



November 2026

Troy Newcomers Topics

Message From the Board

Service Co-Chairs, Eileen Winkel & Michele Burns

The Newcomers Club has 3 service projects a year. They occur at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter (or sometime in the Spring.) We try to help those less fortunate than us during these holiday seasons and bring some smiles to individuals & families that might otherwise not have such a joyous holiday.

Thanksgiving Update

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Club has so far collected \$882 for the Baldwin Center, our Thanksgiving Project. We have a few days left to collect and will be delivering the check to the Center at the beginning of November so we'll let you know the total donation in the December Newsletter.

The Center 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.

Thank you for being a part of their mission to address poverty in our neighborhoods!

Looking Forward to Christmas

Troy Newcomers will once again join Troy Police Department's Operation Blue Sleigh for our Christmas Project. The program has operated for 32 years, creating amazing Christmas' for Troy families in need! The Police in cooperation with the Troy School District identify families that can use help at Christmas. We are given a list of "Needs & Wants" with sizes, favorite colors, etc. that we try to provide. As soon as we receive the list, we'll send a separate email to all members to let you know how you can help.

Troy Officer Greg Pokley will be at our November 19th luncheon to explain the program and answer any questions. In addition to the Polish food, this should make for an interesting afternoon!

Thanks to our club's generosity last year, we gave our family a Christmas they will never forget in a million years! Hopefully we can have a similar result this year.

Easter (or Spring) Project

The Easter Project is yet to be determined. We have some thoughts but haven't picked a project yet. If you have any ideas that you would like added to our list, please send Eileen or Michele the details.

Announcements

From Our Members:

- Thank you for all the cards, food, gifts, calls and caring you gave me while I was caring for Ken and following his death. I have been truly blessed with so many friends in Newcomers. Jane Egermann
- Please update my email address in your directories: Kathie2m@gmail.com.
Thank you, Kathie Mardyla

Board Meeting

Our next board meeting will take place in the back room of Escape Lanes, on Thursday, November 5th at approx. 11:45 am.

Newsletter Deadline

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



Lorraine Slattery	1
Janet Gole	1
Anne Clark	2
Grace Finazzo	7
Kaoru Goda	10
Gail Devine	10
Melissa Verduyn	11
Jill Allen	12
Barb Emmer	13
Lorna Cavanaugh	17
Barbara Slavin	17

November 19, 2026 Luncheon

Wawel Polish Restaurant 2975 E. Maple Rd. Troy MI

 American Polish Cultural Center 

Greg Pokley from the Troy Police Department is planning on joining us. He will fill us in on how each of us can participate in Operation Blue Sleigh, as we did last year.

Please choose one of these meals with your RSVP

- City Chicken - Two tender pieces of **pork**, skewered, and breaded \$24 PayPal \$25.38
- Lemon Chicken - Sautéed in a lemon butter sauce with capers \$25 Pay Pal \$26.41
- Stuffed Cabbage - Two classic stuffed cabbage rolls, topped with our savory red sauce \$25 Pay Pal \$26.41
- Beef Goulash - Tender pieces of beef, in our beef based goulash sauce \$29 PayPal \$30.56

AND

Please choose **two** of the following sides with your RSVP

A Kopytka - Polish potato dumplings (Polish gnocchi)

B Trio Salad - greens, cabbage, corn

C Cucumber Salad

D Sauerkraut

E Beets

Deadline for RSVP and payment is November 9, 2026



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Karen Gard, 6234 Crescent Way Dr., Troy, MI 48085

Socials: Barb Shimoura

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- The tours are a walking tour through the studio and take approximately one hour.
- It is wheelchair and walker friendly.
- Pictures are always encouraged.

Barb Shimoura #248-541-2720

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Money is due to me no later than Nov 5th



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Rose Awards by Kathy Holm

PRESENTING THE LADIES WHO WILL MAKE THIS YEAR'S LUNCHEONS UNFORGETTABLE!

1st V.P. - Programs - Lynn Sarosik

2nd V.P.- Luncheons – Ivana Enright

2nd V.P. - Luncheons – Pat Pillot

Lynn, Ivana and Pat have already pulled off a great lunch in September at the Detroit Grill House where the food was delicious, and Kim Parrs' presentation was riveting. I am sure that working together the ladies will be unstoppable.



