



Saline Newcomers

Building "Community" one friend at a time ...

Issue 8

Message from our President, Cindy Bonczyk

After the earthquake in Japan, my friend called me just to say that she was glad my family and I were not living in Asia. She was glad that we were living safely back in the United States. That phone call meant a lot to me. It feels nice to matter to someone. Several days later, I was sitting in a book discussion on a book by Max Lucado. The chapter we were discussing was on the "Fear of Not Mattering". As I sat there watching the video that went along with the discussion, Max Lucado was on

the screen talking about how people fear "coming and going and nobody knowing". I couldn't help but think about our Newcomers group. Anyone who is new to a community certainly has had concerns about not knowing anyone or anyone not knowing them. Even if we aren't new to a community, there are certainly phases in our lives that make us wonder if we matter. Two of my children are out on their own, so the threat of an empty nest looms large. I may never let Andrew leave, because then

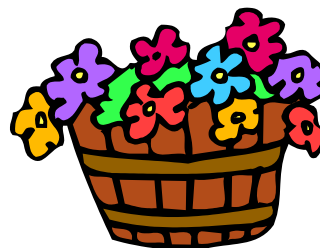
"to whom will I matter?" Enter Saline Newcomers. This group can hopefully fill in the question "to whom do I matter?" I hope each person in the group has found a connection with someone else in the group. I hope this can be a goal we can work towards. If you are a Saline Newcomer, you should not have to ask if you matter to anyone, you should know you matter to all of us.



Saline Be Bloomin'

Be Bloomin' is a fundraising campaign sponsored by the [Saline Business Development Association](#). Funds donated will be used to purchase flowers and plants for the hanging baskets and planter boxes throughout down-

town Saline for the spring and summer seasons. Saline Newcomers has donated money this year towards a hanging basket. Be sure to look for our basket during your shopping excursions!



Day Trippers Event for April



Day Trippers has an exciting event planned! We will be going to Meadowbrook Theater to experience a working rehearsal of "Shout—Mod Musical" on Thursday, April 21st.

This trip will include boutique shopping from 10:00-11:00 am and a gourmet box lunch while watching the play.

Tickets are \$25 each.

Contact Susan Lenz for more information at

Upcoming Events

Craft Show, Saline Middle School, 4/9
8:00 am-3:30 pm.

Antiques Market, Washtenaw Farm
Council Grounds, 4/16 8 am-4 pm and
4/17 10 am-4 pm.

Eggstravaganza—9th Annual Egg
Hunt, begins at Carol's Hallmark, 4/23
11 am-4 pm.

Brecon Night, Saline-Brecon Friend-
ship Guild, UAW Local 892 Hall, 4/29
6:00 pm.

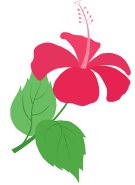
If you know of any upcoming events or favorite places to visit in our area, please let me know so I can add it to our newsletter so all Newcomers are aware. *Thanks!*

New Members

Nanci Jenkins

Bev Hoerauf

Barbara Lustenader



Welcome to Saline Newcomers!

Newcomers Celebrating April Birthdays

Joanne Lassell 4/2

Michelle Witzig 4/4

Noelle Speers 4/5

Carolyn Cook 4/13

Judy Neeb 4/15

Janet Moss 4/22

Gail Conley 4/28

General Meeting

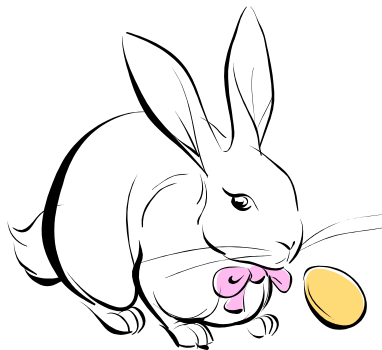
Please plan to join us at the next General Meeting on Thursday, April 28th at 7 pm.

