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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Summer has officially arrived with warm muggy days. We can enjoy lots of flowers and beautiful trees as we drive around each day. A sure sign of summer is a picnic. I hope you all enjoyed our indoor picnic at Arbor Hall. The food was great. On each table were Ice Breakers questions to get the gals to share some fun facts about each other. Thank you Vickie Kirchner and Janice Japp for organizing this fun activity.

We were so excited to present Carol's House of Hope a check for \$13,451.00. We are thankful to Sarah Chvala and Jean Cully and their teams for all the hard work to accomplish this help for their charity. We heard from one gal who is being helped and were really inspired to hear her story of hope.

Have a fabulous summer, stay cool and well. I hope to see you at an upcoming event.

2025—2026 CHARITY: CAROLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE

A check was presented to Carole, Jeanette and Cha-Naise from Carole's House of Hope at the June luncheon in the amount of \$13,451.00. Members heard from Carole and Maylesha, a resident of Carol's House of Hope. Our donation was very much appreciated.

Metro Women's Club members supported the charity this past year through multiple activities including the Silent Auction, Game Day Social, Dine and Donate events, raffles and two separate collection drives.

The committee is in the process of meeting with selected charities to determine organizations to possibly support next year. Six to seven charities will be presented to the Board in August and narrowed down to three. Those three will be presented to the members and then voted on by members at the September luncheon.

Thank you for ALL of your support for Carole's House of Hope.

[This has been received from CHH:](#)

[Thank you again so much for such a great event yesterday and all the hard work you put into supporting Carole's House of Hope this past year.](#)

[We have started a new endeavor offering individuals, groups, businesses, etc. an opportunity to sponsor a room for \\$5,000 annually. Sponsorship money goes toward the overall operations and programming that takes place here at CHH. Along with social media recognition and adding names to our donor wall, we will also add the sponsors name to each room they sponsor. To honor Metro Women's Club and the amount donated, CHH will be naming two rooms after Metro Women's Club as its sponsors for the next year. Once the nameplates are on the wall, I will be sure to send you pictures!](#)

[Thank you, again, for the support you have given over the past year. We have been able to continue to provide services to all the young women and mothers who live here at CHH.](#)



DINE AND DONATE

Ladies, here's hoping that these record-breaking high summer temps are encouraging you to let someone else do the cooking. Our first Dine and Donate event of the season is coming up **Thursday, July 9th, at the Legacy Chophouse, 17070 Wright Plaza**. They are generously donating 10% of our MWC receipts served 11am-9pm. How about scheduling a summer lunch or dinner with your MWC friends or family, and help kick-start our Dine and Donate events for our charity! Hope to see you there.

SILENT AUCTION

MWC ladies, your Silent Auction Team is beginning to collect items for those delightful baskets you will see at the Silent Auction in October. Don't be lulled by the date, as time will fly for your prep Team. What do we need you may ask? We love themes, i.e. vacations, pets, guys, pampering, food, books, arts and crafts, sports. If everyone donated one item at each upcoming luncheon, oh what fun your Team would have. We could also use large baskets you no longer want to store. We will have a table at each luncheon to receive donated items. Or contact Sarah Chvala with questions or for help. Have fun shopping.

DIRECTORY

The committee has met and proofed the Directory, just waiting for the new members to send in their payments. Hoping to the Directory to all members by the August Luncheon. Stay tuned.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Our membership renewal campaign is over. We had 14 ladies that did not renew their membership. This means we have 14 membership positions open. I have been calling the ladies on our Waiting List to see if they are still interested in becoming a member. Currently, we have 12 new members. I will continue calling ladies from the Waiting List until we reach 200 members again. Listed below are the newest members. Please give them a special welcome when you meet them at our Luncheons and activities.

New Member	Address	City	email	Home Phone	Mobile Phone
Cheril Comisar					
Connie Davis					
Colleen Haack					
Jane Hagenbush					
Cheryl Henkenius					
Ellen Lake					
Joan Miller					
Jill Reinsch					
Gale Spatz					
Becky Stephanie					
Sandie Hite					
Dianna Amandus					

WELCOMING COFFEE: Tuesday, August 4th 10:00 am

Location: Home of Connie Gibb - **Hostesses:** Dorris Heaston and Lou Ann Norton

RSVP: Bert Harrifeld

Callers for 2025 2026

A special thank you is being extended to all of the callers for the past year. With 200 members, a lot of callers are needed. Each caller has at least 6 people assigned to her. A few have as many as 10. Thank you, ladies for your time and dedication to making the calls every month. It's been a pleasure working with you this past year. It's made putting the luncheon attendee list together much easier. It's exciting that most, if not all, of the callers will continue for the upcoming year.

