



May 2026

Troy Newcomers Topics

Message From the Board – Darcel Connors, Advisor

We will be having two informational booths this summer to promote our club. The dates are listed below along with times. If you can help out by volunteering to take a shift, this would be very helpful! The one in July is during the Troy Garden Walk on the grounds of the Troy Historic Village, during the Arts & Crafts Boutique and the one in August will be at the Troy Farmer's Market. The Troy Farmer's Market is trying a different day and a later time to back up to the City of Troy's free summer concerts near-by. Both of these are outdoors, but we will have a tent and chairs available at both booths. These are great opportunities for us to interact with the public and pass out our brochures to interested women.

Wednesday July 9, 8:30 AM – 6:30 PM, Troy Historic Village

60 W. Wattles Rd. The first and last shifts will include set up and packing up of the booth. We need two people for every 2.5 hour shift:

8:30am -11:00am 11:00am -1:30pm 1:30pm - 4:00pm 4:00pm - 6:30pm

Wednesday August 12, 2pm – 8pm, Jeanne Stine Community Park

241 Towne Center Dr. The first and last shifts will include set up and packing up of the booth. We need two people for every 2 - hour shift:

2:00pm – 4:00pm 4:00pm – 6:00pm 6:00pm – 8:00pm

If you can sign up, please contact Darcel Connors at the email or cell number below.

darcelc@prodigy.net Cell: 248-396-5371



Announcements

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place in the back room of Escape Lanes, on Thursday, May 7th at 12:30 pm.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the combined June/July Newsletter is May 25th. Please send your articles to: troynewcomertopics@gmail.com. You can always send in your articles early!



Gina Kossick	3
Jane Heuinckx	9
Joann Twigg	18
Toni Bartholomew	20
Claudia Sparschu	24
Elizabeth Hartnett	26
Jill Miceli	30

Visit us on our Facebook Page!

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

May Luncheon

Crispelli's Pizzeria 645 E. Big Beaver, Troy

May 28th, 2026 Meet at 12:00 pm

Join us for the final luncheon of the Club's year. We will review the final list of nominees and vote on the new Board and of course, we will be enjoying some delicious pizza and salad!

The lunch menu: PIZZA & SALAD INCLUDES soft drinks, iced tea & coffee

Cost is \$24.00 or \$25.06 PayPal

Deadline is May 21st

Please make your check payable to **Troy Newcomers** and mail to:

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

We will be voting on the nominees below at our May luncheon. If there are any changes we will email an updated ballot prior to the luncheon date.

Board Nominees for 2026- 2027

President: OPEN

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

2nd V.P. Programs: Lynn Sarosik

Socials: OPEN

Recording Secretary: Grace Finazzo

Treasurer: Barb Emmer

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Publicity: Denene Decker

Newsletter: Darcel Connors

Advisor: Marie Watson

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: _____

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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**

Diana Alexanian and Karen Gard, Socials Co-Chairs

5.13.26 Amazon Fulfillment Center Tour



For our last Social of this TNC year, we will be touring the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Pontiac on Wednesday, 5.13.26 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. We have a limited number of spots available so this will be for TNC members only, no guests this time to allow our members spots. As of the writing of this article, we are requesting additional spots because we are almost full. If you are interested in

participating, you will need to send a text to 248.506.7412 or email to kgard7@comcast.net agreeing to their terms and confirming your current email address **by 5.4.26**. I will let you know if you are registered or on a waiting list. During this tour, you will have the opportunity to see the dedicated team of Amazon employees, advanced technology and innovative processes behind every fulfilled customer order. Here are the details:

- **Date:** Wednesday, 5.13.26
- **Time:** 2:00 - 3:30 pm
- **Carpooling:** We will meet at my house, 6234 Crescent Way Drive, Troy, **no later than 1:15** to drive over. Amazon recommends we arrive early to park and get to the guard station, so we will not be waiting after 1:15 for arrivals. If you are willing to be a driver, please let me know. If you will be driving yourself and not meeting us for carpooling, please let me know.
- **Required to Bring:** Photo ID (Driver's License, State ID or Passport)
- **What to Wear:** Closed-toe shoes required. Sneakers or boots are highly recommended. No Crocs, sandals, flip-flops, high heels or offensive or revealing clothing allowed. They recommend long pants and clothing without loose or dangling parts. **Long hair must be pulled back.**
- **Filming or picture taking is strictly prohibited.**
- **What You Can & Cannot Bring In:** Keys, wallet and transparent plastic water bottles are allowed. NO handbags, backpacks, recording devices, food or weapons. We recommend you wear something with pockets to hold your keys and ID since we can't bring in purses, etc.
- **You will need to walk up and down at least one flight of stairs and walk approximately one mile. Bring that water bottle to stay hydrated.**
- **If you need a specific accommodation, you will need to request it at least a week prior to our tour so let me know ASAP.**

Once I receive your request to attend, I will be inputting your information into their registration tool. You will receive an email from Amazon with lots of information confirming your attendance.

We have heard great things about this tour, so we hope you can attend!

Service Update – Michele Burns and Eileen Winkel



We are coming to an end of our Spring Service Project. Since at the time of this writing, we still have a few days left to collect, we'll get the final tally to you next month. We are doing very well!

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 30.

Thank you for helping to make a better day for disabled persons!

Luncheons Recap

In March we celebrated St. Patrick's a bit late at O'Connors in Rochester. Honored were our rose recipients Lynn Sarosik and Debbie Risko.



On April 23rd, we went international with a trip to Japan. After an entertaining cooking show by our hibachi chefs, we were taught all about the elegant art of Japanese flower arranging.



Rose Awards by Kathy Holm

White Rose- Marie Watson, President



About 16 years ago, Marie Watson was approached by Jane Eggermann and Nancy Heffron. They asked her if she would be interested in joining a bowling league. Marie thought it over very carefully and 2 seconds later she accepted the invite. Thus began Marie's career as a Troy Newcomer.

Marie has been on the board for almost all of her tenure as a Newcomer. She has done lunches, socials, and business secretary. She has also served as president several times. Next year, Marie will be the advisor to

the club. Her sisters, Gail Trendler, and Carol Henderson assure us that Marie is great at giving advice. Sister-in-law Allison Henderson is not commenting in hopes to avoid a family squabble.

She enjoys bowling, luncheons, and book club, (She says this really expanded her horizons.) Marie also began playing pickleball; however, her main sport is golf, and golf season is just beginning.

Marie has 5 grandchildren, 4 girls, Jordyn, Abbey, Dylan and Noah. So far only 1 boy, Parker. She has always felt that she was a good grandmother, but come this July she will truly become a GREAT GRANDMOTHER. This is when Jordyn and Gavin will welcome a little boy, Bentley, into the family. Congratulations to them all.

When not busy with Newcomers or babysitting Marie serves as president of her church's council. She is also in charge of Memorial Lunches and helps prepare meals for Woodward Outreach.

Marie and her partner Terry own a condo in Harbor Springs. It is perfect for skiing in the winter and golf in the summer. They hope to spend a lot of time up there this year.

Marie loves the club, loves the activities, and encourages everyone to participate in its many activities.

Thanks, Marie, for all that you do for the club.



White Rose - Darcel Connors, Newsletter Editor



When one thinks of the great American editors, the first names that come to mind are Lou Grant, Helen Gurley Brown and of course Darcel Connors. Darcel has tirelessly edited our newsletter for the past 5 years, and we all both appreciate and enjoy it. Darcel has been a Newcomer for about 26 years and has spent at least 10 of them on the board. She has been President twice, Recording Secretary, and in charge of both Fundraising and Publicity. Speaking

