



October 2026

Troy Newcomers Topics

Message From the Board - Lynn Sarosik, V.P. of Programs



Hello everyone. This is Lynn Sarosik, this year's VP in charge of Programs for the monthly luncheon meetings. Although my husband and I have lived in Troy for over 37 years, I'm a relatively new Newcomer, having joined the club about five years ago. I first became involved by joining the bowling group and branched out to other activities such as wine tasting, Meadow Brook ushering and starting up the culinary group with Monica DiMaggio. A short time later, I was asked to consider the recording secretary position and I handled that for two years,

and recently moved on to the Programs position. My vision is to bring interesting speakers to the luncheons from the many familiar gems around the metro Detroit area.

Coming up in October, we will have a team of speakers from the Detroit Institute of Arts public affairs, community engagement department and a museum docent. Luncheon guests will hear a specially created presentation that explores the creation of the Rivera Court and the key figures behind it—Diego Rivera, Edsel Ford, and William Valentiner. The presentation will examine the meaning of Rivera's murals and consider what they reveal about the Ford family, industrial production, and life inside the factory.

In January, Dr. Ann Duncan, Director of Animal Health at the Detroit Zoo will talk about health care for the many large and small animals at the zoo. She has a special interest in penguins and great apes and may talk about the recent birth of the baby gorilla.

I'm still working out details for the February and April luncheon speakers, so check the monthly newsletter for further information. I hope many of you will make plans to join us for lunch on the 4th Thursday of each month to hear these wonderful speakers.



Announcements

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place in the back room of Escape Lanes, on Thursday, October 1st at approx. 11:45 am.

Newsletter Deadline

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



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Eileen Winkel and Michele Burns- Service



The Thanksgiving Service Project for Troy Newcomers is the Baldwin Center. <https://baldwincenter.org/> The Baldwin Center is a community based non-profit organization, located at 212 Baldwin Ave. Pontiac, MI 48342.

The Baldwin Center was created as an outreach program of the Baldwin Avenue United Methodist Church in response to increasing poverty in the neighborhood. The congregation opened the Center's doors to provide food and recreation to children in June 1981. Today, The Center provides over 60,000 healthy meals per year in its community kitchen, The Center also distributes clothing and basic necessities, offers showers and laundry services, delivers food assistance to seniors, and supports children and families through afterschool programs, summer camp, and holiday assistance. Baldwin Center is a place of connection, dignity, and hope, partnering with community organizations, volunteers, and donors to strengthen lives and build a thriving community where everyone has the opportunity to succeed.

The Baldwin Center has requested cash donations. Your donation can be made by cash or check. Make a check out to Troy Newcomers or the Baldwin Center, with Troy Newcomers Thanksgiving project in the memo field. NOTE: Checks made out to the Troy Newcomers are not tax deductible. If you would like to claim the donations on your taxes make the check out to the Baldwin Center. Donations will be collected by Eileen, Michele or an Activity Leader at club activities in October. As always, a donation can be mailed to P.O. Box 103, Troy, MI 48009 or to Eileen or Michele.

The club gives us \$150 to start and then the rest is up to our very generous membership. We will be collecting until November 5th. Thanks in advance, we are looking forward to a successful Service Project!



October Luncheon

10/22/26

Ford's Garage 12:00 noon 12575 Hall Rd., Utica

Our presentation this month is

"The Detroit Institute of Arts Is For You"

*Presented by Carla Tinsley-Smith, DIA Public Affairs/Community
Engagement*

Everything you always wanted to know about the DIA. Carla will discuss upcoming events, educational components, studio experiences, music programs and many other benefits that you, as an Oakland or Macomb County resident, have access to. Bring questions, Carla has answers



Please choose one of these meals with your RSVP

Cost \$ 20.00

PayPal \$ 21.28

1. **Mama Ford's homemade meatloaf:** Ford's signature recipe topped with Housemade gravy and choice of two sides (Fords fries, Fords classic tots, mashed potatoes, kettle chips, broccoli, green beans, coleslaw, jasmine rice)
2. **Chicken Cobb salad:** Chicken, mixed greens, chopped bacon, hard-boiled egg, cherry tomatoes, avocado, and Gorgonzola. Try it with roasted garlic vinaigrette.
3. **Ford's signature Burger:** (1/2 lb) Sharp cheddar, applewood smoked bacon, bourbon BBQ sauce, lettuce, tomato, and red onion on a brioche bun, Ford's fries

Deadline for RSVP and payment is October 15, 2026

Please make check payable to: Troy Newcomers club and mail to
Karen Gard, 6234 Crescent Way Dr., Troy, MI 48085

Socials – Barb Shimoura

I have **CANCELLED** Meijer Gardens due to lack of interest.



