



February 2026

# The Troy Newcomers Topics

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## Darcel Connors, Advisor

It is that time of the year again, where we begin our search for members that will accept a position on our board. This seems to be getting harder and harder every year. I was taught by my father growing up that if you can, you do. So, it has always been in my wheelhouse to volunteer to help. I know, that for many, it may not be that easy. Even though it may seem intimidating, I assure you that there is someone to help you learn your way. You can even shadow someone now, to see if a particular board position is a good fit for you. If you think it will take up too much of your time, think again. Most of our board positions require very minimal time. If you have plans to travel, we can accommodate that. Being on the board can be very rewarding. There are many perks as well. Your yearly dues are paid, you are invited to a board holiday lunch by the club's president, you are able to see the inner workings of the club and make an impact on our club, and you get to know a great core of women even better. Almost all of our board positions can be shared. Pairing up with someone can be a lot of fun. Look at our list of **some** of our positions below and see which one is best for you. Contact me or some one else on our board and we can elaborate on what each position requires. **We need you!**

**President**- Prepares agenda for monthly board meetings, leads the monthly luncheon meeting. Must serve as advisor in the following year.

**VP of Luncheons**- finds venues for our monthly luncheons and negotiates details involved with the luncheon. Works closely with program coordinator.

**VP of Programs**- finds interesting and entertaining short programs for our monthly luncheons.

**Publicity**- distributes club brochures at various venues in the area, helps with community outreach, co-ordinates booth at Garden Walk in July.

**Recording Secretary**- takes notes at monthly meetings and luncheons. Compiles the notes and provides copies to members.

**Business Secretary**- collects checks for monthly luncheon, keeps tally of members attending luncheons.

**Socials**- facilitate social opportunities for members.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Board Meeting**

Our next board meeting will take place in the back room of Escape Lanes, on Thursday, February 5th 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).



## **February**

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## February Luncheon Fogo De Chao

301 W. Big Beaver Rd, Troy  
**February 26<sup>th</sup>, meet at 12:00 pm**



Our speaker will be Carolyn Gentry, a real estate professional who will guide us through downsizing our homes.

This month we will be experiencing the Brazilian inspired Market Table

The Market Table (think salad bar but very upscale) is a colorful palate of fresh and flavorful foods that are inspired by Brazilian farmlands & recipes that are traditional and natural staples of Southern Brazilian cuisine. It consists of the following:

### SEASONAL RECIPES

Such as hummus, lentil soup, roasted apple & sweet potato salad, roasted butternut squash, and more

### SPECIALTY SALADS

Crispy Chickpea Kale Salad, Pear & Arugula Salad, Sesame Black Bean Pasta, Beet Tartare, Quinoa Tabouleh, and more

### LEAFY GREENS AND SALADS

Fresh greens of the season and classic salads from Romaine and Arugula to Caesar

### SMOKED SALMON

Cold-smoked salmon, basil dressing, red onions and capers

### BLACK PEPPER CANDIED BACON

Oven roasted with brown sugar, black pepper, and red pepper flakes

### FOGO FEIJODA

A traditional black bean stew with sausage served over white rice

Coffee, iced tea and soft drinks are included

Price for the meal is **\$28.00 – PayPal is \$29.04**

Deadline is February 19th

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

**Karen Patterson, 3508 Tothill Drive, Troy, MI, 48084**

## **Service - Michele Burns & Eileen Winkel**

Our Christmas Service project, adopting a family Troy family through the Troy Police Operation Blue Sleigh, was a huge success! Officer Greg received the following message from Claudia, our Family #19 Mom. **"...I appreciate all of them so much for everything they have done this holiday. Please send them all our gratitude for their gracious hearts and I hope they are blessed this year with more love and happiness than ever."**

Thank you so much for the support we received for the club's Christmas project! We haven't yet decided on the Spring Service Project but details should be coming soon!



## Diana Alexanian and Karen Gard, Socials Co-Chairs



**Friday, 1.30.26 from 5:30 pm - ???** ~ Gumbo's Bar & Restaurant in Mt. Clemons ~ RSVP Due By 1.27.26!!!!

In February of 2024 we held a social for our group at Gumbo's and it was such a success we will be doing it again this year. This social is open to TNC members and their guest(s). There is no cover charge for the band but tips are graciously accepted. The band is great, the food is delicious, and the company will be fun.

