

# Canton Newcomers & Neighbors

Where Women Connect

## *Canton Connection Membership Newsletter*



### Annual Christmas Party December 5<sup>th</sup>

Doors Open 6:30 PM

Dinner at 7:00 PM

**Antonio's Cucina Italiana**

2220 N. Canton Center Rd.



#### Gift Ornament Exchange

Buy an Ornament

That costs from \$7 - \$10.

Wrap and include your name  
for our celebration together



### *Message from the President*

I believe that everything happens for a reason. This week I met a lady selling who shared how her brother-in-law was in a fatal accident on I-275. I recalled my own brother's death on that same road the day after Christmas a few years ago and was able to empathize.

It has been a rough time for many of our members. Hopefully we can comfort each other and try to remember the blessings that remain. Treasure the family and friendships we have and the memories of those who have passed. One way we can celebrate together is at the Holiday Christmas Party at Antonio's. Hopefully, there won't be a snowstorm!

I look forward to sharing the season with all of you.

**Mary Arrasmith, President**

## *January 10<sup>th</sup>*



***Start the New Year  
with a Pottery Creation!***

***The fun starts at 7:00 PM***

*At our only Thursday Gathering in 2019*

***You pick & buy the pottery***

*\$5 covers brushes, paints, glazing & firing*

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## Membership Message

**Tis the season!!!!!!**

I hope that we started off your season with the joy of nature as you created your own pine cone wreath. Having a daughter that is an environmental geo-scientist has taught me how powerful and wonderful Mother Nature is. I trust bringing a part of her into your home will add beauty and grace to your holiday season. I would love to see a picture of your completed wreath. Thank you Mary DesOrmeau, for sharing a picture of your finished project.



**Our group continues to grow** with a membership of 72. Welcome to our newest members Shelly Coshatt, Gal Schleif and Annette Thompsett. Thanks to all of you for your participation, your ideas and your help.

*For my special friends - all members of the Canton Newcomers*

*Christmas is all about counting your blessings*

*Being thankful for the things dear to you!*

*I looked into my heart and found what it holds dearest.....*

*It is the gift of your friendship. Merry Christmas everyone!!!!!!*

**Nancy Ellenberger, Membership Chairman**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**November 15, 2018**

Starting Balance	\$ 6,851.13
Expenses	( \$ 720.62)
Income	\$ 776.00
Ending Balance	\$ 6,906.51
Charity	\$ 531.00



# Cookie exchange

If you have not yet signed up for the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors' Holiday Cookie Exchange there is still time to do so at the Christmas Party or by contacting Lisa Toole by email, text, or phone.

The Exchange will take place on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. at Lisa Toole's house. All participants will bake approximately 10.5 dozen of one cookie (depending on the number of participants).

Here are a few rules:

Cookies that are brought to distribute should be individually wrapped by the dozen.

1. **There will be no duplicates of cookies.** I will track what each participant is bringing to ensure there are no duplicates.
2. **No candy,** cookies only (we love candy, but this is a cookie exchange after all!).
3. **All cookies must be baked** (no no-bakes).

There will be a prize for the best tasting and for the most eye appealing cookie. We will vote the night of the exchange. Contact Lisa now at 229-356-8039 or Ltoole48187@yahoo.com



## Reminders from our President!

**Sign up for our Facebook Group** so you can see & post activities and events you find intriguing.

**Pay your dues if you haven't yet** so you can be part of the many great activities we have planned for the New Year!

## Newcomers and Neighbors Annual Christmas Party

We have over fifty members signed up for this year's Christmas Party!

**Don't forget that we are having a gift exchange** during the party. Please purchase an ornament costing between \$7 to \$10 for the gift exchange. Wrap it, add a tag with your name on it and bring it along.

**If anyone has a special dietary need,** please let Cindy Koldys at cindy.koldys@gmail.com or Lisa Toole at Ltoole 48187@yahoo.com know by Monday evening, Dec. 3rd.

## Pajama Party Time!



**No, ladies, we don't get to wear them**—at least no one I've seen at this annual December Lunch Bunch gathering of ours has arrived in them yet. We all know, our party is much more fun as once a year we get to go and buy kids pajamas!

**Pajamas with characters** we may or may not know or pajamas with angels or trucks or simply ones in bold or pastel colors, all to go to First Step so children who have left abusive homes can start out the holidays with something warm to smile about.