Lynn has been a Newcomer for about 4 years. She joined the Newcomers because of bowling and later served as president of the league. She also served on the Newcomers board as Recording Secretary for two years and is now 1st V.P. in charge of Programs. In addition to serving on the board, Lynn runs our culinary club with Monica DiMaggio, attends wine tasting and of course is one of our premiere bowlers. Since retiring from a career in advertising, Lynn also spends time at Lifetime Fitness, where she enjoys yoga classes and swimming.

Lynn and her husband, Robert, enjoy the outdoors. (I mean REALLY enjoy the outdoors.) They were camped in Georgian Bay, Canada after the wildfires. They camped at Niagara on the Lake, Stafford and in many other areas of Ontario. (This is the part that is wild). On a trip with her sister-in-law and two nieces, our little daredevil Lynn, flew in a PROPELLOR plane from St. Ignace to Mackinaw. Less adrenalin producing, but more luxurious was the cruise Lynn and Robert took to Norway and Sweden. They also walked both the Mackinaw and Gordie Howe bridges in addition to hiking; they also enjoy biking.

Lynn encourages everyone to join the club, attend the luncheons, and of course check out the culinary club.

It's difficult to write about Ivana and Pat separately, because their Newcomer lives are pretty intertwined. They decided to join the club after attending the infamous kick-off in Gina's basement. Whether it was the enthusiastic presentations by the speakers, the friendliness of the ladies or the Margaritas, they both signed up. By the way, they are also sister-in-laws.



Ivana came to the United States from Italy when she was only 4 years old. Her memories of Italy come mostly from the stories told by her older brother. She does, however, remember her middle brother's sea sickness on the voyage over.

She retired in 2019 after 36 years in I.T. for several different hospitals. Ivana and her husband, Kevin, have lived in Troy for 38 years. They have two adult daughters, one step-granddaughter, Ellie, who is in college and of course a wonderful grand-dog.

Ivana believes in giving back and helping out wherever she can. She is a volunteer at Gilda's Club, making heart shaped pillows to use while riding in or driving a car. (The pillow is placed between the chest and seatbelt for added comfort.) Ivana and Kevin volunteer at the Troy Historical Village (Kevin is on the Board). She also volunteered to man our booth at the Garden Walk. She supports the Sage Nature Center and enjoys hiking on the many trails available.

Daytime euchre, socials and wine-tasting are all Newcomer activities enjoyed by Ivana. Kevin and Ivana love to travel. Visiting and seeing something in every state is on their bucket list. They have only five states left to go. They have also traveled to several countries in Europe.

Ivana encourages everyone to join the Newcomers." They are a great group of ladies, with so many activities. You can learn something new at every lunch."



Pat and her husband Lou have been married for 55 years (to each other} and have 3 adult children and 6 wonderful grandchildren. As a matter of fact, while I was interviewing Pat, she was in St. Louis supervising her 16-year-old granddaughter while her son was in Japan. An older sibling is at school in Madison, Wisconsin. (Go Badgers} Another son lives in California with his wife and 3 boys ages 12-17. The Michigan daughter has a 17-year-old daughter of her own.

Pat enjoys quilting, sewing, embroidery and crocheting. She describes herself as "Pretty active". She likes to hike, swim, bike, walk and do yoga. I call that "Very active". Pat and Lou love to travel. Their former occupations as language teachers (Pat, German and French. Lou, Spanish) made their travels to Germany, Italy and Spain much more enjoyable. They have also been to the Panama Canal and Alaska.

After teaching in both the Bloomfield and Utica school districts, Pat took some time off to raise her children. She returned to work at Harding Elementary in Ferndale, where she was the only one in the building to teach students in every grade. She was eventually promoted to principal. When the school district realized they needed a curriculum coordinator, Pat was offered the job. She served in this position until retirement. The elementary school was eventually closed. The official version claims it was due to consolidation. However, it is apparent to me that the real reason was Pat's, retirement.

Pat would encourage potential members to "Join up, get social and have fun with a lot of great people."

