

*February 2025*

The Troy

# Newcomers Topics

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## A Message from Your Board

**Pam Mayhew, Advisor**

It's that time of year again. Every February the Board starts thinking about the future of the club and transitioning from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026. I don't know about you, but I can't believe how time seems to fly by.

Our club has been blessed with a great group of talented ladies who give so freely of their time as Activity Leaders and Board Members. A committee is being formed to nominate Board Members for the 2025/2026 season. If you find you have a few hours to spare, we would love to talk to you about taking on a Board position. We have a group of ladies who are always willing to give of their time but for our club to continue to be strong we need new volunteers.

All our current Board members are more than willing to work with anyone who might be interested in taking on a Board position. I think you will find it very rewarding not to mention fun.

Thanks for your consideration. Looking forward to hearing from you.

**“While it is February, one can taste the full joys of anticipation.**

**Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.”**

**— Patience Strong**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Board Meeting**

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on Thursday, February 6th at approximately 11:30 am.

### **Newsletter Deadline**

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

**Rainy Day News** Our very deepest condolences go out to Dorothy Fuller and her family on the death of her husband, Edward.

### **ATTENTION WIDOWS**

Sadly, many of our members have experienced the loss of a husband. Is there is any interest in forming a Troy Newcomers widow group? The purpose would be to encourage each other in this journey while having some fun along the way. It's not intended as a grief support group, but rather an opportunity to build friendships and community with others who are in the unique position to understand what you've been through. If interested, please email Sandy Navratil at [slnavratil@aol.com](mailto:slnavratil@aol.com). I welcome any ideas or suggestions for the group that you may have.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**February**

Sue Jones	1
Debbie Risko	5
Debbie Lavara	12
Patricia Capello	14
Denise Matthews	14
Jane Egermann	16
Anne Decker	19
Pamela Ezyk	20
Heather Wojcik	21
Carolyn Wood	21
Lynn Sarosik	24
Pam Harvat	28

**February Luncheon**  
**Zalman's on Woodward**  
**39475 Woodward Ave, Bloomfield Hills 48304**  
**February 27th, meet at 12:00 pm**

For the month of Valentine's Day, we're going to a sweet destination. Upon entering the restaurant, you walk into the bakery area with its display case filled with amazing delights. Lunch will consist of the following choices:

- Giant Grilled Cheese and Tomato Bisque - French onion jam, muenster, gruyere, white cheddar, house baked focaccia, served with a cup of soup. **Cost \$22, PayPal \$23.30**
- Chicken Schnitzel Sandwich w/Fries - Red harissa tahini sauce, pickled cabbage, baby greens, house dill B&B pickles, onions, tomatoes, house baked focaccia. **Cost \$24, PayPal \$25.38**
- Sy Ginsberg Reuben w/Fries - Sy Ginsberg corned beef, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, Russian dressing, Zingermann's double-baked rye. **Cost \$23, PayPal \$24.34**
- California Turkey Wrap w/Fries - Sy Ginsberg turkey, applewood-smoked bacon, beefsteak tomato, Hass avocado, citrus ranch, tortilla wrap. **Cost \$23, PayPal \$24.34**
- Beverly Hills Salad - Romaine lettuce, cheese, bacon, chicken, hard boiled eggs and tomatoes. **Cost \$25, PayPal \$26.41**

After lunch we will be treated to a sampling of some of the pastries and baked goods from the bakery.

Beverages are not included. Attendance is limited to 30.

Mail checks payable to **Troy Newcomers** mail to:

Karen Patterson at 3508 Tothill Drive, Troy 48084.

**Deadline is February 21.**

## Socials-Karen Gard



2.9.25 Social: Sunday Brunch @ Five 15 in Royal Oak

February, 2025 Social:

Calling all open-minded ladies who want to laugh their tushy off at a Drag Queen Bingo Brunch. Please note the humor is raunchy and the Queen will interact with the audience the entire time. Voted by Metro Times readers 'Best Night Out' 12 years running. Cost is \$30/per person which includes a buffet brunch. Alcohol & specialty drinks will be served for an additional charge. Your fee will need to be paid at the time of your reservation.

