CANTON NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS

WHERE WOMEN CONNECT . . .



OCTOBER 2026 Newsletter

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."
Anne of Green Gables by L.M.Montgomery.

What a great sentiment! It's the season of crisp days, blue skies, and the wonderful display of color which Mother Nature provides. It's a time for football, cider mills and apple picking. Be sure to enjoy this time before winter!

We had a great meeting in September. A special thank you to Carrabas's on Haggerty Road for the delicious meal! We had the largest number ever of ladies at the meeting! We even needed to set up additional tables and chairs. A warm welcome to all the new members who have signed up. We are looking forward to getting to know you all!

If you have time, check out the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors display in the library set up by Diane Sands. She always does a special job is getting the word out there about our club.

Our September meeting was jam packed with information about the club and activities. Our October meeting will not have as much information to share. Make sure to check out the interest group activities and sign up for those you are interested in. When you sign up, it's a good idea to take a picture with your phone so you have a record of time and place. If your plans change, please notify the lead person for that activity. Also, if you are interested in the Christmas party, make sure to pay Nancy at the October meeting.

We have planned a couple fun Halloween themed games for this month's meeting. One game will tell you a little about the people at your table. The other will test your group memory from past times. As we agreed at the September meeting, costumes are optional. If you would like to dress up for the holiday, please do.

Every November we have the opportunity to make a craft under the direction of Nancy. She is hard at work getting everything prepared. Nancy's craft projects are a surprise and different each year. I am always impressed with the variety of crafts she picks!

We Veeps are hard at work to make our club successful and to be a fun place to make new friends, keep in touch with old ones, learn a little and laugh a lot. Sadly, I will miss you all at the October meeting, but my fellow Veeps will cover for me. I look forward to seeing you in November!

Claudia

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



Upcoming Meeting Dates

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	***Fashion That Flatters***
Jun 2	***Picnic***

Doors open at 6:30

Meeting starts at 7:00

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

Membership - *Nancy Ellenberger*

What an awesome turn-out for our first meeting for the 26/27 Canton Newcomers!!! We have welcomed 14 new members to our wonderful group. You will be able to identify them as their name tags have a cardinal in the corner. I know you will make them feel at home.

At this time we have 51 paid members and I know this number will continue to grow.

Now for Nancy's nonsense:



You are the pick of the patch!

I can't Reese-ist a good Halloween pun.

Halloween candy is yummy and all, but don't forget to save room for "I scream".

If a bee is bothering you don't swat at it and don't run away.
Just look at it . . . . BEECAUSE ... seeing is bee leaving.

Nancy Ellenberger
Membership Chair



Reminder - if you are a returning member, and have not paid your dues yet this year, they must be paid at the October meeting in order to maintain your membership. Please see Nancy to bring your account current.

Save The Date

Annual Charity Bingo
Saturday, March 20
Doors Open at 5:00
Dinner at 5:30 with Bingo to follow
Fellows Creek Golf Club

Purchase a ticket and enjoy an evening of fun including an exciting auction featuring spectacular items.

Tickets will be available at a later date - and items for the auction will be accepted after January 1st.

All proceeds to benefit
Plymouth Community Foster Closet

Gift Baskets Wanted

Put your creative talents to use and create a gift basket for our holiday raffle to be held at the annual Christmas party. Baskets should contain new items and be wrapped in clear cellophane wrapping or other basket wrapping.

If you are interested in creating a gift basket but need a basket to create in, please reach out to Sharon Hagerman as she has several that you may use.



Baskets should be given to Sharon by November 27. IF you are planning on donating a basket, please let Sharon know so she can plan accordingly.

(Gift Cards are welcome also.)

Quiet, please . . .



We had close to 90 women at the September meeting. And getting that many women to be quiet is not an easy task.

We know you want to talk and socialize - and so do we, but once the business meeting gets started, we are asking you to please refrain from side conversations until the end of the presentations. This way, we'll be able to get through the meeting and presentations to follow as quickly as possible.

In order to make this easier, the board has decided that once the business portion of the meeting begins, the activity sign up sheets and raffle tickets sales will close until the end of the presentation. Then there will be one more opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and time to sign up for activities if you missed out.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas . . .

Every year the women of Canton Newcomers are so generous in remembering the children of Canton and supporting the No Child Without a Christmas campaign.

We're hoping this year won't be any different. And when you're doing your daily shopping, keep an eye out for a new toy, game, doll, ball or something that a child would love to see underneath their Christmas Tree. (Gift Cards are always welcome as well.) Gifts should be brought to the November meeting.

The Summit on the Park is Canton's collection point, and items collected will be brought to the Summit and used to make a child's holiday a little bit brighter.

Any toys should be newly purchased, and not wrapped in holiday paper. And remember, children are tweens and teens too! Girls like make-up and jewelry, and all teens like sporting equipment.

This year the Goodfellows have changed their program, so toys/gifts collected will be shared with local churches in an effort to continue this endeavor. Together we can make the holidays bright!

The October's meeting theme will be Halloween. We encourage costumes however, dressing up is not necessary. Just dress to have fun! We look forward to seeing you in October!!

And while we won't be trick and treating, there will be some treats to enjoy!





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.

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!!

Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Photo Gallery

We've had to make some changes to the newsletter in order to reduce the size of the newsletter file. Photos can take up a huge amount of space, and when the file is very large, it becomes difficult to send and challenging for some members to open.

