

*January 2025*

**The Troy**

# **Newcomers Topics**

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## **A Message from Your Board**

**Darcel Connors, President and Newsletter Editor**

Like many people in this club, I hold two positions this year. As newsletter editor, I inform our members of all the activities and updates going on with our club. The newsletter is our main form of communicating with all of you. As President this year, I am honored to lead this wonderful group of women. I enjoy meeting the new members and getting to know the long-term members a little bit better. We have a wonderful group of women who are generous, friendly and fun.

As with any organization, it does not run itself. We exist because members give of their time to help keep it going. With new board members, comes new ideas and growth. Everyone can contribute and help us continue to be a successful club.

In this new year, consider dipping your toe into one of the many opportunities that we have and serve on our board or lead an activity. You can partner up with someone or shadow somebody in that position for a while to see if it is a good fit for you. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions for our club. I would love to hear from you. Make 2025 the year that you try something new, step outside your box or simply do that one thing you have always wanted to do.

I wish you and yours a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!



**2025**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on Thursday, January 9th at approximately 11:30 am.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the February Newsletter is, January 25th. Please send your articles to: [troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com](mailto:troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com).

### Rainy Day News

Our deepest condolences to Pam Harvat on the death of her brother.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## January

Dorothy Fuller	1
Julie Roberts	3
Maureen Joseph	5
Barbara Rosko	12
JoAnn Bologna	15
Martha Brosseau	15
Irene Koziel	16
Michelle Freeman	23
Janet Fuhrman	27

### PICKLEBALL ANYONE?

Pickleball is sweeping the nation and members were wondering if there is enough interest to start a pickleball group. This would be a non-competitive, fun activity. (No one diving for a ball and getting hurt!!) We would have to rent a facility (if played during the cold weather) so a fee may be necessary, to be divided among the players.

If you are interested, please email Michele Burns ([michelemburns@gmail.com](mailto:michelemburns@gmail.com)) BY JANUARY 15, with your playing level – brand new want to learn, beginner, intermediate or advanced – and if you would be willing to help run the activity or teach those who want to learn.



# *December Luncheon Recap*

Our December Luncheon was a success! The food once again, did not disappoint. The adorable centerpieces were handcrafted by our talented Pam Cheli and her assistants, Denise Nicholson and Kathy Holm. Our gift exchange progressed with not one member being taken to the hospital and everyone leaving intact.



# January Luncheon

Buddy's Pizza

987 Wilshire Blvd, Troy 48084

January 23rd, meet at 12:00 pm

We're going to kick off the New Year with some comfort food and some good old-fashioned fun and games! Buddy's will provide the food: a pizza and salad buffet with an assortment of topped pizzas and salads. A non-alcoholic beverage is also included.

Kathy Holm will be our game show host for Newcomer Jeopardy. If you want to have any chance of taking home a terrific prize, bone up on the Newcomer newsletters from September 2024 through January 2025. All questions will be derived from those publications.

Price is \$22.00 or \$23.30 on Paypal.

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

**Deadline is January 17.**



## SERVICE UPDATE

Michele Burns & Kathy Mitter

Newcomer members are **ROCK STARS** for the Children's Center at Grace Centers of Hope! Through your generosity you donated a mini-van full of toys, games, dolls, stuffed animals, art supplies (paint, paint brushes, paint cups, and art smocks), balls, sippy cups, a bottle warmer, hats/gloves/mittens, underwear and socks (I think I got it all.)

You also donated over \$1,000 which was used to buy a classroom sturdy sensory table, dress up station with washable dress up clothes, a kitchen with pots/pans/play food, extra sippy cups, and some additional miscellaneous toys to use all the donations.

Thank you for your generosity, the staff were very excited and thankful for our support. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa to all!



## 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.



### WHITE ROSE- Barb Emmer, Website

This was not the first time I interviewed Barb for the Newsletter. She has been a Newcomer for 21 years and Website Editor for 15 years. Barb joined the club at the urging of Laura Carlin. They met at a school meeting and bowling was how Laura lured her in. (We will take a moment at this time to tell Laura how much we miss her at bowling)

Barb and her husband Eric spent much of last summer at their cottage in the Petoskey area. Barb's trips to Oregon may end, because her oldest son, Christian and his girlfriend are moving from there to L.A. California here she comes! She and Eric are going there for Christmas. Thanksgiving was spent with her youngest son, Stephen and his girlfriend. Because I always want to bring you the most in-depth reporting possible, I asked Barb if she liked the girls. Her answer was a resounding YES!

Barb participates in luncheon, bowling, socials and scrapbooking. Some of her favorite memories of Newcomer events revolve around crafting. Barb enjoys putting things together, but prefers if someone else creates the design. As a die-hard Packer fan, it pains me to tell you how much Barb is enjoying the Lions Super Bowl Run. She attended a play-off game last year and hopes to repeat the experience this January. Barb really believes that word of mouth is the best way to attract new members to the club, so let's all get going and talk it up.

Many thanks to Barb for all she does.





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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](mailto: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

As the holiday season approaches, I want to take a moment to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you enjoy a joyful and relaxing time with your family and friends!

