



October 2025

The Troy Newcomers Topics

A Message from Your Board

Michele Burns & Eileen Winkel – Service

An important opportunity for Newcomer Club members is the chance to make a difference through our service projects. Service projects have always been part of our culture (at least as far back as the two of us know) and you ladies have ALWAYS responded generously! From families at Christmas, to Foster Care kids, to food pantries, we have stepped up to support those less fortunate. Our service projects are scheduled around the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays. The club donates \$150 to both the Thanksgiving and Christmas projects and \$75 to Easter but we hope to add to that through your generosity! Here's what we have planned so far:

Thanksgiving Project:

The Open Hands Food Pantry and Garden in Royal Oak <https://openhandspantry.org/>

We have an update on things currently needed by the pantry. Cash is always welcome, in addition to cash they gave us a short list of items needed.

- Toothpaste
- Soups
- Cereal

Michele or Eileen will be attending some of the club events in October to collect donations. An email will be coming out shortly to let you know which events we will be attending. Also, donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 103, Troy, MI 48009 or to Michele or Eileen.

Christmas Project:

Adopting a family through Operation Blue Shield.

Officer Greg Pokley from Operation Blue Shield will be the guest speaker at the November 20th luncheon. We should have our family by then. Details will be sent in November.

Easter Project:

Projects are still being reviewed by the team.

Thanks in advance for helping to make the service projects a success!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place in the back room of Escape Lanes, on Thursday, October 2nd at approximately 11:30 am.

Newsletter Deadline

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

October Birthdays

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| Carol Henderson | 5 |
| Carol Profit | 8 |
| Karen Patterson | 9 |
| Claudia Zernec | 13 |
| Ann Britton | 15 |
| Gayle Sarkisian-Hoplama | 16 |
| Marissa Hunter | 17 |
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October Luncheon

Clubhouse of Meadowbrook Hills Condos

2929 Meadowbrook Drive
Rochester Hills, MI 48039

October 23, 2025

Back by popular demand, we have invited our fellow club member, Linda Pruss, to lead us through a session of chair yoga. Linda is a certified yoga teacher and she has led us through a gentle yet energizing yoga session on a number of occasions. Plan to wear comfortable clothing. Namaste!

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

The menu includes a catered meal by LaMarsa:

- Deboned chicken
- Rice Pilaf
- House Salad
- Hummus, with fresh baked pita bread and garlic spread
- Dessert
- Beverages are included: Iced tea, lemonade and soft drinks

Cost is \$25.00 PayPal \$26.41

Due to room size, attendance is limited to 35

Deadline October 16th

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

Karen Patterson at 3508 Tothill Drive, Troy 48084



Rose Awards – Kathy Holm

White Rose – Michele Burns, Service Co Chair



Michele is receiving a white rose for her work as Service Chair. However, she could also be receiving a red rose for her work as head of Meadowbrook Ushering and her efforts in starting and running our Pickleball league.

Michele has been a Newcomer for about 15 years and has ushered since joining the club. When we needed a volunteer to continue the work of Laura Carlin and Marie Hochstein, Michele stepped up and took charge. When several members started talking about Pickleball, Michele formed a league. (It is now so successful we may

have a waiting list.)

Newcomers is not the only organization where Michele volunteers. Once a week she tutors a gentleman in reading. She also volunteers at the Forgotten Harvest Open Pantry in Madison Heights and delivers food from her church to St. Dominics Outreach. Wednesday mornings Michele stops by the St. David's Episcopal Church where she turns old Kroger bags into mats for the homeless. Michele said "Volunteer work makes you thankful for what you have, because some people have very little."

Michele works one day a week at the OPC, and we cannot forget her famous ukulele lessons. Michele and husband Tom spent time in Ireland last year where they visited the town her great grandparents were from. The town is home to the oldest pub in Ireland. Feeling obligated to have a drink there, Michele contemplated her great grandparents spending time in that very pub.

Michele encourages everyone to get involved in something new and meet new friends. Many thanks to Michele for all she does.