So in an attempt to make the newsletter accessible for everyone, your pictures will now appear on Facebook and no longer in the Newsletter. If we find another way to conserve file size, we'll be happy to put them back in the Newsletter. But in the meantime, thank you for your understanding.



Give It Up - For GOOD!

Give It Up - For Good at the October General Meeting - We will be collecting clean plastic grocery bags to be crocheted into mats for the homeless. These mats are ideal for our harsh Michigan elements, as they are remarkably comfortable and offer just enough protection to create a barrier between the ground and the body to help retain body heat while sleeping. The mats also offer a cleaner way of sleeping as insects do not like them. If the mat gets wet, it can easily be dried, and when it gets dirty, it can easily be washed off and shaken out. It takes 500–700 plastic bags to make one mat. That's a lot of plastic kept out of the landfill. St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton has historically crafted and donated dozens of mats to local shelters. We hope you will embrace this project and donate items when possible.



Thank you for your support!



We're growing, and we've added several new members. It's nice to see all the new faces at our meetings and special interest groups. We're glad you're here.

Please welcome:

Denise Barkume
Kimberlyn Benjamin
Denise Bonsall
Cathy Deakins
Laura Frederick
Shelly Holcomb
Brenda Humbles
Nancy Jablonski
Lisa Krenn
Elaine Livingway
Carla Short
Sheila Tacy
Usha Tandon
Joanne Van

NOVEMBER IS CRAFT NIGHT!



The craft Nancy prepares for us is always a surprise, but you can count on it being something fun!

If you are interested in participating in the craft, **please be prepared to pay Nancy $7 at the October meeting.** This will allow Nancy to prepare enough craft kits and purchase the necessary materials.

If you are not interested in participating in the craft, you are still welcome to attend the meeting.

What's Happening Around Town

It's the season of pumpkins, apple cider, donuts and crisp autumn leaves. Here are some October activities you might like:

Summit on the Park and Club 55+

Oct. 15 - Afternoon Movie: The Ghost and Mr. Chicken
Oct. 26 - Halloween Party/Jukebox Bingo

Summit on the Park
(preregistration is required as these events will sell out)

Oct. 9 - Senior Summit
Oct. 23 - Puzzle Party
Nov. 10 - Safe Sound and Secure

Village Theatre

Oct. 20 - Return of the King - Elvis
Oct. 28, 29 - Life is a Cabaret-Viva Las Vegas (American Cancer Society Benefit)
Oct. 30 - Aaron Radatz Magic

Tipping Pointe Theatre

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

Plymouth Historical Museum

Now through Nov.1 - America 250 Part II 1900-2026

Cherry Hill Village

Oct. 10 - Art Walks

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



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

Menu

Salad

Organic spring mix topped with olives, asparagus, mushrooms, tomatoes, carrots, and artichokes served with house made Italian dressing.

Entrée

Choice of:
Pasta Primavera
Chicken Piccata, served with a side of Spaghetti
Sausage and Roasted Pepper Panini
Eggplant Parmigiana

Dessert

House made Cannolis

Beverages

Soft Drinks and Water included
Cash Bar with special Holiday Drinks and Cappuccino

Cost: $35 per person

Be prepared to make your course selection at time of payment.
(Please make payment by Nov. 15)

*Easy Parking

*Barrier Free Entry

Members only, please

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 (**Oct. 28)**. 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 *Dearborn* by Jhassan Zeineddine. If you take a book but are unable to attend, please call Connie to return the book.

Couples Bunco will meet on **Sat., Oct. 24** at 5:30 PM at Cindy Koldys' home. Please bring $10 per couple and a dish to pass. Singles also welcome.

Ladies Bunco will be on **Friday, October 16** at Brenda Humbles' home, 6837 Poppleton, Canton.

Chix Flix will be on **Tues., Oct. 20**. Movie selection will be available that week.

Green Thumb Gardeners Plant exchange and helping Cathy clean up her yard will be rescheduled in October. Connie will contact members of the club.

Let's Do Lunch will be on Monday, **Oct. 12** at Maiz Mexican Cantina (36 E. Cross St, Depot Town in Ypsilanti) at 1:00 pm.

Let's Do Dinner will be on **Tues., Oct 20** at Szechuan Restaurant on Ford Road.

Mexican Train Dominoes will meet on **Fri., Oct. 9** at 6:00 PM at Loraine Cole's home. Potluck begins at 6 PM and the game starts at 6:30 PM.

Yarn It All will meet on **Thurs., Oct. 15** 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.

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. October dates are: **Oct 6, 13 and 20.** Sign up sheets are available at the meeting. Please let Connie know on Monday if you will/will not be attending.

Euchre will be on **Sat., Oct 24** at Camille Well's home, 1415 S. Hix, Westland.

All the Bling Jewelry Club will meet **Monday, Oct. 12** at 6:30 pm at Carolyn Caldwell's home (490 Harbour Point Dr., Belleville). The item we are making is a Halloween bracelet and the cost is $15, payable that evening in cash to Carolyn.

Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting. In order to allow for greater participation, no signs up will be accepted prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, contact the group contact after the meeting.

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



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October Birthdays

Diann Dupuis

Claudia Gering

Michelle Jasewicz

Karen Metz

Carol Villeneuve



