

# Canton Newcomers & Neighbors

Where Women Connect



September 2019

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## Leadership Message:

Welcome Back after what was hopefully a great summer. We have a great year planned for Canton Newcomers and Neighbors. There are new Interest Groups - **Green Thumb Garden Club** and **Mexican Train Dominoes**, as well as favorites like Bunco, Let's Do Dinner, Bookworm Book Club and Chick Flicks. Also new this year will be monthly *Out & About* events - Saturday day trips that begin with a September 14<sup>th</sup> Backstage Visit to Canton's Village Theater. Marcia Franz has graciously volunteered to lead this activity. A proposed schedule of the Out & About events is available at the Interest Group sign-in table.

Newly elected **President Beth McBain** is on the road RVing in Alaska, so I will be filling in for her at the September General Meeting. Plan on enjoying a lite dinner complements of **Carrabba's Italian Grill** at our kickoff meeting on **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – doors open at 6:30 PM**. We will introduce our officers and interest groups, present the check to our 2018/2019 Charity SJ5K, introduce our 2019/2020 Charity and vote on changes to our constitution. The proposed changes are long overdue. Please take a few minutes now to review the changes in the attached file in order to speed up the voting process and have more time to socialize with friends, new and old.

Our newsletter will contain brief detailed descriptions of group activities. Meeting dates, time, where or what you need to bring. Meeting dates and times will continue to be posted on the calendar. Deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Kind regards,

Beth McCain, President,  
Diane Sands, Vice P

## Special Thanks

### Thanks From Vista Maria READS

Because of your generosity, Vista Maria READS was able to offer 64 additional books to the girls in residential care at Vista Maria. Your kindness means that they have been inspired by memoirs of people who have overcome poverty, drugs, foster care and human trafficking. They have lost themselves in novels with stories and heroines with whom they can identify and are challenged by books that offer them ideas for their future adult lives.

Best of all, your gifts proved our summer reading theme – we can grow with the help of sisters and good books. Thank you for these books and for being those “sisters” to the girls. Mary Brown, on behalf of Vista Maria READS

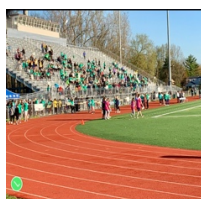
### Green Thumb Garden Group

A new interest group focusing on gardening will offer speakers, activities and garden tours. Additional details and sign-up sheet will be available at the September General Meeting. If you are interested in joining and can't make the September meeting, contact Diane Sands.

## Pictures



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


September Lady Bookworm



# Can we Interest You in an INTEREST GROUP?

## September Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 General Meeting 7:00 PM 	5	6	7
8	9 Board Meeting 7:00 PM 	10 Boozy Tuesday 5:00 PM 	11 Let's Do Dinner 6:00 PM 	12 Mexican Train Dominoes 6:30 PM 	13	14 Euchre 6:45 PM  Out & About 2:30 PM 
15	16 Let's Do Lunch 12:30  Lunch Time <small>© 2012-2014</small>	17 Matinee Movie Maven 1:00 PM 	18	19 Green Thumb Garden Club General meeting 6:30 	20	21 Green Thumb Garden club  9:00 AM Couples Bunco 6:30 PM 
22	23	24 Chick Flick 6:30 PM 	25	26 Lady Bookworm 6:30 PM 	27 Ladies Bunco 6:30 PM 	28
29	30					

Need more information? Contact the following Interest Group Leaders for details on activities and locations.