White Rose-Eileen Winkel, Service Co-Chair

We are very happy to welcome Eileen Winkel to the TNC board. She joined the club about 13 months ago after speaking to members at a Troy Historical Society event. A few months later she agreed to join the board.

Eileen has one daughter, one son and one very beautiful granddaughter named Riley. Riley is only 9 weeks old and is beginning to follow mom, dad and grandma with her eyes, smile and coo. Riley currently lives in Grand Rapids, but will be moving to Colorado next year where her dad will be doing a fellowship in Orthopedic Surgery. Meanwhile, Eileen's daughter was just married this past week. Congratulations again!

One of the highlights of Eileen's summer was a missionary trip she took with her brother to Grace House in St. Paul, Virginia. Eileen was very impressed with Anita and Jerry, the couple who run the retreat. They were on a mountain compound where everyone worked together. Groups worked putting on new roofs, replacing porches, fixing flooring and installing wheelchair ramps. Eileen worked in the kitchen, where extra food was delivered to workers and to those who lived in the repaired homes. At times this food was placed in empty refrigerators. The gratitude of all recipients was awe inspiring.

Finally, this fall Eileen will be going on a vacation just for her. She and her traveling companion will be spending 4 days in Copper Harbor. They are also spending the night at the Big Bay Lighthouse.

Eileen is taking a course on agate hunting. I expect her to return with bags full. Once she is home Eileen can once again participate in pickle ball, daytime Euchre, game night and luncheons.

Thank you, Eileen for taking on this difficult assignment.

RED ROSE- Jill Miceli, Game Night Activity Leader



Congratulations to Jill Miceli!! Through hard work, grit and pure determination, Jill has advanced to a number 2 bowler. (Look out Barb Emmer). When asked how she accomplished this monumental achievement, Jill modestly claimed that she peaked at the right time. Jill appeared mildly apprehensive at this major promotion and accompanying responsibilities. Her exact quote was "I screwed up". However, her teammates Karen and Barb, as well as the entire league feel confident, she will do well.

Jill has been a Newcomer for about 12 years. She enjoys socials, luncheons, game nights, scrapbooking and of course bowling. Jill has spent several years on the board where she ran socials, luncheons and did a terrific job as President.

Jill and husband Pete have 3 daughters and 1 granddaughter. The girls live in Rhode Island, Colorado and Clawson. In fact, the daughter living in Clawson also plays an important part in the family business, "Miceli and Oldfield". (Remember, buy those eggs).

Jill and Pete celebrated Pete's semi-retirement with the purchase of a new boat. They keep it at a marina on Lake Sinclair and often visit "Mike's on the Water". A place well known to Newcomers. Last year they enjoyed a family trip to Disney and this year everyone is meeting up for a family visit to Storyland in New Hampshire.

Jill invites all members to participate in game night as well as all other club activities. Thank you, Jill for all you consistently 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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NEW OPPORTUNITY – Lynn Sarosik

Are you interested in food adventures such as trying new restaurants, learning about different culinary cultures and cooking demonstrations? Monica DiMaggio and I are thinking about starting a food/culinary group and you're invited to actively participate. We are looking for people who are willing to venture beyond Troy to locations in the greater Detroit area. We need ideas and people willing to help organize events. We're even looking for people that might give a cooking demonstration or a lesson in cultural or personal specialty related to food. We don't plan to cook each time we meet, but want to learn and share with each other. This group is at the beginning stage so all ideas are welcome. We plan to have a casual organizational meeting, such as a coffee meet-up, in early December. If you are interested, please contact me, lynnsarosik@yahoo.com or Monica mdimaggio@comcast.net so we can get an idea of how popular this may be. We also need to name this group!

Socials - Diana Alexanian & Karen Gard



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

Last call for our October Social at the Stage Nature Center in Troy!!! For just \$5 you will make cider using a mini-cider press, partake of cider and donuts and learn about plants that provide food for wildlife and people in nature and on farms. We will be taking a short hike to see some of the Troy Stage Nature Center's food and learn more about apples harvested in late summer and autumn. Please dress for the weather. If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Karen Gard at 248.506.7412 to arrange for payment and info on the event.

