

Kalamazoo Area Newcomers Club

October 2023

Celebrating 83 Years of Service

Kalamazoo, Michigan

KANC October Luncheon—Thursday, October 19~12 Noon
Hop Cat 300 W. Water Street Kalamazoo 49009

Please join us for a delicious luncheon at HopCat at noon on October 19. Our speaker will be Portage Assistant Fire Chief, Jed Wild, speaking with us about Smart 911. Smart 911 is an app that helps protect you and your family by providing more information to first responders in case of an emergency.

Luncheon Choices:

1. **Supper Club Wrap**~Turkey, applewood smoked bacon, Swiss and cheddar cheese, avocado, cherry tomatoes, arugula, and garlic aioli in a flour tortilla. Served with Cosmik fries and Pickle slices \$20
2. **Southwest Salad (vegetarian)**~ Mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, queso fresco, corn and bean relish, red onions, fresh jalapeños, avocado, crispy tortilla strips and southwest dressing. \$18
3. **Southwest Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast**~Grilled chicken breast on mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, queso fresco, corn and bean relish, red onions, fresh jalapeños, avocado, crispy tortilla strips and southwest dressing. \$23
4. **Stella Blue DBL Smash Burger**~two smash Pattie's, warm cheese sauce, blue cheese crumbles, applewood smoked bacon, red onions, lettuce, tomato and haystacks on a brioche bun. Served with Cosmick fries and pickle slices. \$21

All lunches include the choice of either soda, iced tea, or coffee.

All other drinks can be ordered on a separate check and paid individually.

HopCat has many beer choices that range from \$4.50 - \$7.50. Wine is in the \$8 - \$11 range. your selection and mail check payable to KANC to:

Angela Sawyer 6499 Trayburne Trail, Kalamazoo 49009 by October 11

Mail in Luncheon Registration

Thursday, October 19 at 12noon at Hop Cat

Make out your check to **KANC** and mail to **Angela Sawyer no later than October 11**

Member _____ Choice _____
Guest _____ Choice _____

Greetings from KANC President- Patricia Niewoonder

As I am writing this introduction to our October KANC newsletter, I am reflecting on the past and reminiscing as to how I got to this point in my life.

When I retired several years ago, I set some goals for myself - to be more physically active (yes, for a time, I aspired to the 10,000 steps a day mantra), to make new friends, and to travel and golf more. Little did I realize when I joined KANC, that I would end up being your president and to have fulfilled these goals in part due to joining KANC!

The new friends I've made through participating in the many KANC activities and special interest groups have brought joy to my life.

My challenge to each of you is to set a goal for yourself to attend at least one new KANC event every month and reach out to someone new. I truly believe that your life will be more enriched through the friendships gained. So learn to play euchre, participate in a hiking/biking activity, discuss a new book, and find a new friend!

"Of all possessions a friend is the most precious." Herodotus

I look forward to seeing you this month at one of our many special activities. I am especially looking forward to our luncheon at Hop Cat on October 19 where we will not only have some great food and beer, but we will hear about some important safety initiatives presented by a member of the Portage Fire Department.

See you soon.

Patricia Niewoonder, KANC President

Did you know you can:

Follow us on **Facebook (please like us and share on your page)** and our KANC website kazoone newcomers.com

Our email address for inquiries is kanc.kalamazoo@gmail.com

October Birthdays

10/5 Laura Bell
 10/6 Cathy Wenstrup
 10/7 Carol Beckius
 10/09 Kathy Eklov
 10/12 Bethany Lindsay
 10/12 Dannie Hickson
 10/14 Ursula Juengling
 10/14 Melissa Misner
 10/15 Marlene Leonard
 10/16 Nancy Kelley
 10/16 Jeanne Shewchuk
 10/19 Kelly Campbell
 10/26 Dawn Rice
 10/26 Nancy Stern
 10/26 Marianne Wiersma
 10/28 Marijo Steenstra

KANC Board 2023-2024

President~ Patricia Niewoonder
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 Publicity~ Paula Lucking
 Hospitality~ Janet Wappenstein
 Special Interests~ Patty Litwiller

 **Big Birthday Bash is this month** 

Celebrating all newcomer friends with B-days in July, August and September — We will celebrate you on October 31 at Buddy's Pizza ! Time, 12:00. Come for food, drinks, and lots of conversation and laughter!
 Please RSVP, Linda Vanderberg

Introducing our newest Special Interest Group led by Sylvia Blum: *Coping... (with Stress)*— each month on the first Monday there will be a different engaging topic.