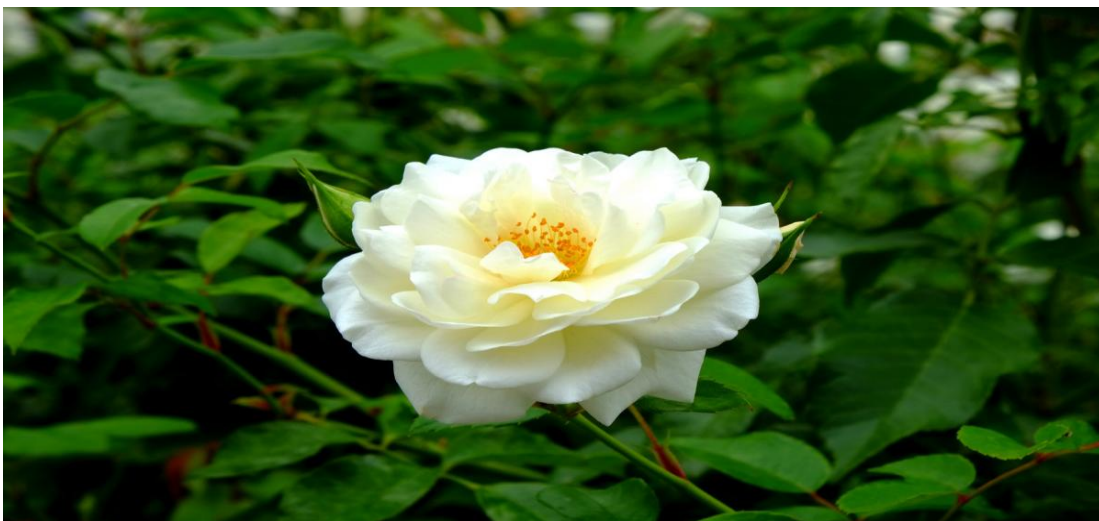
of publicity, Darcel is going to assist our new head of publicity, Denene Decker. Our club will be hosting a booth at both the Garden Walk on July 8th and Farmers Market in August. Darcel has also planned a Newcomer vacation for the end of September. The club will be leaving from Montreal and sailing down the coasts of Maine and Rhode Island, with a bonus stop at Marthas' Vineyard and finishing up in New York.

Along with playing euchre, attending socials, scrapbooking and bowling, Darcel hopes to begin walking this spring and has ambitions to join the culinary club. I asked Darcel how she continued to do so much. She told me that her dad always taught her "If you can, you do."

Darcel has 5 children and 1 very adorable granddaughter, Clover, age 3. Just the other day, Clover instructed Darcel to draw a picture. After completion, Clover informed her that she was disappointed in the drawing. (In fairness to her, Darcel has never claimed to be an artist). Darcel then attempted the old tried and true grandma ploy of sad face, sniffing and claiming to have very hurt feelings. Clover did not fall for it! Clover, and I quote said "Slow down grandma, take a deep breath and count to 3." (I just loved this response).

Darcel's wishes for the club include the hope that everyone gets a little more involved. "We exist because we have people who volunteer."

Thank you, Darcel, for everything.



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 May 20 meeting, hosted by Julie Francuch. Her book is Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell.

A historical drama that imagines the life of William Shakespeare's family and the tragic death of his 11-year-old son, Hamnet. The story, also a 2025 film adaptation, focuses on the intense grief of his wife, and suggests that this profound loss inspired Shakespeare to write the tragedy Hamlet.

Please contact Julie at jfrancuch2@msn.com or 248-219-2717 to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

To be or not to be, that is the question.



Bowling League – Darcel Connors, League Secretary



We have reached the finish line, next week is position week and the final winners will be determined. As of now, we have Team 1(Kathy Holm. Pam Mayhew and Ardin Moenaert) in first place with 153 points. Second place is held by Team 7(Darlene Glaze, Lynn Sarosik and Carol Henderson) with 148 pts. In third place is Team 4 (Cindy Olzack, Karou Goda and Marie Watson) with 142 pts. Still in the lead for most turkeys is Barb Emmer with 10 and Lynn Sarosik still leads with 14 splits converted. Barb Emmer broke the tie with Jane Egermann and overtook high game with a 214 game. But Jane has retained her high series with a 560. We are always looking for subs, if you cannot commit to a whole season. Contact Darcel at darcelc@prodigy.net.

Culinary Group – Lynn Sarosik & Monica DiMaggio, Activity Leaders



No Update at this time.

Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on Tuesday, May 19 at 9:30 am at the home of Eileen Winkel. She lives in Troy, see directory for her address. Please RSVP to her by May 16 at #248-841-5560 or email ew1001@icloud.com. If you are not a regular hostess and would like to bring a breakfast item for that morning, please let Eileen know.

