

Building "Community" one friend at a time

Saline Newcomers

Issue 3

November 2011

A Message From Our President, Cindy Bonczyk

November is all about being "Thankful" so I want to thank the members of our Newcomers Board and Special Interest Group Chairs. These ladies put in a lot of time and energy to think of ideas for our group and then bring those ideas to life. I especially want to thank Betty Hughes who put so much work into our Vendor Night in October and to Karen Beekman who graciously opened her home for the event.

The club would not work if we didn't have Deanna sending email communications, Jennifer writing the newsletter, Leslie keeping track of our membership, Liz sending out cards to our members,

Susan keeping up our participation with Social Services, Ginny finding hostess for the coffees, Brenda updating our website, Melissa keeping track of our finances and each of our Special Interest Group leaders planning events for us.

It takes a lot of hours from a lot of different ladies to make our club a success. Please remember that it is your responsibility as a member of this group to participate in the meetings. We know that it would be difficult to attend every meeting and every coffee which is why we have reduced the number of meetings to only five per year. The best way to show that you are also thankful for this club is to participate in our events. Please make an effort to attend either the November coffee or the December Holiday Party (or both). Cindy



Day Trippers

Join the Daytrippers for a full day of power shopping at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland (the world's largest Christmas store) and over 40 River Place Shops in Frankenmuth, MI on Thursday, Nov. 3rd. We will depart from the Saline Library at 8:30 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. The drive will take approximately 90 minutes. Visit www.frankenmuth.org for a list of shops and further information. Please RSVP to Janet Moss at mossfamily24@comcast.net or 944-7251 by Tuesday, Nov 1st.

November Birthdays

Julie Brilliant	11/24
Amy Jennings	11/8
Jane Haynes	11/14
Candice Walcott	11/16
Lynne Lemley	11/18
Ann Skonecki	11/21
Katherine Baisden	11/22

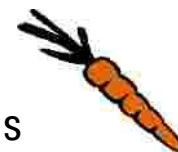
Thank You

To Becky Gutschow who has volunteered to chair our Night Trippers Special Interest Group.

Check out the list of Special Interest Groups to see where you can volunteer.

If you don't see an activity that interests you, you can always introduce a new activity to our group.

Carrots for a Cause



Annual Charity Auction to benefit Food Gatherers
Thursday, December 1, 2011

Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and bidding begin at 7:00 pm

Bidding ends at 9:15 pm



Each year a group of area women come together with items either crafted or donated which are put up for silent auction among attendees. All proceeds from the event are 100% donated to Food Gatherers to benefit hungry families in Washtenaw County. Food Gatherers exists to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community by: reducing food waste through the rescue and distribution of perishable and non perishable food; coordinating with other hunger relief providers; educating the public about hunger; and developing new food resources. www.foodgatherers.org

Start planning now how you can help make a difference.

Are you an artist or a crafter with a unique item? Do you own a home-based business that sells a product you'd like to donate? Can you provide someone with a service and offer your time and expertise for bidding? Do you have a gift certificate that you'll never use? Still have a gift in the box that you never got around to returning? Can you create a gift basket?

OR...can you just attend to bid or make a donation by check?



Please come for food, fun, shopping, and a great cause.

Look for an Evite invitation in November. Bring a friend.

Hope to see you!

Your Hostesses,

Lisa Endres, Cheryl Girvan, Isabel English, Shelly Fox, Amanda Mephram, Gill Smith, Melissa Solomon, and Lisa Rentschler

Friday Night Cocktails We are in need of people who would like to host Friday Night Cocktails. Hosting is very easy - just choose your date (not Poker Night,) provide soda and mixers, and have fun! Friday Night Cocktails is open to every one and is a fun, relaxing way to get to know your fellow Newcomers. Please let me know if you are interested and together we can take a look at the schedule and set the dates. Looking forward to hearing from lots of people interested in opening up their homes. Contact Susan at 470-6843 or hendo310@gmail.com. Thanks!

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.



November Book Club

Book Club's November pick is: The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom. Come to BIGGBY's coffee shop on Michigan Ave. and State, November 15 @ 7:00 to discuss the book. If you are planning to come, please contact Debbie Pulte @ yatchsofun@comcast.net. We will need to know how many to ex-

pect to determine the seating arrangement.

We are also accepting suggestions on how to continue holding interesting, monthly book discussions with the growing number of Newcomer members recently attending Book Club. We happily welcome all who attend, however, some regular members have

suggested we split the group into two. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Liz Hartley @ liz48323@yahoo.com. We will be discussing the best possible solution at December's book discussion

Lunch Bunch

The lunch bunch girls will be eating "local" in November. Please join us for lunch at Dan's Downtown Tavern – voted the best bar in Saline! We will be meeting on Friday 11th November at 12.30 pm. All welcome.

