



June/July 2026

Troy Newcomers Topics

Message From the Board – Marie Watson, Outgoing President

Wow! It's hard to believe that the 2025/2026 Newcomer year is coming to an end. For me, it went by pretty quick. Probably because I took part in many of the activities, and enjoyed every one of them. For the long-term members, I hope you enjoyed your usual favorites and were able to participate in some of the new additions to our line-up. I want to thank Karen Gard for initiating the Widows Group. This group meets on a quarterly basis and found great comfort and fellowship in their gatherings. I also want to thank Michele Burns for organizing the Pickleball Group that played through the winter and spring. The sign-up periods were for 6-8 weeks so it was very easy to work pickleball into your schedule, especially for our snowbirds. For those of you looking for a little indoor exercise during the cold weather seasons, give this one a try. Lynn Sarosik and Monica DiMaggio merged their diverse culinary interests to form the Culinary Group. Look into this group if you would like to explore various forms of fine dining. I want to thank Barb Shimoura for being a first-time member of the board. As the 2nd VP for Luncheons, Barb introduced us to some Asian culture with demonstrations of Origami and Ikebana. There was a great range of activities offered by our Socials leaders, Karen Gard and Diana Alexanian. From the Whiffenpoofs, to cookie decorating and ending the season with a tour of an Amazon Fulfillment Center. I hope that all of you found something that appealed to you.

A huge debt of gratitude goes out to all of the Board members who managed the business of the Club. There is still one opening as Socials Chair if one or two of you would like to give this a go. A huge debt of gratitude goes out to all of the Activity chairs. Without your dedication to providing a robust line-up of events we would not have a club.

So, now we are getting ready to embark on a new year. Last year we welcomed 20 new members to the club. Thank you for giving the Troy Newcomers a try! Adding new members is the oxygen that keeps our club growing. If you enjoy the club activities please invite family and friends to join you in an activity that they might enjoy.

It was a great honor to serve as the club President this year, and I look forward to serving as Advisor next year. I hope to see all of you at the Kick-Off Meeting on Sept 3rd.

Announcements

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place in the back room of Escape Lanes, on Friday, June 5th at 12:00 pm. The new 2026-2027 board members will hold their first board meeting immediately following.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 25th. Please send your articles to: troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com. You can always send in your articles early!



JUNE

Patricia Gould	1
Elaine Olson	1
Cindy Parks	3
Ivana Enright	4
Marti Forrer	4
Pam Cheli	5
Diana Alexanian	13
Laurie Cummings	16
Monica DiMaggio	26

JULY

Julie Francuch	2
Ann Kappaz	13
Darlene Conroy	15
Darlene Eckhout	15
Pat Pillot	18
Jill Smith	22

Board Nominees for 2026- 2027

President: Barb Emmer

1st V.P. Luncheons: Pat Pillot and Ivana Enright

2nd V.P. Programs: Lynn Sarosik

Socials: OPEN

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Publicity: Denene Decker

Newsletter: Darcel Connors

Advisor: Marie Watson

Service Update: Michele Burns & Eileen Winkel



Thank you for your generosity for the spring service project - O.A.T.S. We collected \$1,575 for O.A.T.S., the horse therapy program in Ortonville. We dropped off the check on the 26th and received a tour of the facility. We got to

meet the horses and saw the other animals (cows, goats, donkeys and a very friendly pig) and found out our donation allowed us to adopt a horse of our choosing. We chose a cutie named Elf!

This is the final of our 3 service projects for the year. Michele & Eileen want to express our sincere thanks for our very generous members who all make this job so worthwhile!!

Membership Renewal Form

Enclose your check for the renewal amount of \$25.00 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: _____

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City: _____ Zip: _____

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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

Diana Alexanian and Karen Gard, Socials Co-Chairs



As we end our year as your Social Co-Chairs, Diana and I want to express our gratitude for those of you who attended any of our Socials this year. We also want to thank those who sent ideas for events.