November Social: Retro Rewind 60's & 70's Show
Friday, 11.7.25 at 7 pm
Sterling Heights Lions Club
12828 Canal Road, Sterling Heights

Our November Social will be here before you know it. Come dressed in a retro style (optional) and ready to participate with 60's and 70's musical entertainment, comedy skits and audience participation! It will be a blast! Refreshments, snacks, beer and wine for purchase will be available. Tickets are already selling quickly so if interested, we encourage you to order your ticket(s) now. \$20/pp. Feel free to bring guests or come alone and join in on the fun with our group. Purchase your tickets for the Friday, 11.7.25 7 pm show at www.hohplayers.org and follow the instructions to pay online. Only 100 seats are available so act fast to get in on the fun! Please text or email either Diana or Karen to let us know how many tickets you ordered so we can attempt to get seating together.

Reach out to Diana Alexanian at 248.505.6159 or agop45@sbcglobal.net or Karen Gard at 248.506.7412 or kgard7@comcast.net if you have any questions.

ACTIVITIES

Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the October 15 meeting, hosted by Darcel Connors. Her book is The Wedding People by Allison Espach.

The Wedding People is a look at the winding paths we can take to places we never imagined—and the chance encounters it sometimes takes to reroute us.

Please contact Darcel at darcelc@prodigy.net or 248-396-5371 to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

When someone opens a book, magic happens.



Bowling – Darcel Connors, Secretary



We are three weeks into our season and we already are seeing some great games. Currently in first place is Team 6 (Denene Decker, Gail Trendler and Jane Egermann) close behind is 2nd place Team 1 (Kathy Holm, Pam Mayhew and Ardin Moenaert) and 3rd place Team 7 (Darlene Glaze, Lynn Sarosik and Carol Henderson). Darlene Glaze is leading splits converted with 4 already! Diana Alexanian leads with 2 turkeys! But, most of all we are having a fun time. If you would like to join as a substitute, let me know by emailing, darcelc@prodigy.net.

Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on Tuesday, October 21 at 9:15 am at the home of Maryann Locricchio. She lives in Troy, see directory for address. Please RSVP to Maryann by Saturday, October 18 at 248-515-3749 or email at: malocricchio@gmail.com. If you are not a regular hostess, you can ask Maryann if she needs any breakfast items for that day.

We are beginner friendly and can teach you how to play, just let the hostess know so you are not counted as a player yet.

I need hostesses for November, January, February, April and May- let me know please. Come join us for coffee, light breakfast, socializing and playing some euchre!!

Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Euchre - October 18, 2025 at 6:45pm at my house. Let me know if you are coming darleneglaze@gmail.com

Thank you to Amy Strnad for hosting the September euchre party. It was our first euchre party of the season, and everyone had a good time! We were happy to welcome Janet Griffin a new member to Troy Newcomers and to our evening euchre. The winners for the night - Chuck Twigg, Amy Strnad, and Tom Glaze. Congrats Winners!

Please set your calendars for these dates and let our hostesses know you are coming.

10/18/2025 - Darlene Glaze - darleneglaze@gmail.com

11/15/2025 - Janet Griffin - griffinjanetk@gmail.com

12/06/2025 - Darcel Connors - darcelcprodigy.net

We need a hostess for February, March, April, and May of next year.

Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Game night is a fun night of different beginner-friendly games the hostess chooses. Each month that we have a hostess, she picks a date and time and plans the games. We play anything from cards, board games, dominoes, charades or anything else she finds. Light refreshments are served and fun and laughs are had by all. If you attend regularly but do not host, it is asked that you offer to bring something to help out the hostess.

Mary Ann Kish will host on October 16 at 7:00. Please call or text her at 248-818-2299 if you can attend.

Looking ahead, Darcel Connors will host on November 11th.

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Mah jongg for October will be on Friday, October 10 at 9:30 am and Friday, October 24 at 1 pm. New and experienced players are welcome on either or both dates.