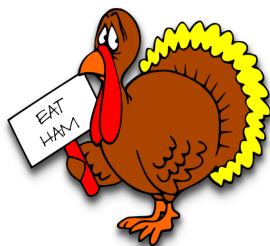
**This year's lunch is Monday, December 10th** at 12:30 PM at Outback Steakhouse. You don't have to be a regular to attend. You are always invited. And what a better way to come and make new friends as you practice the real Christmas Spirit, giving someone's mother that extra, unexpected gift of something warm to wrap their child in.



## ***Hello Ladies,***

**Ah, its November** and we each had our own Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Thank you all for pitching in to the grand total of \$183.00 for the support of our charity, SJ5K.

**Let's get over the pumpkin pie and turkey** and lets stand together to make this Christmas an unforgettable one. It's not the holly and is not the snow, it's not the tree and nor the firelight glow. It's the warmth that comes to our hearts. Leave a little something in the charity stocking as you shop for the holidays, a dollar here and a dollar there, makes me happy to know that you care.



**December 5th we'll all have a chance** to again buy tickets for a drawing that is really a way for each of us to donate to a cause we care about. I look forward to seeing you all then.

**Anjali Gamble, Charity**

**Name:** Beth McBain

**Position:** Communication

**Family:** Husband Keith and 22 year old daughter Marilyn

**Past Residence:** Kansas, New Jersey, New York City, Denver, and all over Greater Detroit

**Favorite job:** (not counting motherhood & retirement) Working with Ford Purchasing & Engineering as Tower Automotive North America Sales Director during launch of Explorer SUV and new models of Ranger Pick-up, Econoline Van, Ford Taurus and Plymouth Sable (boy, does that age me!)

**Activities:** Books, flower gardening, camping, water aerobics & publishing this newsletter

**Joined Newcomers:** To get involved with the great women in Canton.



**Name:** Jody Mathias

**Activity\*** (*not* Position): Publicity & Social Media

**Family:** Husband Frank and 2 year old son Conopus two Dobermans: (Pandora & Apollo)

**Past Residence:** Born in Escanaba. Lived in Livonia before discovering Canton & us.

**Current Position:** Environmental Engineer at University of Michigan (No better place to go after graduating there!)

**Activities:** Reading, Crafting, Photography

**What I Like Best About Living in Canton:** All the parks and being so close to everything.

**\*Activity:** same responsibility/ fewer meetings

***Bring an Ornament  
You'd really rather keep.***

***Nancy's sure to make  
trading it lots & lots of fun!***



***2018 Newcomers' Christmas Party***

**Sunshine can be a card  
from all of us...**

**But it can only happen if you  
let Christy know**

**Simply text or call  
christymarchand13@gmail.com**

**734-981-9007**

**She'll get our message out !**

*Pine Cones  
to Wreaths  
at our  
November  
Meeting*



*They Call it  
Couples Bunco.  
Looks More  
Like a Party to  
Me!!!*



## Interest Group Activities

### INTEREST GROUP LEADERS & CONTACTS

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#### Boozy Tuesday

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### **Boozy Tuesday**

**Tuesday, Dec. 11th, 4:30 to 6:00 PM.** We are heading back to **Carrabas**, 1900 N Haggerty Rd., for their fantastic Happy Hour half-price appetizers and long list of drink specials.

### **Bunco Couples**

**Saturday, Dec. 15th at 6:30 PM** at the home of **Nancy & Dale Ellenberger**. Please bring a dish to share and \$5 per person for prizes **plus** a Christmas Exchange gift value \$10 to \$15. Our group is growing and having lot of fun.

### **Bunco Ladies**

**Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 6:30 PM** at the home of **Theresa Goodhart**. Theresa will provide drinks, table snacks and dessert. Guests should bring an appetizer and \$5 for prize money.

### **Chick Flick**

**Tuesday, Dec. 25th, all day, is Christmas Day!** Therefore, even though this is the 4th Tuesday of the month, you are going to have to plan your own trip to the Flick if that's what you, as many, consider part of a really Merry Christmas!

## INTEREST GROUP LEADERS & CONTACTS

### Couples Social

Kevin & Lisa Toole 229-356-8039  
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### Euchre

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### Matinee Movie Mavens

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### **Couples Social**

**Tuesday, Dec. 25th**, and the days before & after, we wish you the best of Holidays **as** we take this month off. We look forward to seeing every one in the New Year!

