

CANTON NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS

WHERE WOMEN CONNECT...

February 2026 Newsletter

Happy Valentine's Day to all my people!

I hope you take some time to talk to loved ones and let them know you appreciate them. Valentine's Day is really a day of remembrance for all the joy and love you have shared with family and friends. Remember the excitement of opening your specially decorated shoebox to see all the funny and sweet cards? Maybe sending out a few will give your friends a laugh!! Our meeting this month is all about your heart and sharing good health.

Thanks to the Canton Historical Society for coming and sharing all about Canton. It was interesting to hear about this area and the development over the millennium. I moved here in 1977 and it has exploded and changed so much. I remember a store on Ford Road that still had a hitching post out front. Meijer was under construction and was all the buzz. Fields abounded and wildlife was everywhere. I am looking into a membership to the society and hope you will too! Watch for the sign up sheet in April for the Lasko House tour or visit. We have two planned for this year one in May and one in June. If you were on the list for last year and did not get to attend, your name is already on the May list.

It is getting closer to our charity Bingo event in April. The board is busy meeting to organize the event, collect baskets and gift cards to make the event successful. Please contribute if you can, sell a couple of tickets and definitely come! This is our chance to make a big impact as a small group. To purchase tickets, speak to Sharon, Connie or any board member.

In February, we need three volunteers to call all the membership to inquire about upcoming board positions. Please be kind and return the call, or simply reply if you are interested in running for a board position. This is a must-do task under our constitution and allows for continued leadership. This year we need to elect a new President, Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter Coordinator and Media Consultant (updates the webpage and Facebook). This year, we have a smoothly running board, and are operating in the black financially speaking. Please consider giving your time to our group. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

Bundle up and get out to the Plymouth Ice Festival. It's always worth it and a fun afternoon.

Stay safe and warm!!

Connie



President - Connie Moore

Vice - President - Janet Brady

Treasurer - Jackie Arzooyan

Secretary - OPEN

Membership & Welcoming -

Nancy Ellenberger

Welcoming Co-Chair - Cyndi Kuczynski

Charity - Sharon Hagerman

Linda Gawronski

Hospitality - Theresa Goodhart

Public Relations - Diane Sands

Sunshine - Cindy Dorton

Newsletter Coordinator - Beth Myers

Contact information for the board members is available in the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors directory.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Feb 4 **Heart Health / Chair Yoga**

Mar 4 **Meditation and Reiki**

Apr 1 **Eloise Hospital**

Apr 15 **Charity Bingo**

May 6 **Herbs and their usage**

Jun 3 **Picnic**

Doors open at 6:30

Meeting at 7:00

See more about our club at our website
www.cantonwomen.org

Membership

Good day ladies!! The new year is off to a great start - we added a new member at our last meeting... Sue Quick. We are so happy that Sue is joining our wonderful group. Please add Sue's contact information to your membership list. This now brings our total to 67 members.

And now for the more serious side of business with Nancy's Nonsense -

Nancy's Nonsense:

How did Noah see at night?

Flood Lights

Where do bad rainbows go?

To PRISM - It's a light sentence but it gives them time to reflect.

Why did the cat have to go to summer school?

He was a cat-atrophe in class!!

Why did the cat get a ticket?

It was a fast Purr-suit.

See you all soon!

Nancy Ellenger, Membership Chair

Please note - we will participating in chair yoga in February, so wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Did you know?.....

Flowers can send their own messages. According to U.K. Royal Collection trust, flowers have held symbolic meanings for centuries, but communicating with plants - i.e. floriography, or flower language, became popular during the Victorian era. Here are a few meanings behind popular blooms:



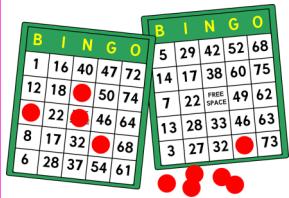
Daisies represent innocence and loyalty.

Forget-me-nots are a request to be remembered. **Poppies** are the flower of consolation. **Red Roses** are the symbol of romantic love. **Tulips** are a declaration of passion and love. **Violets** denote watchfulness, modesty and faithfulness.

