



**August 2026**

# **Troy Newcomers Topics**

## **Message From the Board – Barb Emmer, President**

Hope everyone is having a nice, relaxing summer. Your new Board is busy planning our next round of luncheons, socials and more for your enjoyment.

Our annual Kick-Off Night is coming up on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Here's your chance to learn about and sign up for activities, see old friends and make new ones. If you know anyone who would like to network with a dynamic group of women, please invite them to this event.

I joined the Club 23 years ago and have enjoyed many activities including bowling, euchre, luncheons, and mah jongg. We have several new faces on our Board and almost half the Board joined the Club in the last few years. I look forward to working with this group of women who can bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to our club. Thank you, ladies - I appreciate your willingness to get involved and appreciate the returning Board members who continue to support our club with their time and energy.

If you have suggestions to improve our club, attract new members or want to start a new activity, please contact me at 248-765-1462 or busy\_be@comcast.net or anyone else on the Board with your comments or questions.

## **Membership, Gina Kossick**

### **ATTENTION TROY NEWCOMERS**

I am working on the 2026-2027 Newcomer Directory that will come out in October this year. **If you have any changes to be made, please email them to me by August 15.**

Also, if your phone number posted in the Directory is your home phone number, please email this info because I will be labeling that as your HOME PHONE. We have been having difficulty with people sending text messages to home phones, thinking they are cell phones ( which most people publish in directory).

**ONLY SEND ME AN EMAIL IF :**

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**Send Email to me at: [membership@troynewcomers.com](mailto:membership@troynewcomers.com)**

## Announcements

### Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place in the back room of Escape Lanes, on Friday, August 7th at 12:00 pm.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 25<sup>th</sup>. Please send your articles to: [troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com](mailto:troynewcomerstopics@gmail.com). You can always send in your articles early!



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## **The 2026- 2027 Board- Full Slate**

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### **May Luncheon**

We had a lovely luncheon for our last one of the 2025-2026 year. We met at Crispelli's on Big Beaver for a bountiful buffet of pizzas, salad, their wonderful bread and dessert. We had an opportunity to meet most of our new board members, as well.



### **Ladies Luncheon VP Co-chairs, Ivana Enright and Pat Pillot**

There is no August luncheon, but be sure to save the date for our next luncheon on September 24, 12:00 - 2:00. Details for that event will be in our next newsletter. Also, mark your calendar to attend the kickoff September 2, details are elsewhere in this newsletter. See you in September!

## Socials, Barb Shimoura



## Diamond Jack's River Tours

Friday - September 4, 2026

For the first social of this TNC year, we will be rolling down the river on a boat ride. This will be the Diamond Jack's Riverboat Cruise on September 4<sup>th</sup>. I know this is Labor Day weekend, but if you are not going out of town, this is a nice way to end the summer season.

The dock is at 1340 E. Atwater St. Detroit, MI 48207. This is on the corner of Rivard & Atwater, two blocks east of the Renaissance Center by the Carousel in the Cullen Plaza River Walk parking lot.

If you are interested in participating, you will need to send a **text** to Barb at 248-541-2820 or **email** to [bshimoura@gmail.com](mailto:bshimoura@gmail.com) confirming your current email address **by August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. I can pick-up the payment for the cruise at the Kick-off meeting, but I need to know how many are coming! This event will be open to guests also.

**Cost:** \$30.00 Per person.

**Time:** We have a 2:00pm boarding time. Plan to arrive 10-15 minutes before.

**Carpooling:** We will meet at Troy Community Center at 1:00 pm. We will not be waiting after 1:15 for arrivals. If you are willing to be a driver, or driving yourself, please let me know.

Please **NO FOOD or BEVERAGE** allowed to be brought on board. Cash snack bar is available

There is bathroom on board, if necessary.

Filming or picture taking is encouraged.

There is a ramp to the boat itself, but stairs to get to the upper decks. If you need a specific accommodation, you will need to request it at least a week prior trip so let me know ASAP

I went on this trip on one of the first days of the season. The weather looked horrible and cold, so I wasn't going to go. But the clouds broke and it ended up being a beautiful day.

