

CANTON NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS

WHERE WOMEN CONNECT...



2026 Newsletter

Hello! And welcome back to another exciting year of Canton Newcomers and Neighbors!

This year we have some organizational changes in store and well, I guess the big question is: How will the CNN Club run this year with four women at the helm as co-vice presidents (Anjali, Claudia, Wendy and Theresa) and no president? The answer is simple - when you put a group of women together with differing ideas the resulting outcome has to be innovative and exciting.

We have taken all this into account and are approaching this year as if it were our first day on a new job, and have asked ourselves what exactly are we getting into? We have collected the information necessary to successfully run the club and divided the responsibilities evenly so that all bases will be covered efficiently and fairly. Furthermore, we will be rotating among ourselves (the Vice-presidents) to effectively run the monthly meetings and write the newsletter articles.

This year will prove to be very dynamic with four unique personalities leading the charge, but with the support of a great board, it should be a terrific and memorable year. A variety of meeting activities have been planned, with some being informative and some "just for fun!"

Of course, we realize that to be effective leaders, we must be effective listeners. We strongly encourage your input because without you, the membership, this club does not exist. It is toward the goal of building a thriving, growing club where positive communication is our primary objective. It is with that goal in mind that we promise to work together, as a team, to make this year one where new friendships are made and old ones strengthened. Hopefully, we will experience a year that when we describe it to people outside our club, we can say: "Come for the fun! Come to meet new friends and form lasting friendships."

Looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

Theresa

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



Vice-Presidents - Wendy Burke
Anjali Gamble,
Claudia Gering
Theresa Goodhart

Treasurer - Jackie Arzooyan

Secretary - Jeanne Medley

Membership & Welcoming -
Nancy Ellenberger

Welcoming Co-Chair - Cyndi Kuczynski

Charity - Sharon Hagerman
Linda Gawronski

Hospitality - Connie Moore

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

Sept 2	Welcome Back
Oct 7	Halloween
Nov 4	Craft Night
Dec 2	Holiday Party
Jan 6	True Colors
Feb 3	TBD
Mar 3	Game Night
Apr 7	Florist
May 5	Body Shape
Jun 2	Picnic

Doors open at 6:30

Meeting starts at 7:00

Membership - Nancy Ellenberger

Man, this summer was a scorcher!!! Hopefully so will be our membership numbers this year. So far, we have 12 people who have renewed their membership. I know the September meeting is a busy time for renewals, so please mark your calendar for Sept 2nd to renew for the best woman's group EVER!!!. I know the new board has been working diligently all summer to bring you the best programs.

So, see you all in September stay cool and stay safe.

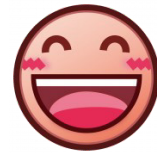
Nancy's nonsense:

1. My horse will only come out of her stall after dark..... she's becoming a nightmare.

2. Why did the art thief's van run out of gas as he drove away from the museum?

.....Because he had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh.

3. My balloon elephant wouldn't fit in the back seat of my car. So.....
I have to pop the trunk



Nancy Ellenberger
Membership Chair

Garden Club Trips

Taylor Conservatory

On a lovely day in June our Garden Club went on a tour of the Taylor Conservatory on Northline Road. We entered off Northline Rd. where there is a replica of the Belle Isle Conservatory. There was a small garden that they use for weddings and a pavilion. We got adventurous and walked on a path through the woods which came out on a small lake surrounded by historic buildings moved there from surrounding communities. Definitely worth the walk! Then lunch at Hungarian Rhapsody for some authentic cuisine.

Meijer Garden in Grand Rapids

Fourteen ladies traveled to Grand Rapids to visit the Tanger outlet before heading on to the Meijer Gardens the next day. On Tuesday morning we toured Meijer Gardens hearing all about the sculptures in the park. We then toured the indoor Chihuly glass exhibit followed by a walking tour of the gardens. We highly recommend the gardens and exhibit that will be there until November. We enjoyed a lovely lunch on Reed Lake before heading home.

Southern Michigan Railroad Fall Color Tour

Sunday, October 25th at 1:00pm.

To reserve tickets, go the website at:

www.southernmichiganrailroad.com

Be sure to select the **Fall Color Tour / South Shore Commuter Car / Indoor window seat.**

Tickets cost between \$20 - \$25.

(Ticket prices vary by age, so you will need to purchase your own tickets online.)

Join us for a 2-hour fall train ride to Clinton! Ride along Lenawee County's historic rail corridor between the towns of Tecumseh and Clinton and enjoy the beautiful autumn colors! Enjoy a layover at the Clinton Station to taste some complimentary fresh apple cider from Kapnick Orchards, explore the gift shop and view the historic railroad equipment. A coordinated lunch at your own expense will follow. Contact Cindy Koldys with any questions. We'll meet at 101 E. Chicago Blvd, Tecumseh by 12:30 so we can sit as a group. Spouses/guests are welcome.



