



March 2026

The Troy Newcomers Topics

Martha Brosseau, Membership

This sure has been a long and cold winter! Spring is right around the corner and I can't wait. With spring comes our **early** dues renewal. Our fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th. TNC dues are \$30.00 per year, but if we pay our dues prior to June 30th the amount is \$25.00. I have attached a renewal membership form.

Also, with the year winding down it is also time to start thinking about whom we would like to include in our "end of the year" charities. Let any board member know if you have a recommendation.

Membership Renewal Form

Enclose your check for the appropriate amount with this form (print form using your browser print button) and mail to:

Troy Newcomers Club – P.O. Box 103 – Troy, MI 48099 ATTN: Membership Secretary
(Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birthday: Day ____ / Month _____

Our Club takes pictures during the many TNC activities, luncheons, and socials. We share them in our TNC Newsletter, TNC Website, and TNC Facebook. No names will be included. Do we have your permission to post your picture in our newsletter or on our social media?

____ Yes ____ No

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place in the back room of Escape Lanes, on Thursday, March 5th at approximately 11:30 am.

Newsletter Deadline

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



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/troynewcomers>

March Luncheon
O'Connor's Public House
324 S. Main St., Rochester 48307
March 26th, met at 12:00 pm

The luck of the Irish will be with us as we once again (you may recall we met here last year) for some fine food at this local Irish pub. Our speaker will be Doug Rohrbaugh from O.A.T.S. – Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles. O.A.T.S. is a therapeutic horseback riding center in Ortonville and it has been selected as our Spring service recipient.

Select your meal from the following:

Celtic Reuben \$21.00 or \$22.25 PayPal

House-made corned beef stacked high with Swiss cheese and Thousand Island dressing on grilled marbled rye. Finished with a choice of coleslaw or sauerkraut. Sandwiches are served with Hand-Cut Fries or Fruit Cup

Pub Burger \$20.00 or \$21.00 PayPal

Our pub burger is one half pound of Angus beef topped with shredded lettuce, tomato, onion and secret sauce. Burgers are served with Hand-Cut Fries or Fruit Cup

Maurice Salad \$20.00 or \$21.00 PayPal

Strips of smoked turkey, ham and Swiss cheese tossed in Maurice dressing set on top of shredded iceberg lettuce with green olives, gherkins, roasted red peppers and a hard-boiled egg. Served with a fresh scone.

Harp Crisped Fish & Chips \$22.50 or \$23.50 PayPal

This delicious combo of lightly beer battered cod and chips is served with coleslaw and our house-made tangy tartar sauce | 2 Piece Fish

Coffee, iced tea and soft drinks are not included

Deadline is March 19th

Include your selection on your check payable to: Troy Newcomers
& mail to:

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

Fall New England Cruise - Open to All

What: 7-day Canada & New England on Holland America Cruise Lines Itinerary includes: Saguenay, Quebec, Cruising St. Lawrence Seaway, Iles of de la Madelein, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Portland Maine and Boston.

When: Embark on September 26th, 2026 in Quebec City, Canada & Debark on October 3rd, 2026 in Boston, MA

Cost: Approx. \$3,000 pp double occupancy plus airfare and various fees for transportation to/from airport, etc.

If you would like more details or are interested, please contact Darcel Connors at:

Cell #248-396-5371 or Email: darcelc@prodigy.net

We will be holding an informational meeting once everyone interested has contacted Darcel. Deposits will be needed to secure a place on the ship.





TROY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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January 20, 2026

Michele Burns
Troy New Comers Club
2953 Roxbury
Troy, MI 48084

Dear Troy New Comers Club:

On behalf of the Troy Police Department, I extend our sincerest gratitude for your support and generous contribution to our 31th Annual Operation Blue Sleigh Holiday Food & Gift Drive. Regrettably, our community includes numerous families in need. Thanks to the assistance of our sponsors, we were able to provide support to 42 Troy families during this holiday season.