Elections for Board positions for the 2011-2012 year will be held during the meeting. More details and location to follow.

Watch your email!

Euchre 2

The Euchre 2 group is in need of a couple or 2 single players. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Brenda Lorey at 260-4947.



Welcome Wagon

If you are new to Saline (within the past year) or know someone who is, please enjoy the services of Welcome Wagon! Be sure to pass it on to new neighbors! Contact Sue Corcoran at (734) 944-4799 for your Welcome Package of coupons and information about businesses in the Saline Area and things to do.

Friday Night Cocktails

There are no more scheduled events for this year. If anyone would like to host an impromptu event, that would be great!

Please contact Susan Henderson at 470-6843 or hendo310@gmail.com

Angel Network

Newcomers, if you know of a member experiencing an illness, a birth, or the death of a family member, please send an email to both Liz Kostora at arnienliz@comcast.net & Cindy Bonczyk at cindybonczyk@yahoo.com so we may send them a card.

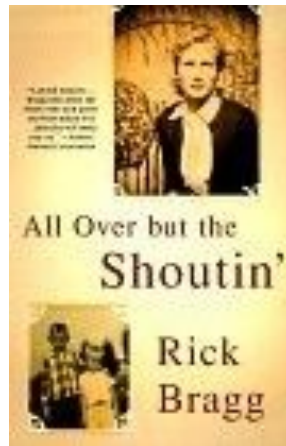


Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 13th, 7:00 pm
Betty Hughes' home

Book Club

Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Bragg is the author of our April book club selection. Read *All Over but the Shoutin'*, then join us on Tuesday, April 19th to discuss Bragg's rags to riches memoir. Look for us in our new seating area at Borders on Lohr Road, April 19th at 7:00 pm. For questions, call Liz Hartley at 944-5360.



Rick Bragg's memoir captures the essence of the South, explores the bonds and responsibilities of family, and, in the end, celebrates his own coming-of-age.

Ladies Who Lunch

Ladies Who Lunch will be meeting on Friday, April 8th, at 12:45 at Saline's new restaurant, Mangiamos. The address is 105 W. Michigan Ave (the former Kelly's). Please join us to support a new local

business. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Jane Haynes by Monday, April 4th at jane.haynes@hotmail.com or (734) 470-6670.



"Mangiamo's" means "Let's eat!" in Italian.



Sunday, April 24th

Morning Fun & Games

Will not meet in April.

If you are interested in hosting in May, please contact Sue Wodkowski. If there is not a volunteer to host, the group will not be meeting in May.

Contact Sue Wodkowski with any questions.

skwodkowski@yahoo.com



Chick Flicks

Chick Flicks will get together on Tuesday, April 26th for an afternoon matinee.

(show to start around noon)

Save the date, and watch your email for the movie selection.

For information about Chick Flicks, contact Susan Shay

476-9545 or mslp661@gmail.com

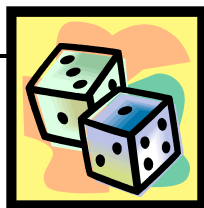
Bunco Babes

Bunco Babes will meet on Wed, April 13th at 7:00 pm at Noelle Speers' home.

(**note change in date and location**)

For more information about Bunco Babes:

Contact Sue Wodkowski at skwodkowski@yahoo.com



Bunco Belles

Will meet on Thursday, April 14th at the home of Noelle Speers.

For more information, contact Bonnie Cannell at 429-5087 or email jcan-nell@umich.edu.

Barbie Bunco

The Barbie Bunco group will be meeting Monday, April 11th at 7:00 pm at the home of Tangela Hardy.

Euchre I

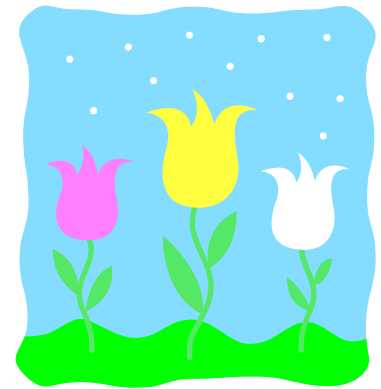
Will be playing on Saturday, April 16th at Michelle and Brett Witzig's.