So choose your flowers carefully.



It's Bingo Time!



Please take time to join us on Wednesday, April 15 for a fun evening of Bingo. The event is \$40 a ticket and includes a taco bar dinner, soft drink

beverages, Bingo and some lovely gift baskets/prizes to win. Individual tickets will be available at the February meeting as well as ticket books for you to sell to your friends, family and neighbors.

All proceeds from this event will go to support Blue Star Service Dogs, a wonderful charity that adopts shelter dogs, uses prison inmates to train the dogs and then provides them to veterans for individual needs.

We hope everyone can join us to support this wonderful service organization - and please bring anyone who may be interested in helping us support Blue Star Service Dogs.



Future Newsletters

Sadly, very soon the program we have been using to publish the newsletter will no longer be supported by Microsoft. And while we are still able to use it, there are many glitches and technical problems that make formatting the newsletter a challenge. I apologize for any inconvenience for those reading the newsletter, for unexplained "gaps", and any other unusual pages that may appear. Know that I am working diligently to find an alternative publishing software to use.

*With that in mind, please remember that anything for the March newsletter **MUST** reach me by **Feb 11** as I will be out of town and will not have computer access. Thanks to everyone for your understanding and support.*

Future deadlines for Newsletter articles:

March Newsletter

Tuesday, Feb 11

April Newsletter

Tuesday, Mar 17

May Newsletter

Tuesday, Apr 21

June Newsletter

Tuesday, May 19

Give it up....For Good!

In February, we are collecting eye glasses and hearing aids for distribution through the local *Lions Club*. Volunteers will clean and sort each item, and distribute them during medical screenings. Items that cannot be used will be recycled for scrap, and the proceeds will be used to fund local projects.

Each month that we hold a ***Give It Up For Good*** event, we will accept new or gently used items to donate to various charities. There is no need to purchase anything new - the goal is to help you eliminate clutter and free up space while doing good!

Thank you for your contributions.

Photo Gallery



Let's Do Lunch bunch enjoying each other's company at Rose's Restaurant.

Jewelry club made beautiful crystal and silver beaded bracelets at their last meeting. Everyone enjoyed the evening.



Remember to share photos of your group activity to Beth Myers before the Newsletter deadline.



What's Happening

Ladies -

Wow. There's a lot going on in February - so here's wishing you a happy Valentines Day, Presidents' Day and Mardi Gras.

I hope you enjoyed the speaker for January - Mike really gave us some interesting facts about Canton and the Canton Historical Society.

Here's what's going on around Canton:

Club 55+ and The Summit on the Park (pre-registration is required for most programs)

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| Feb 3 | Club 55+ Crafting |
| Feb 5 | Movie - Thelma |
| Feb 12 | Club 55 Valentine's Day Tea |
| Feb 17 | Mardi Gras Party / Paczki Day (Club 55) |
| Feb 23 | Stress Reduction Workshop |

Village Theater

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| Feb 4 | Valentine Wreath Workshop |
| Feb 6-7 | Broadway Seasons of Love |
| Feb 7 | My Joyful Noise |
| Feb 13-15 | Evalino Production - Peter Pan Goes Wrong |
| Feb 21 | Greater Midwest Pipe Band |

Tipping Theater

Feb 11 - Mar 8 Broke-ology

Have a good February, and try to stay warm!

Janet



Interested in even more fun? Check out the Summit's Winter Recreation classes. There are several new seminars and food classes among others.

For more information on these and other classes, please visit www.cantonfun.org.

What's Happening this month?

If you are interested in an event, contact the group leader to get on her email list.

If you sign up and need to cancel, kindly call to let her know.

Book Club will meet on **Wed., Feb 25** at Panera Bread on Michigan Avenue (45555 Michigan Ave - far west side of the Walmart parking lot). Meet at **6:00 pm** if you are planning on eating dinner - book discussion will start at **6:30**. The book for February is *West with Giraffes* by Linda Rutledge. A book bag is available and copies will be at the Jan. book club meeting or at the Feb. meeting. If you would like to select a book, see Connie or come to the Jan. book club meeting.

