

The Troy Newcomers Topics

A Message from Your Board

Barb Shimoura – Vice President-Programs

HI Ladies,

My name is Barb Shimoura and I'm working with Gail Trendler to make this year's Luncheons different and Fun. I've been a newcomer three years now and this is my first time on the board. I was on Gail's bowling team for the last 2 years, so she knows how bad I am-the lowest avg in the league, LOL. I also Usher at Meadowbrook and love Book club as well.

I've been Married for 35 yrs this October, but Brian and I got married later in life we don't have any children. He just retired last year so we have been taking those bucket list vacations lately. We went on a 12-day cruise to Japan in May of this year and will be going to Nova Scotia in October.

I hope I have some new and interesting activities planned for the Luncheons; we are going to be Line dancing in September & have Chair Yoga in October. I hope to have a table set up at the kickoff, so please come up and say hello, and give me some suggestions about what you want to see at our luncheons. Bonus Points if you have a contact for me to get in touch with.

Gail Trendler – Vice President-Luncheons

Hello! I am this year's Luncheon VP. This is a position I have held in the past, as well as several other board positions. I am looking forward to working with Barb Shimoura as our VP of Programs. I would like to thank those of you who provided input and suggestions on restaurants we might visit as well as any ethnic foods that we have not yet explored. Your input is very welcome! Additionally, I welcome your input any time during the year.

As Barb mentioned, our first luncheon of the season is September 25 and we will be line dancing at The Alibi. The flyer for this luncheon is included in the newsletter. I have not experienced line dancing (at least not with an instructor) so I am looking forward to this! I hope to see many of you there! We are both very busy putting together the luncheon plans for the rest of the year. Stay tuned!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place at First United Methodist Church of Troy, prior to the kick off on **Thursday**, **September 4th** at **3:30** pm.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for articles for the October Newsletter is September 25th. Please send your articles to: troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com.

Donations for Sandy

I would like to extend my thanks to the generous ladies of our club who contributed almost \$700. to the collection in memory of our friend, Sandy Navratil. Through your donations we were able to provide deli trays of sandwiches, potato salad, fruit, cookies, bags of chips, plates, napkins and utensils for the visitation. In addition, a beautiful bouquet of flowers was purchased for her wake, and as a memorial gift each daughter was given a Willow Tree figurine of a mother embracing a daughter entitled Close at Heart.

Each name of the 35 women who contributed was added to a sympathy card containing \$200. that was given to the family to be used at their discretion. I'm always amazed at the continued kindness and generosity our club shows to our members in their time of need. Thank you again, Denise Matthews

September Birthdays

Kathy Mitter	6
Cynthia Olczak	6
Susan Purcell	10
Allison Kelly-Henderson	15
Karen Hrit	20
Jan Brown	20
Denise Treado	22
Laurie Petrusha	24

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September 25th Luncheon Alibi

6700 Rochester Road, Troy

Meet at 12:00 noon, Food Served at 12:30 pm

We're kicking off the luncheon season with a fun physical activity - Line Dancing! Pam Richardson, Barb Shimoura's cousin, is a veteran of teaching line dancing.

We will meet in a place that is familiar to many, Alibi Restaurant, as they offer a private room so that we can avoid any embarrassment by being observed by the restaurant patrons!

Meal choices are:

- Lasagna
- Chicken Sicilian with baked potato
- Fish & Chips

All meals include Antipasto salad served family style, hot bread sticks and coffee, tea or soft drinks

Make your meal choice when you arrive at the restaurant.

Cost is \$26.00

Deadline September 11

Please note: Attendance is limited to 30 people as we will need to allow enough room for dancing!

Checks made payable to: **TROY NEWCOMERS CLUB** and mail to: Karen Patterson at 3508 Tothill Drive, Troy 48084.









Rose Awards - Kathy Holm

White Rose – Barb Shimoura, VP Programs

WELCOME TO THE BOARD

We happily welcome Barb Shimoura to the Board of the Troy Newcomers. Barb has been a Troy Newcomer for about three years, and this is her first year on the board. She will be working with Gail Trendler on luncheons.

Barb is a very active club member. She bowls, ushers at Meadowbrook and is a member of Book Club. This year she will be trying her hand at pickleball.

