever, Neighborhood House is sincerely grateful for the donation of \$129.00 given by Kimberlee Urwiller on behalf of the Troy Newcomers Club. We understand this gift represents the money remaining after purchasing frozen turkeys for Neighborhood House. These funds will be used to provide meals to those less fortunate. Your gift will ensure Thanksgiving is a joyful holiday for the individuals and families right here in our neighborhood who are struggling during these unprecedented times.

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Kathy Losinski

Kathy Losinski
Executive Director

Your gift helped feed a record number of people with us this November. Thank you!

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"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." Proverbs 19:17

God Bless,

Kimberlee Urwiller, Service Chair

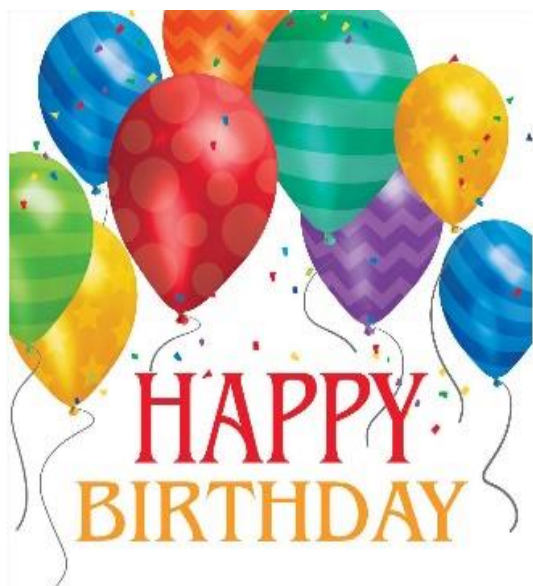
FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Our membership meeting for February will hopefully be at CK Diggs Restaurant at the northwest corner of Auburn and Crooks Roads. Time will be 11:30 meet, lunch at Noon on Thursday, February 18 and we will dine inside. I say “hopefully” simply because restaurants are hesitant to make larger reservations at this time because of the limitations they must follow. I’m looking at the possibility of 10 – 12 people and we will have to sit at 2 tables.

CK Diggs has nice salads, very good burgers and other sandwiches, tasty soup, and Thursday is ½ price pizza day. Each of us will pay our own tab. If you will feel comfortable with the restaurant scene, I hope you will join us. Please advise Gail Trendler or Norma Klisz if you will attend.

Stay tuned for any further updates.....



Judy Castine	2/24
Jane Egermann	2/16
Lynnda Gorelick	2/10
Val Greenberg	2/14
Pam Harvat	2/28
Mary Hrynik	2/10
Sue Jones	2/01
Denise Matthews	2/14
Kathy Neher	2/26
Debbie Risko	2/05

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

Kathy Holm – TNC Secretary – Red Rose

If my memory serves me correctly, Kathy has been in the club approximately 6 years after returning to Michigan from Wisconsin. She started coming to the club by joining Marie Watson, a longtime friend, attending luncheons, euchre, ushering, and being a sub at bowling. It didn't take long before she found herself a regular on the bowling league.

Kathy and her husband, Ken, have two children and two grandchildren. Her son lives here and her daughter is in Wisconsin. Ken was in the hospital in December for his heart but is home and recovered thanks to meds and I would say good doctors.

They have been married 50 years in May but have no special plans to celebrate yet because of Covid. Make sure you celebrate this very special milestone even if it is a later date. They've been home watching a lot of TV like most of us and playing cribbage she said. They are hoping to spend some time this next summer at her sister's condo up north. Fingers crossed, Kathy.

We want to say thank you for the great job you're doing. You're always there to lend a helping hand and I speak from experience.



WHITE ROSE – January 2021



Marie Watson – Bowling – White Rose

Marie has worn many hats over the years serving on different board positions. She has also chaired golf, euchre, and socials luncheons to name a few and she is still chairing bowling.

The first thing I found out while talking to her was she had just finished cleaning up a septic system that backed up. I'm sure many of us are not strangers to that and it.

This past "Covid" summer she and Terry made a lot of trips up to Harbor Springs to get away from it all. They painted and updated the home they bought a couple of years ago. They also rent it out during the winter ski season.

There was also a lot of golfing this past spring and summer. It was one of the activities the club could still have and I'm sure Marie enjoyed other tee times as well. Of course, with not much going on, Marie said she had time to do a lot of projects at home.

Now for some special news. There's been an addition. His name is Cash (short for Casanova). He's a pit bull mix and a great dog.

Thank you, for chairing bowling, a very popular activity.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Book Club

Janet L. Gole, Activity Leader



Marie Hochstein volunteered to host the February 17th meeting; her December meeting was cancelled so she will host with her December book. Hoping many have had a chance to read. She will host virtually, executing via a Zoom meeting. Her book is: "A Woman is No Man" by Etaf Rumill. It's very compelling to read about different cultures and expectations for both women and men. The Zoom meeting will start at 7:00. Please contact Marie at mariekbh@comcast.net or (248) 506-3560 to confirm you will attend.