Here's a recap of this year's Social Events:

- 10.1.25: 16 members attended a tour of the Stage Nature Center in Troy where we pressed apples then enjoyed cider and donuts.
- 11.7.25: 12 members and guests attended the Retro Rewind Show at the Lions Club.
- 12.1.25: 30 members participated in a cookie decorating class at the Troy Public Library taught by Michelle Moore, the owner of Joy To-Go Bakery.
- 1.17.26: 13 members and guests attended our Bowling Social at Bowlero Lanes & Lounge with dinner following.
- 1.30.26: 20 members and guests attended our Jazz Band and Dinner at Gumbo's in Mt. Clemons
- 3.12.26: 14 members and guests attended The Whiffenpoofs (Yale University's Acapella group) concert at Christ Church Cranbrook with a reception following the concert.
- 4.27.26: 17 Members attended our Craft Event at the Troy Public Library with Lee Ann Walker from Wild Daisy Creative where we made Suncatchers and Necklaces and Earrings with pressed flowers.
- 5.13.26: 24 members attended a tour of the Pontiac Amazon Fulfillment Center where we got a first-hand look at the Amazon processes.

It Was a Pleasure Serving as Your Social Co-Chairs for 2025/2026!!!

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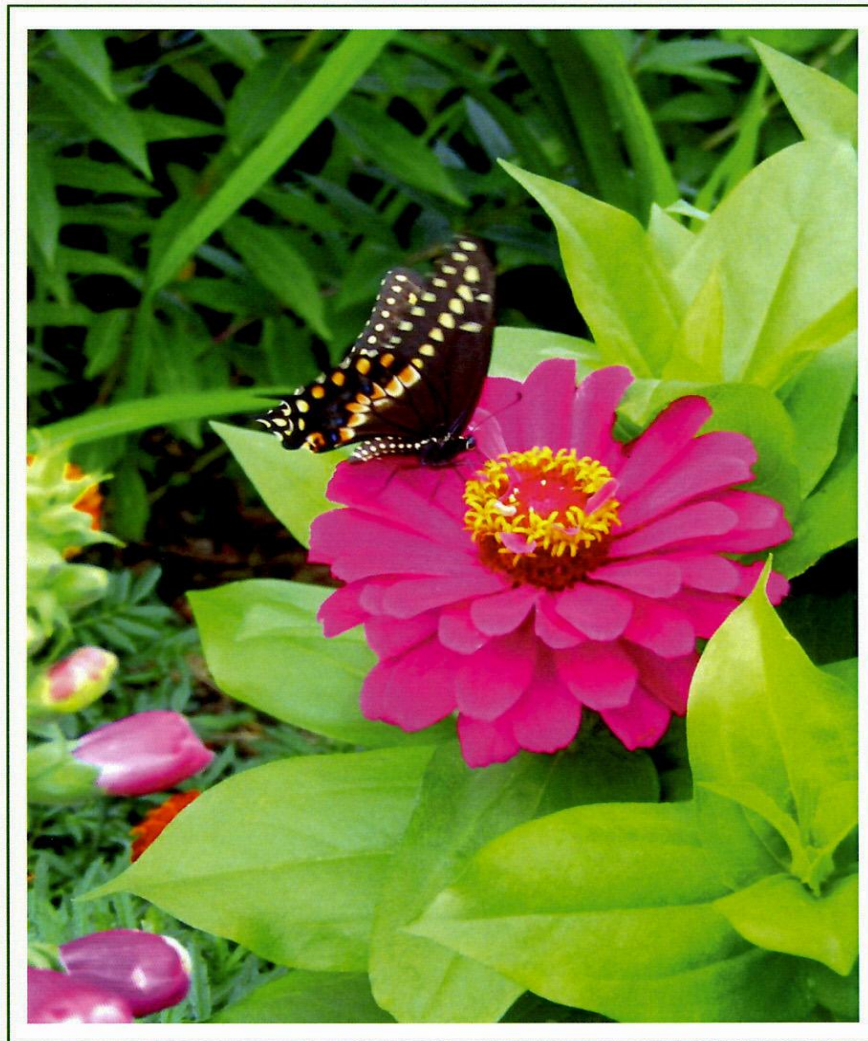
Garden Styles 2026

Troy Garden Club 51st Garden Walk

Wednesday, July 8

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

RAIN OR SHINE



Tickets \$15 in advance available June 1 at:

Auburn Oaks Garden Center • Bordine's Rochester Hills • Telly's Greenhouse
Troy Historic Village • Uncle Luke's Feed Store

Tickets \$15 in advance
available June 15 at
troygardenclubMI.com



Scan for tickets

Troy Historic Village **free** admission July 8
9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Midsummer Arts & Crafts Boutique • Plant Sale
Tickets available day of garden walk \$18

Activities

Book Club - Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the **June 17** meeting, hosted by Monica DiMaggio. Her book is *The Rules of Visiting* by Jessica Francis Kane. A beautifully observed and deeply funny novel of a university gardener who sets out on an odyssey to reconnect with four old friends over the course of a year. Please contact Monica at mdimaggio@comcast.net or 586-246-8378 to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

The **July 15** meeting will be hosted by Barb Shimoura at Raintree Park. Her book is *Everything I Learned, I Learned in a Chinese Restaurant* by Curtis Chin. A memoir of growing up in 1980's Detroit, navigating identity, race, and sexuality within the bustling environment of his family's Cantonese restaurant. Contact Barb at bshimoura@gmail.com or 248-541-2720. I'll send a reminder email to the Book Club members mid- June.

