

# Kalamazoo Area Newcomers Club

July/August 2023

Celebrating 82 Years of Service

Kalamazoo, Michigan

WELCOME SUMMER 

## Greetings from Patricia Niewoonder, President



Happy summer everyone. It is a time for many of us to relax, take a vacation, spend time with the family at the beach or cabin, golf with friends, and just enjoy being outside.

As you know, some of our KANC activities take a brief hiatus during the summer, including our monthly luncheons. Please don't be discouraged, many of our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) continue to meet. Checkout the rest of our newsletter to see the details. Also, look for our weekly activity updates sent by Nancy Greer in your email. I always look forward to her friendly reminders.

Before closing, I want to let you know that your KANC Board members are working hard to finalize our budget for 2023-24 and arranging our luncheons and speakers for the new year. While we don't have everything finalized, I would like everyone to put the September 21 luncheon on your calendars now which is tentatively scheduled to be at the Kellogg Manor in Richland. It is a beautiful setting and I think we will all be in for quite a treat.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again in September.

Patricia



## First Day Shoe Fund ( FDSF)

The KANC Board has selected the "First Day Shoe Fund (FDSF)" as our charity for 2023-24 supported by our 50/50 raffle held at our monthly meetings.

For those who have never heard of the FDSF, it is a local, grassroots initiative whose mission is to provide children in the Kalamazoo area with new shoes throughout the school year. The charity was chosen because of



the great need for many students in the Kalamazoo Public Schools whose families don't have the resources to provide adequate shoes. Also, the fund does not have a large budget or funding source and our \$500 contribution to the fund will make a world of difference to many students.

So, the next time you attend one of our monthly luncheons, please consider participating in our 50/50 raffle - the proceeds will be going to a very worthwhile organization.

## Special Interest Groups

### Arts Entertainment and More

Paula Lucking [pflanluc@gmail.com](mailto:pflanluc@gmail.com) 630~632~7771

Louise Javery [ljavery23@gmail.com](mailto:ljavery23@gmail.com) 508~728~5234

Come join our newest Special Interest Groups as the launch two exciting events!

### JULY

Join us on Sunday, July 23 at 4:00 pm for a "Concert in the Corners" with The Iconix, a six-piece band from Kalamazoo devoted to the iconic melodies, instrumentation, and rhythms of the '60s, '70s, '80s, and today. With powerful vocals and an all-star veteran band, the 6-piece The Iconix will deliver a high-quality and sensational show! [www.theiconix.com](http://www.theiconix.com)

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket and sun protection as shade is limited. Food will be available for purchase from food trucks, or bring your own. The event runs from 4:00-6:00pm and the music begins at 4:30pm.

The concert is free and family friendly, with parking nearby. We can meet in the parking lot adjacent to the park at 3:45 pm.

Texas Drive Park: 6603 Texas Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Rain location: Southridge Church

6726 Texas Drive, Kalamazoo, MI. 49009

Learn more at [www.texastownship.org/concert](http://www.texastownship.org/concert). RSVP TO PAULA OR LOUISE

### AUGUST

On Tuesday, August 22nd, we will be carpooling to Holland, MI, where we will be walking part of the Lake Macatawa shoreline walkway, then having lunch at Boatwerks Waterfront Restaurant.

Wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen & a hat plus bring water. We will leave a designated meeting spot in Kalamazoo at 10 am, arriving approximately 11, drop off some cars at the end point, then begin our walk. We anticipate walkers from slow to speed-walking so all abilities are encouraged. We will then dine at the only waterfront restaurant located there for a continuous enjoyment of the lake. RSVP to Paula Lucking by 9pm Sunday, 8/20, at [pflanluc@gmail.com](mailto:pflanluc@gmail.com) or 630-632-7771. Let her know if you are willing to drive.

## Special Interest Groups

### Euchre

Linda Vanderberg 269~254~2936

Come join the gang and play Euchre. Don't know how to play? We will teach you.

Everyone welcome!

July/August Dates:

Tuesday~July 18 and August 1 and 15

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Where: Huntington Run Clubhouse

Any questions, call or text Linda Vanderberg

### Breakfast Club

Janet Wappenstein 269-998-9957

The July Breakfast Club will be held at **Tiffany's Cafe on West Main Street on Saturday July 22. We will meet at 9:30.**

The August Breakfast Club will be held at the **IHOP on Westnedge on Saturday August 19 at 9:30 a.m.** RSVP to Janet Wappenstein at 269-998-9557.