What's on your mind? Do you want to protect your peace of mind, Does your glass feel half empty or half full?

If you would rather converse with human intelligence instead of artificial intelligence this group might be for you. Come for lunch, stay for the conversation and connect with new and old friends. On this Monday we will talk about how to handle stress and personal well-being. **Please join us October 2nd at 1pm for lunch and discussion at Carrabbas. RSVP TO SYLVIA by September 27 —269~323-1727**

Special Interest Groups

Bunco

Janet Wappenstein - 269-998-9557 

BUNCO.....ever heard of it? it's FUN, it's LIVELY, it's EASY.....and it's loaded with LAUGHTER and FRIENDSHIP! Calling everyone to BUNCO!
NEVER PLAYED.....That's perfect.....it's so easy.....you will be a "PRO" after one roll of the dice!
CURIOUS.....come join us.....BEGINNERS and professionals 😊 we've got a seat at "the tables" for you!

WHEN: THURSDAY, October 5

TIME: 1:00 — 3:00 pm.

WHERE: Buddy's Pizza Westnedge

HOW: We've got the dice, the tables and a chair for you!

Bring \$2 😊. We play for money but keep that a secret.....! Come early if you want to eat beforehand! RSVP: Call or text RIGHT NOW to reserve your seat.

Janet Wappenstein at 269-998-9557

Euchre

Linda Vanderberg 269-254-2936

Euchre is twice a month — because it is so popular. Come and learn— and join the fun group!

OCTOBER DATES:

Tuesdays: October 3 and 17

TIME: 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Huntington Run Clubhouse~
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RSVP to Linda Vanderberg

BONUS: 

Beginner's Euchre

Come learn how to play or just refresh your skills. It's so much fun! Even if you've never played cards, were here to teach you how!

WHEN: Four sessions: October 9, 16, 23, 30!

WHERE: Grand Traverse Pie Company
5303 South Westnedge Avenue
Portage, MI

TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

rsvp to save your seat. Only 12 spots
Hosting: Janet Wappenstein 269-998-9557
Irene Smith 269-372-1759
Cathy Wenstrup. 269-329-7013

<p style="text-align: center;">Afternoon Bridge Susan Lushin - 630-303-0146</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Out to Lunch Bunch Dannie Hickson 269~720~0504 Nita Comensoli 269~598~2497</p>
<p>Kick off Fall with Afternoon Bridge!</p> <p>Monday, October 9 - Lila Hauge Stoffel will be our hostess Monday, October 23 - Sylvia Blum will be our hostess</p> <p>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 playing bridge at 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>New players and subs are always needed for Bridge so don't hesitate to call if you have an interest in playing with this fun group in a relaxed atmosphere!</p>	<p>Come join the lunch bunch!</p> <p>We will meet for lunch Wednesday October 11th at University Roadhouse, 1332 West Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49006, at noon.</p> <p>Please have your reservation in by Friday October 6th. You may call or text us at the numbers above.</p> <p>You may check the menu online for dietary concerns.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Diners Club Patty Litwiller - 586-243-8886 Barb Starring - 269-569-0292</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Breakfast Club Janet Wappenstein 269-998-9957</p>
<p>Join us Tuesday, October 24 at 5:00 pm. We will be dining at Fisher Lake Inn located at 19984 M60, Three Rivers. Fisher Lake Inn offers a beautiful lakeside setting featuring classic American meals. We might be treated to a Fall color show as an added bonus.</p> <p>RSVP by October 20 BarbStarring 269-569-0292 bstarring69@gmail.com OR Patty Litwiller, 586-243-8886 litwillerp@gmail.com</p>	<p>Join us on Saturday, October 21 for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. We will meet at Long Island Cafe 5222 Portage Rd</p> <p>RSVP to Janet Wappenstein at 269-998-9557 if you can attend. Everyone is welcome to join the fun!</p>