## **Membership Renewal Form**

**Enclose your check for the renewal amount of \$30.00 with this form and mail to:**

**Troy Newcomers Club – P.O. Box 103 – Troy, MI 48099 ATTN: Membership Secretary**

**(Please print clearly)**

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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home or Cell**

**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.**

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Newcomers P.O. Box 103 Troy, Michigan 48085

## Activities

### Book Club - Janet Gole, Activity Leader



JoAnn Bologna will host our August 19 Book Club. Her book is *The Mysterious Bakery on Rue de Paris* by Evie Woods.

Meet Edie Lane, an Irish woman who moves to France for a dream job at a bakery, only to find it's not Paris. Follow her journey of self-discovery as she uncovers the bakery's secrets, including a mysterious baker and magical pastries that evoke memories, all while navigating a new life, romance, and the town's history.

Plan to attend at 1410 Trevino Drive Troy, MI 48085, meeting starting at 6:30 pm. Contact JoAnn at [joann.bologna@comcast.net](mailto:joann.bologna@comcast.net) or 248-549-4311 to confirm you will attend by August 12. She doesn't have a limit for attendees.

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### Bowling League – Marie Watson, League President



August is here, still a lot of summer to enjoy. But, it's not too early to start thinking about bowling season. Our league plays on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am at the Escape lanes in Troy.

We are a very friendly and casual bunch of ladies and we have a couple of openings for regular bowlers and substitutes. All skill levels are welcome as well as beginners.

The season will begin on September 17<sup>th</sup> and ends on April 29<sup>th</sup> with an end of year banquet soon after. We have breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Eve. The cost is expected to be around \$12.00 a week. The alley provides free shoes and bowling balls for use each week as well, if you need them.

Contact Marie Watson at [marie.watson561@gmail.com](mailto:marie.watson561@gmail.com) or [darcelc@prodigy.net](mailto:darcelc@prodigy.net) to sign up for the league. Teams will be announced after Kick Off!



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



In early June, Diana Alexanian was “guest chef” for the Culinary Group, as she shared her recipe for stuffed grape leaves. While the leaves cooked, we enjoyed an authentic and entirely homemade Armenian meal from hummus to dessert, all prepared by Diana.

Diana’s knowledge from how to pick the best grape leaves to cultural information about Armenian food made the afternoon very informative as well as delicious. We shared a communal event and it was one to remember.

The Culinary Group will be taking a break for the summer, but hopes to have something planned for September.

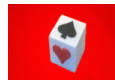


## **Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader**



Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

## **Evening Euchre- Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader**



Check the September issue of our newsletter for upcoming evening euchre dates!

## **Ladies Game Night- Jill Miceli, Activity Leader**



Looking forward to a fun year of playing games, old and new, gathering with friends and laughing along with some friendly competition.

## **Mah Jongg – Tonni Bartholomew & Karen Abels, Activity Leaders**



August is a great month to enjoy summer and while our schedules are full of fun and wonderful summer activities, we hope that you can join us for a day or two of Mahjongg. We will be playing on Friday, August 14th at 9:30 AM at Tonni Bartholomew's home and on Friday, August 28th at 1:00 PM at Karen Ables' home. Space is limited to the first 12 players. *Please confirm your attendance before the Thursday prior to play.*

### **Friday, 08-14-26 @ 9:30 AM**

Tonni Bartholomew  
6375 Livernois Road  
Troy, MI  
(248) 807-3555

### **Friday, 08-28-26 @ 1:00 PM**

Karen Ables  
2872 Ashbury Dr.  
Troy, MI  
(248) 703-8321

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



Meadowbrook looks like an interesting mix of plays this year – from westerns to rock music! As soon as we receive our ushering assignment from Meadowbrook, last year's ushers will be contacted to see if they would like to return. Any dates on our schedule without a full crew of returning ushers will be opened up for new ushers. As in the past, we will also be looking for substitutes to fill in for an occasional play.

Here's the 2026-2027 play schedule -

|                                             |                       |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>The Man Who Shot the Liberty Valance</i> | Oct 7-Nov 1, 2026     |
| <i>A Christmas Carol</i>                    | Nov 20-Dec 24, 2026   |
| <i>Curtains</i>                             | Jan 13-Feb 7, 2027    |
| <i>Polishing Shakespeare</i>                | Feb 17–Mar 14, 2027   |
| <i>Death Takes a Holiday</i>                | Mar 24-April 18, 2027 |
| <i>Rolling Thunder – A Rock Journey</i>     | April 28-May 23, 2027 |
| <i>You Can't Take It With You</i>           | June 2-June 27, 2027  |

Looking forward to a fun season! See you in September at the Kickoff Meeting!