If you wish to attend, please call or text Karen at 248.506.7412 with the names and cell phone numbers for each attendee by Tuesday, the 27<sup>th</sup>. Karen will be placing the reservation so we can all sit together. You will be ordering food and beverages at the restaurant and be responsible for your own bill. No need to send in any money before the event but we do ask that you please respect the RSVP process to give anyone who wants to attend the event a seat in the main room with the band. Last time we had a few people dress up in Mardi Gras gear and made it really fun. Wear purple, green and/or gold to get in the Mardi Gras spirit. Here are the links about the night ....

Restaurant/Menu: [www.gumbosmountclemens.com](http://www.gumbosmountclemens.com)

Band: <http://rjspanbler.com/rjtbone.php>

## Thursday, 3.12.26 ~ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm The Whiffenpoofs @ Christ Church Cranbrook ~ RSVP Due By 1.27.26!!!!



On 3.12.26 from 7 pm - 8:30 pm, a social event has been planned to see The Whiffenpoofs perform at Christ Church of Cranbrook. Tickets are limited so place your order soon. The Yale Whiffenpoofs is a collegiate a cappella singing group at Yale University. Established in 1909, it is the oldest such group in the United States. Best known for "The Whiffenpoof Song", the group is composed of 14 senior students who compete for admission in the spring of their junior year. Since their founding in 1909, the Whiffenpoofs have brought their diverse repertoire of vocal jazz, folk, pop, and Broadway hits to more than two hundred audiences each year across all 6 inhabited continents. In past years, the 'Whiffs' have sung for Presidents Obama, Bush (41 and 43), Clinton, and Reagan, and at venues including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center. They've even been featured on television shows such as "The Sing Off," "The West Wing," and "Glee." We hope to see you there!

Various levels of tickets are available. Non-priority seating will be first come, first seated basis:

- Priority Seating (you will be seated in the front rows of the church): \$64.05
- General Admission (Non-Priority Seating): \$32.69
- Student Tickets: \$18.05

If interested, please buy your ticket(s) at this link: [Whiffenpoofs in Michigan](#). We will coordinate carpooling if interested closer to the date. Feel free to buy tickets for family and friends too as this social will be open to guests. Once tickets are purchased, please text Karen at 248.506.7412 to let us know you will be attending. In the text, please include your guest's name(s) and cell phone numbers for each attendee.

We cannot guarantee everyone will be seated together for this event but we will try our best to gather together before the doors open. Here is a taste of what they sound like.

[2026 Group Anything Goes](#)  
[Rainbow Connection](#)

[Can't Help Falling in Love with You](#)  
[House of the Rising Sun](#)

## Rose Awards – Kathy Holm

### Gina Kossick- Red Rose



It seems like just yesterday I was writing about Ginas' first grandchild. Ruthie is now 3 and a half, and has a sister Josie, who is almost 2 along with a brand-new baby brother, James. Needless to say, Gina is one very happy Grandma. Family gatherings also make Gina happy, and she is planning one to celebrate both Dons' and Josies' birthdays. Her family is coming in from Ohio with 7-year-old twins. That makes a total of five kids aged 7 and under. Luckily, there will be plenty of adults to supervise.

Gina has been a Newcomer for 31 years (she joined because of bowling). Along with bowling she enjoys game nights, socials, luncheons (where she sells raffle tickets), scrapbooking and of course euchre. Gina has organized daytime euchre for years and as a result has become an expert at rearranging furniture to squeeze in more tables.

Those of you who attended Decembers' luncheon and participated in the gift exchange will remember "The Wreath". It was one of the most popular gifts, (stolen several times). Gina was the creator of the wreath, and we can only hope that she makes another one for next year.

Last summer Gina and Don spent a lot of time on their boat "Recovery". They set sail on Lake Sinclair and enjoyed the sunshine. I love the story of how "Recovery" got its' name. Gina and Don knew the couple they bought the boat from. The wife, who had always wanted a boat, developed cancer in her leg. Her husband told her that when she recovered, he would buy her a boat. She recovered; he bought the boat, and they named it Recovery. When they purchased the boat, Don was recovering from major surgery, the name fit, and so they kept it.