Special Interest Groups

Happy Hour

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

Wednesday, October 4, 4:00 pm. Gather for happy hour on the patio at Fletchers Pub; 6946 W Q Ave, Kalamazoo. In order to accommodate our growing number of attendees you must RSVP to Linda or Patty! This may be our last outdoor Happy Hour before the weather changes!

Friends, Food and Fun

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

We will be going to **Fletcher's Pub on Oakland Drive in Oakwood Plaza** in Kalamazoo on October 11 at 5:30.

RSVP IS important so the restaurant can set up for the number of reservations we give them.

RSVP to Marilyn by October 8

Text email or call mljauch47@gmail.com
269~372~7551

Hiking/Biking/ XC Skiing

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

For our final bike ride of the season we are returning to an old favorite. We will be traveling to Indiana and biking **The Pumpkin Vine Trail Tuesday, October 10.** This is a really pretty trail and a favorite of many in the group so you don't want to miss it. We will meet at 10:00 am in Middlebury at Middlebury Town Hall, 418 N. Main St. to begin our ride. We will ride to Goshen, break for lunch and ride back, around 22 miles round trip. contact Patty Litwiller at 586-243-8886 or Nancy Stern at 269-598-3638 to rsvp and to coordinate [carpooling](#).

Garden Group and Beyond

Nancy Stern 269~598~3638 nnc.stern@gmail.com
Donna Ring 269~370~1337 dring7@gmail.com

Join the Garden Group and Beyond for a hike at the **Kalamazoo Nature Center on Wednesday, October 25.**

We will meet at the Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. Admission is \$7.00 for those under 55, for those over 55 it is \$6.00 per person.

Please RSVP:

Donna Ring
269-370-1337 dring7@gmail.com or
Nancy Stern
269598-3638 nnc.stern@gmail.com

Sit and Stitch

Charlotte Hosking 269~372~2430

Join us on **Friday, October 20 at Chicks with Sticks— located on Portage Road (near Fields Fabrics) ~1:00 p.m.** Bring you latest project- Knit, crochet, cross stitch or sew— anything you are creating— and share in laughter and fun with your fellow creative friends.

Consumers File Box

Lois Loeffler 269~372~0038
loisloeffler@gmail.com

The Box needs your input for individual cleaning helpers or services. The only cleaning ladies listed in the Box have both retired. This is a need of several of our members. Please call or email me with your recommendations.

Book Nook

Charlotte Hosking - 269-372-2430

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

On Monday, October 16 at 10am we'll meet at Grand Traverse Pie Company to discuss: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus Leader: Shirley Wise leading

Meet Elizabeth Zott: a "formidable, unapologetic and inspiring" (PARADE) scientist in 1960s California whose career takes a detour when she becomes the unlikely star of a beloved TV cooking show. Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

Note: Our November meeting will not be at Grand Traverse Pie. They'll be busy using our room for Thanksgiving pies. NOTE LOCATION CHANGE

On Monday, November 20 at 10am at Parkview Hills Clubhouse we'll meet to discuss: Deacon King Kong by James McBride Leader: Kathy Roberts

In September 1969, a fumbling, cranky old church deacon known as Sportcoat shuffles into the courtyard of the Cause Houses housing project in south Brooklyn, pulls a .38 from his pocket, and in front of everybody shoots the project's drug dealer at point-blank range.

In Deacon King Kong, McBride brings to vivid life the people affected by the shooting: the victim, the African-American and Latinx residents who witnessed it, the white neighbors, the local cops assigned to investigate, the members of the Five Ends Baptist Church where Sportcoat was deacon, the neighborhood's Italian mobsters, and Sportcoat himself.