Barb and her husband have recently returned from a trip to Japan, where they flew to Tokyo and then took a 10-day Norwegian Cruise around the country. (Pictures available on Facebook). They specifically wanted to see Tokushima because that city was the birthplace of her husband's grandfather. A favorite family story tells us that when his grandfather arrived in Michigan, he went straight to the home of Henry Ford and asked for a job. He was hired!

Next on the agenda is a trip to Nova Scotia. She will be gone from September 20th October 4th. In addition to being a Troy Newcomer, Barb also belongs to the Birmingham / Bloomfield Newcomers. She says the clubs are very similar with monthly lunches and card playing, but we are a much better club. (Okay she didn't exactly say that, or anything similar, but I am pretty sure that was what she was thinking.

We are looking forward to Barbs' time on the board. Thank you, Barb, for volunteering.

White Rose – Gail Trendler, VP Luncheons

BACK ON BOARD

After an absence of 2 years Gail Trendler is back on the Board! She will be working with Barb Shimoura on luncheons. Gail has been a Newcomer for about 11 years and has managed luncheons before. She has served as both Recording and Business Secretary as well as doing 2 stints as President.

Gail is also president of the Sylvan Glen Golf League. She bowls, plays pickleball and attends many of our socials. Plans for this years' luncheons include line dancing and back by popular demand chair yoga.

Gail and her husband Ron have two daughters, one granddaughter (Elise) and a one-year-old grandson, Connor, who seems to be a tad more active than Elise was at that age. (It appears that ball throwing is a favorite activity)

Golf will play a big part in the Trendler's Fall vacation. They will be heading to East Tawas and Crystal Mountain. They will also spend a few days in Arcadia and even I know that is one of Michigan's top places for golf. Spring always finds them in Florida visiting Gails' sister and former Newcomer Tracy. (Other sisters Marie Watson and Carol Henderson also enjoy visiting there)

We are grateful to Gail, Barb and our other two new board members, Eileen Winkel and Diana Alexanian. With wonderful

ladies such as these we are looking forward to a very fun and successful year.

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



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Service - Michele Burns & Eileen Winkel

The Thanksgiving Service Project has been decided. Food plays a huge part in our Thanksgiving celebration, so we decided to support a food pantry, the Open Hands Food Pantry and Garden in Royal Oak - https://openhandspantry.org/. They are located at St. John's Episcopal Church in Royal Oak on the corner of Woodward and 11 Mile. Their mission statement: Open Hands is a community-based non-profit pantry and garden that provides assistance to and elevates the dignity of our neighbors. More information will be available next month.

The club gives us \$150 to start and then the rest is up to our very generous membership. We will start collecting at events in October. Stay tuned for the schedule. As always, a donation can be mailed to P.O. Box 103, Troy, MI 48009 or to Michele or Eileen. Thanks in advance, we are looking forward to a successful Service Project!

Socials - Diana Alexanian & Karen Gard

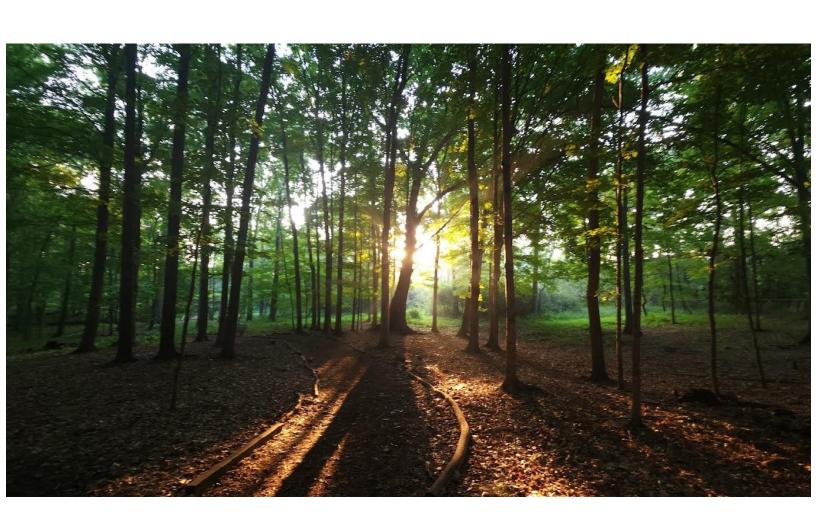


Stage Nature Center Wednesday, 10.1.25 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm 6685 Coolidge Highway, Troy, MI. 48098

How would you like to discover plants, both in nature and on farms, that provide food for wildlife and people? Take a short hike to see some of the Troy Stage Nature Center's food – providing wild plants? Learn more about apples, harvested in late summer and autumn? Make apple cider using a mini-cider press? Enjoy a snack of cider and donuts all for \$5.00/person?