- Boozy Tuesday - Linda Jastrzebski - 734-748-2184 [beewidow@gmail.com](mailto:beewidow@gmail.com)
- Bunco - Couples\* - Camille Well - 734-474-9609 [camillecbf@yahoo.com](mailto:camillecbf@yahoo.com)
- Bunco - Ladies\* - Theresa Goodhart - 734-233-1226 [tgoodhart@yahoo.com](mailto:tgoodhart@yahoo.com)  
734-787-0079 [marcia614@comcast.net](mailto:marcia614@comcast.net)
- Chick Flick - Karen Bronkhorst 734-307-8281 [rbronco2005@hotmail.com](mailto:rbronco2005@hotmail.com)
- Couples Social\* - (Need a replacement for Lisa Toole)
- Euchre - Gretchen Gerth 989-948-7082 [gretchengert@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchengert@yahoo.com)
- Let's Do Dinner - Cindy Koldys 313-712-1213 [cindykoldys@gmail.com](mailto:cindykoldys@gmail.com)
- Let's Do Lunch\* - Mitzie Sparks 734-416-0955 [mitz70@hotmail.com](mailto:mitz70@hotmail.com)
- Matinee Movie Mavens - Darlene Denning 734-416-0988 [darelenedenning@aol.com](mailto:darelenedenning@aol.com)
- Mexican Train Dominoes - Theresa Goodhart - 734-233-1226 [tgoodhart@yahoo.com](mailto:tgoodhart@yahoo.com)  
and Karen Bronkhorst 734-307-8281 [rbronco2005@hotmail.com](mailto:rbronco2005@hotmail.com)
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and Diane Sands 248-225-4456 [dianegsands@gmail.com](mailto:dianegsands@gmail.com)
- Lady Bookworm - Marcia Franz - 734-787-0079 [marcia614@comcast.net](mailto:marcia614@comcast.net)  
and Donna Kurdziel - 734-397-3862 [donna2400@aol.com](mailto:donna2400@aol.com)

and Marcia Franz

# Can we Interest You in an Interest Group?

## Interest Groups Participation

1. Sign up at the Meeting for the groups you want. Contact the Interest Group Leader to reserve a spot if you are not at the monthly meeting.
2. The Interest Group Leader will email a reminder and or text all related details to those who sign up.
3. Should and urgent issue arise requiring you to cancel, kindly call your Interest Group Leader.
4. Bunco & Euchre require a specific number of players and need alternates to be called or text in

### INTEREST GROUP LEADERS & CONTACTS

#### Boozy Tuesday

Linda Jastrzebski - 734-748-2184  
[beewidow@gmail.com](mailto:beewidow@gmail.com)

#### Bunco - Couples\*

Camille Well - 734-474-9609  
[camillecbf@yahoo.com](mailto:camillecbf@yahoo.com)

#### Bunco - Ladies\*

Theresa Goodhart - 734-233-1226  
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Marcia Franz - 734-787-0079  
[marcia614@comcast.net](mailto:marcia614@comcast.net)

#### Chick Flick

Karen Bronkhorst- 734-307-8281  
[rbronco2005@hotmail.com](mailto:rbronco2005@hotmail.com)

#### Couples Social\*

(Need a replacement for Lisa Toole)

#### Euchre

Gretchen Gerth -989-948-7082  
[gretchengerth@yahoo.com](mailto:gretchengerth@yahoo.com)

#### Let's Do Dinner

Cindy Koldys 313-712-1213  
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#### Let's Do Lunch\*

Mitzie Sparks -734-416-0955  
[mitz70@hotmail.com](mailto:mitz70@hotmail.com)

#### Matinee Movie Mavens

Darlene Denning -734-416-0988  
[darelenedenning@aol.com](mailto:darelenedenning@aol.com)

#### Boozy Tuesday

Tuesday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 to 6:30 PM Nico & Vali on 744 Wing St. Plymouth. Website: <http://nicoandvali.com/>

#### Bunco Couples

Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM at Rose Higginson house. Please bring a dish to pass to add to entrée. Bring \$5 for prizes

#### Bunko Ladies

Friday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 at Camilie Wells house. 1415 S. John Hix Rd. Westland. Please bring a dish to pass serving at least 12-16 ladies. Bring \$5 for prize money.

#### Chick Flick

Tuesday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 at Emagine Canton theater. Movie title will be emailed and or texted to those on the list. Call Karen to be added.

#### Couples Social

No activity planed for September.

#### Euchre

Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 6:45 at Ann Confer house. The game requires tables of 4 players each. The cost is \$10 per person. Please bring an appetizer to pass.

#### Let's Do Dinner

Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM at Buddy's Pizza 15075 Beck Rd. Plymouth. Excellent Pizza! Spouses welcome.

#### Let's Do Lunch

Monday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 12:30 PM at Logan's Steak House Ford Rd. across from Walmart.