As Jane won't be able to attend, please RSVP to Betty Hughes by Wednesday 9th November.

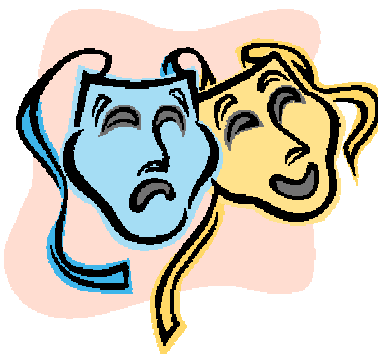
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Night Trippers: Trip to the Purple Rose Theater, Thursday November 17

"Night trippers has an outing scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 16, to see "Escanaba in the Moonlight" at the Purple Rose Theatre. Ticket price is approximately \$25, depending on how many attend. We will meet at the Walmart parking lot at 5:00 to carpool to

Chelsea and have dinner at the Common Grill prior to the show. The show starts at 8:00. If you have already seen the show, feel free to join us just for dinner at 5:30. Please rsvp to Becky Gutschow by Nov. 1 at 419-343-0934 or beckgutschow@gmail.com.



Save the Date: Newcomers Holiday Party, Wednesday, December 14

Judy Eberle had graciously volunteered to host this year's Newcomer Holiday Party and Ornament Exchange. Save the date on your calendars now and keep your eye out for an interesting ornament to bring for our exchange.

More information will be coming in the next newsletter.



Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of volunteers for several positions.

Most of the jobs do not require a big time commitment.

Check page 9 and 10 for positions that are currently open

YaYa weekend—
Spring 2012 Trip
coordinator needed

Welcome coffee—November

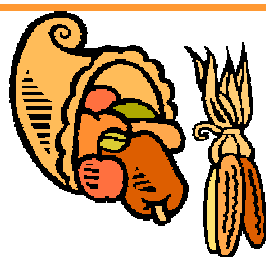


Please join us at our Welcome Coffee this month in order to meet new members and old friends. Melissa Solomon will be hosting this gathering at her home on Wed. Nov. 16th from 9:30-11:00 AM. Children are always welcome. Don't forget to bring paper products or non-perishable food items to donate to

Saline Social Services and you may win a gift card. For more information, contact Melissa at 439-1744 or melsolomon@comcast.net or Ginny Lilja at 944-3230 or ginny.grandma@gmail.com. Hope to see you there !

Welcome Wagon

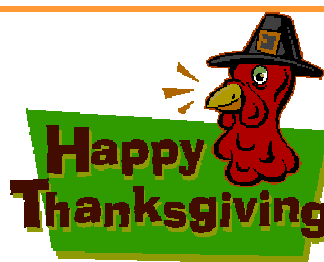
If you are new to Saline (within the past year) or know someone who is, please enjoy the services of Welcome Wagon! Be sure to pass it on to new neighbors! Contact Sue Corcoran at (734) 944-4799 for your Welcome Package of coupons and information about businesses in the Saline Area and things to do.



SALINE SOCIAL SERVICES DONATIONS

The pantry is low on toiletries, feminine products, canned protein, and baby formula.

Thank you!
Susan Lenz



Meals on Wheels

Our club currently delivers meals in Saline once a month on the 3rd and 4th Thursdays. The time commitment is from 11:00 - 12:45. We could use another person to help and substitutes too. Please call Susan Lenz for more info. 369-6166

Please contact Susan Lenz to learn more. sjlenz@comcast.net or 734-369-6166

Upcoming Community Events

SAS Community,

One of our teachers, Claudia Whitsitt, who is also a local author, is having a book signing event to promote her new book "[The Wrong Guy.](#)"

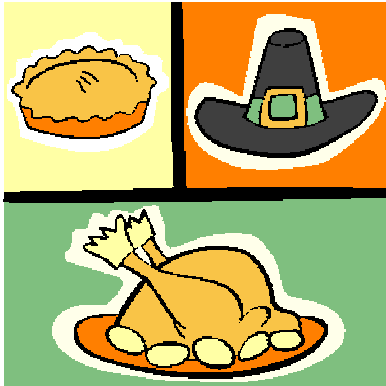
In addition, she is hosting a book drive in conjunction with the [212 Arts Center](#) to put more books in the hands of our elementary school students.

Please consider stopping by on Sunday, November 6th between 1-3 PM at the 212 Arts Center (216 W. Avenue in Saline) to donate gently used books and to check out Claudia's new book.

Thank you for supporting the students of the Saline Area Schools!!!!