Membership Drive



This summer Club 55 at the Summit on the Park held an open house, and Anjali and Claudia represented Canton Newcomers and Neighbors. Over 150 people attended the open house, and 45 of those who attended expressed an interest in Canton Newcomers and Neighbors.

Nancy has reached out to each person who expressed an interest, and we're thrilled that we'll be seeing many new faces at the September and October meetings. We know you'll do everything you can to make these new folks feel welcome. And to all our new members, we're glad you're here.



Hospitality -

Please join us in thanking Carrabba's for their donation for our meeting. There's lots of fun coming up - and remember to save the date for the Christmas party on December 2.

VOLUNTEER



We are asking everyone to pick a week to assist with the clean-up following the meeting. We all enjoy the hospitality, but it isn't right that the same people need to clean up every week. Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting. Just one week will make a huge difference. Thanks everyone - your assistance is appreciated!!

Reminder:

Activities are open to all paid members. If you are interested in any of our activities, add your name to the sign-up sheet (available at the monthly meeting). If you are unable to attend the meeting, contact the group coordinator the following day to sign up.

If you are unable to attend the activity, please call the hostess to let them know you will not be there.

Hint: Take a picture of the sign-up sheet so you can remember the date, time and address of your event.

Enjoy!!



Lasko House Tour

We have been able to schedule one more Lasko House tour on **Thurs., Sept 24** at 1PM. Please sign up if you are interested. We must have a group of 12 - if space is available, we may be able to accommodate spouses. But those who have never been will take priority. We will meet at 12:45 in the Summit parking lot (last row past the green compost bins). We will need to carpool over to the Lasko House due to limited parking.

Birthday Cards Wanted

Please bring any unused birthday cards to the next meeting and give them to Cindy Dorton. Our Sunshine Committee is running low on cards, and we want to continue this tradition. Those packs of unwanted cards we all receive in the mail are perfect for this purpose. Thanks!

Give It Up - For GOOD!

At the September meeting, we are collecting duffel bags for the Plymouth Community Foster Closet. Foster children are often placed in foster care with no personal items and, in many cases, with only the clothes on their backs. Providing a duffel/travel/sports bag to a foster child is a simple way to replace the stigma of trash bags with dignity. All donations should be new or gently used and clean. (Please no bags with stains, pet hair, mildew, or strong odors.) We hope you will embrace this project and donate items when possible.

Thank you in advance for your support!

For future months, we will be taking other collections. These collections include:

October	Clean plastic grocery bags (used to be crocheted into mats for homeless folks.)
November	Clean, gently used bath towels and blankets
December	No collection - please support CNN's other charitable drives this month
January	Sewing notions including trim, buttons, and gently used pillowcases
February	Interview-appropriate nearly new or new blazers, slacks, and costume jewelry
March	Books, puzzles and puzzle books
April	New or gently used purses
May	Housewares (pots, pans, glasses, plates, bowls, silverware, toasters, etc.)

Please make of note of these future collections, and contribute whenever possible. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Items to be donated should be brought to the appropriate month's meeting. Please do not donate for future months as we do not have room to store donated items.

Thank you for your support!

CANTON NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS CONSTITUTION

The Board of Directors requests members review the copy of the constitution that is enclosed with this newsletter. We will be reviewing the Constitution at the September meeting. Please bring any questions to the meeting.



November is Craft Night!

This year's craft is a surprise! Be prepared to pay for the craft at the October meeting. We don't know the final cost yet, but it won't be more than \$10 to participate. There are a limited number of kits available, so you will need to register/pay Nancy before Oct. 31. Craft night is always something fun to look forward to. Be sure to join us!



What's Happening Around Town

Hi everyone! Here we are at the start of another year for Canton Newcomers and Neighbors. Looking forward to a great year of fun and friendship.

Here are some area September activities:

Summit on the Park and Club 55*

Sept 17 Afternoon Movie: *You've Got Mail*
Sept. 24 Senior Golf Outing
Sept. 21-29 Puzzle Drop (drop off a puzzle and receive a voucher to swap for a new-to-you puzzle)
Sept. 30 Puzzle Swap

Popular events coming this fall at the Summit on the Park: (These events will sell out)

Oct. 9 Senior Summit
Nov. 10 Safe Sound and Secure

Village Theater

Sept 11 Sept 20 Spotlight Players: *Come From Away*
Sept. 25 Thornetta Davis Sings The Queens of the Blues
Sept. 27 One Moon, One Moment Together, Mid-Autumn Gala Festival

Tipping Point Theatre

Sept 23-Oct 18 Aping Jane (cheeky exploration of life and legacy of Jane Goodall)

Plymouth Historical Museum

July1-Nov.1 America 250 Part II 1900-2026

Cherry Hill Village

Sept 26 Artoberfest

Canton's Preservation Park

Sept 12 Brews, Brats & Bands

*Please note that many activities at the Summit on the Park or Club 55 require advance registration. Registration is available at www.cantonfun.org OR by calling the Summit on the park directly.