Many thanks to Lynn, Ivana and Pat for taking on the responsibility of putting together our luncheons. We are all looking forward to a great year.

Activities

Book Club - Janet Gole, Activity Leader



Please join us at the November 18 meeting, hosted by Pat Pillot. Her book is **Theo of Golden** by Allen Levi.

Theo buys local pencil portraits of townspeople and gifts them back, he communicates that each person's life is a story . See how taking the time to truly see, listen to, and value ordinary people has a profound, transformative power.

Please contact Pat at petudie3@comcast.net or [248-721-5163](tel:248-721-5163) to confirm you will attend. We'll meet at 6:30 pm. Find her address within the TNC directory.

Words and books are like magic.

Bowling League – Darcel Connors, League Secretary



We are 6 weeks in and things are heating up! So many bowlers are showing improvement and averages are on the rise. In first place we currently have Team 8 (Kathy Holm, Allison Henderson and Pam Cheli). A very close second is held by Team 1 (Karen Gard, Lynn Sarosik and Marie Watson) and in third is Team 6 (Laura Carlin, Michelle Freeman and Barb Emmer). High Game is held by Kaoru Goda & Laura Carlin (188), High Series is held by Marie Watson (491). Most Turkeys is 5 with Laura Carlin earning that honor and Most Splits converted (4) is held by Pam Cheli.

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



The Culinary Group was well represented at the Troy Library cooking event on Tuesday evening, Oct. 20th. It was led by Mary Spencer, who is a professional cook, experienced in cooking for large groups of people. The two recipes she prepared were so yummy and filled the room with a great aroma. She also entertained us with her conversation and many great cooking tips. It was helpful that the library provided an overhead mirror to help you see what she was doing. The recipes were called Spanish Noodles and Bourbon Apple Chicken....YUM!

Culinary Group, Continued

The Culinary Club participated in a service project at Care House in Pontiac October 15 led by Laura Lyon. We were able to feed approximately 25 individuals with 15 to-go packages to take home for another meal.

Our group provided a spaghetti dinner with meat sauce, vegetarian sauce and buttered cheese noodles as entree options. A beautiful salad was created with a myriad of add-ons. Garlic bread was provided. Two of our members; Diane Alexanian and Cindy Zapinski provided cookies and brownies.

Our efforts were well received and the positive feedback was appreciated! The members that hosted this event feel this is something that we will do again in the future. We had a lot of laughs along the way!

Thank you to all that donated!!



Morning Euchre – Gina Kossick, Activity Leader



We are playing this month on Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30 am at the home of Maryann Locricchio. She lives in Troy, see directory for her address. Please RSVP to Maryann by November 14 at : malocricchio@gmail.com or call at [248-515-3749](tel:248-515-3749). If you are not a regular hostess, please let Maryann know if you wish to bring a breakfast item for that day. Also, if you are a beginner or need more guidance, let the hostess know so you will not be counted in the table count.

Evening Euchre- Darlene Glaze, Activity Leader



Next Euchre - Saturday, November 14 at 6:45pm at the home of Darcel Connors. Let Darcel know you are coming. darcelc@prodigy.net

Thank you so much to Amy Strnad for hosting our October party. Nice party Amy and Dave!

I want to congratulate the winners: Chris Markoff, Joann Twigg, Lori Wodrich, Marissa Hunter, Andres Wodrich. Congratulations Winners! We also want to welcome a new euchre player to our group, Gabrielle Swasey. Gabe, we are so glad you joined our club!

It is time for a change. I have had the pleasure of being the activity lead for the past 3 years.

I will finish out this season, so we need another person to become our evening activity leader, which would start in June.

December 5 - Maryann Donnelly

January 9 - Claudia Sparschu

Ladies Game Night- Jill Miceli, Activity Leader



It was great to see some new faces last month. Thank you to Edelza for teaching us how to play Rummikub. It was a lot of fun.

Diana Alexanian will host our next Game Night at 7:00 on Wednesday, November 4. Please call or text Diana at [248-505-6159](tel:248-505-6159) if you are able to attend. If you attend regularly but do not host, please offer to bring something to help out hostess.

