

December 2024

The Troy Newcomers Topics

A Message from Your Board

Karen Patterson, Business Luncheon Secretary

This is my second year as Business Luncheon Secretary. It is as much fun this year as it was last year. I so enjoy seeing where we will be eating and who will be joining us. Being on the Board gives you a whole different perspective on Troy Newcomers Club. If you have any interest in serving on the board, I highly recommend donating your time for the club. Hoping to see many of you at the December Luncheon. The food, the friendships and the gift exchange are so enjoyable. Wishing everyone Happy Holidays! May all your Christmas wishes come true.



There are still a few spots available for our 12.4.24 Potluck Sing-A-Long featuring our own, Claudia Zernec on the piano. The evening will start at 6 pm. Claudia will be getting us in the holiday spirit with holiday music while we socialize and nibble on appetizers and treats. This event will take place at my home and will have a maximum of 25 attendees. If you are interested in attending, please text (248.506.7412) or email (kgard7@comcast.net) your name and what you will be bringing and you will be added to our list of attendees. Can't wait to share our merriment with the group on the 4th.

Stay tuned for information on our 2025 Social activities. Happy Holidays to all!

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/troynewcomers>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on Thursday, December 4th at approximately 11:30 am.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the January Newsletter is, **December 20th**. Please send your articles to: troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com.

Note from a member

Carolyn Simmons would like to thank everyone who reached out to her upon the death of her mother. Your words of comfort meant very much to her.

Rainy Day News

Our deepest sympathies go out to Tom and Darlene Glaze on the loss of their son, Jason.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

Karen Gard	4
Linda Shepherd	8
Sandy Navratil	8
Marie Hochstein	10
Gail Trendler	10
Sheila Flynn	12
Carol Myers	17
Joyce Utter	17
Verna Meinershagen	22
Pam Mayhew	29
Pat Wehrung	30



December 19th Luncheon
Da Francesco's
49251 Van Dyke, Shelby Twp 48317
Meet at 12:00 pm

This year we are back at Da Francesco's for a delicious meal in a beautiful holiday setting. For entertainment we will once again have an optional \$20 gift exchange. Bring a wrapped or bagged gift and enjoy the exchange that is good for a couple of laughs and lots of holiday merriment. Price for the meal is \$35.00, Pay Pal is \$36.77.

The meal will be served family style and includes:

- Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce
- Pollo Mamma Assunta - Tender chicken breast medallions sautéed with artichokes and fresh sliced mushrooms in a white wine lemon butter sauce.
- Potatoes Santa Anna
- Sautéed Garden Vegetables
- Meals include fresh baked bread and green garden salad.
- Non-alcoholic beverages are included.

This is our biggest luncheon of the year and very well attended. Please get your reservation in by December 12th.

Mail checks payable to Troy Newcomers and mail to:
Karen Patterson at 3508 Tothill Drive, Troy MI 48084.

IRELAND/SCOTLAND TRIP OPPORTUNITY

DID YOU EVER WISH TO SEE THE WORLD, BUT ARE INTIMIDATED BY THE PROCESS, OR DO NOT LIKE TO TRAVEL ALONE? JOIN US AND THE DETAILS ARE TAKEN CARE OF FOR YOU. WE HAVE A GROUP OF 6 PEOPLE ALREADY CONFIRMED AND THERE IS ROOM FOR MORE.



May 1 thru 14, 2025

Trip Details

We will be using a very well rated travel tour group, **Insight**. This is a land tour, with hotels, transportation and many meals included. Please go to the following link to see the detailed itinerary.

<https://weblink.ttc.com/weblink/42e0d5d2-43b4-11ef-a741-02cfac3f5530>

Our member and travel agent, Karen Hrit is handling the travel plans. Please contact her at Premier Travel if you are interested. A \$200 refundable deposit will hold your place.

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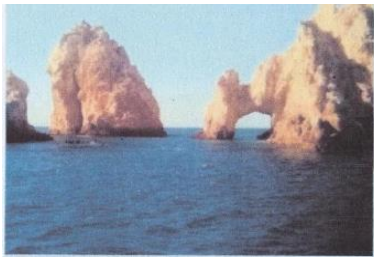
October Luncheon Recap

A fun time was had by all at our Halloween themed luncheon on October 31st. The crazy 8 ball or the tarot cards could not have predicted anything better. The home-made salad was delicious! The costumes were creative and the company was far from spooky!



November Luncheon Recap

Our November luncheon was held at the Grand Tavern. After a delicious lunch with generous portions, we heard our speaker Christine tell us a very heartwarming and inspiring tale of her journey to Grace Centers of Hope. We were also given the first of many opportunities to participate in our Holiday Service project. Once again, Michele and Kathy have chosen well and we are excited to help make an impact on so many this season.



Mexico



Hawaii

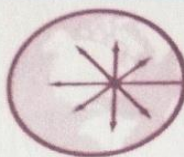


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Thanksgiving Service Update

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Thanksgiving food drive was a huge success!! Kathy and Michele took 35+ bags/boxes of groceries to St. David's Episcopal Church Food Pantry along with a check for \$339. You ladies were quite a force to help the needy in south Oakland County this Thanksgiving!!