Here's the process ...

- Make your reservation at <https://events.five15.net/event/bingo-brunch/drag-queen-bingo-brunch-55>. This link goes straight to the 2.9.25 Brunch event.
- Make sure you include our Group Code on your reservation so you will be seated at our table. Our group code is G-111047. You must include the dash in the group code.
- Please note that once the event sells out (and they usually do), you will not be able to purchase a ticket, so if interested, please reserve your ticket early.
- Please read the cancellation policy on the Five 15 site.
- Once you have made your reservation, please either text me at 248.506.7412 or email me at [kgard7@comcast.net](mailto:kgard7@comcast.net) to let me know you are attending. I will need your email address and cell phone number.

Location & Event Details:

- Five 15 is located at 600 South Washington Avenue in Royal Oak.
- Street parking is FREE on Sundays.
- Doors open at 10 am and brunch is served from 10 – 11. The show starts at 11 am.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Karen Gard.

## 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- Marie Watson & Kathy Holm, Luncheons

Marie and Kathy "THE WILD YEARS"

It was a beautiful spring day in 1969 and the phone in the attendance office at Lamphere High School was ringing. The callers (in very sophisticated voices) informed the school that both Kathy and Marie were feeling a bit under the weather and would not be attending classes that day. Shortly thereafter 2 more calls came in and the four friends were free and with a '64 orange Mustang at their disposal. The girls met in a group to plan their day. They had so many options. They could drive to Stoney Creek, sit on top of the car and smoke. They could drive to Detroit and cruise by the home of John Sinclair (activist/poet). Or they could drive down to Wayne State University and join whatever protest happened to be going on that day. What did our girls choose to do?

They hopped in the car and with the radio blasting, drove to the Detroit Public Library. They all had major research papers due shortly, so they spent the day working on them, breaking only for lunch. Before heading home, they stopped at the Detroit Art Institute, pretended they were in their prom gowns and practiced walking down the stairs. (They all lived in ranch houses).

Eventually Marie and Kathy both married. They each have 2 children. Marie has 4 grandchildren and Kathy has 2. Kathy also has 2 great grandchildren.

Both Marie and Kathy hope all members will talk to friends and acquaintances and encourage them to join the club and of course attend the lunches.





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## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader**



Please join us at the **February 19** meeting, hosted by Linda Shephard. Her book is Look Again by Lisa Scottoline.

When a reporter gets a "Have You Seen This Child?" flyer, her heart stops--the child in the photo is identical to her adopted son. She investigates the story, uncovering clues no one was meant to discover, and when she digs too deep, she risks losing her own life--and that of the son she loves.

Please contact Linda at [bnlshep@comcast.net](mailto:bnlshep@comcast.net) or **248-828-0145** to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

*Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.*

### **Bowling – Bobbie Fantin, Secretary**



After 15 weeks, it is a close race for first place between three teams:

Team 7 - Michelle Freeman, Diana Alexanian and Carol Henderson

Team 6 - Jill Micelli, Lynn Sarosik and Barb Emmer

Team 2 - Kaoru Goda, Terry Slater and Jane Egermann

Congratulations to all the teams for their hard work!

Finally, as of January 30th, we have a new bowler, Barb Shimoura, joining the league. Welcome Barb!

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



We are playing this month on Tuesday, February 4 at 9:15 am at the home of Debbie Risko. Debbie lives in Troy, see directory for address.

Please RSVP to Debbie by Sunday, February 2 at 248-840-6623 or email at:

[dgrisko1@gmail.com](mailto:dgrisko1@gmail.com). If you are not a regular hostess, please let Debbie 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 us know and come on by!