November



Morning Fun & Games

Friday, November 18th,
2011
10:00 am

Brenda Terpstra's home

Will be held on Friday, November 18th from 10-noon. Join us at Brenda Terpstra's home for a morning of fun. Sue Wodkowski will co-host. Please RSVP to bterpstra@comcast.net by November 14th and let her know if you can attend

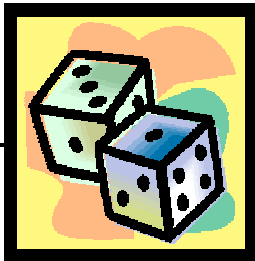


Chick Flicks

Contact Susan Shay at mslp661@gmail.com or (734) 476-9545.

Bunco Babes

BUNCO BABES will meet on Wednesday, Nov 2nd at Bev Hoerauf's home. If you are getting a sub, remember to let Bev know who will be playing for you. skwodkowski@gmail.com.



Euchre I

EUCHRE I will be playing at Bob and Marybeth's on Saturday, Nov. 19th.

Euchre II

Euchre II Group will meet Saturday, Nov. 12 at Becky & Gordon Meyers house.

Euchre Subs

If you would like to be a sub for either Sue Wodkowski at Couple or singles are

of our Euchre groups please contact skwodkowski@gmail.com invited to join our sub list.

Bunco Belles:

Bunco Belles is currently not meeting. If you are interested in Bunco please call Cindy Bonczyk, 717-3374 and we can revive this group if there are enough players

Barbie Bunco

Watch your email for information about Barbie Bunco.



Men's Poker

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

Mah Jong

If you are interested in Mah Jong please contact Cindy Bonczyk at cindybonczyk@yahoo.com We currently have not decided on a permanent meeting day and time.





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MEMBERSHIP AND DIRECTORY FORM



NOTE: To become a member, you must complete and submit this form to the address above. Enclose a \$15 check made out to "Saline Newcomers Club." Once dues are paid and received, you are eligible to attend interest groups, and your name will be placed on the newsletter mailing list.

DATE _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THE CLUB? IF FROM A BROCHURE, WHERE DID YOU OBTAIN IT?

NAME(please print) _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) _____

HOMETOWN _____

PREVIOUS RESIDENCE (S) _____

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN SALINE _____ *CURRENT MEMBERS: YEAR JOINED NEWCOMERS _____

BIRTHDATE (MONTH/DATE) _____ EMPLOYER _____

PARTNER'S EMPLOYER _____

CHILDREN'S NAMES/BIRTHDATES (MM/DD/YY) _____

YOUR INTERESTS/HOBBIES _____

Below is information about our interest groups. Check any that might be of interest to you. Place a "P" before any in which you currently participate.

- ___ Book Club (Meets 3rd Tuesday evening at designated spot for discussion)
___ Bunco Clubs (Three groups meet evenings on monthly basis)
___ Chick Flicks (Meets monthly as planned)
___ Couples Euchre (Meets monthly, usually Saturday)
___ Day Trippers (Monthly day-time activities)
___ Dinner Groups (Rotating dinners as planned, usually couples)
___ Friday Cocktails (As announced, all welcome, bring appetizers & own drinks)
___ Lunch Bunch (Meets 2nd Friday of each month at Noon)
___ Men's Poker (Meets 1st Friday night of each month)
___ Mah Jong (new group forming)
___ Morning Fun & Games (Meets 3rd Friday morning monthly)
___ Night Trippers (Evening excursions to points of interest, couples or singles)
___ Play Group (Meets weekly incl. kids at various homes)
___ Walking Group (M-F, may include children)
___ Worker Bees (volunteers on call to assist w/community projects as needed)

If you have questions, email Membership Chair at salinenewcomers.mi@gmail.com

Special Interest Group Chairs

Angel Network:	Liz Kostora 429-4931
Barbie Bunco:	Lisa Rentschler 476-6073
Book Club:	Liz Hartley 944-5360
Bunco Babes:	Sue Wodkowski 944-2428
Bunco Belles:	
Morning Fun & Games:	Carolyn Cook 769-9665
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:	Janet Moss 944-7251
Dinner Group:	Chairperson needed
Friday Night Cocktails:	Susan Henderson 470-6843
Lunch Bunch:	Cheri Scriven 470-6109 & Jane Haynes 972 1971
Mah Jong	Cindy Bonczyk 717-3374
Men's Poker:	Phil Hughes 944-3023
Night Trippers:	Becky Gutschow 419-343-0934
Play Group:	Becky Meyers 526-9472
Walking Group:	Chairperson Needed
Worker Bees:	Chairperson needed

Anyone interested in chairing or co-chairing one of our open special interest groups
please call Cindy Bonczyk 717-3374



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