#### Matinee Movie Mavens

Tuesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM at Emagine Theatre. Movie title and time will be e-mailed or texted to those on the list.

Mexican Train Dominoes  
Theresa Goodhart -734-233-1226

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Karen Bronkhorst- 734-307-8281

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Green Thumb Garden Club  
Interest Group Leader changes  
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Diane Sands -248-225-4456

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Out & About

Interest Group Leader changes  
every month

Marcia Franz - 734-787-0079

[marcia614@comcast.net](mailto:marcia614@comcast.net)

Mexican Train Dominoes

**Thursdays. 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 at **Karen Bronkhorst**. 7295 Green Meadows LN. Canton. (**Canton Coves**) Please bring a dish to pass. Bring \$5 for prize money.

**Green Thumb Garden Club**

**General meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 PM at **Biggy Coffee**, 44532 Michigan Avenue. Please bring along pictures of what your garden looked like this summer and /or pictures of how you would like your garden to look like.

**Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** 9:00 AM Meet at **Biggy Coffee**. (**Ann Arbor Farmer Market.**)

**Lady Bookworm**

**Wednesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>** 6:30 at **Biggy Coffee**, 44532 Michigan Avenue. This month's book will be City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert. Books will be available at the bookworm meeting. Books will be available via e-reader, the club and or the Canton and Plymouth Libraries.

Out & About

**Saturday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** 2:00- 3:00 PM Day Trip - **Backstage Tour of Canton's Village Theater** 50400 Cherry Hill Rd, Canton

## Canton Newcomer & Neighbor Members:

**The following are amendments** to our Constitution for you to vote on at our September meeting. These were prepared by the Committee that volunteered in June and approved by the Board. They are lengthy because they bring up to date what was required to run a Club in the 1970's when it had a membership of 300 new residents who were only allowed to stay in "Canton Newcomers" for three (3) years. There is actually little difference between how we run the Club today and what is written below. Please take time to look at it so we can move quickly at our September meeting. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the two members who kindly served on the Committee, Betty Nolan, [bnolan1012@aol.com](mailto:bnolan1012@aol.com) and Mary DesOmero, [mdesorm21@gmail.com](mailto:mdesorm21@gmail.com), the officers, Mary Arrasmith, Lisa Toole and myself whose email addresses and phone numbers are in this newsletter.

**Thank You,**

**Beth McBain, President**

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## How to Identify Proposed Changes:

**Words Added:** **Bold Red**   **Stays same:** **Bold text**   **Eliminated:** ~~regular text crossed out~~

## Canton Newcomers and Neighbors

**Effective September 4, 2019**

## ARTICLE IV. DUES

**Section B. Membership dues along with sponsorship, and advertising fund raising income will be used to fund general Club expenses, including but not exclusive to, meeting place rental, insurance, newsletter, and hospitality.**

(NOTES: No longer have advertising; club cost covered by fundraising in addition to membership and sponsorship; newsletters now emailed at no cost)

#### **ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS**

**Section A. The Nominating Committee shall be formed in March consisting of five two members two from the Board (one to serve as the chairperson) and three at least one from the general membership, who are chosen at the February general meeting.**

**Section B. At the April general meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate with at least one candidate for each executive office for election at the May meeting, as well as a slate for the General Board members. If there are more than two members interested in any Executive or General Board of Directors position, they can share the position if mutually agreeable by both candidates or there will be a vote taken by ballot at the May general meeting. will announce the potential Executive Board and General Board officers; there could be more than one person nominated for each office. Co-officers may share an office if desired. If there are open positions, nominations from the floor are welcome.**

**Section D. The Nominating Committee will run the election. Voting will be done by show of hands. In the event of a tie, the nominating committee will initiate a paper ballot revote immediately following the announcement of results. will be used.**

**Section E. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Committee and General Board of Directors.**

#### **ARTICLE VIII. GENERAL BOARD GUIDELINES**

**Section A. The General Board consists of Chairs of: Advertising, Charity, Communications Hospitality, Membership, Newsletter, and Public Relations and three non-voting Chairs: Interest Groups, Sunshine, and Welcoming.**

(General Board Description Sections has been rearranged to alphabetical order.)