### Out to Lunch Bunch

Sharon Weaver -269- 327-4606  
Grace Weaver 269-324-5776

Lunch bunch will not be meeting in July or August. We look forward to having you join us in the Fall.

### Diners Club

Patty Litwiller - 586-243-8886  
Barb Starring - 269-569-0292

Save the dates: **Join us Thursday, July 20, 6:00 pm for some low country fare at South Kitchen located at 12454 East D Ave., Richland**

**Wednesday, August 9, 5:30 pm at Steinspark Biergarten; located at 2603 E Milham.**

The Biergarten kitchen is closed on Wednesday's and food trucks are invited to provide a variety of options to go with your mug of imported German beer.

RSVP to Patty or Barb

### Bunco

Janet Wappenstein 269-998-9557

Bunco will not be meeting in July and August. We will start up playing again in September. Have a nice summer

### Consumer File Box

Lois Loeffler

The Consumer File Box is a wealth of references for services and or products in our area.

Attached is a PDF listing all of the various

# Special Interest Groups

## Happy Hour

Patty Litwiller 586~243-8886  
Linda Vanderberg 269~254~2936

We didn't want to interfere with any July 4th celebrations so Happy Hour will be delayed one week and will be on the patio at **Fletchers Pub located at 6946 West Q Ave on July 12, 4:00 pm.**

**AUGUST HAPPY HOUR— AUGUST 2—** Same location same time same fun!

## Afternoon Bridge

Susan Luskin 630-303-0146

Afternoon Bridge is a great time!

Monday, July 10 - Carol Vuilleminot is hostess  
Monday, July 24 - Judy Hobson will be our hostess  
Monday, August 14 - Nancy Jones is hostess  
Monday, August 28 - Lila Hauge Stoffel is hostess  
Location will be determined by the hostess. If you have signed up to play, the hostess will be contacting you to determine how many tables and where we will be playing. We start usually meet at a restaurant and have lunch before we play. We start playing bridge at 12:30  
Contact Susan Lushin if interested in joining!

## Friends, Food and Fun 🍷

Carol Beckius 269~372~6950  
Marilyn Jauch 269~372~7751

**On July 8 we will be going to Red Lobster at 5:30. Please make your reservations to either Marilyn Jauch or Carol Beckius by July 5.**

**On August 12 we will be going to Roadhouse at 5:30. Please make your reservations by August 9 .**

Please call Marilyn Jauch at 372-7751 or email her at [ml.jauch47@gmail.com](mailto:ml.jauch47@gmail.com) or call Carol Beckius 372-6950

Hope to see you there!

If for some reason you need to cancel please let the

## Hiking/Biking/ XC Skiing 🌻🚲

Patty Litwiller 586~243~8886  
Nancy Stern 269~598~3638

### JULY

**July 11, meet at the Kal-Haven Trail** trailhead parking lot in South Haven (Sesquicentennial State Park, South Haven - off Bailey Ave) and be ready to ride by 10:00 am.

We will ride the Kal-Haven, tootle around South Haven and possibly bike to Van Buren State park before enjoying lunch at a tbd location in town before heading home. Or bring your beach gear and stay for the day! Do as much or as little as you feel like. All are welcome. If you can carry more than one bike, please offer a ride to a fellow biker and RSVP Nancy Stern or Patty Litwiller

### AUGUST

**August 8 we will meet at the Kal-Haven trail head** in Gobles and be ready to ride the trail by 10:00 am. There is parking at the trailhead on the corner of M40 and Depot. After the ride we will drive to Brookside Farm located at 37988 Co. Road 388, Gobles for blueberry picking. If you would like, pack a lunch to enjoy a picnic there. Always a fun time.

## Sit and Stitch 🧵

Charlotte Hosking 269~372~2430

We're taking a break during July and August from our usual meetings at Chicks with Sticks.

**Instead, we'll meet for lunch on Friday, August 4th at 11:30am at Four Roses in Plainwell.**

If you'd like to join us, please RSVP to Charlotte - [cj.hosking@gmail.com](mailto:cj.hosking@gmail.com) by August 1st.

We will be back at Chicks with Sticks in September.

# Book Nook

Charlotte Hosking 269~372~2430

Come join us on the third Monday of every month at 10am at Grand Traverse Pie Company. We are always happy to welcome new friends, whether or not you've read the book or liked it!