We are beginner friendly, so let the hostess know if you wish to be instructed that day and she will not put you in the count.

This will be our last euchre until September. If anyone wants to sign up to host in September, let me know!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL HOSTESSES THIS YEAR:

Maryann Locricchio, Eileen Winkel, Darcel Connors, Pat Paver, Sue Jones, Denise Matthews, Debbie Risko, Eileen Winkel, (Twice-Yea) and myself!!!!

Evening Euchre- Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Our final euchre party of the season is Saturday, May 16th at the home of Marissa Hunter. Let Marissa know you are coming mmhunter@yahoo.com

Thank you, Gina Kossick for hosting our euchre party in April, because it was a fun one.

Our first place winner was Don Kossick, second place was Paige Klein, third place was Marissa Hunter, and our fourth place winner was Mary Markoff. Congratulations!

We are looking for women to volunteer to host a euchre party next season. If you can, let me know darleneglaze@gmail.com.

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. We will finish out our season at the home of Diana Alexanian on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00. Please let Diana know if you are able to attend. You can reach her at 248-505-6159. Hope to see you there!

Mah Jongg - Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



What an unexpected bonus!!! Most of our players received their 2026 cards by March 27th so we had our first session with the current year card. I won't lie to you – it's hard with a lot of singles and pairs mixed in with the regular hands. (Unless, of course, you're Terry Slater who had numerous wins with the same hand.)

If you didn't understand that previous sentence, you should come to mah jongg in May and we'll be glad to explain it to you. We will be playing on Friday the 8th at 9:30 am and Friday the 22nd at 1 pm. at the home of Jane Egermann.

By the way-last month's riddle that was supposed to be on the t-shirt I was wearing should have read:

WHAT has 4 letters, OCCASIONALLY has 12 letters, ALWAYS has 6 letters but NEVER has 5 letters

Broad hint: It's a punctuation problem.

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 Million Dollar Quartet! December 4, 1956: an extraordinary twist of fate brings Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever, with an irresistible tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal and celebrations that are both poignant and funny. Relive the era with many incredible smash-hits!

Our dates to usher run from Wednesday, May 6 to Sunday, May 10, 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 musical sensation!

Pickle Ball – Michele Burns, Activity Leader



We are in our final session of this year. We may play outdoors in the summer, so if you would like to do that, please let Michele know. You will be added to the distribution list.

Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on Monday May 4 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.

We will also be traveling to the Scrapbooking Mega Meet at the Vibe Credit Union Showplace in Novi, on Friday, May 8th. Some of us are shopping and then cropping in their evening crop. More information on the Mega Meet can be found at: www.greatlakesscrapbookevents.com. If you would like to join us, please contact Darcel and more details will be given.

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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Make check payable to: **Karen Hrit**

Mail to: Karen Hrit 38136 Seaway Ct. Harrison Twp, MI 48045

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Golf Partner's Name _____ Phone _____

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



It's here! The new golf season begins on May 7th. We are looking forward to reconnecting with our fellow golfers after the long winter. We will also be welcoming two new ladies to the league: Allison Kelly-Henderson and Susan Link. Welcome to the league!

With 20 golfers, our roster is now full but we are always looking for subs. 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 June 18th 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 May wine tasting will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 6:30pm. Jo Ann Bologna will host the wine tasting at her home. Please RSVP, Jo Ann by Wednesday, May 20 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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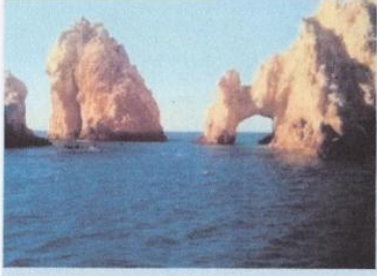
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Circulation of our newsletter is approximately 140. Your ad will also be posted on our no additional charge. Members can purchase a 30-word classified ad for (please note any classified ads will NOT be posted on the website). before the newsletter deadline (the 25th of each month.)

Newcomers P.O. Box 103 Troy, Michigan 48085



May 2026

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