Please be assured that your generosity has significantly impacted the lives of your family #19. Each family in our program received holiday gifts, grocery gift cards, and other household essentials as a result of the donations received. The success of this program is attributed to the overwhelming support and generosity of businesses and individuals in Troy and the surrounding area.

We are truly fortunate to have organizations like yours within our community. Once again, thank you for your generosity and support of our program.

Sincerely,

Joshua Jones

Chief of Police

Diana Alexanian and Karen Gard, Socials Co-Chairs

Here is info on our next two socials ...



Thursday, 3.12.26 ~ 7:00pm - 8:30pm The Whiffenpoofs @ Christ Church Cranbrook ~

RSVP Due By 3.5.26!!!!

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. We already have 12 members and guests signed up.

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 on a 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. The first clip is the current touring group and the others are from previous years:

[2026 Group Anything Goes](#)

[Rainbow Connection](#)

[Can't Help Falling in Love with You](#)

[House of the Rising Sun](#)

Craft Day at the Troy Public Library

Monday, 4.27.26 ~ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm ~ **RSVP Due By 4.17.26!!!!**

On Monday, 4.27.26, we will gather in the Meeting Room of the Troy Public Library for a Craft event. You will have your choice of creating a Suncatcher or a Pressed Flower Necklace and Earrings. LeeAnn from Wild Daisy Creative will be our teacher.

Choice #1 ~ Suncatcher ~ \$23:



We will be designing and assembling a beautiful unique large suncatcher using UV resin, pressed flowers and foil to design a large charm or two small charms then choose from a variety of charms and prism crystals to decorate your suncatcher. Hook to hang your suncatcher is included.

Choice #2 ~ Necklace and Earrings ~ \$23:



Create your own pressed flower and resin necklace and earrings. LeeAnn will have lots of different flowers and greenery to choose from, as well as a variety of gold or silver shapes and styles. All supplies provided to make and assemble a necklace and pair of hypoallergenic earrings.

If you would like to attend this Social, please RSVP to Karen Gard via text @248.506.7412 and include your name, cell phone number and whether you want to make the Suncatcher or the Necklace & Earrings. RSVPs and payments are due by 4.17.26. Payment must be received by 4.17.26 in order to participate.

Please pay by 4.17.26 in one of the following ways:

- Send your check MADE PAYABLE TO KAREN GARD to 6234 Crescent Way Drive, Troy, MI 48085
- Venmo \$23 to @Karen-Gard
- PayPal \$23 to @KarenJGard
- Zelle \$23 to kgard7@comcast.net

Rose Awards – Kathy Holm

Karen Hrit & Debbie Risko, Somerset Golf - Red Rose

Watching the snow fall, once again, it is hard to think of golf. However, Debbie and Karen have things under control and are looking forward to a new season. Beginning in June, the Somerset golf league will be in full swing. The league is for less serious golfers who just love the game.



Golf was the reason Debbie joined the Newcomers; however, she soon found other activities she enjoyed. Debbie plays euchre, attends book club, scrapbooking, luncheons and socials.

Debbie has a plethora of interests outside of Newcomers. She has been a volunteer for “Gifts for All Gods’ Children” for several years. The charity supplies coats, hats, mittens and toys to area churches. The churches then deliver the gifts to families, hopefully developing a continuing relationship between the family and the church.

Last Christmas, the city of Rochester Hills sponsored a tree decorating contest for non-profit organizations. They donated \$1,000 dollars to all participating organizations with \$5,000 going to the winner. Of course, Debbie participated, for “All Gods Children

and her tree came in second place. Next year I propose a field trip to the event with all Newcomers voting for Deb’s tree. Debbie also belongs to the “Creative Clothing Club.” Next month she will be demonstrating how to copy an outfit without taking it apart. (Some of us are waiting for a class on how to sew on a button.)

Debbie and her husband Ken enjoy traveling. Last September they were in England, France, Spain and Portugal. Next September they will be taking a river cruise through Amsterdam.



Speaking of travel, Debbie’s partner in golf Karen Hrit actually owns a travel agency. Most Newcomers are familiar with Premiere Travel, and many have booked wonderful vacations through her. Several years ago, Karen organized a river cruise for the Newcomers. It started in Paris and ended in Prague. The 24 attendees are still talking about the wonderful time they had.