**Monday July 17th at 10am we'll meet at Grand Traverse Pie Co. to discuss:  
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver**

Leader: Holly Vestal..

This book just won this year's Pulitzer Prize. Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, this is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. In a plot that never pauses for breath, relayed in his own unsparing voice, he braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing

losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities.

Many generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote David Copperfield from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its damages to children in his society. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. Dickens is not a prerequisite for readers of this novel, but he provided its inspiration. In transposing a Victorian epic novel to the contemporary American South, Barbara Kingsolver enlists Dicken's anger and compassion, and above all, his faith in the transformative powers of a good story. Demon Copperhead speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind.

**Monday, August 21st at 10am we'll meet at Grand Traverse Pie Co. to discuss:  
Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II  
by Danial James Brown**

Leader: Shirley Wise

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Boys in the Boat, a gripping World War II saga of patriotism and courage: the special Japanese-American Army unit that overcame brutal odds in Europe; their families, incarcerated back home; and a young man who refused to surrender his constitutional rights, even if it meant imprisonment.

# Special Interest Groups

## Garden Group and Beyond

Patty Litwiller - 586-243-8886 Linda Vanderberg 269~254~2936

### JULY

We will travel to **Marshall July 8 for the annual Marshall Garden Tour**. Tickets for the tour are \$10.00 if purchased in advance or \$15.00 if purchased the day of the tour.

Tickets can be purchased online or at various businesses in Marshall as well as at each of the gardens on the tour. Go to [marshallareagardenclub.org](http://marshallareagardenclub.org) and click on 2023 garden tour for more information and to purchase advance tickets. We will meet at Lundy Garden, 16512 18 mile, Marshall at 10:00 am.

The gardens are quite spread out this year so wear your walking shoes! We will lunch afterward at a tbd location in Marshall. Please coordinate your own carpools and let us know if you are driving and have room in your vehicle for riders. **RSVP by July 1 to Patty Litwiller or Linda Vanderberg. Hope to see you there.**

### AUGUST

**A "Special" and "Fun" event this month, we're headed back to Elkhart for a tour of Dr. Havilah Beardsley home, the founder of Elkhart.** Also a tour of the Ruthmere mansion, which is also part of the Heritage Trail Quilt Gardens. This month Ruthmere has a special exhibit entitled "Roaring Indiana in the Jazz Age". There is a cost of \$10 and to be collected before the first tour.

We will meet at the Angling/w.Center park-n-ride on Wednesday, August 23 at 8:30. Our first tour begins promptly at 10:00. Please let us know if you can drive.

Lunch TBD

**Please RSVP by August 14th to Angela Sawyer, 434-996-1776**

## JULY Birthdays

7/3 Donna Lindsay  
 7/4 Sharon Harris  
 7/6 Sandee Ahrens  
 7/10 Suzette Ross  
 7/10 Paula Lucking  
 7/11 Lisa Fisher  
 7/15 Esther Cetina  
 7/16 Sallie Foley  
 7/21 Jane Steimle  
 7/25 Sue Flurry  
 7/28 Jeanne Fenton  
 7/28 Grace Weaver

## AUGUST Birthdays

8/2 Angela Sawyer  
 8/6 Deborah Goodchild  
 8/8 Susan Bruns  
 8/8 Barbro Jung  
 8/10 Sharlene Bryant  
 8/17 Diana Godish  
 8/20 Nancy Marshall  
 8/24 Jean Elzinga  
 8/25 Glenda Leith  
 8/26 Susan Lushin  
 8/26 Margaret Williams  
 8/27 Lori Miller  
 8/27 Amy Pellenz  
 8/29 Pam Meyers

## KANC BOARD 2023-2024

President~ Patricia Niewoonder  
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Newsletter/Recruitment~ Nancy Greer  
Publicity~ Paula Lucking  
Hospitality~ Janet Wappenstein  
Special Interest~ Patty Litwiller

Did you know:

Did you know you can:

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and watch for a new revamped KANC webpage coming soon! [kazonewcomers.com](http://kazonewcomers.com)

Our email address for inquiries is [kanc.kalamazoo@gmail.com](mailto:kanc.kalamazoo@gmail.com).