As the story deepens, it becomes clear that the lives of the characters--caught in the tumultuous swirl of 1960s New York--overlap in unexpected ways. When the truth does emerge, McBride shows us that not all secrets are meant to be hidden, that the best way to grow is to face change without fear, and that the seeds of love lie in hope and compassion.

Book Nook (Continued)

Charlotte Hosking - 269-372-2430

On Monday, December 18 we will meet for our Christmas Brunch and book discussion at Charlotte Hosking's home at 10am.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt Leader: Kathy Eklov

Remarkably Bright Creatures is an exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope, tracing a widow's sun likely connection with a giant Pacific octopus. After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

Arts and Entertainment

Join us for a fun and enlightening tour at the **Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Friday October 13 at 1:30 p.m.**

KANC member Lila Hauge-Stoffel will once again lead the tour for us, providing her expert insight and knowledge of the art world.

Ticket are \$9 cash or check payable at the door . Hurry— space is limited so RSVP soon.

Optional lunch beforehand at Old Burdicks Cafe at 11:30 a.m.- Michigan Ave.

Please RSVP to Louise Javery 269~548~7717

lljavery23@gmail.com

Luncheon Dates and Venues~ 2023/2024- All start at 12 noon

October 19, 2023

HopCat Restaurant

Smart 911 with Jed Wild, Assistant Fire Chief, Portage Public Safety

November 16, 2023

Travelers Cafe and Pub

First Day Shoe Fund with Maggie Hesketh, Executive Director

****our Charity for the year

December 14, 2023 (**second Thursday of month)

Kalamazoo Country Club

Entertainment by "Old Thyme Harmony Quartet"

January 18, 2024

Louie's at Texas Corners

West Michigan Air Care with Sara Sturgeon, Flight Nurse

February 15, 2024

Main Street Pub on Gull Road

Kalamazoo Valley Museum with William Gould-McElhone, Educator

March 21, 2024

Comensoli's Italian Grille

Community HomeWorks

Kalamazoo City Commissioner, Chris Praedel

April 18, 2024

North 11

Confections with Convictions

Chocolates for every Occasion with Dale Anderson, Founder

May 16, 2024

Martell's

Charity Contribution to First Day Shoe Fund, Maggie Hesketh

Introduction of Board 2024-2025

Welcome to Kelly Campbell our newest KANC Member

We are happy to have you join our wonderful club!

KANC Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Coping... with Stress Carabbas 1:00 p.m.	3 Euchre Huntington Run Clubhouse 1-3 p.m.	4 Happy Hour 4 p.m. Fletchers Q Ave	5 Bunco Buddy's Pizza 1-3 p.m.	6	7
8	9 Afternoon Bridge 12:30 p.m. - Lila Hauge- Stoffel Beginner's Euchre Grand Traverse Pie 1-3 p.m.	10 Hiking/Biking Pumpkin Vine Trail 10:00 a.m.	11 Out to Lunch Bunch ~University Roadhouse 12 noon	12 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. Huntington Clubhouse	13 Arts and Enter tainment KIA Tour 1:00 p.m.	14 Friends, Food and Fun 5:30 pm Main Street Pub
15	16 Book Nook 10am Grand Traverse Pie Company Beginner's Euchre Grand Traverse Pie 1-3 p.m.	17 Euchre Huntington Run Clubhouse 1-3 p.m.	18	19 Luncheon Hop Cat 12 noon	20 Sit and Stitch Chicks with Sticks 1:00 p.m.	21 Breakfast Club 9:30am Long Island Cafe
22	23 Afternoon Bridge 12:30 p.m. Host - Sylvia Blum Beginner's Euchre Grand Traverse Pie 1-3 p.m.	24 Diner's club Fisher's Lake 5:00 p.m.	25 Garden Group and Beyond Kalamazoo Nature Center 10:00 a.m.	26	27	28
29	30	31 Birthday Bash 12 Noon Buddy's Pizza				