If you are interested in joining us, please send your \$5 payment to Karen Gard, 6234 Crescent Way Drive, Troy, MI. 48085. Payment must be received by 9.22.25 to secure your spot. We will also accept payment at the Kickoff Meeting, Bowling or Book Club.

This event will be outside, so please dress for the weather.



ACTIVITIES

Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the **September 17** meeting, hosted by Kathie Mardyla. Her book is The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar.

Emsley Wilson finds a diary that belonged to Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law, who inherited van Gogh's paintings. She introduced van Gogh's legacy to the world. Discover an unexpected love, family secrets and answers in the past. Please contact Kathie at kathie2m@aol.com or 536-318-5111 to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

Bowling – Darcel Connors, Secretary



We are currently putting together the coming season's teams. We need one more bowler to even out a team and eliminate the need for a "blind" bowler on the league. Our league begins on September 11. The cost is 12.00 per week. Shoes and balls are provided by the alley if needed. Please stop by and see me at the kick off! We would love to have you join us!

If you would like to join as a regular bowler or a substitute, let me know by emailing, darcelc@prodigy.net.

Morning Euchre - Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



Welcome Back Daytime Euchre Players!

We are playing this month at my house on Tuesday, September 9 at 9:15 am. I live at 2941 Bywater Dr, Troy, MI. Please RSVP to me by Friday, September 5 at 248-854-9957 or email at: gbean1961@gmail.com.

Let me know if you wish to bring a breakfast item.

We are beginner friendly and can teach you how to play, just let me know.

Come to socialize, eat some yummies, coffee, talk and play some euchre hopefully!!! Also need hostesses for the rest of the year, let me know!!!

Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Hello Euchre Players!

We are getting ready for our group to start meeting, 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 garagesalegroove@gmail.com To any members that know when they would like to host a party let me know. I have October through next May open. darleneglaze@gmail.com

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



Ladies' Game Night is a fun night of different games that the hostess chooses. We play anything from cards, board games, dominoes, or anything that sounds fun. Light refreshments are served. We have a lot of laughs and some light competition. I will have a sign-up sheet at Kick Off that you can pick a month if you would like to host and I will contact you later to find out the date you have chosen.

Our first game night will be at Jill Miceli's home on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00. Please text Jill at 248-515-5793 with your name if you are able to come. We will meet in October at the home of Mary Ann Kish. Look to the next newsletter for more information on that date.

Please let Jill know if you have any questions about Game Nights. Hope to see you at Kick Off

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Time to start your new club year activities! How about letting mah jongg be one of them? This is an ancient Chinese game (we play the American version) played with tiles. It is similar to gin rummy in that you match a set hand to go "out" (mah jongg). We play on the second Friday of the month (Sept. 12) at 9:30 am and the fourth Friday of the month (Sept. 26) at 1 pm. You are welcome to join us for either or both sessions.

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

Meadowbrook Ushering - Michele Burns & Joann Twigg, Activity Leaders



If you are a play lover, then this activity is for you! The plays this year at Meadowbrook look especially exciting including Tony Award winner *Come From Away*. There are currently openings for ushering at the Wednesday matinee (2:00), Thursday evening (7:30), Friday evening (7:30), and Saturday evening (6:00) performances. So if you would like to join our crew, please contact Michele (michelemburns@gmail.com) or sign-up at Welcome Night (Sept. 4). If you love plays but can't make a regular commitment, please sign-up to be a sub.

We once again will be ushering at Meadowbrook on the third week of the performance (with the exception of A Christmas Carol.) See below for the specific dates. **PLEASE NOTE** that Wed - Fri evening performances now have a 7:30 start time.

Meadowbrook Ushering 2025-2026 Season

- Catch Me If You Can Oct 22-26
- A Christmas Carol Dec 10–14 (additional play on Sat (2:00) & Sun (6:30))
- *All Shook Up* Jan 21–25
- What the Constitution Means to Me Feb 25–Mar 1
- Come From Away Apr 1–5
- Million Dollar Quartet May 6-10
- Always a Bridesmaid Jun 10-14

Current and new ushers will receive the play schedule and other details after Welcome Night once the usher list is finalized. *Please remember to pay your Newcomers dues by 9-30-2025!* We will be at Welcome Night to answer any questions and provide information.