The callers are: Pat Bond, Peggy Christ, Sarah Chvala, Monica Clark, Jean Cully, Diane Dobrinska, Amy Feidler, Sally Goff, Sharon Hardage, Bert Harrifeld, Dorris Heaston, Linda Johnson, Vicki Kirchner, Lorraine Kuker, Micki Lehotak, Antonette Lovejoy, Jan Nielsen, Shirley Raleigh, Cheryl Rueb, Karen Saunders, Ann Thomson, Carolyn Will and Marcia Williams.

CARDS

If any of our members need a card of Cheer, Get Well, Congratulations or Sympathy sent, please contact Sue Mehl. She will send a card out to them. Staying connected is extremely important to us.

FACEBOOK

Remember to take pictures of your events and submit them to Margi Vice or Jean Welsh for our private Facebook page. We would like pictures from ALL activities of Metro Women's Club no matter how small.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday - July 14th 11:30 Social 12:00 Buffet Lunch

At: Johnny's Cafe 4702 S 27th Street, Omaha

Please DO NOT call Johnny's Cafe to make or cancel reservations – call: Patricia Thompson, Julie Dunn or Cella Best listed below.

Buffet: Boneless grilled ginger chicken breast, sliced roast beef au jus, scalloped potatoes, Hawaiian green beans, California vegetable mix (broccoli, cauliflower, and carrots), coleslaw, tossed salad with assorted dressing, fresh baked rolls, butter, coffee and ice tea. Cash bar is available.

Cost: \$24.00 per person which includes lunch, taxes and service fee. Cash or Check only. Please have your form of payment ready prior to heading to the cashiers, this makes for a faster check in and gives you more time to socialize before lunch is served.

Members: If you do not receive a call by **July 5th** and wish to attend, please call Patricia, Julie, or Cella. Final guest count is needed by the event center by 10:00 am the morning of July 7th. Must RSVP if you don't want to be turned away at the door.

Cancellations: Any cancellations must be made by **8:00 am on July 7th** or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon. NO EXCEPTIONS

Callers: Please have your attendees names to Cella, Julie or Patricia by 5:00 pm on **July 6th**.

Luncheon co-chairs: Patricia Thompson, Julie Dunn & Cella Best

Program: Ron Hug and 1880 House will speak to us of the origins and history of the Fred Astaire House at 2826 So. 10th Street in Omaha. It should be open to the public soon and he will give us all the details. Keep dancing!

Program co-chairs: Vicki Kirchner & Janice Japp

Members: We love to hear you socializing

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday July 21st 10:00 am

At: Millard Branch Omaha Public Library, 13214 Westwood Lane, Omaha

BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, July 21st 11:30 am

At: Carrabba's Italian Grill 14620 West Maple. Omaha

Chairpersons: Dee Bigge or Donna Pollock

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME EACH MONTH NO MATTER WHEN YOUR BIRTHDAY IS!

GAD-A-BOUTS — HEROES & VILLAINS: THE ART OF THE DISNEY COSTUME - Tuesday July 28th

Channel your inner child with a special guided tour of the Durham Museum's visiting exhibit "HEROES & VILLAINS: THE ART OF THE DISNEY COSTUME." **Tour starts at 10:30 am;** cost is \$13 including museum members. Lunch following at the Museum Soda Fountain (the ice cream treats are delicious). Free parking. Carpoolers meet at Family Fare 144th & Center no later than 10 a.m. Mickey/Minnie headbands welcome 😊 RSVP: Sandy Major

LET'S GO PLACES TRAVEL CLUB

Let's Go Places Travel Club will be going to RIU Palace Antilles in Aruba March 1st - March 7th, 2027. This is an all adult, all inclusive beach front resort. If you are interested in more details please call me. Lou Ann Norton.

LET'S GO PLACES: DAY TRIPS - See additional trips on page 5 and 6

1) The Brown Family Celebrate America Show on July 16 \$145

Join the Brown family for a heartwarming celebration honoring the 250th anniversary of our nation. This lively musical production features a spirited blend of patriotic songs celebrating country, faith, and family. Enjoy a buffet lunch before the show and ice cream at the Wells Visitor Center after the show. Bill set it up so that we won't have to wait in line for the ice cream, they will be ready to serve us. If you are interested in this show, SIGN UP NOW, because it's filling up fast.

