

## The Troy

## Newcomers Topics

#### A Message from Your Board

#### Marie Watson, President

Hello fellow Newcomers! Welcome back for the 2025/2-26 season! I've served on several board positions over the 16 years that I've been a member, and this is my second time as president.

The last 16 years have been filled with many great memories for me. I started out in the bowling league and branched out to the Sylvan golf league, daytime euchre, many socials including two overseas trips, monthly luncheons and for the last two years the book club. I love the casual and friendly nature of all the activities. Pick what you like and works with your schedule.

I've been very impressed with how our group has adapted to changing times. We adjusted where possible to continue events under the Covid restrictions. Last season we started a pickle ball group and by popular demand it will be back this October. The recipients of our charitable donations have also changed to better reflect the needs of our local communities.

Next month we hold our annual Kick-Off event (see enclosed flyer). This is an opportunity for current members and those new to group to check out all the activities offered. It's a great time to get reacquainted with past friends and to make new ones.

Our motto, "We come as many, we grow as one" is still as valid today as it was many years ago. Hope to see you all in September.



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Board Meeting**

Our next board meeting will take place at Escape on **Thursday**, **August 7th** at 1:00PM.

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

The deadline for articles for the September Newsletter is, August 25th. Please send your articles to: <a href="mailto:troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com">troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com</a>.



## **AUGUST**

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#### **GARDEN WALK BOOTH UPDATE - Sandy Navratil, Publicity**

Hi all! I hope you are having a wonderful summer thus far.

TNC hosted a booth at the Troy Garden Walk on July 9 at the Troy Historical Village. Our goal was to promote the club and entice new members. I believe the booth was a tremendous success. 48 club brochures were distributed to interested parties. All were invited to attend our annual Kick-Off Night on September 4. I am hoping that a number of those ladies will attend and ultimately join the club.

I want to give a shout out and big thank you to the members who volunteered to staff our booth. Janet Gole, Monica DiMaggio, Denise Matthews, Lynn Sarosik, Darcel Connors, Pat Pillot, Ivana Enright and Ann Britton, YOU ROCK!









#### **Rose Awards**

The Rose Awards will return next year with some changes. If you know a club member who should be recognized, please contact <a href="mailto:mariewatson561@gmail.com">mariewatson561@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:kathyholm82@yahoo.com">kathyholm82@yahoo.com</a>

Wishing everyone a sunny and wonderful summer.



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



#### **Socials**

#### Diana Alexanian & Karen Gard



We have a great list of ideas for our upcoming socials calendar. There should be something for everyone in our list of social events coming up ... Tours, Teas, Trivia (wow-3 T's!), making things by hand, playing some sports, dancing (easy ones, of course, like Square or Line!), Concerts, Trips and Dinner or Lunch with Movies (has

anyone seen Superman yet?) Please be sure to see our "IDEA LIST" AT THE KICKOFF AND VOTE FOR YOUR PREFERENCES!!! You will also be able to write in ideas you have too or you can always send them to us. If you can't make it to kickoff, please let Karen Gard (Cell: 248.506.7412), or Diana Alexanian (Cell: 248.505.6159) know and we will email you a list.

Can't wait to be Social with you soon!

#### **Service**

Michele Burns & Eileen Winkel

We are looking forward to organizing some fun and worthwhile service projects this year. Please refer to the Newsletter in the coming months for details! Hoping the rest of your summer is fun!

#### **Membership Questionnaire Results:**

Thank you to everyone who returned their membership questionnaire. We appreciate your feedback and suggestions. The results have been compiled and are below:

- -100% of respondees were happy with the variety of activities the club offers and many were glad we added pickleball last year.
- -100% of responses stated that they felt our luncheon prices were appropriate and the selection of restaurants has been good and would not mind paying a higher lunch cost if the restaurant was a nicer one.
- 75% would like to see more content at our luncheons, and many had great ideas for speakers and demonstrations for that content. Those specific ideas will be passed on to our luncheon coordinators.
- -100% liked the variety and type of charities that our club supports and some suggestions were given. Those suggestions will be passed on to our service coordinators.

Many had ideas on how we could improve the club and each one of those ideas will be taken seriously and considered at our board meetings going forward.

#### **ACTIVITIES**





Please join us at the August 20 meeting, hosted by Linda Pruss. Her book is The Wicked Sister by Karen Dionne.

This is a startling novel of psychological suspense as two generations of sisters try to unravel their tangled relationships between nature and nurture, guilt and betrayal, love and evil.

Please contact Linda at <u>lindapruss4@gmail.com</u> or 248-797-8688 to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

You're never alone when reading a book.

#### **Bowling – Darcel Connors, Secretary**



We are currently putting together the coming season's teams.

The new season will be starting on September 11<sup>th</sup> and runs 30 weeks. We have Thanksgiving week off and are off the weeks of Christmas thru after the New Year. You do not have to have experience bowling. We are very beginner friendly! We will be bowling on Thursdays at 9:15 am at the Escape Bowling Alley on Square Lake Rd. The cost is \$12.00 per week. The Alley will supply shoes and a ball, if you do not have them.

If you would like to join as a regular bowler or a substitute, let me know by emailing, <a href="mailto:darcelc@prodigy.net">darcelc@prodigy.net</a>.

#### Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



If anyone wants to host for September, or any other month next season, let me know.

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



Hello Euchre Players!

We are getting ready for our group to start, eating, playing cards, and having fun!

Our first Saturday night euchre party is planned for September 13 at the home of Amy Strand. I have already told Amy I will be there, and I hope to see all our euchre friends and meet new people who will become part of our group.

Welcome Everyone!