Moving right along to the next holiday....

Our Christmas project will be done in conjunction with Grace Centers of Hope again this year. Grace Centers of Hope is a non-profit organization that provides housing, meals, and services to help people who are struggling with homelessness, addiction, and poverty. This year we have adopted the Children's Center to support.

Our Club will donate \$150 to the project. If you are interested in adding to the club's donation, gift tags will be available at most Newcomer events through December 16. Take a tag and purchase the gift! If neither Michele or Kathy is at your event, please give your gift to the hostess and we will collect it from her. If you will not be attending an event or would like a tag sooner (Black Friday sales are coming!) please call Michele or Kathy (leave a message if we don't answer) to receive a specific item to purchase. We can then take that item off the list.

- **NO wrapping** is necessary! Please do not wrap your gift.
- Please **ATTACH the tag** to the gift
- Remember to keep your sales receipt for your tax records
- Please no gift cards/certificates
- Gifts may be brought to any event, dropped off at Kathy or Michele's home or call Michele or Kathy for pickup. All gifts are **DUE by MONDAY, December 16th**

If you don't have time to shop but still want to help, monetary donations are gladly accepted. You can either (1) drop off cash or a check made out to "Troy Newcomers Club" with "Christmas" in the memo at an event; (2) mail a check to Troy Newcomers, P.O. Box 103, Troy, MI 48099 or (3) donate by PayPal on the Newcomers website [Service/Volunteering page](#). All monetary gifts are **DUE by MONDAY, December 16th**. Monies will be used to purchase unclaimed tags and larger gifts like a sandbox kit, classroom rug, carpet cleaner, etc.

If you have any questions, need a gift tag, or would like to make arrangements for a pickup, please contact one of us. If we don't see you at an event, we wish you a very **Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!**

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Rose Awards

Each month, 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.



RED ROSE- Marie Hochstein, Meadowbrook Ushering

Marie has been a Newcomer for 10 years and has been in charge of ushering for 3. It was shortly after becoming a Newcomer Usher that Marie discovered she had a real passion for theater. She joined the Meadowbrook Theater Guild and has contributed to the Guilds fundraising activities. She has organized both large galas and silent auctions. Along with ushering, Marie enjoys euchre and socials. She has worked on the Ulster Project. This organization works with teenagers in the U.S. and Northern Ireland "To educate them and develop them as leaders to effect change in their communities."

How she has time for these activities is anybody's guess. Marie loves to travel. Just this past year Marie and Paul, her significant other, have traveled to Spain, France, Italy and Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland tour was particularly exciting because it was a bus tour with the Irish band, Blackthorne. They also visited the Isle Royale where they were flown in on a sea plane. There they were able to hike amongst the moose and wolves. (Personally, if given a choice I would opt for the Irish band tour.)

Marie is the mother of twins (one boy, one girl) and a grandmother to two boys, Peter 11 and Blaise 8. Peter has already been on a trip with Grandma and Blaise goes next year.

Marie greatly encourages all members to try ushering. She feels it is one of the best benefits provided to club members.

Thank you, Marie, for taking on this job and all that you do for the club.

WHITE ROSE- Karn Gard, Socials



Those of us who have attended the "Broken Badge" (starring Denise Matthews} or are planning to attend the Christmas sing-along with our very own Claudia Zerneke on piano, are very grateful for the socials this year.

Karen joined the club to make new friends and boy has she succeeded; everyone loves her. She in turn loves having close women friends and appreciates the bonding and understanding that comes from women.

Karen is married to Marcel and they have one son who is a Physician's Assistant in Flint. Karen retired from IBM after 25 years and now works part-time for a former co-worker (she gets to make her own hours). She attends luncheons, book club and even a game night. When not working or organizing socials Karen loves to entertain and garden. Prior to moving to Michigan, Karen lived in New Orleans where it was too hot to garden. (She now has 7 gardens.) Karen also runs several Facebook groups and is head of the Troy chapter of the "Buy Nothing" group.

Thank you, Karen, for fitting us into your very busy life and all the work you do for the club.

Thank you, Accent Florist for donating the roses for our Awards this month! Please remember them for all your floral needs!



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ACTIVITIES

Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the **January 15** meeting, hosted by Monica DiMaggio. Her book is ***From Scratch: a memoir of love, Sicily and finding home*** by Tembi Locke. A poignant and transporting cross-cultural love story set against the lush backdrop of the Sicilian countryside, where one woman discovers the healing powers of food, family, and unexpected grace in her darkest hour.

Please contact Monica at mdmaggio@comcast.net or **586-246-8378** to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

If you can dream it, you can do it.

Bowling – Bobbie Fantin, Secretary



After 10 weeks of bowling, team 7 (Michelle Freeman, Diana Alexanian and Carol Henderson) continue to be in first place. We have a tie for second place between team 2 (Kaoru Goda, Terry Slater and Jane Egermann) and team 6 (Jill Micelli, Lynn Sarosik and Barb Emmer). Allison Henderson has taken the lead for most improved bowler since week 7. Our bowling breakfast is planned for December 12th.