I recall a great presentation Karen made at the end of the covid restrictions. She encouraged us to get back out there and gave us some safe travel tips. Last year Karen was in both England and France. This October she will be travelling to Greece. Currently, Karen and her husband Jim are vacationing in Ponce Inlet, Florida. They are spending a month there, and their children and grandchildren drop in for visits. They are close to both Disney and Universal.

Karen and Jim have 3 children and 3 grandsons to vacation with. The grandkids are Parker 13, Carson 8, and James 3.

Karen has been a Newcomer for 34 years and remembers the days when we provided Bingo and Birthday cakes for seniors.

Her words to us are “Travel while you can.”

Thanks to Karen and Debbie for running a great golf league.

Lynn Sarosik, Recording Secretary - White Rose



Lynn Sarosik is the recipient of this month's white rose. Lynn has been a Newcomer for 4 years and is in her third year as Recording Secretary. We are very pleased that Lynn will be remaining on the board next year, although in a different position. (You must attend the April luncheon to find out which one.) Lynn joined the Newcomers because she enjoys bowling and is currently a member of the "Terrific Trio". Lynn along with Darlene Glaze and Carol Henderson dominate the lanes every Thursday morning.

In addition to bowling, Lynn is also forming a culinary group with Monica DiMaggio. (Why would anyone think the Newcomers would be interested in food?) High on her Newcomers wish list is joining the very popular Pickleball

activity.

Lynn and her husband Bob enjoy traveling and are planning a Scandinavian cruise at the end of April. The entire trip will last about three weeks, with 10 days on the water, followed by time spent in Sweden. They are also planning a camping trip to Northern Canada.

When not traveling or bowling, Lynn swims and takes yoga classes at Lifetime Fitness. She also volunteers at Gleaners and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

While still a relatively new Newcomer, Lynn has already contributed greatly to the club.

Thank you, Lynn.

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 March 18 meeting, hosted by Marie Watson. Her book is *The Sweetness of Water* by Nathan Harris.

This book is set in the fictional town of Old Ox, Georgia, during the final period of the Civil War. The story follows two Black brothers, Prentiss and Landry, freed by the Emancipation Proclamation, as they try to make money for their trek north to reunite with their mother. Read about the complexities of life in the aftermath of a nation torn apart.

Please contact Marie at marie.watson561@gmail.com or 586-942-7836 to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

Not a Book Club member? Contact me to join! We love having new views and perspectives for our book discussions.

The whole point of a Book Club is to read things you wouldn't normally.

Bowling – Darcel Connors, Secretary



We have entered the 22nd week of bowling and standings have not changed much in the last few weeks. First place is currently held by Team 7 (Darlene Glaze, Lynn Sarosik and Carol Henderson). Second place is Team 4, (Cindy Olczak, Kaoru Goda and Marie Watson) trailing by 14 points. In third we have Team 1 (Kathy Holm, Pam Mayhew and Ardin Moenaert) trailing by 17 pts. Most splits converted is held by Lynn Sarosik with 10. No one is even close to matching that record so far. Most turkeys is held by Barb Emmer with 6. High Individual Game is still a tie between Barb Emmer and Jane Egermann with a 202, and Jane Egermann holds tight to the High Series title with a 560. We are always looking for subs, so please contact Darcel if you would like your name added to our sub list. darcelc@prodigy.net.

Culinary Group – Lynn Sarosik & Monica DiMaggio, Activity Leaders



Join the culinary group as they enjoy tea and a history talk at the Troy Historic Village, then finish the afternoon with conversation and happy hour at Coopers Hawk restaurant. On Thursday, March 19, author Paul Vachon explores the history of Detroit's fine dining and ethnic eateries through recipes and stories in his *Lost Restaurants* presentation. This event takes place at the Troy Historic Village at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 for THS members and \$15 for non-members, however if we have a group of at least 10, we can get the discounted member price. Afterward, continue the fun at Cooper's Hawk on Big Beaver in Troy for happy hour. Discounted prices will be in effect.