Future dates this year so far are:

Tuesday, March 18 at Kathy Holms

April- TBO

May - will be Tuesday, June 3 instead of May, at Martha Brosseau's

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



Our next euchre is at the home of Joann Twigg on Saturday, February 15 at 6:45pm. It is a fun time at Joann's house and the tables will fill up quickly, so let Joann know you will attend [meetup3@gmail.com](mailto:meetup3@gmail.com). Thank you, Amy Strand for hosting our January Euchre Party! Doug Hunter was our first-place winner, and Mark Sparschu won the second prize. Congratulations!

Please put this date in your May calendar that Marissa Hunter will be hosting euchre on May 17th.

We need a host for the month of March and April.

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 February so we will not be meeting. See you in March.

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



The order forms for the 2025 mah jongg cards have arrived! Can new hands be far behind? For all our regulars (and would-be regulars) please remember to get your order in early so the cards will arrive by April 1.

If you're not too busy prepping for your Valentine's Day date, plan to join us for mah jongg on Friday, February 14th at 9:30 am at the home of Jane Egermann.

Our second play date is Friday, February 28th at 1 pm. Place to be announced as Jane will be attending her granddaughter's school play.

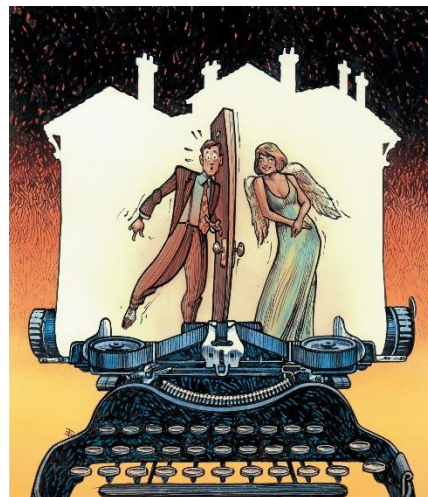
Make sure you're on Jane's email list of players so you get the updated location.

Please let Jane know if you plan to attend on the 14th or need directions to her house. Her email is [jane48085@yahoo.com](mailto:jane48085@yahoo.com)

## **Meadowbrook Ushering – Marie Hochstein, Activity Leader**

During this Michigan winter, who could not use a "screwball comedy that's in love with theater, about people in love with theater, who know that, sometimes, even reality needs a rewrite to reach a happy ending." Our next performance is THE ANGEL NEXT DOOR! Our commitment to usher runs from February 26th through March 2nd, 2025.

Spring is sure to be in the air, and combined with laughter and live action, we will be raised up! Please remember to be at the theatre a full 45 minutes prior to the scheduled performance. I was so pleased to see the commitment of this fine group even on the coldest days of January. Thank you! A couple of ushers will be snow birds in February and March so please look at supporting your fellow members by stepping in and ushering. The sub list is available and check your potential opportunities to join us at the theatre.





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



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

## **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**



It's getting to be that time again! Spring is on the way and so is the return of the golf season. The Sylvan Glen golf league will begin the 2025 season on Thursday, May 1st. We are a 16-week league, playing 9 holes, each week starting at 9:00 am.

If you are interested in joining, either as a regular player or as a sub, please contact me at [gatrendler@gmail.com](mailto:gatrendler@gmail.com).

Looking forward to Golf 2025!

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

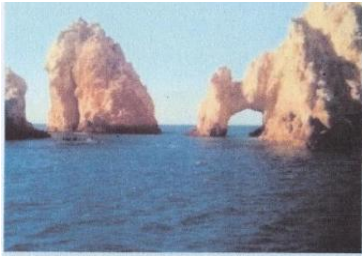


If you are interested in trying some new wines, enjoying good conversation, sampling a selection of appetizers and pot luck type dishes consider attending the February wine tasting evening.

The February wine tasting will be held on Saturday, February 8 at 6:30pm. This month it will be hosted at the home of Marcia Siesel. Please RSVP, Marica Siesel at [marciasiesel@gmail.com](mailto:marciasiesel@gmail.com) or call her at 248-765-2489 by Wednesday, February 5, 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 6:30 pm.

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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# February 2025

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