While it's turning fall now, I've booked a **SWEET JESUS TOUR!** Or Jesus with Sweets Tour! Wednesday, OCTOBER 14th, 2026. Cost is \$5.00. Starting at 11am.

It will consist of a tour through the beautiful Presbyterian, Kirk in the Hills Church at 11:00am, which should take about an hour. Then, travel down Franklin Road to the Franklin Cider Mill for a history about the mill, with cider & donuts waiting

for us. That talk will be at 1:00pm. If you're hungry they have marinated hotdogs for sale on a cart. (\$8.00 each) and they are very good. Also, there are candy apples and several different baked goods for sale to take home, if you wish.

Please pay me \$5.00 in cash or write a check to **TROY NEWCOMERS CLUB** before October 12th.

KIRK IN THE HILLS at 11:00 1340 W Long Lake Rd Bloomfield Township, MI 48302

Franklin Cider Mill is at 1:00 7450 Franklin Rd Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-3610

PUT THIS ON YOUR RADAR:

The Parade Company - Friday November 6th @11:30am for approximately 10/20 guests. Adults are \$12.

Please pay me in Cash or write a check to **TROY NEWCOMERS CLUB** before November 5th.

I thought if anyone is interested, we could go to the Polish Cafe for Lunch afterward.

Please **SAVE THE DATE!** Edsel Ford Estate Sunday Holiday Tea & Tour 12-06-26

I don't have pricing as of yet, but will let you know.

bshimoura@gmail.com

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Rose Awards by Kathy Holm

White Rose – Gina Kossick, Membership Secretary



Grandchildren, Travel and Newcomers are what fill Ginas' days since she retired last May. She worked as a nurse in the NICU at both Royal Oak Beaumont and Troy Beaumont. {Now called Corewell Health}

Gina has been a Newcomer for 32 years and has been on the board for a total of 12 years, not consecutively. Even she needs a break, sometime. Gina is also in charge of daytime euchre where there is always plenty of food, fun and laughs. Oh yeah,

also card playing. This year she oversees membership and served as Master of Ceremonies for our very, very successful kick-off dinner. (Kudos to Marie Watson and her entire kick-off committee)

Gina and her husband Don are proud grandparents to Ruthie, age 4, Josie 2 ½ and James 10 months. Gina and Don have a boat they keep on Lake St. Clair and this year Ruthie hooked on her own worm and caught her first fish. Congratulations to Ruthie. Josie also attempted fishing but needed a little help from dad. Yes, Gina, they do grow up so fast.

This past summer was spent in Michigan on their boat and a newly purchased dinghy. A highlight was a weekend spent at Muskamoot Bay on Lake Sinclair. It is a massive boat party held every year and is called the Raft Off. Boaters tie their boats side by side to form a huge social area called the Gauntlet, where brave partying individuals such as our Gina walk across the somewhat shallow waters sustained only by the drinks from the Tiki barge. This September Gina will be on a Holland-America Cruise through Canada docking in New York City. Gina is active in so many club activities including luncheons, socials and bowling. She says "The club is great, that is where I met all of my friends." Gina's friends are also glad she joined. Thanks, Gina.



White Rose Award – JoAnn Twigg, Meadowbrook Ushering



This is Joann's third year as a Newcomer and we can thank Amy Strand for introducing us to Joann. Amy invited her to several Euchre games and when she learned we also usher at Meadowbrook, she was hooked. She has been interested in theater since high school where she worked on and acted in (I would guess, also starred in) several plays. Joann ushered for two years and when Marie Hochstein resigned her position, Joann and Michele Burns stepped up to keep the program rolling.

In addition to ushering, Joann and her husband Chuck play couples Euchre. Joann has attended luncheons and has even tried her hand at Mahjong. Joann also enjoyed this year's work at the Farmers Market.

Joann and Chuck, have two children. One son and one daughter, as well as two granddaughters, with a grandson on the way. When they traded their family home for a condo several years ago, they made sure they would have plenty of room for the grandchildren's overnight visits.

Joann and Chuck love to travel, although it has slowed down a little with the appearance of the aforementioned grandchildren. They have visited Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, and the Canadian Rockies. They also spend several months a year in Florida at the world-famous "Villages ". Joann assures me their activities include plenty of card playing. While she walks and reads, her husband plays pickleball and golf. She also loves that there is music everywhere.

Joann said that she finds the ladies in the club "Very welcoming." Thank you, Joann for taking on this added responsibility.



Activities

Book Club - Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the October 21 meeting, hosted by Pat Wehrung. Her book is Weyward by Emelia Hart.