When we return from the holiday break, we'll be at the halfway point of our bowling season. It feels like we just started, doesn't it? Many of you have been rolling some solid scores, and I'm sure there are even more great performances ahead. A special shoutout to one of our subs, **Sue Opalewski**, who made an impressive debut with a 215! Well done, Sue!

Here are a few notable achievements to date:

- **Top Turkey:** Barb Emmer with 7 turkeys
- **Split Queen:** Jane Egemann with 6 splits converted
- **High Game:** Barb Emmer 201
- **High Series:** Carol Henderson 508
- **100+ Pins Over Average:** Barb Emmer

**A quick reminder:** If you know in advance that you'll be absent, you have the option to pre-bowl or have a substitute bowl in your place. While you can choose not to do either, keep in mind that doing so puts your team at a disadvantage according to Rule 10 of our bylaws regarding absences. In that case, your game scores will be adjusted to 10 less than your average for the day.

To avoid this, please be sure to pre-bowl or arrange for a sub. A benefit to scheduling a sub is that they pay for bowling that week, while you only need to cover your portion of the weekly fee that goes toward prize money.

If you do schedule a sub, please help us out by rotating through the available subs. We have seven subs on hand, but only a few have bowled so far, so let's give everyone a chance to participate! For sub information, please refer to the weekly bowling sheets or contact the league Secretary, Bobbie Fantin at 248-761-4676.

Thanks again for your continued participation, and I look forward to seeing you all back on the lanes after the holidays. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2025!



## **Daytime Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader**



Happy New Year euchre players!

We are playing this month on Tuesday, January 14, at 9:15 am at the home of Gina Kossick. I live in Troy, see directory for my address. Please RSVP to me by January 11 at 248-854-9957 or email: [gbean1961@gmail.com](mailto:gbean1961@gmail.com). If you are not a regular hostess, please let me know if you would like to bring a breakfast item for that day.

We are beginner friendly; we can teach you how to play, just let me know and come on by.

## **Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader**



Our next euchre is at the home of Amy Strand on Saturday, January 11 at 6:45. Thank you Amy for hosting again this season. Everyone appreciates it and has a good time. Let Amy know you are coming by emailing her at: [garagesalegroove@gmail.com](mailto:garagesalegroove@gmail.com).

Thank you, MaryAnn Donnelly, for hosting our December Euchre Party! Doug Hunter was our first-place winner, Amy Strand second, Mark Sparschu third, and a tie for fourth with Sue Jones and Eric Emmer.

We need a host for the month of February and May. Let me know if you can host a euchre party.

[darleneglaze@gmail.com](mailto:darleneglaze@gmail.com)

## **Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader**



We do not have a hostess for January so we will not be meeting. I am looking for a hostess for February. If you would like to pick a date, please let Jill know.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season!

## **Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader**



I don't know what I was thinking (probably I wasn't) when I wrote down the dates for 2025 on my treat schedule for mah jongg. Fortunately, Barb Peterson was here in December to set me straight!

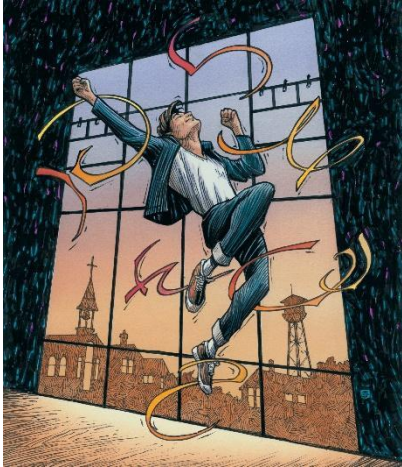
Our morning (9:30 am) play date is Friday, January 10th at the home of Jane Egermann. Our afternoon (1 pm) play date will be the 27th also at Jane's.

Hope one of your New Year's resolutions is to join our group and learn how much fun the game can be!

Please let Jane know if you plan to attend or need directions to her house. Her email is:

[jane48085@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:MarieKBBH@comcast.net).

## **Scrapbooking – Debbie Risko, Activity Leader**



There is no scrapbooking date planned for the month of January.

## **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**



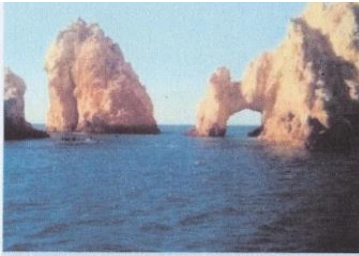
The Sylvan Glen golf league season for 2025 will begin the first Thursday in May. Looking forward to Golf, 2025!

## **Wine Tasting – Ann Britton, Activity Leader**



We do not have a wine tasting scheduled in January. Information regarding the February wine tasting will be found in the February Newsletter.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.



*Mexico*



*Hawaii*

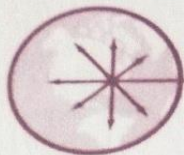


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# January

# 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Bowling Board Meeting	10 Mah Jongg	11 Evening Euchre
12	13	14 Morning Euchre	15 Book Club	16 Bowling	17	18
19	20	21	22 Ushering	23 Bowling Luncheon Ushering	24 Ushering	25 Ushering
26 Ushering	27 Mah Jongg	28	29	30 Bowling	31	

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