Couples Bunco there is no Couples Bunco in February. Couples Bunco will resume in March.

Chix Flix will be on **Tues. Feb. 17**. If you are interested, please let Karen Bronkhorst know. Karen will e-mail interested parties the movie selection that week.

Let's Do Lunch Please see the sign up sheet at the meeting or contact Mitzie Sparks.

Let's Do Dinner will be on **Thurs., Feb 12** at **5:30 pm** at Golden Chopsticks (1989 N. Wayne in Westland). Sign up at the February meeting or let Cindy Koldys know if you are interested in attending.

Mexican Train Dominoes will meet on **Fri., Feb 20** at 6:00 PM at Wendy Burke's home. Potluck begins at 6 PM and the game starts at 6:30 PM. Sign up at the General Meeting.

Yarn It All will meet on **Thurs., Feb. 19** at 6:30 pm at Connie's home. We will be learning several stitch techniques. Bring #10 and #8 knitting needles and also #8 and #10 circular needles if you have them (not necessary). You will also need #4 worsted weight skeins of yarn. We'll be making baby booties.

Mahjong meets at Connie Moore's house on **Tuesdays**, from 1-3 pm. If you are curious to learn, please join us. There are a lot of rules, but it is a fun game and will keep your mind working. We are all just starting out but having a lot of fun! Please see the sign up sheets at the meeting for specific dates.

Euchre will meet on **Sat., Feb 21** at Karen Metz's home.

All The Bling Jewelry Club meets on **Mon., Feb 16**, at the home of Carol Caldwell in Belleville. Arrive at 6:30; class will begin at 6:45 pm. We are making a colorful wire bracelet with decorations. The fee is \$15, payable to Carol at the February meeting. Supplies and tools will be provided at the class. No refunds. If you are unable to make the class, you will be given the materials, but not the tools.

Ladies Bunco Unfortunately we do not have a hostess for February's Ladies Bunco. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Carol Villeneuve.

Interest Group Leaders

Book Club

Connie Moore
or
Cyndi Kuczynski

Couples Bunco

Anjali Gamble

Ladies Bunco

Carol Villeneuve

Chix Flix

Karen Bronkhorst

Green Thumb Gardeners,

Yarn It All

and

Mahjong

Connie Moore

Let's Do Lunch

Mitzie Sparks

Mexican Train Dominoes

Theresa Goodhart

Social Night/Out & About

Cindy Koldys

Let's Do Dinner

Jackie Arzooyan

All that Glitters Jewelry Club

Carolyn Caldwell

Euchre

Nancy Ellenberger



FEBRUARY



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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Let's Do Dinner | 13 | 14 |
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February Birthdays

Mary DesOrmeau
Gloria Emmons
Vivien Mogen
Beth Myers
Linda Obrec
Linda Pesonen

Share pictures of your events for the next newsletter. Email to: bethgmyers@gmail.com





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CANTON NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The primary member is any adult female living in Canton or any surrounding community for any length of time and residency.
A prospective member or guest may attend a total of two meetings or interest group activities, 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 **Cell Phone** **Home Phone**

Birth Month **Do you prefer a birthday card** **Email**

Occupation **If retired, former Occupation**

Required information:

Emergency Contact

Contact's phone number **Relationship**

Allergies

For New and Renewing members from Sep 1, 2025 through Aug 31, 2026, dues are \$35.

For New members joining between February and April, dues are \$20 through Aug 31, 2026.

For New members joining after April, dues are \$35 from the date joined through Aug 31, 2027.

Please submit this form to a Membership Team member at a meeting or mail it our PO Box.

Checks are payable to the Canton Newcomers & Neighbors.

Date Submitted **Cash** **Check #** **Credit Card**

Credit Card payments will be assessed a 3% service fee. Annual dues will be \$36.05

This form replaces all other membership forms and is effective until August 31, 2026.