Welcome to our Newest member:

**Diane Tuenessen**

If you know of friends or neighbors or even casual acquaintances you meet who may be interested in our trove of activities, invite them to join you at a KANC function and find out for themselves what we are all about! We are always looking to add friends to our wonderful active group of women. They can email us at [kanc.kalamazoo@gmail.com](mailto:kanc.kalamazoo@gmail.com) to find out more about the club as well.

## Consumer File Box Lois Loeffler 269~372~0038

The Consumer File Box is a wooden box. It contains 3 x 5 index cards which are each headed by a category of service determined by recommendations received. The name of the business and/or person who provides that service follow. The phone number and/or email address is included as is a website and/or physical address if they are known. The name of the KANC member who provided the recommendation and the date it was received is also on the card as are any comments provided by the recommending member

Air duct cleaning  
Animal removal service  
Appliance repair  
Auctioneer  
Auto care  
Bartenders  
Bathtub re-glazing  
Cardiologist  
Carpet SEE ALSO Tile  
Carpet/upholstery cleaning  
Catering  
Cement work  
Chair seat repair (cane, rush, splint)  
Chimney work SEE ALSO Roofer  
Computer repair  
Cosmetics  
Countertops  
Dentist/dental surgery  
Dog boarding and ; grooming  
Dry cleaner  
Electrician  
Financial adviser  
Flooring SEE Carpet & Tile  
Furnace/Air conditioning  
Furniture re-finishing  
Garage doors/Openers/Repair  
Grocery shopping  
Gutters SEE Window washing  
Handyman  
Hauling  
Infinity Home Improvement—do not use  
House washing  
Internist  
Jeweler

Lamp repair/New lamps  
Landscaping  
Lawn care (some do leaf/garden clean-up)  
Lawn sprinkler systems  
Lawyer  
Medical equipment - Lending Hands - Free  
Movers  
Nail salon services  
Painters/Wallpaper hangers  
Piano service/Tuning  
Plumbing  
Pressure washing SEE House washing  
Realtor  
Remodeling  
Roofer/chimney work  
Sewer & septic tank  
Sewing  
Sitter house/pet  
Snow removal  
Tailoring/alterations  
Tax preparation  
Tile SEE ALSO Carpet  
Travel agency  
Tree service  
Upholsterer  
Wallpapering SEE ALSO Painters  
Window treatments  
Window washing SEE ALSO House washing  
Wood flooring  
Woodworking  
Yard work  
Contact Lois Loeffler via email or landline phone to request recommendations or to suggest an addition, including the name of the business/service person, phone number and website, if available.

[loisloeffler@gmail.com](mailto:loisloeffler@gmail.com)  
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# July 2023

## KANC Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3	4	5	6	7	8 <b>Friends, Food and Fun</b> Red Lobster 5:30 pm. <b>Garden Tour</b> 10:00 a.m. Lundy Garden Marshall
9	10 <b>Afternoon Bridge</b> Judi Vuillemenont 12:30 p.m.	11 <b>Hiking/Biking</b> Kal -Haven Trail Trailhead in South Haven 10:00 a.m.	12 <b>Happy Hour</b> Fletcher's Pub Q Ave 4:00 p.m.	13 <b>No board meeting</b>	14	15
16	17 <b>Book Nook</b> Grand Traverse Pie 10:00 a.m.	18 <b>Euchre</b> Huntington Run Clubhouse 1-3 p.m	19	20 <b>Diner's Club</b> South Kitchen 6:00 p.m. <b>NO LUNCHEON</b>	21	22 <b>Breakfast Club</b> Tiffany's West Main 9:30 a.m.
23 <b>Arts and Entertainment</b> -concert Texas Drive Park 4:00 p.m.	24 <b>Afternoon Bridge</b> Judy Hobson host 12:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
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# August 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>Euchre</b> Huntington Run Clubhouse 1-3 p.m.	2 <b>Happy Hour</b> Fletcher's Pub Q Ave 4:00 p.m.	3	4 <b>Sit and Stitch</b> Four Roses Plainwell 11:30 a.m.	5
6	7	8 <b>Hiking/Biking</b> Kal Haven Trail Trailhead in Gobles 10:00 a.m.	9 <b>Diner's Club</b> Steinspark Beirgarten 5:30 p.m.	10 <b>Board Meeting</b> 9:30 a.m. Huntington Run Clubhouse	11	12 <b>Friends, Food and Fun</b> Roadhouse restaurant 5:30 p.m.
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