A historical fiction novel about female resilience, the natural world, and a multi-generational legacy of witchcraft. Perfect read for the Halloween season.

Please contact Pat at pat.wehrung@gmail.com or [248-408-2244](tel:248-408-2244) to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

The connections between and among women are the most feared, the most problematic, and the most potentially transforming force on the planet.



Bowling League – Darcel Connors, League Secretary



Our first day of bowling took place on the 17th. We have 8 complete teams this year.

After 1 week of bowling, we already have a few “star bowlers” shining thru. Michelle Freeman leads with most turkeys already (3). Two other bowlers are already hot on her trail with 1 each (Allison Henderson and Laura Carlin). Kaoru Goda leads with high game, high series and highest average! And to think Kaoru had never bowled before joining our league a few years ago! There are 4 teams tied for 1st place and 3 teams tied for 2nd so not much happening yet. But with the great start we have had, it should prove to be an exciting season.

We are always in need of substitute bowlers. Subs pay \$10.00 per week and bowling balls and shoes are provided by the alley for no extra cost, if you need them.

Contact Darcel Connors at darcelc@prodigy.net if you are interested in being added to our substitute list.

Culinary Group – Lynn Sarosik & Monica DiMaggio, Activity Leaders



Attention food lovers. There are many free upcoming food events that might be of interest to you.

On Tuesday, October 20th from 7-8:30pm, the Troy Library is hosting **Cooking with Mary: Fall skillet suppers**. Mary Spencer will prepare two hearty dinners, all in a single pan. Registration is now open and there are only about 25 spots left. Call the library at 248-524-3534 to reserve your spot or for more information:

<https://troypil.librarycalendar.com/event/copy-cooking-mary-110703>

On Tuesday, November 17th from 7-8pm, the Troy Library is again offering the popular **Charcuterie 101: Holiday Boards & Bites**. This was a sell-out last year, so if you're interested, you'll have to act fast. Registration doesn't open until October 6th, so mark your calendar to call the library at 248-524-3534 to reserve your spot or for more information: <https://troypil.librarycalendar.com/event/charcuterie-board-program-back-date-110157>

The Madison Heights library has a cookbook club that meets on the second Tuesday of the odd months of the year. Meetings are 6:30-7:30pm and the staff picks a specific cookbook and everyone makes and brings a dish to share. For the November 10th meeting, the theme is "Pies", just in time for Thanksgiving. And on January 12th, the topic is soup and bread, for those cold and snowy evenings. If you are interested, check the library website to join:

<https://secure.rec1.com/MI/madison-heights-mi/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTQzODc4ODA=>

Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on MONDAY, October 19 at 9:30 am at the home of Darcel Connors. She lives in Rochester Hills, see directory for address. Please RSVP to Darcel by Friday, October 16 at [248-396-5371](tel:248-396-5371) or email: darcelc@prodigy.net.

If you are not a regular hostess, please let Darcel know if you wish to bring a breakfast item for that day. Also, if you are a beginner or need teaching, let the hostess know so you will not be counted in the table count.

Evening Euchre- Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Our first euchre of the season was at my house, and we had a good turnout. The first prize went to Chris Markoff, second place Bill Locricchio, third Dave Strand, and fourth place was shared by Darcel Connors and Mary Markoff. Congratulations Winners! October 10 is our next euchre and will be held at the home of Amy Strand. We will start at 6:45pm. Send Amy an email to tell her you are coming.

garagesalegroove@gmail.com

We still need a hostess for the month of November. Let me know if you can host a euchre party in November.

Ladies Game Night- Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



Game Night is a fun night of beginner-friendly games and some light competition. Each month we have a hostess; she picks a date and chooses the games to play. Some light refreshments are served. We play anything from cards, dominoes, board games, activity games or whatever the hostess thinks will be fun.

I apologize to those that had signed up for September that I needed to cancel. I appreciate your understanding and patience. I will try to host again on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00. Please contact Jill at her home phone [248-828-3499](tel:248-828-3499) to let me know if you can attend.

Mah Jongg – Tonni Bartholomew & Karen Abels, Activity Leaders



The Troy Newcomers Mah Jongg group met 2 times in September and enjoyed friendships, great conversations, delightful refreshments and several mahjongg games.

Our October dates are as follows:

Friday, October 9th at 1pm at Sue Jones' Home.

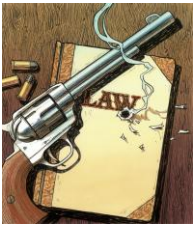
Friday, October 23rd at 1pm at Jane Egermann's Home.

If you are interested in playing, please notify either Karen Abels (248)703-8321 or Tonni Bartholomew (248)807-3555.