If you would like information about Euchre contact Sue Wodkowski at skwodkowski@yahoo.com

Euchre II

Will be playing Sat, April 9th at Bonnie and John Cannell's.

For more information about Euchre II, contact Mary Norton (517) 451-2020 or Brenda Lorey (734) 260-4947



Men's Poker

Will play on Friday, April 8th. Jim Scriven will be hosting the gathering. Please RSVP to Jim at jscriv299063@yahoo.com and include your spouse's dinner reservation with Cheri.

For more information about the group, contact Phil Hughes at 944-3023.

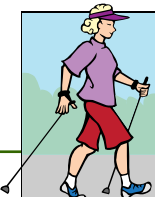
Walking Group

Meets at Liberty School in Saline for walking every day, Monday through Friday, from 10-11 am.

Children are welcome! No food though.

Walking group follows Saline schools calendar. Reminder: No walking on April 2-10th due to Spring Break! Also no walking on April 22—Good Friday.

Any questions? Contact Deanna Richter at 944-2609 or dlr714100@comcast.net



Special Interest Group Chairs

Angel Network:	Liz Kostora 429-4931
Barbie Bunco:	Gina Harrison 429-0409
Book Club:	Liz Hartley 944-5360
Bunco Babes:	Sue Wodkowski 944-2428
Bunco Belles:	Bonnie Cannell 429-5087
Morning Fun & Games:	Sue Wodkowski 944-2428
Chick Flicks:	Susan Shay 476-9545
Euchre I:	Sue Wodkowski 944-2428
Euchre II:	Mary Norton 517-451-2020 & Brenda Lorey 260-4947
Day Trippers:	Susan Lenz 369-6166 <i>Co-Chairperson needed</i>
Dinner Group:	Michelle Wawrzynski 944-9040
Friday Night Cocktails:	Susan Henderson 998-0473
Lunch Bunch:	Cheri Scriven 470-6109 & Jane Haynes 929-5663
Men's Poker:	Phil Hughes 944-3023
Night Trippers:	<i>Chairperson needed</i>
Play Group:	Becky Meyers 526-9472
Walking Group:	Deanna Richter 944-2609
Worker Bees:	<i>Chairperson needed</i>

***Anyone interested in chairing Night Trippers or Worker Bees
or to co-chair Day Trippers, please contact
Judy Neeb, Special Interest Groups Coordinator
944-3733 or jneeb55@comcast.net***

Community Service

Please remember neighbors in Saline who need a helping hand. Bring your donation of canned goods or toiletries to the General Meeting and you will be eligible to win a prize. Contact Susan Lenz at 369-6166 for more information.



Meals on Wheels

Saline Newcomers delivers Meals on Wheels to Saline area residents on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays of each month. If you are available to help out on any day, or be on the sub list, free training is available. This is a wonderful way to help people in our community, and only requires 2 hours or less of your time. Contact Susan Lenz at 369-6166

Special Interest Group Chairs

Don't forget to take a photo of your group members during an activity! Our Historian, Rebecca, is collecting photos for the annual Newcomers photo album. Please bring the photos to the meetings in April or May so they can be included, or email them to Rebecca Random at rebeccarandom@gmail.com.

An advertisement for Silpada jewelry. It features a close-up of a silver bracelet and a matching ring on a wooden surface. In the background, there are green leaves and a pink flower. The text on the right side reads: "Melissa Solomon Independent Representative", "mysilpada.com/melissa.solomon", "melsolomon@comcast.net", "Office 734-439-1744", "Cell 419-306-7472", and the Silpada logo with "STERLING SILVER JEWELRY" below it.

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