2) Czechs & Poles of Central Nebraska on July 21 \$109

Discover the rich ethnic heritage of these two rural communities in Central Nebraska. Enjoy a morning coffee and kolache reception with entertainment in Clarkson. Then Travel to Tarnov for a Polish buffet followed by a tour of a beautiful church and museum. Visit historic Glur's Tavern, open since 1876. Buffalo Bill drank here.

To register for tours, contact Travel Cat Tours at 531-777-2124. Or online at info@travelcattours.com. Registration is due no later than a month before the trip. **When you register make sure you let them know that you are with METRO WOMEN'S CLUB.** He tries to sit us all together.

THE PERSONALS

THINKING OF YOU

Anna Siner - Husband's passing
 Val Kirzmilller - Husband's passing
 Mimi Dryden - Sister's passing
 Barbara Schultz - Illness
 Diane Dobrinska - Back issues
 Peggy Reibold - Grandson's passing
 Cindy Carlson - Fell

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the Von Maur gift card I received as my outgoing President's gift. I will find something special that will remind me of MWC.
 - LouAnn

Thank you to Ben Heaston for paying for lunch at the Gad a bouts event

BIRTHDAY GALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!!

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Yolie Martin		Roberta Courter		Margaret Baier		Barbara Fazzini	
Vicki Kirchner		Doris Toole		Durnae Schuetz		Joyce Brownell	
Sharon Estabrook		Mari Petersen		Shirley Fey		Chris Moats	
Linda Cisar		Jean Farrell		Susan Bochart		Barbara Rowe	

MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST FOR 2026 - 2027

Currently, we have 26 ladies on our Waiting List. If you have questions, please contact me at marcelenelewis2014@gmail.com. Thank you ladies - Marcelene Lewis - Membership / Renewals

WAIT LIST	DATE ADDED	SPONSOR
Pam Epstein	10/24/2025	Barb Bures
Kathy Yakus	10/29/2025	Janet Morhing
Deb Kinzer	10/30/2025	LouAnn Norton
Sue Phibin	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Kathy Powers	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Mary Sporcic	11/18/2025	LouAnn Norton
Shayne Fili	12/1/2025	Denise Shroyer
Dayle Keller	12/17/2025	Dorris Heaston
Nancy Wilson	1/21/2026	Antonette Lovejoy
Sharon Wehling	1/24/2026	Yvonne Durr
Betty Verch	2/3/2026	Judy Mumm
Kathy Laughlin	2/4/2026	Darlene Palmer
Brenda Hammer	2/5/2026	Mary Ellen Anderson
Kay Hothan	2/8/2026	Mary Flodine

DATE ADDED	WAIT LIST	SPONSOR
Tara Granville	2/10/2026	Ginny Vomacka
Mary Gonderinger	3/2/2026	Chris Sagenbrecht
Sally Jane Baldridge	3/2/2026	Dorris Heaston
Ruth Gearhart	3/10/2026	Linda Nelson
Juli-Ann Gasper	3/12/2026	Anna Nelson
Kathy Lehman	3/26/2026	Kay Prater
Mandy Moran	4/7/2026	Durane Schuetz
Rosella Lally	4/8/2026	Sharon Duignan
Kris Kelly	4/8/2026	Sharon Duignan
Amy Earl	4/20/2026	Website
Susan Gottsch	4/24/2026	Darlene Palmer
Jeanne Veenis-Kline	5/27/2026	Sandy Major

SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, July 3rd 6:30 pm Hostess: Denise Shroyer Last Month Results: High Score: Cindy Popp Most Buncos: Shirley Raleigh Low Score: Lou Ann Norton Door Prize: Juanita Hammen Diane Dobrinska	LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, July 10th 11:00 am Hostess: Janis Japp Last Month Results: Most Wins: Nanci Neal Most Buncos: Ann Thomson Most Losses: Denise Swanson Door Prize: Janice Japp Linda Davis	MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, July 15th 9:30 am Hostess: Bert Harrifeld Last Month Results High Score: Lou Ann Norton Most Buncos: Marcelene Lewis Most Losses: Carole Thompson Door Prize: Peggy Reibold Diane Dobrinska
ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday 11:30 am Competition is over this year and will resume in Aug/Sept If you would like to play or learn more, please call Celeste Giery	AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm July 9th & July 23rd Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!! <i>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</i> Sandy Simpson	BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, July 8th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha Last Month Results First Place: Barb Zabelk Second Place: Dianne Young Third Place: Anna Nelson Fourth Place: Celeste Giery <i>If you are a bridge player and want to play, call, text, or email: Anna Nelson</i>
DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday July 6th, 12:00 pm Hostess: Cindy Popp Pat Goodyear	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday July 20th 12:00 pm Hostess: Darlene Gaeta Pat Goodyear	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday July 15th 12:30 pm Hostess: Carolyn Will Pat Goodyear
DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB POTLUCK PALS—3rd Thursday - every other month 12:00 pm A luncheon is not scheduled for July. This group will meet every other month; there are now 6 members. Potluck Pals is now closed. Hostess: Chris Sagenbrecht	BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, July 17th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha Book: GARLIC AND SAPPHIRES Author: Ruth Reichl Juanita Hammen	SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, July 2nd 3:00 - 6:00 Join Social Hour at Corkscrew in Rockbrook on July 2nd at 3:00pm. Delicious appetizers and drinks like their summer sangria Sharon Price or Cyndi Frieling
Imagine Storytellers Imagine's Storytellers met to share and celebrate writers' power of community. Karen regaled us with her story of "First Love," Nanci shared her grandsons' story with "The Day the Superhero Arrived," and Amy celebrated the differences between mother and child with "Not In Sync." Diane read "Tap Dancing – An Unexpected Gift," a truly remarkable story of enduring grief. Quoting, "It is easier to stay alone and tune out. It takes a lot of courage, strength to move when you don't know where you are going." Janis' loveable poem "You Just Never Know...Lasting Impressions in a Fifth-Grade Classroom" will be published in the upcoming book <u>Fine Lines</u>. Mary Lou carried on the tradition of funny oral stories with a tale from a fifty-year class reunion. We so missed our writers Carolyn and Kathy. Jean read a poem she wrote in the 90's "I know an Angel," and "80" a humorous poem written for all her classmates turning 80 this year. Our next gathering will be June 24, 2026. If you are interested in joining a writing group, you would be welcomed. Jean Cully	CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday - July 24th Look for an email on the last Tuesday of the month with the details: location, & time. Suggestions for movies are welcome! Diane Stein or Angela Stoll	SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB 3rd Thursday, July 16th 6:00 PM Home of Doris Helfrich Then on to Amy Robbins Backyard Tour of Doris's beautiful garden and Amy's yard which was on the Monroe Meyer Garden walk last Summer Doris Helfrich



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2026 Tour Schedule

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Spring Tulip Festival Orange City, Iowa



Discover Dutch culture, crafts and cuisine in Orange City, Iowa. Enjoy street scrubbing, Dutch street dancers, Tulip beds, and Dutch style venues. Shop for Dutch souvenirs or taste a variety of Dutch cuisine. Enjoy the Dutch Dozen musical performance.

Day Tour – May 14, 2026
\$131 per person

Trinity Heights & Taste of Iowa



Tour Sponsored by Bellevue Catholic Daughters
Celebrate spring with peaceful visit to Trinity Heights in Sioux City, where blooming gardens and quiet beauty lift the spirit. Sample aronia berry farm products, savor chocolates at Palmers Candy.

Day Tour – May 20, 2026
\$109 per person
Call to register 531-777-2124

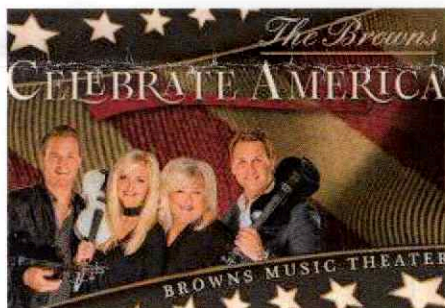
Native American Meal & Dance Exhibition



Discover the traditions of the Santee Sioux Tribe through a Native American meal and dance exhibition. Visit an Amish farm to enjoy homemade pie and buggy ride. Celebrate the area's Czech heritage with kolache reception at beautiful Czech church

