

November 2025



The Troy

Newcomers Topics

A Message from Your Board

Diana Alexanian & Karen Gard - Socials

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

There is still time to purchase your tickets for our November Social. Come dressed in a retro style (optional) and be 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 Karen at 248.506.7412 or kgard7@comcast.net to let us know how many tickets you ordered with the names of those attending so we can attempt to get seating together.

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December Social: Holiday Cookie Decorating

Monday, 12.1.25 at the Troy Public Library Meeting Room

510 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI. 48084

To get in the holiday spirit, Michelle, the owner of Joy To-Go Bakery, www.joytogobakery.com, will be teaching a holiday cookie decorating class at the Troy Public Library.

Michelle's classes are typically \$25/session which includes 8 cookies to decorate, the decorations and icing for decorating and Michelle's instruction. The class will be a 2 hour class with a maximum of 12 people. If we have at least 10 people signed up per session, Michelle will reduce her rate to \$15. We have booked the library from 4 – 8:30 so we can do two sessions: 4 pm – 6 pm and 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

Please send your check **MADE PAYABLE TO KAREN GARD** to 6234 Crescent Way Drive, Troy, MI 48085 no later than 11.24.25. Also text Karen at 248.506.7412 to let us know your preference for the 4:00 or 6:30 session. There are no guarantees we will have two sessions ... it will all depend on the number of people who sign up so we might need to be flexible with the times.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either Diana Alexanian at 248.505.6159 or Karen Gard at 248.506.7412.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place in the back room of Escape Lanes, on Thursday, November 6th at approximately 11:30 am.

Newsletter Deadline

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

Marie Watson, President

Hello club members,

I'm reaching out to the membership with an opportunity for someone to help the club.

As many of you know, our dear member Sandy Navritl passed away unexpectedly last month. Sandy was very active in the club taking part in book club, socials, luncheons, pickleball and scrapbooking. Additionally, she also held the board position of Publicity.

This position is primarily responsible for distributing the club brochure to local municipalities and organizations and setting up our booth at the Troy Garden Club event in the summer.

If you feel that you could help the club in this capacity, or if you have questions about it, please contact me at 586-942-7836 or marie.watson561@gmail.com

Thank you all for being active Newcomers



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Service- Michele Burns & Eileen Winkel

THANKSGIVING PROJECT:

There are still a few more days to donate to the Thanksgiving/Fall Service Project – Open Hands Food Pantry and Garden, located at 11 Mile & Woodward in St. John's Episcopal Church. At the time of this writing, we have a little over \$450 in donations, including the club's \$150 and some cereal. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have more. 😊

The Open Hands Pantry was started in 1982 in a small closet to provide food for neighbors in need. They have served over 20,000 people with food and other necessities in a year. Open Hands is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has expanded to include the Open Hands Garden to provide fresh produce to food pantry clients June through September. Open Hands Food Pantry is staffed by volunteers who manage the food inventory, oversee the onsite operations, and recruit and schedule volunteers and groups to help feed the hungry. Hunger is real in the Metro Detroit area and this is our chance to help alleviate at least a little bit of it!

Open Hands uses cash donations to purchase food at Gleaners Food Bank for cents on the dollar. This stretches donation dollars. They also have a small list of items they currently need: cereal, soup and toothpaste.

If you are able to help with this service project, these items as well as cash/checks made out to "Troy Newcomers Club" with Thanksgiving Service Project in the memo field will be collected by Eileen, Michele or an Activity Leader at the following Newcomer activities:

Scrapbooking, Pickleball (Oct 29), and Bowling (Oct 30) (We are not sure the exact date for the Nov. Newsletter email so these dates may have passed.)

You can also mail a check to Troy Newcomers Club, P.O. Box 103, Troy, MI 48009 or donate on TNC's website using the "Donate" button on the [Service/Volunteering page](#).