We will play at the home of Jane Egermann. 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



Our Meadowbrook Ushering Season opens this month, **Wednesday Oct. 22 through Sunday, Oct. 26** with *Catch Me If You Can* (the plot is different from the movie!) A Broadway whodunit overflowing with mirth that is exciting from beginning to end ~ a disappearing wife, a pretty, young girl who claims to be the missing wife and 2 murders! Remember to wear black skirts/pants and white tops/shirts. Ushers should arrive at the theatre 45 minutes prior to show time and remain in the lobby for instructions. Ushers are welcome to sit in the back of the theatre after doors close, but never sit in front of patrons. Remember, if you are unable to make your commitment, it is up to you to find a replacement from the sub list provided. *Also, be sure your Newcomer dues are paid or you will be unable to usher.*

Pickle Ball – Michele Burns, Activity Leader



Pickleball started this month. The ladies are having fun and getting plenty of exercise and laughs and hopefully not pickled! (That means shut-out in pickleball language.)

This session is full but we may do something different next session. To do so, we need to know how many additional ladies would like play or learn how to play. If you are interested and didn't sign up this session, please email me by October 31 so we can see if it is feasible to add an additional day. Also let me know whether you are available daytime or evening or both. Not promising anything but, we can't make a decision if we don't know your level of interest. Thanks!

Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



We will be scrapbooking at the home of Darcel Connors on Tuesday, October 28th from 11 am thru 5 pm. Please bring your lunch, Darcel will supply drinks and 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, let Darcel know by emailing her at darcelc@prodigy.net.

Somerset Golf League 2025 Season **Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders**



We had a great season of golf this year. Except for the rain but we received 3 rainchecks and extended our league by a week. Our scramble was so much fun and the winners were Tonni Bartholomew, Laurie Petrusha and Carole Packla.

I would like to thank Deb Risko for all her hard work with being our handicapper. We hope all our golfers had a much fun this year as we did.

See you all next season



2025 Somerset Golf, continued.



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Sylvan Glen Golf League 2025 Season – Gail Trendler, Activity Leader



Another successful golf season is in the books! In spite of 5 rainouts, we carried on and made up 3 of the rainouts and received a gift card for the other 2 rainouts.

Final standings are as follows:

1 st place, Laurie Cunnings with 107 points

2 nd place, Cindy Parks, with 104 points

3 rd place, Pam Mayhew with 93.5 points

Way to go ladies!

The final event of our season was a golf scramble outing on September 18 th at Westwynd Golf Course in Oakland Township. We enjoyed a continental breakfast and then went off to conquer this very beautiful but challenging course. Following golf, we enjoyed lunch, prizes and the fellowship of a great group of women.

I will miss everyone over the winter but look forward to next year!

Winetasting – 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's choice beginning at 6:30pm.

The October wine tasting evening will be on Saturday, October 25. Terry Slater will host this event. If you are planning on attending, please contact Terry at 248 495 1849 or at terryslater@live.com by October 22. If you will not be drinking wine, please tell Terry when you RSVP.



Widows Group – Karen Gard, Activity Leader

The first meeting of the TNC Widows group took place on 9.23.25 with 10 in attendance. Some have suffered recent losses and others after many years. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12.2.25 at 6 pm with the main topic to be discussed ... Navigating the Holidays After Loss. This will be a potluck dinner. If you would like to join this group of very supportive ladies, contact Karen Gard via text at 248.506.7412 or email kgard7@comcast.net.

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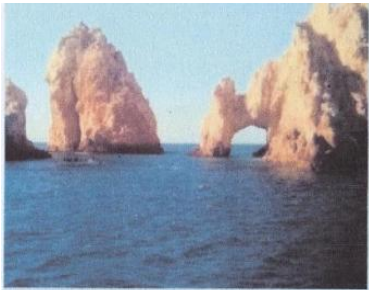
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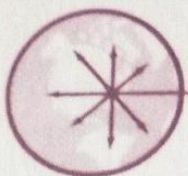
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