### **Pickle Ball – Michele Burns, Activity Leader**



If you would like to play or learn how to play pickleball, join us on Tuesdays, 11:00 – 1:00ish, at Firefighters Park in Troy (between Coolidge & Crooks at 1300 W. Square Lake – north side of road.) We love to teach beginners and all levels of players are welcome. If you are interested you can contact me for more information or just show up at the court! Before you come, you will want to sign up on our google sheet at the site below, just to make sure there are enough players Join us for a fun time! See you on the court!

Pickleball Summer Player Link: (If you are using your phone, you may have to install Google Sheets.)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rhd5ayabyclVV5D1UHIJrxnTZD20pZQc65S1QIF1gCQ/edit?usp=sharing>

P.S. - We will begin indoor play in October.

### **Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader**



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on Monday August 17 from 11am to 3pm. We will meet at the Scrapbook Tree located at 48099 Van Dyke Ave. Shelby Township. The cost is usually \$10 or you can spend \$10 in product and crop for free. **But**, member Laura Lyon has graciously offered to pay everyone's \$10 fee for this one day. You are welcome to bring a lunch or snacks as well. Please let Darcel know if you can attend. **A Big Thank you to Laura!** [darcelc@prodigy.net](mailto:darcelc@prodigy.net).

### **Somerset Golf League 2026 Season-**

### **Debbie Risko & Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders**



The current season of golf is under way.

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



It's hard to believe we are now entering our 14th week of our 16-week season! Fortunately, we have not had any rain outs, but can you believe we had to cancel due to a very cold day, a very hot day, and then wildfire smoke? Who had that on their bingo card? Hopefully we will be able to make up at least 2 of the 3 weeks. We will receive a gift card from the course for any weeks we could not make up.

The standings as of July 9th show that in first place with 63.5 points is Allison Kelly-Henderson. Second place with 62 points is Pam Mayhew. Third place goes to Laurie Cuning with 60 points. Keep up the good shooting, ladies!

Our end of season golf outing will be at Paint Creek Golf Course on Thursday, September 10th . We will play a 9-hole scramble followed by lunch and prizes. Hoping for great weather and a great time!

## **Widows Group- Karen Gard, Activity Leader**



Our one-year anniversary for this group will be celebrated with a potluck at the home of Marie Hochstein on Tuesday, 9.22.26 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](mailto:kgard7@comcast.net) or via cell: 248.506.7412. All interested members will be added to our text string and sent additional information for our Tuesday, September 22nd gathering. If you have any questions about this group, feel free to call or text me at any time or stop by the Widows Group table at the 9.2.26 TNC Kickoff event.

## **Winetasting- Ann Britton, Activity Leader**



We will resume winetasting in September.



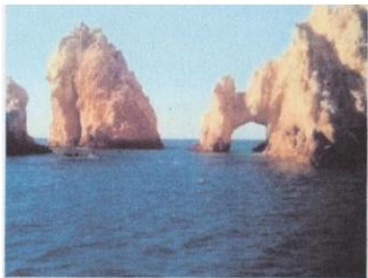


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## Troy Newcomers Club



| Sunday | Monday             | Tuesday           | Wednesday              | Thursday                                   | Friday                | Saturday |
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| 2      | 3                  | 4<br>Pickle Ball  | 5                      | 6<br>Somerset Golf<br>Sylvan Glen<br>Golf  | 7<br>Board<br>Meeting | 8        |
| 9      | 10                 | 11<br>Pickle Ball | 12                     | 13<br>Somerset Golf<br>Sylvan Glen<br>Golf | 14<br>Mah Jongg       | 15       |
| 16     | 17<br>Scrapbooking | 18<br>Pickle Ball | 19<br>Book Club        | 20<br>Somerset Golf<br>Sylvan Glen<br>Golf | 21                    | 22       |
| 23     | 24                 | 25                | 26<br>RSVP<br>Kick Off | 27                                         | 28<br>Mah Jongg       | 29       |
| 30     | 31                 |                   |                        |                                            |                       |          |



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