Or if all else fails, contact Michele or Eileen and we'll make arrangements for a pickup/drop-off.

Please have all donations submitted to be received by Thursday, November 7th!
Thanks for helping to make this Thanksgiving service project a success!

CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

We received an update on our Christmas project, Operation Blue Sleigh, from Troy Officer Greg Pokley. He is awaiting family referrals and we should receive our family and lists before Black Friday. Updates to come later as details are available.

Michele Burns micheleburns@gmail.com) & Eileen Winkel (ew1001@icloud.com)





November Luncheon
Seasons 52
1000 W. Big Beaver Rd, Troy, MI 48084
November 20, 2025
Meet at 12:00 pm



Our guest speaker this month will be Troy Police Officer Greg Pokley from Operation Blue Shield. TNC will be adopting a family through Operation Blue Shield for our Christmas service project.

Your choices for lunch are:

Wood-Grilled Tenderloin Salad

Grilled steak tenderloin, romaine and spinach, sweet corn, red peppers, pumpkin seeds, mixed with a cumin-lime vinaigrette

\$ 27.00 PayPal \$ 28.48

Cedar Plank-Roasted Salmon

Brick over roasted on a cedar plank. Served with French green beans, marble potatoes and a dill-mustard sauce

\$ 30.60 PayPal \$ 32.21

Rotisserie Half Chicken

Finished with a grilled lemon-honey glaze and served with French green beans, tomatoes and wild rice pilaf

\$ 23.00 PayPal \$ 29.11

Beverages not included and to be purchased separately

Please make your selection and note it on your check or if paying via PayPal note choice in the space provided.

Deadline is November 13, 2025

Make checks payable to Troy Newcomers and mail to:
Karen Patterson at 3508 Tothill Drive, Troy 48084

Rose Awards – Kathy Holm

White Rose, Diana Alexanian- Socials



We wish to thank Denise Alexanian. She was a Newcomer who needed a golf partner. Denise had the perfect solution, her sister-in-law Diana. Diana joined the league and the club and 20 years later she is still golfing, as well as overseeing our socials. In addition to golf, Diana bowls (a beautiful curve ball) attends luncheons, socials, and mahjong. Her absolute favorite is game night, and she loves to host. She shares the duties of social coordinator with Karen Gard (Karen will be receiving her rose award next month.) Diana cannot say enough wonderful things about Karen. She says she is “knowledgeable, helpful, a great coach and a pleasure to work with.”

The next part of this article reads like a romance novel. (In fact, I might just submit the story to Harlequin Publishing.) 53 years ago Diana was at an Armenian Christian dance. Jack was 21 and thinking about returning to Lebanon. His mother was not pleased with this prospect, so she did what any mother would do. She hid his passport and sent him to a dance. While dancing, Diana felt a tap on her shoulder. She turned around and saw Jack. He asked her to continue the dance with him and instead of swooning Diana told him he would have to wait. When it was his turn, he asked for her phone number. Our reluctant heroine refused. He let all their acquaintances know he was interested in her.

As luck would have it, several days later Diana's car needed repair. Her father was unable to help, so he suggested she call the young man who fixed tanks in the service. Diana called around and got Jack's phone number. Naturally he arrived in minutes and fixed the car in under an hour. (He would not accept payment.) Afterwards they went for coffee. (Diana paid for the coffee and gave him her phone number.) Jack arrived for their first movie date in a suit and tie, and with candy and flowers. While in the theater it began to rain. Jack left Diana inside and went to get the car. Not wanting a drop to fall on the lovely Diana, he drove up over the curb and right to the glass doors. Eventually they married and had 2 children, Alex and Peter. They now have 5 grandchildren, Maven, Zoe, Nola, Joseph and Owen. Back to reality, Diana has previously worked as a medical technician and from 2001-2005 owned her own spa specializing in electrolysis. She was the President of Electrologists of Michigan. Diana, along with 4 others re-wrote the exam for new Electrologists. She currently is a trip leader for Bloomfield Township Senior Center. Diana said she is “Grateful to be in a group with such good, caring and fun people. Don't be afraid to reach out and share a little love.” Thank you, Diana, for all you do for the club.