### **Euchre**

**Saturday, Dec. 8th**, 6:45 PM. At the home of **Claudia & Ron Gering's**. The game requires tables of 4 players each. The cost is \$10 per person. Please bring one appetizer per person to share.

### **Lady Bookworms**

**Wednesday, Jan. 2nd** at 6:30 PM, we'll have our **December get together** at the home of Beth McBain to celebrate the Holidays with our book-reading friends. Bring an appetizer, a sweet or an interesting drink to share as you pick up our January reading book.

### **Let's Do Dinner**

**Newcomer Dinner has been put on hold for December** with all the hustle, bustle and celebration with family and friends. Please keep the ideas coming for restaurants to enjoy together in the New Year.

### **Let's Do Lunch**

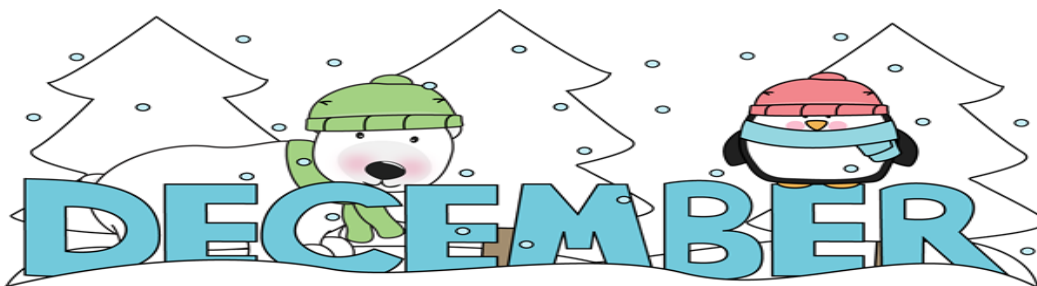
**Monday, Dec. 10th** at 12:30 PM we will be gathering at **Outback Steakhouse**, 42871 Ford Rd. Members are invited to bring PJs for children that arrive at First Step transitional housing, often without them. To get a place reserved for you at our table, please sign up at the meeting or respond to the email.

### **Matinee Movie Mavens**

**Tuesday, Dec. 18th** around 1:00 PM at **Emagine Theatre**. Movie title and time will be emailed to those signed up. Call Darlene to be added.

## Interest Groups Participation

1. **Sign up at the Meeting** for the groups you want. **Miss the meeting and still want to go?** Contact the Interest Group Leader whose name is on the left. Guests may attend one group event.
2. **The Interest Group Leader** will email you a reminder and all related details.
3. **Should you have to cancel**, kindly call your Interest Group Leader. **Bunco & Euchre require a specific number of players** and need alternates to be called in time to attend if you can't.



**Happy Birthday!!!**

**Aldona Chew**

**Virginia Genna**

**Rosemary Higgerson**

**Mary Myers**

**Pam Rossi**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	<b>Newcomers &amp; Neighbors Christmas Party</b> 7:00 PM 	6	7	8 <b>Euchre</b> 6:45 PM 
9	10 <b>Lets Do Lunch</b> 12:30 PM 	11 <b>Boozy Tuesday</b> 4:30 PM 	12 <b>Ladies Bunco</b> 6:30 PM 	13 <b>Cookie Exchange</b> 7:00 PM 	14	15 <b>Couples Bunco</b> 6:30 PM 
16	17	18 <b>Matinee Movie Mavens</b> 1:00 PM 	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b> 	26	27	28	29
30	31		<b>Lady Bookworms Holiday Party</b> 6:30 PM 			

You can find our club's monthly newsletter on our website: **CantonWomen.com**



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Know We Have Space  
for Their Company to Invite  
Canton Newcomers & Neighbors  
to do Business with Them Too!**

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Take a moment to pass this newsletter on to a friend and invite them to join with you .  
And if you haven't joined - fill in the form. There is always an advantage to being a member!

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### **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, 2018 through August 31, 2019* \_\_\_\_\_

*New members dues are \$12.50 for joining anytime March 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019* \_\_\_\_\_

*New members may pay \$37.50 for dues anytime March 1, 2019 and through August 31, 2020* \_\_\_\_\_

*Renewing members for next season are \$25 through August 31, 2019* \_\_\_\_\_

*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 #* \_\_\_\_\_