Pickle Ball - Michele Burns, Activity Leader



Pickleball will begin in October. The first session will run 8 weeks, Oct 1 through Nov 19 (we won't meet the day before Thanksgiving) from 1:00 - 3:00 at the Troy First Methodist Church on Livernois. Most of the players from last year are returning, so please either contact me or sign-up at Welcome Night (Sept 4) for the few remaining spots. If you can't attend all the dates, we will be accepting subs.



<u>Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader</u>

We will be meeting on Monday, September 15th 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. You can also bring other crafting projects, if you are not a scrapbooker. Or come and learn about preserving your memories in a creative format. If you would like to attend, please let Darcel know by emailing her at darcelc@prodigy.net.

<u>Somerset Golf League 2025 Season</u> <u>Debbie Risko & Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders</u>



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

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

Due to the unusually rainy summer (at least on Thursday mornings), the Sylvan Glen Golf League has extended our playing schedule by 3 weeks. We will conclude our regular season play on September 4th. Yes, same day as our Kick Off! Because we have had 5 rainouts (yes, 5!) we will receive rainchecks for 2 of our rainouts.

The standings as of August 14th are as follows: 1ST place, Laurie Cunnings and Cindy Parks, tied at 85.5 points 3rd place, Marti Forrer, with 83 points

The final event of our league is our outing on September 18th at Westwynd Golf Course in Oakland Township. We will play a scrambles format and follow up with lunch in the clubhouse. There will also be prizes and a gift exchange. We are looking forward to a beautiful September day and the fellowship of a great group of ladies!

Widows Group - Karen Gard, Activity Leader Announcing the New TNC Widows Group

Honoring the Memory of Our Cherished Member, Sandy Navratil

First Widows Group Meeting
Tuesday, 9.23.25 from 6:00 - ???
6234 Crescent Way Drive, Troy, MI. 48085



We are deeply moved to announce the formation of a new Widows Group within our Club. Sandy was working on our first meeting just days before her passing. This initiative is inspired by the compassion and resilience our late friend demonstrated throughout her life, as well as her unwavering commitment to supporting others

in times of need. We want to carry on with the creation of this group in her memory.

The Widows Group is open to all who have experienced the loss of a spouse and are seeking understanding, comfort, and companionship on their journey. Our mission is to foster a safe and nurturing environment where members can share their stories, find emotional support, build lasting friendships and do activities with like-minded women. We will use this first gathering to chat about how we want this group to be formed and what we would like to do in the future ... so come with ideas.

Meetings/activities will be held monthly, providing a welcoming space for conversation, guidance, a social outlet and shared experiences. Whether you are newly bereaved or have been living with loss for some time, we invite you to join us. Together, we aim to honor the spirit of our beloved member, Sandy, by continuing her legacy of kindness and care.

If you would like to participate in this group, our first gathering will be held on Tuesday, 9.23.25 at my home at 6234 Crescent Way Drive in Troy. We will meet at 6:00 pm and it will be a casual potluck. Weather permitting, we will be outside by the lake so bring layers in case it is cool. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Karen at kgard7@comcast.net or via cell: 248.506.7412. Please state what you will be bringing so we don't have a lot of duplication.

Let us come together in remembrance, support, and hope. I look forward to forming this group we never asked, or wanted, to be a part of. With gratitude, Karen Gard

Wine Tasting - Ann Britton, Activity Leader



If you are interested in trying some new wines, enjoying good conversation and sampling a selection of appetizers and pot luck type dishes, consider attending a wine tasting evening. Each wine tasting evening is hosted by a Troy Newcomer member. Wine Tasting evenings are held once a month. 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. This is held once a month on a Friday or Saturday evening of the hostess' choice, beginning at 6:30pm.

The first wine tasting evening will be on Saturday, October 25. More information will be available in the October newsletter.

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





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Hí,

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As you know, Michele Burns is a director on the

Board of Directors.

We appreciate the Troy Newcomers Club selecting Knit Michigan

to receive your donation.

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Thank you again for your support of Knit Michigan.

Susan Ackerman, Secretary/Treasurer - Knít Michigan, Inc.

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