Daytime Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on Tuesday, December 17 at 9:15 am at the home of MaryAnn Donnelly. She lives in Troy, see directory for her address. Please RSVP to MaryAnn by Saturday, December 14 at 248-510-1020 or email at: mdonnelly.1844@gmail.com.

If you are not a regular hostess, let MaryAnn know if you would like to bring a breakfast item.

We are beginner friendly, so if anyone new is interested in coming, we can teach you, let us know.

Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Euchre - December 7, 2024 at 6:45pm. Let's have fun at the home of MaryAnn Donnelly and play euchre. Email MaryAnn and let her know you are coming mdonnelly.1844@gmail.com. Thank you to Darcel Connors for hosting the November euchre party! Congratulations to our 1st place winner Bob Silvonen, 2nd place to Amy Strand, 3rd place Bill Locricchio, and 4th place to the tag team of Darcel and Dennis Connors!

We still need a hostess for January, so please let me know darleneglaze@gmail.com

Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



We will not be meeting in December. I hope you all enjoy the holidays and have a safe and happy new year. I am looking for a hostess for January. If you are interested in picking a date, please let Jill know.

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader

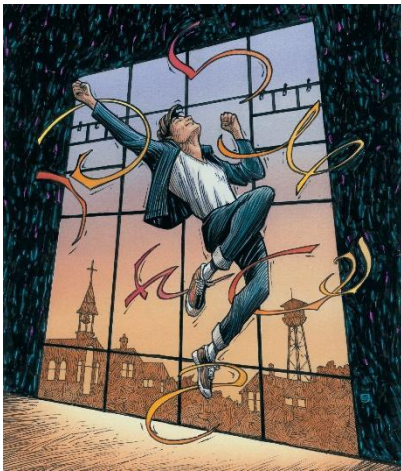


CHANGE OF DATE ALERT!!!! Morning mah jongg (9:30 am) will be on December 6th at the home of Jane Egermann.

We will decide dynamically if we want to play on December 27th at 1 pm. If you think you might be interested, make sure you are on Jane's email list for mah jongg.

Please let Jane know if you plan to attend or need directions to her house. Her email is jane48085@yahoo.com

Meadowbrook Ushering – Marie Hochstein, Activity Leader



“I gotta cut loose..FOOTLOOSE”

Ushers, I don't know about you but this is the play I have been waiting for this season! Music and dancing to start the year off right. TNC will be ushering January 22 to 26, 2025! So, get ready to have some fun.

On a serious note, one of our long-time usher and lead has retired. That leaves our Wednesday afternoon light on ushers. Please consider joining the Wednesday team at 2 PM for each play. WE NEED YOU! Please contact Marie by phone 248-506-3560 or email

MarieKBBH@comcast.net.

Our best to Irene Koziel and many thanks for your commitment to MBT and TNC.

Scrapbooking – Debbie Risko, Activity Leader



There is no scrapbooking date planned for the month of December. Have fun making some new memories to scrap in the New Year.

Somerset Golf League 2023 Season **Debbie Risko & Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders**



Look here in the spring for information on the new season.

Sylvan Glen Golf League 2023 Season – Gail Trendler, Activity Leader



The Sylvan Glen golf league season for 2025 will begin the first Thursday in May. Looking forward to Golf, 2025!

Wine Tasting – Ann Britton, Activity Leader



If you are interested in trying some new wines, enjoying good conversation, sampling a selection of appetizers and pot luck type dishes and attending a festive holiday party, consider attending the December wine tasting evening.

The December wine tasting will be held on Saturday, December 21 at 6:30pm. This month it will be hosted at the home of Martha Brosseau. Please RSVP, Martha Brosseau at mmbrosseau@wowway.com or 248 891 5987 by Wednesday, December 18, if you plan to attend.

Each wine tasting evening is hosted by a Troy Newcomer member. The members attending may bring a spouse or friend, along with an appetizer, their wine glasses and \$10 per wine drinker which will contribute to the cost of the wine. Those who do not drink wine are welcome to attend contributing an appetizer but are not asked to pay the \$10. The hostess chooses the wines she would like to serve. The hostess supplies the coffee and desserts. The wine tasting is held once a month on a Friday or Saturday evening of the hostess's choice beginning at 6:30pm.

If you would like to attend a wine tasting evening and do not drink wine, feel free to bring your own beverage.

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Mail to: Troy Newcomers P.O. Box 103 Troy, Michigan 48085

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2024

Troy Newcomers Club



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Social	5 Bowling Board Meeting	6 Mah Jongg	7 Evening Euchre
8	9	10	11 Ushering	12 Bowling Ushering	13 Ushering	14 Ushering
15	16 Holiday Donations Due	17 Morning Euchre	18 Book Club	19 Bowling Luncheon	20	21 Wine Tasting
22	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27 Possible Mah Jongg	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

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