Day Tour – June 17, 2026
\$145 per person

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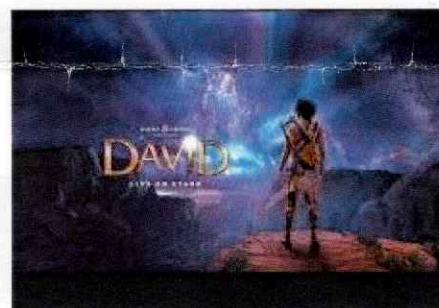
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Day Tour – July 21, 2026
\$109 per person

Branson Shows Including Haygoods & David



Tour includes four shows with premium seats. David at Sight & Sound Theater, Dutton Family, Haygood's, and Branson Belle Showboat. Plus, Titanic Museum, steak & shrimp dinner at Keeter Center restaurant, shopping at Branson Landing, Grand Village Shops & Dicks 5 & 10 store.

Overnight Tour – Sept. 1-4, 2026
\$967 Single / \$799 Double

Door County, Wisconsin & Our Lady of Champion



Tour includes Green Bay's Lambeau Field, Our Lady of Champion Shrine, Cana Lighthouse, Fish Boil dinner, Belgium Heritage Center and much more

Overnight Tour – Sept. 2026
Call for pricing and registration

Custer Buffalo Roundup Rapid City, South Dakota



Tour Sponsored by YMCA Council Bluffs, IA
Tour includes Roundup Arts Festival, Wall Drug, Bear Country USA, Mount Rushmore, Chuckwagon supper & music show & more

Overnight Tour – Sept. 23-26, 2026
Single \$1350 / Double \$1150
Call Lois to register 712-323-5995

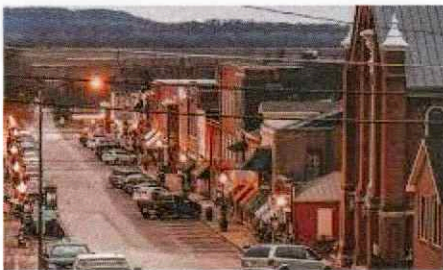
Wisconsin Cranberry Harvest & Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe



Tour includes private Cranberry bog tour, Field of Dreams movie site, Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe, Mississippi Riverboat luncheon cruise and much more.

Overnight Tour – Oct. 6-9, 2026
\$899 Single / \$690 Double

Weston, Missouri Fall Wine & Shopping Tour



Spend a day exploring the historic Missouri riverboat town of Weston, Missouri. The town is well-known for its wineries, unique shops, scenic views and farmer's markets.

Day Tour - October 22, 2026
Pricing to come

Fall Colors in Loess Hills Of Western Iowa



Visit Preparation Canyon scenic overlook, Hitchcock Nature Center, Sawmill Hollow Aronia Berry Farm, Loess Hills Lavender Farm & 1882 Ingemann Danish Church

Day Tour - October 29, 2026
\$100 per person

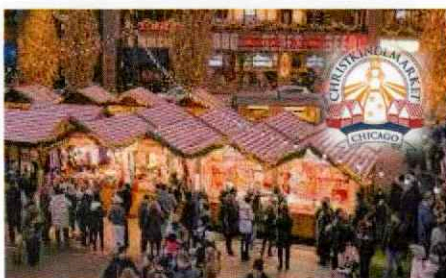
Brown Family Christmas Le Mars, Iowa



Celebrate Christmas with the Brown Family in LeMars, Iowa. Enjoy a holiday buffet before the Branson-style show with festive costumes and high-energy songs.

Day Tour – November 12, 2026
\$149 per person

Chicago Christmas & Polish Neighborhood Tour



Tour includes Christkindlmarket, Macy's Department Store, beautiful Polish churches traditional Chicago cuisine and much more.

Overnight Tour – Nov. 18-21, 2026
Pricing to come

Omaha Symphony Christmas Celebration



Enjoy a steak dinner at Cascio's Steakhouse followed by the Omaha Symphony's Christmas show at the Holland Center.

Day Tour – December 10, 2026
\$155 per person

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Registration deadlines are one month before tour date. A 30-person minimum is required to run tour.



July 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 28	29	30	Jul 1 Evening Bunco	2 Social Hour	3 Walking With the Animals	4
5	6 Noon Delights	7 Marathon Bridge	8 Bridge	9 American MahJong	10 Walking With the Animals	11
12 Social	13	14 Monthly Luncheon	15 Lunch Bunch Morning Bunco	16 Potluck Pals Sweet Peas Garden Club	17 Book Club Walking With the Animals	18
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