New players are encouraged to join and will be assisted by existing players in learning the game.



Meadowbrook Ushering – Michele Burns & Joann Twigg , Activity Leaders



Our first performance this season is ***The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*** - Journey into the Wild West, 1890, in this classic story of good versus evil. When a young scholar from New York City travels west in search of a new life, he arrives beaten and half-dead on the dusty streets of Twotrees. The town soon becomes his home. A local girl gives him purpose in a broken land, but is it enough to save him from the vicious outlaw who wants him dead?

Below is the schedule for ***The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance***. If you cannot attend your performance, please make sure you get a sub from the Usher & Sub List. If you are not able to find a sub, please contact the rest of the ushers for your performance to ensure that there will be at least 4 ushers attending.

The performance dates & times are as follows:

- Wednesday, Oct 21 - 2pm & 7:30pm
- Thursday, Oct 22 - 7:30pm
- Friday, Oct 23 - 7:30pm
- Saturday, Oct 24 - 6pm
- Sunday, Oct 25 - 2pm

If you have any questions, please contact:

Michele 248-408-22494, michelemburns@gmail.com or Joann 586-838-0495, jmeetup3@gmail.com.



Pickle Ball – Michele Burns, Activity Leader

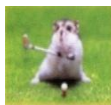
Indoor pickleball is played on Wednesdays, from 1:00-3:00pm, at the Troy First United Methodist Church at [6363 Livernois](#). Our regular roster has a spot left if you would like to play the 6 weeks from Oct 7 – Nov 18 (we skip Oct 14 & Nov 25) or if you are interested in being a substitute, please let me know by September 25. (There are 16 regular players so the odds each week that someone can't play is good.) You are always welcome to watch to see if you would be interested in learning the game. We do teach new players and paddles/balls are available at the church. Come join us in this fun, VERY Social, friendly game! LET'S PICKLE!



Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader

Come join us as we scrap and craft on Monday, October 26th at the home of Darcel Connors from 11am to 5pm. Feel free to bring scrapbooking or other craft, sewing projects that you are working on. You are welcome to bring a lunch. Darcel will provide drinks and snacks. Please let Darcel know if you plan on attending by October 23rd. darcelc@prodigy.net or #248-396-5371.

Somerset Golf League 2026 Season-



Debbie Risko & Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders

We had a great season this year only one rainout. Our scramble was so much fun and the winners are Karen Lawson, Jane Heuninckx, Barb Rosko and Pamela Ezyk. On that note I received a letter from Carolyn Simmons last December. Carolyn had golfed with us for over 20 years. She so graciously donated a golf package for a foresome to Maple Lanes Golf Club. Which we awarded to the winners.

Carolyn had won this golf package at her Ovarian Cancer support group fundraiser. We will miss her, she always was thinking of others.

We hope to see everyone next golf season.



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



It's a wrap! The 2026 Sylvan Glen golf season is officially complete! September 3rd was the final day of league play. Congratulations to the ladies who finished with the most points:

1st Place – Allison Kelly-Henderson with 107 points

2nd Place was a tie – Laurie Cunnings and Pam Mayhew each had 105.5 points

Our annual end of season golf outing was held on September 10th at the newly renovated Pine Trace Golf Course. We played a 9-hole scramble and finished the day with lunch and prizes on the patio.

I'm already looking forward to next season.

Widows Group- Karen Gard, Activity Leader



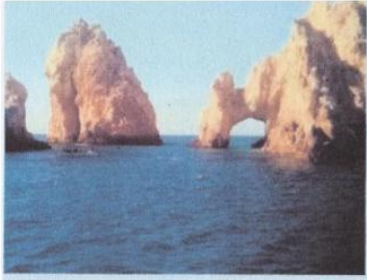
Our one-year anniversary for this group was celebrated with a gathering at my house on Tuesday, 9.22.26. Please check out the November newsletter for upcoming meeting dates. All those who have lost a partner are welcome to join this group. If you would like to participate in this group, please send your name, email address and cell phone number to me at kgard7@comcast.net or via cell: 248.506.7412. All interested members will be added to our text string and sent additional information for our gatherings. If you have any questions about this group, feel free to call or text me at any.

Winetasting- Ann Britton, Activity Leader



The October wine tasting will be held on **FRIDAY**, October 23 at 6:30pm. Monica DiMaggio will host the wine tasting at her home. Please RSVP, Monica by Wednesday, October 21 at [586 246 8378](tel:5862468378) if you are planning on attending.

Each wine tasting evening is hosted by a Troy Newcomer member on a Friday or Saturday evening. 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 beginning at 6:30pm.



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