**Section I. Advertising Chairperson (s)**

**Eliminate.** We no longer have advertising in the Club Newsletter.

**NOTE:** Reference to Advertising eliminated from all parts of constitution as Newsletter no longer has advertising.

**Section B D. The Charity Coordinator(s) shall be responsible for all charitable activities, including recipients of fundraisers by Board approval, and act as the community liaison between the Club and the community. The Coordinator(s) shall provide monthly fundraising activities and assist at all charitable fundraisers. The Coordinator(s) shall solicit, encourage, and accept requests for funds throughout the season to be reviewed by the Executive Committee and voted on by the full Board.**

**Section C E. The Hospitality Chairperson(s) (No change in responsibilities.)**

**Section D G. The Membership Chairperson(s) (No change is actual responsibilities.)**

**Each month the Membership Chairman shall forward the list of members' birthdays to the Sunshine Chairman so birthday greetings can be sent, and to the Communications Newsletter Chairman for inclusion in the newsletter.**

**Section E K.** ~~The Communications Chairperson shall be responsible for internal and external communications including the Website,~~ **the monthly Canton Connection E-Newsletter.**, and along with the Public Relations Chair, general club promotional materials and media relations.

**NOTE:** Reference to Communication Chairperson shall be changed to Newsletter Chairperson in all parts of constitution

~~The Communications Chair shall publish and send the electronic newsletter to club members.~~

**NOTE:** Eliminated to minimize number of officers with access to members' addresses on Club's website. Newsletter will be distributed by officer that is already on website.

**Section F J.** ~~The Public Relations Chairperson(s) shall be responsible for initial contact with prospective new members through hosting information tables at township, chamber and other community events with the aid of members~~ **promoting the club via social media including newspapers, The Focus and the Club's websites.**

**Section G F.** ~~The Interest Group Chairperson(s)~~ (No change in responsibilities.)

**Section H. Sunshine Chairperson. Send birthday greetings and cards of congratulations, get well and condolence to members when made aware of these events in acting members lives by other members.**

**The Sunshine Chairperson is a non-voting member of the Board and therefore is not required to attend Monthly Board Meetings.**

**NOTE:** Sunshine Chairperson is not new. She is mentioned several times in the Constitution, but her role and responsibilities were never written.

**Section I H.** ~~The Welcoming Chairperson(s)~~ (No change in responsibilities.)

**Section J H.** **When there are multiple Voting Chairpersons for any function, only one is required to attend the Board Meeting and only one vote is accepted regardless of number attending.**

**Non-Voting Chairpersons and all members are invited to attend General Board meetings or visit with a Club Officer gather information or express an opinion to be shared at the meeting. Copies of the minutes are available by contacting the Secretary.**

## ARTICLE X. POLICY

**Section B.** ~~A minimum of \$800~~ **\$2,000 shall be left in the treasury in order for the new board to have a fund with which to start the club year.**

**NOTE:** **Increased** to have enough to cover cost of Club Year room rental, insurance, and other basic costs required before membership is collected and fundraising occurs.

~~**Section F.** Advertising is available in the newsletter.~~

~~**Section K.** Advertisers who advertise for one Club year prior to the October general meeting will be recognized in the membership or program directory.~~



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The primary member is any adult female living in Canton or any surrounding communities for any length of time of residency.

A prospective member or guest may attend a total of two meetings including an interest group, and receive one newsletter before being required to pay dues. Membership events for primary members only are not included.

*Please check one: New member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing member \_\_\_\_\_  
Former member returning \_\_\_\_\_*

*Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_*

*Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_*

*Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_*

*Preferred Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Please indicate if this is cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ or home number \_\_\_\_\_ Birth month \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Minor*

*children's names and ages \_\_\_\_\_ Member*

*dues are \$25 from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_*

*New members' dues are \$12.50 for joining anytime March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_*

*New members may pay \$37.50 for dues anytime March 1, 2020 and through August 31, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_*

*Renewing members for next season are \$25 through August 31, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_*

*Please submit this form to a Membership team member at a meeting or mail it to PO Box 87985, Canton 48187. Checks are payable to the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors.*

*Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_*

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