Claudia

Interested in even more fun? Check out the Summit's Fall and Winter Recreation classes. There are several new courses, seminars, and craft classes among others. And don't miss the Senior Summit scheduled for Oct 9 at the Summit. Pre-registration is now open and required to attend.

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

**Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 2
Save the Date**

CNN Holiday Party Silvio's Trattoria e Pizzeria

225 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton

Wednesday, December 2

Arrive: 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

**Cost: \$35 per person
(Please make payment by Nov. 15)**

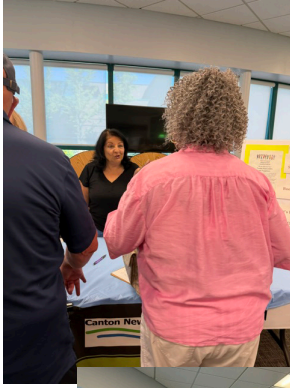
Select menu will be offered

Members only, please

***Easy Parking**

***Barrier Free Entry**

Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Photo Gallery



At the Club 55 Open House Anjali and Claudia introduced the attendees to Canton Newcomers and Neighbors.



Members of the Garden Club enjoyed a lovely trip to the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park and the Taylor Conservatory.

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 the fourth Wednesday of the month (**Sept. 23**). We will meet at 6:00 PM if you are having dinner at Panera Bread (45851 Michigan Ave) and start discussion at 6:30 PM. Our book this month is *Broken Country* by Clare Lesley Hall. If you take a book but are unable to attend, please call Connie to return the book.

Couples Bunco will meet on **Sat., Sept. 26** at 5:30 PM at Jackie Arzooyan's home. Please bring \$10 per couple and a dish to pass. Singles also welcome. Sign up at the general meeting.

Ladies Bunco does not have a host for September. If you are able to host, please contact Susan Baringer.

Chix Flix will be on **Tues., Sept 22**. If you are interested, please sign up at the September Meeting or contact Karen Bronkhurst. Movie selection will be available that week.

Green Thumb Gardeners plant exchange is **Sat., Sept. 19** at 10 am. We will also discuss possible educational meetings.

Let's Do Lunch will be on Monday, Sept. 14 at Jonny Cakes (5846 N. Sheldon Road) at 1:00 pm. Please sign up at the meeting if you are interested.

Let's Do Dinner details will be on the sign-up sheet at the meeting. Sign up at the meeting or contact Jackie Arzooyan if you are interested.

Mexican Train Dominoes will meet on **Fri., Sept. 18** at 6:00 PM at Linda Gawronski's home. Potluck begins at 6 PM and the game starts at 6:30 PM. Sign up at the General Meeting or contact Theresa Goodhart.

Yarn It All will meet on **Thur., Sept 24** at 6:00 PM at Connie Moore's house. You will need size 8 and 10 knitting needles and worsted weight yarn 2-4 oz. skeins. We will be making a hat with a cute brim. We will also be learning to make flowers that can be used on lapels, hats or baby clothes.

Mahjong meets on **Tuesday** afternoons from **1-3pm** at Connie's house. If you are interested but never played, we have room for additional members. September dates are: **Sept 15, 22 and 29**. Sign up sheets are available at the meeting. Please let Connie know on Monday if you will/will not be attending.

Euchre will meet at Nancy Ellenberger's home on **Fri., Sept 11**. Sign up at the general meeting.

All the Bling Jewelry Club will meet **Monday, Sept 14** at 6:30 pm at Carolyn Caldwell's home (490 Harbour Point Dr., Belleville). The item we are making is a beaded V necklace and the cost is \$15, payable that evening in cash to Carolyn.

Interest Group Leaders

Book Club

Connie Moore
or
Cyndi Kuczynski

Couples Bunco

Cindy Koldys

Ladies Bunco

Susan Baringer

Chix Flix

Karen Bronkhorst

Green Thumb Gardeners.

Yarn It All

and

Mahjong

Connie Moore

Let's Do Lunch

Susan Baringer

Mexican Train Dominoes

Theresa Goodhart

Social Night/Out & About

Cindy Koldys

Let's Do Dinner

Anne Dye

All that Glitters Jewelry Club

Carolyn Caldwell

Euchre

Nancy Ellenberger



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 General Meeting Doors open at 6:30 pm	3	4	5
6	7 	8	9	10 	11 Euchre	12
13	14 All the Bling Jewelry Club	15 Mahjong	16	17	18 Mexican Train Dominoes	19 Green Thumb Gardeners
20	21	22 Mahjong Chix Flix	23 Book Club	24 Yarn it All Lasko House Tour	25	26 Couples Bunco
27	28	29 Mahjong	30			



September Birthdays

Ann Caragay
Lorraine Coles
Suzy Dreyfus
Anne Dye
Theresa Goodhart
Christy Marchand
Gail Schleif
Ann Woodbury

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

Today, I will be happy.



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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.