Red Rose, Irene Koziel, Founding Member



The Troy Newcomers are very proud to present Irene Koziel with a red rose in recognition of her service to the club. Irene has been a member for a little over 50 years. (Including 4 years as a MINT). Married for 61 years, Irene and her husband Ron have 2 children and one grandson, Joey. While working as a room mother at her daughter's school, Irene's work partner, June McPherson invited her to a Newcomers meeting and as they say, "The rest is history."

In years past, the Newcomers worked closely with international companies. They would send executives to Troy for several years and Irene worked with the spouses, showing them around the city. She said that language was sometimes a problem, but it was a lot of fun. Irene had ushered at Meadowbrook as well as the Fischer and Fox theaters, until retiring this year. She also worked on luncheons, finding new and fun Troy restaurants for members to enjoy.

About the same time Irene joined the Newcomers she also joined the Troy Garden Club, where she is still an active member. Stemming from the Garden Club {Stems, get it? Plants have stems}

Irene is also a member of Cranbrook Gardens, Cacti and Succulent club and the Hearty Plant Society.

Irene has enjoyed being a Newcomer because everyone is so much fun and so welcoming.

Thank you, Irene, for 50 plus years.

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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ACTIVITIES


Book Club – Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the November 19 meeting, hosted by Darlene Eckhout. Her book is **One Italian Summer by Rebecca Serle.**

A great love story, a transcendent novel about how we move on after loss, and how the people we love never truly leave us.

Please contact Darlene at dmeekhout@att.net or 248-225-8439 to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

The best moments aren't what you do, it's whom you're with. 

Bowling – Darcel Connors, Secretary



We are in the 8th week of bowling and things have begun to get interesting. Currently first place is held by Team #1(Kathy Holm, Pam Mayhew and Ardin Moenaert). The 2nd Place position is ten points behind and held by Team #3 (Barb Shimoura, Terry Slater and Diana Alexanian), and with 2 points difference, in third place we have Team #4 (Cindy Olczak, Kaoru Coda and Marie Watson). Darlene Glaze continues to reign with most splits converted at 4. Most turkeys is still held by Diana Alexanian with 2.

We have had some high games, but Barb continues to hold the record this season with a 186 game and 490 series. There is a lot more bowling to go, so everything is bound to change. If you would like to join as a substitute bowler, please contact Darcel at darcelc@prodigy.net.

Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



Thank you, Maryann Locricchio for hosting in October!!

We are playing this month at the home of Eileen Winkel on Friday, November 14 at 9:15 am. Eileen lives in Troy, see directory for her address. Please RSVP to her by Tuesday , November 11 at 248-841-5560 or email : ew1001@icloud.com. If you are not a regular hostess, let Eileen know if you wish to bring a breakfast item for that day.

We are beginner friendly and can teach you how to play, just let hostess know so you will not be in the count.

I still need a hostess for January, February, April and May!!!

Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Euchre - November 15 at 6:45pm -Janet Griffin - Janet will have her euchre party at her clubhouse for directions and to let Janet know you are coming email her at - griffinjanetk@gmail.com.

Last month we played euchre at my home. The first place winner was Doug Hunter. It was a tie for second with Sue Jones and Maryann Donnelly sharing that title. Our 4th place winner was Amy Strnad. Congratulations Winners! I want to welcome two new members to our euchre group Pat Paver and Cynthia Olczak, and we are so happy that you joined us.

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

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

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

01/17/2026 - Claudia Sparschu - csparschu@yahoo.com

Thank you, Marissa Hunter for signing up to host our May euchre.

We need a hostess for February, March, April, for 2026!

Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Game Night is a fun-filled night of beginner games that the hostess chooses. Each month we have a hostess. she picks the date and games to play. Light refreshments are served. It is asked if you attend regularly but do not host you offer to bring something to help the hostess. Lots of laughs and some light competition are had by all.

This month, Darcel Connors will host on November 11 at 7:00. Please let Darcel know if you are able to attend.

We will not be meeting in December.

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Carpe diem! Seize the day! In this case the day is November 14 which will be our only mah jongg play date for the month. (For some reason the day after Thanksgiving never really works out.)

The time is 9:30 am, the place is Jane Egermann's house. All are welcome and, if you'd like the reminder she'll send out the Monday before, make sure you're on her email list.

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



There is no play in November but get ready for the always well attended “A Christmas Carol” in December! We will be ushering the 4th week of the play instead of the 3rd, so Dec. 10th through the 14th.

Remember our ushering dates are unique for this play so please check your assignments. The December Newsletter will have reminders for the updated dates and times and they are also on the Usher Schedule you have already received.

Please remember to get a sub if you cannot attend a scheduled performance.

Pickle Ball – Michele Burns, Activity Leader



We are a few weeks into the First Session and so far, so good! Gals are enjoying the play and getting better every week.

The 2nd Session will start on December 10th and run for 6 weeks (no pickleball on Christmas or New Years Eve) through January 28th. We play at the First United Methodist Church of Troy, 6363 Livernois, on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 pm. If you are interested in playing the 2nd Session, please let me know by November 24 as the roster & cost will be set soon after that. Specific details for 2nd Session will be communicated to those on the roster.

Please note, because the cost of playing is determined by the cost to rent the gym divided by total number of players, if you make the commitment to play you are responsible for the whole session whether you attend or not. *The fee is due no later than the first week of play.* If you are a regular player and cannot play on a date, please contact the gals on the sub list to see if someone is available to play in your spot.

As always, we will train new players and there are paddles available to use if you don't have one. If you would like to play but can't make a regular commitment, please contact me about joining the sub list.

Any questions, please contact me (micheleburns@gmail.com).

Let's all get pickling!!

Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



We will be meeting on Monday, November 24th at The Scrapbook Tree 48099 Van Dyke Ave. for their shop and crop from 11:00 am to 3:00 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.

Somerset Golf League 2026 Season
Debbie Risko & Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders



Looking forward to the next season starting in the spring of 2026.

Sylvan Glen Golf League 2026 Season – Gail Trendler, Activity Leader



Stay tuned for information regarding the 2026 golf season.

Widows Group, Karen Gard – Activity Leader



Our 2nd Widows Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12.2.25 from 6:00 pm – at my home. This meeting will once again be a casual potluck dinner. Our first group meeting was very successful with ten ladies attending. It was decided at our first meeting to gather on a quarterly basis. All those who have lost a partner are welcome. If you would like to participate in this group, 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.

Our December meeting will focus on strategies for the holidays and getting to know one another a little bit more. Let us come together in remembrance, support, and hope.

With gratitude,
Karen Gard

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. Everyone brings their own wine glass.

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 November wine tasting evening will be on Saturday, November 15. Carol Packla will host this event. If you are planning on attending, please contact Carol at 248 930 6650 by November 12. If you will not be drinking wine, please tell Carol when you RSVP.

October Luncheon

We started off the meeting with a chair yoga class lead by member Linda Pruss. Then we settled down to a lovely catered lunch from La Marsa. Our business meeting was held. The White and Red roses were given out and the 50/50 cash and door prizes were awarded.



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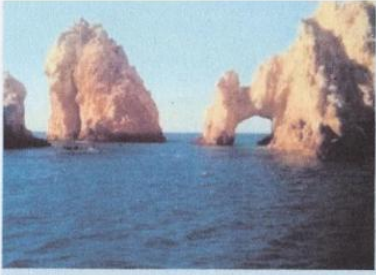


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