Our January Zoom meeting hosted by Haruko Minato was a success! Hoping Marie has a number of people confirming to attend.

I'll send an update and files to those on the Book Club list.

Bowling

Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



Bowling – Thursday Mornings at Escape

We were unable to get back to bowling as we thought we would in January. We are now scheduled to start back up on Feb. 4th.

Fingers crossed, we will continue where we left off then. Here is a reminder of our standings as of November, 2020. 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:

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

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.

darcelc@prodigy.net Cell # (248) 396-5371

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!

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



Well we had to cancel the early date for January due to lack of participation but three of us enjoyed a total of 10 games on January 22nd Barb Emmer had a very odd day (nothing but odd hands came in for her) and Jane had one (almost two!) of the no joker hands go mah jongg. Terry Slater had more conventional wins.

If you don't know what the preceding sentence means, you are welcome to come learn mah jongg at any of two times in February. On February 12th we will play at 9:30 am and on February 26th we will play at 1 pm. All play will be at the home of Jane Egermann.

Hopefully, with more widespread distribution of the COVID vaccine, more of our regulars will feel comfortable returning to our group. In the meantime, we will continue using masks.

All other communications regarding February play dates will be through 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.

Late breaking news! The order form for the new mah jongg card is in! If you are interested in piggybacking on Jane's order, please contact her immediately.

Meadowbrook Theatre Ushering

Laura Carlin, Activity Leader



I hope all of you are healthy in these uncertain times. I wanted to let you know what I have been told about ushering. 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.

Somerset Golf League 2021 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

Scrapbooking

Debbie Risko, Activity Leader



No events are planned for February.

Wine Tasting

Ann Britton, Activity Leader



"Give me wine to wash me clean of the weather-stains of care." Ralph Waldo Emerson

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.

TNC Advertising Info

Troy Newcomers offers an opportunity for businesses in Troy and surrounding areas to advertise at very reasonable rates.

If you have a business, would like to recommend a business, or have any questions, please contact the Advertising Director, Jill Miceli at advisor@troynewcomers.com

Rates for Display Ads (per year):

Business Card \$25

1/4 Page \$50

1/2 Page \$75

Full Page \$100

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Troy Newcomers

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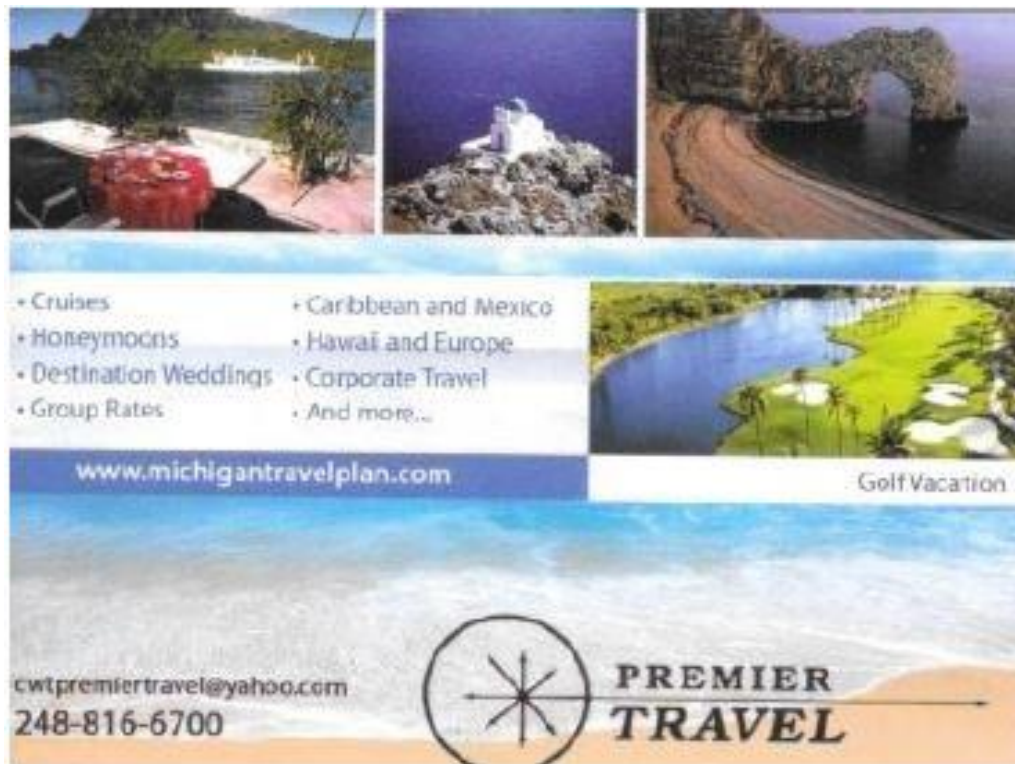
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TRAVEL**

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Bowling	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Bowling	12 Mah Jongg 9:30	13
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