Please note the early date this month - call Diana asap.

We will be off for December and I am looking for a hostess for January and February. Please let Jill know if you would like to pick a date.

Mah Jongg – Jane Egermann, Activity Leader



It may not be the most auspicious day for a comeback but mah jongg will return to regular play at Jane Egermann's on Friday, November 13th at 9:30 am. We will decide at that time if there is enough interest to have play on Friday, November 27th at 1 pm.

Notice is sent out to the active mah jongg players in addition to this newsletter notice. If you are not on that list, please contact Jane at jane48085@yahoo.com to get on the list.

Please let Jane know if you plan to attend or need directions to her house.

Meadowbrook Ushering – Joann Twigg & Michele Burns, Activity Leaders



There is no play in November but get ready for the always well attended “A Christmas Carol” in December! We will be ushering the 4th week of the play instead of the 3rd, so Dec. 9th through the 13th.

Remember our ushering times/dates are unique for this play so please check your assignments. The December Newsletter will have reminders for the updated dates and times and they are also stated as a “Note” on the Ushers & Subs List you have already received.

Please remember to get a sub if you cannot attend a scheduled performance.

Pickle Ball – Michele Burns, Activity Leader



Our first session is half over! The gals are having fun, laughing and having a great time while playing the fastest growing sport in the country!

If you are interested in joining us for the 2nd Session – Dec 2 thru Jan 27, please let me know by Nov 23rd. You can sign up for Dec only, Jan only or both months. (We try to accommodate the snowbirds.) Preference will be given to current players. Subs are always welcome and needed most weeks (with 16 regular players, there is always someone needing a sub.)

We play on Wednesdays at the Troy United Methodist Church at 6363 Livernois from 1:00-3:00. We do have to rent the gym, so the cost is shared by the players. All levels of players are welcome and we will teach new players. Paddles and balls are available at the church for our use. Come join us and learn/play in a friendly environment!

Scrapbooking – Darcel Connors, Activity Leader



Come join us as we share and scrap our memories on Monday November 23rd 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 plan on attending by contacting her at: darcelc@prodigy.net or #248-396-5371.

Somerset Golf League 2026 Season- Debbie Risko & Karen Hrit, Activity Leaders



We hope to see everyone next golf season.

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



The Sylvan Glen golf league will start the 2027 season the first Thursday of May. A notice will be posted here around February or March for the coming season. Stay tuned!

Widows Group- Karen Gard, Activity Leader



Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 starting at 6:30 pm. Marie Hochstein will host at her home. Emails were sent to each member with details for our 11.10.26 meeting. Please respond to the email with your RSVP by 11.5.26. 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 email distribution list and sent additional information for our gatherings. If you have any questions about this group, feel free to call or text me.

Winetasting- Ann Britton, Activity Leader



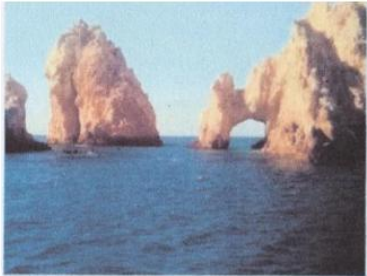
The November wine tasting will be held on Saturday, November 14 at 6:30pm. Carole Packla will host the wine tasting at her home. Please RSVP, Carole Packla by Wednesday, November 11 at trixie1948@hotmail.com or call her.

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

September Luncheon Recap

What a very informative and interesting presentation on the Rosy Riveters that worked at the Packard Proving Grounds during WWII. The **Packard Rosies** were over 9,000 women who stepped up to manufacture vital Rolls-Royce Merlin aircraft engines and U.S. Navy Patrol Torpedo (PT) boat engines at Packard Motor Car Company plants. Our own Lynn Sarosik's mother-in-law was one of them, too.



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November 2026

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1	2	3	4 Games Night Pickle Ball	5 Board Meeting Bowling	6 Social	7
8	9	10 Widows Group	11 Pickle Ball	12 Bowling	13 Mah Jongg	14 Evening Euchre Winetasting
15	16	17 Morning Euchre	18 Book Club Pickle Ball	19 Bowling Luncheon	20	21
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