Let Amy know you are coming. Her email address is <a href="mailto:garagesalegroove@gmail.com">garagesalegroove@gmail.com</a> It has been a tough year for my family, and hopefully time will heal part of that. Thank you for all the support. I was asked last year to handout some guidelines for members to help them understand what happens at our euchre parties. One person was not sure what drinks to bring, and another individual asked if I had a list of rules for Troy Newcomer's euchre parties. I am working on a few standards for the nighttime euchre players that I will send out before our first party. I say, "Party" because it is a fun social gathering which I truly enjoy. You will too!

To any members that know when they would like to host a party let me know. I have October through next May open. <a href="mailto:darleneglaze@gmail.com">darleneglaze@gmail.com</a>

I will be attending the kick-off party on September 4 for Troy Newcomers. I hope to get a chance to spend time with you. I will be the one walking around with a blue t-shirt that says, "Worlds Okayest Euchre Player"

#### Ladies Game Night - Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Game Nights are a fun night of games with lots of laughs and some light competition that the hostess chooses. Each month we have a hostess; she will pick the date and time and plan some fun games to play. Light refreshments are served. We play anything from cards, board games, activities, dominoes, charades or some new ones the hostess finds. If you attend regularly but do not host, it is asked that you offer to bring some treats to help the hostess.

I am looking for someone to host in September. Please let Jill know if you would like to book a date. I will have the sign-up sheet out at Kick Off Night for any other months you may want to sign up for. If you don't plan to attend but would like to pick a month, please let me know. Hope to see you at Kick Off.

# Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Our August play dates are the 8th at 9:30 am and the 22nd at 1 pm at the home of Jane Egermann. If you'd like to get in some practice in between our play dates, check out Mahjongg4Friends, an online game. Select the North American Mah Jongg League version. It will play the 2025 card, give you suggestions and walk you through the steps of the Charleston.

This is free to play. You can play against the computer or arrange with your friends to join you online.

New players are always welcome. We would love to have you join us. Make sure you're on Jane's email list for reminders and updates. Please let Jane know if you plan to attend or need directions to her house. Her email is jane48085@yahoo.com.

#### <u>Meadowbrook Ushering - Michele Burns & Joann Twigg, Activity Leaders</u>



Summer is moving much too quickly and it is time to solidify your theater ushering plans! We will soon be scheduling ushers for the upcoming 2025-2026 Meadow Brook Theater season. A total of 36 ushers is needed to cover our commitment and retain this long-standing activity. In the past, we have ushered the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the play. I have not received our assignment, but I would guess it will remain the same. These are static times and so individual play selection is not available. We plan to have a substitute list for dates you cannot usher.

Please email Michele (michelemburns@gmail.com) if you would like to recommit or newly join or have questions. Please provide your name, email address, phone number and preferred ushering day. We will be at the kick-off night to answer your questions and provide information.

Please remember that your Newcomers Dues MUST BE paid by September 30 to participate. I forgot one year and my regular spot was given to another member. I was added to the sub list and ended up subbing for every play but don't take that chance :) If you like plays but can't commit to the season, please consider joining the substitute list. It is a great way to see some very entertaining plays!

#### Meadowbrook Season 2025-2026

- Catch Me if You Can Oct 8 Nov 2
- A Christmas Carol Nov 21 Dec 24
- All Shook Up Jan 7 Feb 1
- What the Constitution Means to Me Feb 11- Mar 8
- Come From Away Mar 18 Apr 12
- Million Dollar Quartet Apr 22 May 17
- Always a Bride May 27 Jun 21

To Learn more about an individual play, check the Meadowbrook Theater website - https://www.mbtheatre.com/20252026-season

#### Pickle Ball - Michele Burns, Activity Leader



Hope everyone has had a chance to play outdoors this summer! We will start the Newcomers Pickleball indoor play at the First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois, in the fall. We play on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 in the church's gym. There are 2 courts and play is open to all members. The cost of the courts is divided among the players and in the past has run about \$25 for 6 weeks (we are going to an 8-week format this year.) If you don't know how to play, we will teach you. The church has paddles available for those who would like to use them. If you have any questions, please contact me, Check the coming editions of the Newsletter for the first session dates. Let's get pickled!! (Or not:)

#### Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



We will be meeting on Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at The Scrapbook Tree 48099 Van Dyke Ave. for their shop and crop from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$10 or you can purchase a minimum of \$10 in products. You are welcome to bring a lunch or snacks. If you would like to attend, please let Darcel know by emailing her at darcelc@prodigy.net.

## Somerset Golf League 2025 Season Debbie Risko & Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders



We are in the middle of the season. We will have a summary of the season in September's newsletter.

#### <u>Sylvan Glen Golf League 2025 Season – Gail Trendler, Activity Leader</u>



We are at week 13 of our 16-week season. Sadly, we have had 4 rainouts, but we make up 2 of those rainouts and receive rain checks for the other 2 rainouts, concluding our season on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual post season outing is scheduled for September 18 at Westwynd Golf Course in Oakland Township.

Standings so far: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Pat Paver with 56.5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Cindy Parks with 56 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place is Pam Mayhew with 53.5 points. Way to go Ladies!



#### Wine Tasting - Ann Britton, Activity Leader

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 \$10. The hostess chooses the wines she would like to serve The hostess supplies the coffee and desserts. This is held once a month on a Saturday evening of the hostess's choice beginning at 6:30pm.

Wine Tasting evenings begin in September and are held once a month.

Please contact Ann Britton at annandjim@comcast.net or 248 496 1674, if you will not be attending the Kick Off meeting and are interesting in hosting a wine tasting in your home in 2025 or 2026.





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**Full Page - \$100** 

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





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