A best friend is someone who knows your story.



Bowling League – Darcel Connors, League Secretary



We concluded our season on April 30th and our awards banquet was held on May 12th at Art & Jake's. After a nice lunch on the patio, awards were announced. First place went to Team #1 (Kathy Holm, Pam Mayhew & Ardin Moenaert). Trailing just 7 points behind in second place is Team #7 (Darlene Glaze, Lynn Sarosik & Carol Henderson) and in third place we have Team #4 (Cindy Olczak, Karou Goda &

Marie Watson). Team #4 also took prizes for High Handicap Game & Series. Most Improved bowler was Denene Decker. Most Turkeys was won by Barb Emmer (10). Most Splits Converted was a tie between Diana Alexanian & Lynn Sarosik (14). High Game was awarded to Barb Emmer (214) and Jane retained her High Series award (560). There were 5 bowlers with 100 pins over their avg. series and 3 bowlers who bowled 200 or more games. Thank you to our subs, as they were really needed this season, with lengthy vacations and some injuries requiring their help. We accept every level of bowler. This season we had several ladies who had not bowled for years or never even bowled at all. They all excelled and improved, so do not let experience prevent you from joining our league next season. If you are interested in next year's league, either as a regular or sub bowler, contact me at the email darcelc@prodigy.net. Looking forward to bowling with everyone in September.

Culinary Group – Lynn Sarosik & Monica DiMaggio, Activity Leaders



The Culinary Group has been on a roll! On April 28th we attended a cooking class at the Troy Public Library. We joined “cooking with Mary” to explore some Polish Cuisine. She demonstrated two recipes: Polish Dill Pickle Soup and a Polish Vegetable Salad. We were patient while Mary cooked, talked and shared some of her family history. Our reward was a generous tasting of both of the recipes. We were amazed that she was able to concoct such a

flavorful soup on a small electric burner. The dishes were amazing and the flavor was second to none. A few of us were surprised at the final outcome of the salad and thought we could incorporate it at a barbecue or potluck! We thoroughly enjoyed the class.



On May 5th, we attended a Charcuterie Board Assembly Class, also at TPL. The “Graze Queens” gave us many tips, ideas, product selections, and pairings to expand our horizons.

The results were beautiful. We learned the art of Charcuterie, and how to plan, purchase and cut to maximize a presentation! Afterward, we were able to sample the beautifully arranged boards. One lucky participant also won a fully assembled board to take home! Sadly, it was not a Newcomer.

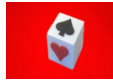
This is a Woman-Owned business and they specialized in hosting events, create boards and plan for parties. We enjoyed this event as well.

Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Evening Euchre- Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Thank you to Marissa Hunter who hosted our May party. It was the men that took home the prizes this month. Don Kossick was in first place, Dave Verduyn in second, and third place was a tie between Tom Glaze and Doug Hunter. Congratulations!

I want to thank again all the volunteers who hosted a euchre event in their homes for our 2025-2026 season. Thank you to Amy Strnad, Darlene Glaze, Janet Griffin, Darcel Connors, Claudia Sparschu, Joann Twigg, Gina Kossick, and Marissa Hunter.

We usually have our last euchre party for the season in May, but this year we are trying something new. We are going to have a summer euchre party for the first time. Marissa Hunter has graciously volunteered to host our first summer party. Thank you, Marissa. When a date has been decided, I will send out an email, and you can sign up at that time.

So, get ready for "Euchre in July."

Welcome to a new season of euchre 2026-2027!

The date for our September euchre party to start off the new season is September 19, 2026.

The party will be held at my home. If you know you want to attend, email me and let me know who is coming - darleneglaze@gmail.com

Our members are signing up to host for the upcoming season.

September - Darlene Glaze

October - Amy Strand

November - Claudia Sparschu

December - Maryann Donnelly

January - open

February -Darcel Connors

March - Mary Markoff

April - Open

May - Marissa Hunter

If you can host the month of January or April in 2027, let me know darleneglaze@gmail.com

I wish you a fun summer filled with good times, loving people, and an abundance of laughter!