Gina is always more than happy to help wherever she is needed and is a very valued member of the club. Thank you, Gina, for everything.



## Karen Patterson- White Rose



Karen Patterson is this month's recipient of our white rose award. Imagine my surprise when I asked her how long she had been a member and she replied, "Which time?" Apparently, membership rules were somewhat different in the past. I knew that after three years you left the Newcomers and became a Mint. What I hadn't realized was that you could only be a Mint for two years and then you were out. The rule about actually living in Troy was also more strictly enforced. Thank goodness cooler heads prevailed and Karen is back. (along with the rest of us). During her first time as a Newcomer Karen worked with Carolyn Simmons on socials. This time she has spent several years as our Business Secretary.

Although both her son and daughter are married and out of the house, Karen and Don, married almost 57 years have 2 girl cats (Socks and Boots) and 2 boy dogs (Smoky Bear and Gummy Bear).

Karen and Don + 2 grandkids – 2 parents = FUN FUN FUN. Karen and Don were able to watch Jacob, 8 and Olivia 6, while their parents took a quick trip to Niagara, this past December. A lot of fun was had by all.

We know that Karen's son is a wonderful woodworker, and she works with him at shows during the spring and summer months. He does the actual creating and Karen schmoozes with the customers and takes the money. Last summer they included Mexican sweet corn at their booth and while very successful, Karen wasn't able to chat as much with the customers. All she could do was take in money.

Karen encourages everyone to consider serving on the board. She particularly enjoyed making the nametags and putting names to faces. Thank you, Karen for rejoining the club and serving on the board.



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## **ACTIVITIES**

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



Please join us at the February 18 meeting, hosted by Laura Lyon. Her book is The Briar Club by Kate Quinn. A historical fiction novel set in a 1950s Washington, D.C. women's boardinghouse, Briarwood House, where a group of diverse women form an unlikely friendship and a supper club after a murder occurs.

Please contact Laura at [lauralyon@aol.com](mailto:lauralyon@aol.com) or **415-385-3415** to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

Speak your mind, even if your voice shakes

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



We have finished our first position day and it resulted in some movement. Leading in first place is Team 7(Darlene Glaze, Lynn Sarosik and Carol Henderson). In Second place we have Team 4(Cindy Olczak, Kaoru Goda and Marie Watson). Third place is held by Team 1(Kathy Holm, Pam Mayhew and Ardin Moenaert). Most Turkeys is held by Barb Emmer with 4 and Diana Alexanian has taken over Most Splits converted with 8. Jane Egermann holds the highest scratch game(212) and scratch series (560) titles. We are half way thru and there is still time for things to change.

If you would like to join as a substitute bowler, contact Darcel at [darcelc@prodigy.net](mailto:darcelc@prodigy.net).



### **Culinary Group – Lynn Sarosik & Monica DiMaggio, Activity Leaders**

The group plans to meet about every 4-6 weeks. Daytime, late morning or afternoons are best, with weekdays (Monday through Thursdays) preferred. We may have activities during the summer, which will allow us to pursue early evening events. If transportation is an issue, we can always hire an Uber. Topics are being investigated, although nothing is on the calendar. More details will be available as this group gets off the ground.

If interested, contact Monica DiMaggio at: [mdimaggio@comcast.net](mailto:mdimaggio@comcast.net) so you don't miss any information.



## Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader

We are playing this month on Monday, February 16 at 9:30 am ( NOTE NEW TIME ) at the home of Sue Jones. Sue lives in Troy, see directory for address. Please RSVP to her by Friday , February 13 at 248-909-7839 or [sci1jones@gmail.com](mailto:sci1jones@gmail.com). If you are not a regular hostess, let Sue know if you wish to bring a breakfast item for that morning.

We are beginner friendly and can teach or refresh playing euchre, just let the hostess know so you are not put in the count.



## Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader

Happy Valentine's Day! We will be celebrating at the home of Joann Twigg. The euchre party will be February 14 at 6:45pm. Joann will be having 5 tables, so hurry up and let her know you are coming [jmeetup3@gmail.com](mailto:jmeetup3@gmail.com)

Thank you, Claudia Sparschu for hosting our January party in your home. Our first-place winner was Sue Jones, 2nd place Martha Brosseau, 3rd place Chuck Twigg. Congratulations winners!

We have one more month open this season for someone to host the March euchre in their home. Let me know if you can host the month of March  
[darleneglaze@gmail.com](mailto:darleneglaze@gmail.com)

April 18th - Gina Kossick

May - Marissa Hunter

New rule starting in February, 2026. There has been some discussion on the dealer paying 25 cents when she/he is stuck with taking the bid and they get euchred. So - whether you get stuck with the deal or you take the bid, if you get euchred, I ask everyone now to pay 25 cents. I ask that when you play euchre you keep track by checking the bottom of your score sheet that states, Bumps. You can check off each time you have a bump, (are euchred) and you can pay at the end of the night. The coins that are collected are a fun way for more people to take a prize home.

## Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Gina Kossick will host Ladies' Game Night on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:00. Please let Gina know if you are able to attend. You can find her number in the directory.

## Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Not to panic about Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be a good day for mah jongg. (Actually, any day is a good day for mah jongg.) Come join us at 9:30 am at the home of Jane Egermann. If you don't know how to play, we will be glad to provide lessons. If morning isn't your thing (or you're too superstitious to leave your house on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>) you could also come at 1 pm on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in this date, please make sure you are on Jane's email list as she may be heading out to granddaughter Maya's dance competition. She will keep you advised of any location changes.

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

## Meadowbrook Ushering – Michele Burns & Joann Twigg , Activity Leaders



Our next performance is *What the Constitution Means to Me!* Written from her own life story, fifteen-year-old Heidi Schreck paid her college tuition by speaking in debate competitions across the country; now older, she tells the story of four generations of extraordinary women in her family whose lives were shaped by the Constitution. Heidi Schreck's hilarious, hopeful and achingly human play breathes new life into our Constitution and imagines how it will shape the next generation of Americans. Our dates to usher run from Wednesday, February 25 to Sunday, March 1, 2026. Please arrive at the theatre 45 minutes prior to showtime and remain in the lobby for instructions. Remember, if you are unable to make your commitment, it is up to you to find a replacement from the sub list. This will be some great entertainment to help us through February in Michigan!

## Pickle Ball – Michele Burns, Activity Leader



At the time of this writing, the 2nd Session of Pickleball is about to end (Jan 28) and the 3rd Session (Feb 4- Mar 25) is about to start. The 3rd Session roster was set on Jan 26, but if you are interested in being a sub ~ just contact me, there is still time to do that. Returning & new members are looking forward to 8 weeks of exercise, laughter and fun!

## Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



We will be scrapbooking at the home of Darcel Connors on Monday, Feb. 23rd from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. It is an open door, so you can come anytime during these hours and stay as long as you want. You may bring any craft item you are working on if you do not scrapbook. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch; Darcel will provide snacks and drinks.

Please let Darcel know if you will be joining her by emailing [darcelc@prodigy.net](mailto: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



Is it too soon to think about golf? No, it is not!

The 2026 golf season will begin on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you want more information and are interested in joining either as a regular golfer or as a sub, please let me know ([gatrendler@gmail.com](mailto:gatrendler@gmail.com))

I am looking to confirm our roster by the end of February.



## Widows Group - Karen Gard, Activity Leader

Our next meeting will be another potluck at the home of Kathie Mardyla on 3.24.26 starting at 6:30 pm. All those who have lost a partner are welcome. If you would like to participate in this group, please send your name, email address and cell phone number to me at kgard7@comcast.net or via cell: 248.506.7412. You will be added to our text string and sent additional information for our March 24<sup>th</sup> gathering. If you have any questions about this group, feel free to call or text me at any time.



## Winetasting - Ann Britton, Activity Leader

There are no wine tastings scheduled for February or March. If anyone is interested in hosting a March wine tasting, please contact Ann Britton at annandjim@comcast.net.

## January Luncheon Recap

**It was an international luncheon with authentic Mexican food and a Japanese origami demonstration. Each of us was able to make a useful heart shaped place card.**



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# February 2026

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Notes