Contact Monica DiMaggio mdimaggio@comcast.net prior to March 9th if you plan to attend.

Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on FRIDAY, March 20 at 9:30 am at the home of Denise Matthews. Denise lives in Troy, see directory for address. Please RSVP to her by Tuesday, March 17 at 248-214-4498 or email at : Dsm214@msn.com. If you are not a regular hostess, let Denise know if you wish to bring a breakfast item for that morning. We are beginner friendly, so let the hostess know if you need instruction and you will not be counted in the count for that day.

SAVE THE DATE :

April 7 at Debbie Risko's - dgrisko1@gmail.com

May 19 at Tonni Bartholomew's - tonnibart@gmail.com

Evening Euchre – Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Next Euchre - Saturday, March 21 at 6:45pm at the home of Darcel Connors. Let Darcel know you are coming. darcelc@prodigy.net or text #248-396-5371.

Thank you, Joann Twigg for hosting our February party. It was such a good time with decorations, lots of food, and a warm welcome for everyone. The winners were all women, and I want to congratulate Maryann Donnelly, Marissa Hunter, Sue Jones, and Amy Strnad!
Go ladies!!

April 18- Gina Kossick

May 16 - Marissa Hunter

New rule starting for 2026. Whether you get stuck with the deal or you take the bid, if you get euchred, I ask everyone to pay 25 cents when they get euchred. The coins that are collected are a fun way for more people to take a prize home.,

We are looking for women to volunteer to host a euchre party next season. Thank you, Maryann Donnelly for being the first and offering to host in December 2026.

Ladies Game Night – Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Karen Gard will host Ladies' Game Night on Friday, March 27 at 7:00. Please contact Karen at 248-506-7412 if you are able to attend.

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Rinse and repeat. Since February has only 28 days (thank you Augustus Caesar!) we will again play on Friday the 13th. Just in March, this time. 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.

We will also play at 1 pm on Friday the 27th. This will be your last opportunity to check out the 2025 card. The only thing we anticipate more than the arrival of Spring is the arrival of the new 2026 card in time for April play.

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 isn't a performance in March, but since this next one is right at the beginning of April, we thought we would include in the March Newsletter.

Our next performance is *Come From Away* – Following a true story during the 9/11 attacks, 38 planes and 6,579 passengers were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland, doubling the population of one small town on the edge of the world. Based on interviews with locals, *Come From Away* is about how hosting this international community of strangers spurred unexpected camaraderie in

extraordinary circumstances.

Our dates to usher run from Wednesday, April 1 to Sunday, April 5, 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 Usher & Sub List. We hope everyone enjoys this performance based on a real-life adventure.

Pickle Ball – Michele Burns, Activity Leader



Our third session of pickleball this year continues through the end of March. If anyone is interested in playing the next session (April & May), please let me know by March 15. If you can only play one month, we are considering allowing a person to play a half session (some people start golf in May) so let me know that too so I can see the level of interest.

We play on Wednesday afternoons at Troy First United Methodist Church on Livernois from 1:00-3:00 and the cost to rent the gym is divided among the players. We are very beginner friendly. So come join us and see what the fastest growing sport in the USA is all about!

Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



We will be scrapbooking at the home of Darcel Connors on Monday, March 30th 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 will be joining her by emailing 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 7th. 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)

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 24th 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 is no wine tasting scheduled for March. There is a hostess for April.

A business card for 'My Guy Handyman Services LLC'. The card is light blue with a pattern of faint green tools. At the top, there are illustrations of a hand saw, a screwdriver, a wrench, and a hammer. The text on the card reads: 'MY GUY HANDYMAN SERVICES LLC', 'FREE ESTIMATES. FULLY INSURED', 'NICHOLAS AVERY - OWNER', '586-784-7595', and 'MYGUYHANDYMANSERVICES@MYAHO.COM'. A handwritten note 'email ↗' is written in blue ink at the bottom left of the card.

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Notes

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