Ladies Game Night- Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



It has been a fun year of playing games, old and new, gathering with friends and laughing along with some competition. I want to give a big thank you to all that have hosted and attended this year.

Mah Jongg - Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



Okay, summer is here! (Maybe sometime soon the weather will reflect the season!) Mah jongg is one of the few Newcomer activities that runs year-round. But, because people (even Jane) have schedule changes, the best way to be sure you know when mah jongg is playing is to make sure you're on her mailing list.

I'm pretty sure about playing on June 12th at 9:30 am. Allegedly, my family from Oklahoma is coming in at the end of the month so we may move June 26th at 1 pm either to a different date or elsewhere.

For July, we're tentatively scheduled for the 10th at 9:30 and the 24th at 1.

Play will be at Jane Egermann's home, unless you are otherwise informed by email.

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 next performance is Always a Bridesmaid – On the night of their senior prom, Libby Ruth, Deedra, Monette and Charlie promise that they will be bridesmaids in one another's weddings ... no matter what. Now, more than thirty years later, these Southern gals are still making "the long walk" for each other, determined to honor that vow. 'For better or for worse' takes on a whole new meaning in this delicious comedy about old friends!

Our dates to usher run from Wednesday, June 10 to Sunday, June 14, 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 this comedy brings some laughter into your life!

Thank you to all who participated in ushering this season – looking forward to seeing all of you in the fall!

Pickle Ball – Michele Burns, Activity Leader

Indoor pickleball is over for the year. We'll start again in October. We may play outside during the summer but there are no definite plans at this time. If you are interested in playing outside during the summer, please let Michele know. See you in October!

Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on Monday June 22 from 11am to 3pm. We will meet at the Scrapbook Tree located at 48099 Van Dyke Ave. Shelby Township. The cost is \$10 or you can spend \$10 in product and crop for free. You are welcome to bring a lunch or snacks as well. Please let Darcel know if you can attend. darcelc@prodigy.net.

Somerset Golf League 2026 Season-



Debbie Risko & Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders

Thursday morning at Somerset Golf Club is a 10- week league. It runs from June 18th - August 20th.

There will be no make-up days if you miss. If the course is closed due to inclement weather, we will receive rain checks. Questions? Email at cwtpremiertravel@yahoo.com or call Karen Hrit 248-840-0755

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You must also sign-up for membership with Troy Newcomers Club (Renewal -\$25 New-\$30)

For TNC membership send check to: **Troy Newcomers Club** P.O. Box 103 Troy, Mi 48099

ATTN: Membership Secretary (Please include your birthday and email address on check)

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



Golf season had a little delay in starting as the temperature on our first day, May 7th, was 44 degrees and a frost delay was in effect! Since then, we have played 2 weeks and the weather has been a bit more accommodating.

Let's hope for sunny weather every Thursday for the next 14 weeks!

If you are interested in subbing, please let me know (gatrendler@gmail.com)

Widows Group- Karen Gard, Activity Leader



Our next meeting will be another potluck at the home of JoAnn Bologna on 6.16.26 starting at 6:30 pm. JoAnn's home backs up to a neighborhood park so we are hoping for beautiful weather so we can enjoy her new deck. 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 Tuesday, June 16th gathering. If you have any questions about this group, feel free to call or text me at any time.

Winetasting- Ann Britton, Activity Leader



The June wine tasting will be held on Saturday, June 20 at 6:30pm. Jo Ann Bologna will host the wine tasting at her home. Please RSVP, Jo Ann by Wednesday, June 17 at joann.bologna@comcast.net or call her. Each wine tasting evening is hosted by a Troy Newcomer member. 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. They will bring an appetizer but are not asked to pay the \$10. When you RSVP, let the hostess know if you will not be drinking wine. The hostess chooses the wines she would like to serve. The hostess supplies the coffee and desserts. This activity is held once a month on a Friday or Saturday evening of the hostess's choice beginning at 6:30pm.

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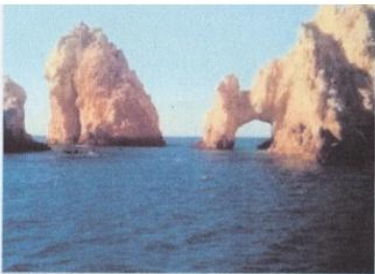
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July 2026

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