



# Metro Women's Club

*Just Between Friends*

## NEWSLETTER

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June 2026

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of Friendship*

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Marcelene Lewis

### **THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I have been honored and blessed to be one of your Co-Presidents the past two years. I have enjoyed visiting with so many of you at Gadabouts, Birthday Bash, Social Hour etc. We are so lucky to be a part of this amazing Club and everything it has to offer. **Lou Ann Norton - Outgoing President**

I have just gotten home from an enjoyable luncheon at Player's Club. I extend my congratulations to Mary Beth Manninger who deservedly received this year's merit award. Membership and Service Awards were also presented and new officers were installed. I am honored to be the next president of the Metro Women's Club. Thank you all for your support as I start my journey as president. I plan to do the best job possible. I am looking forward to a great year ahead. **Fondly, Judy Mumm - Incoming President**

### **2025—2026 CHARITY: CAROLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE**

**DURING THE JUNE LUNCHEON A CHECK FOR \$13,451.46 WILL BE PRESENTED TO CAROLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE**

Thank you to everyone who brought personal items to the May luncheon. Carole's House of Hope was thrilled to receive everything! The items will all be used.

At the June luncheon, a check will be presented to Carole's House of Hope from the Metro Women's Club. The total will be comprised of all the monetary funds collected through the year.

Carole, Jeanette and hopefully a resident will accept our donation.

### **DINE AND DONATE**

Hey MWC friends, with record high temps, we can finally feel like we are headed into the summer of 2026. Please put our next Dine and Donate event front and center on your summer calendar. We will try a new adventure July 9th by dining at the Legacy Chophouse, 17070 Wright Plaza. They will support our newly chosen charity with all MWC meals served from 11am-9pm. Be sure you and your friends let them know that you are there with Metro Women's Club. Let's thank them with a great turnout for either lunch or dinner that day. Looking forward to your faithful support.

### **EARLY RENEWAL**

Our "Early Membership Drive" has ended! The ladies that have not paid their membership dues still have until May 31st to get their membership current. Our Club rules do not allow me to accept late payments. You gals have done a great job in getting your membership paid, Thank you so much for putting up with my heckling and getting your dues paid early. Marcelene Lewis - Membership / Renewals

### **DIRECTORY**

The 2026-2027 is coming along, thank you to those that have paid your membership dues, and verified your information. The 1st proof reading session has been scheduled for June 5th. Hoping to have the new directory to everyone by no later than August.

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Well, another month has quickly flown by, and it's time to start collecting those fabulous items for your Silent Auction Team. We will have a table set up at each luncheon to accept your donations. Or feel free to make arrangements to drop them off at our Silent Auction headquarters at Marcelene Lewis's home. Please remember to put your name on your items, or just mark "anonymous" if you're not interested in any recognition. If you would like more information about becoming a part of our great Team, please call or text Sarah Chvala. Happy summer shopping y'all!

### **2026 MERIT AWARD**

The merit award is given each year to a member who has given us outstanding leadership and service. Merit says that it is based on skill, abilities and achievements. Thank you to those of you that submitted a nomination for the award.

**Congratulations to Mary Beth Manninger**, this year's merit award winner. Mary Beth was nominated by a number of members. That speaks highly of her. She has been a member of the club since 2017. People mentioned her cheery smile and wonderful laugh and how she welcomes people, including at the luncheons. She has served on a number of committees, including chairing the spring game day for 3 years. One nominator mentioned how members brought their own lunches and, then, charged themselves to eat it. Another committee that Mary Beth has served on is the by-laws committee. She served as president from 2022-2024. This was a trying time as the COVID pandemic ended in May 2023. The club was growing by leaps and bounds during her tenure as president. Since being president, she has served as advisor. Thank you, Mary Beth, for your service to Metro Women's Club.

# CLUB BUSINESS

## Officers and Committees for 2026-2027

<b>Executive Board</b>			
President	Judy Mumm		
1st Vice Presidents (Luncheons)	Patricia Thompson	Julie Dunn	Cella Best
2nd Vice Presidents (Programs)	Vicki Kirchner	Janice Japp	
Recording Secretary	Linda Cisar		
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Mehl		
Treasurer	Connie Gibb		
Assistant Treasurer	Pat Bond		
Advisor	Lou Ann Norton		
<b>Committee Chairs (Alphabetically)</b>			
Coffee and Chat	Bert Harrifeld		
Communication Specialist - Emails	Marcelene Lewis		
Directory	Denise Shroyer		
Facebook Administrator	Margi Vice	Jean Welsh	
Hospitality	Sharon Duignan	Ann Thomson	
Luncheon Greeters	Margi Vice	Mary Morss	
Membership / Renewals	Marcelene Lewis		
Newsletter Circulation	Julie Dunn		
Newsletter Editor	Lorraine Mines		
Website Editor	Lorraine Mines		
<b>Socials and Special Events (Alphabetically)</b>			
Charity Selection	Geri Backora	Shirley Fey	Cyndi Stastny
Christmas Exchange	Shirley Raleigh	Deborah Merritt Jones	
Fashion Show	Mary Ellen Anderson		
Silent Auction	Sarah Chvala		
Socials	Mary Beth Manninger	Diane Scheppers	
Spring Social and Game Day	Patricia Thompson	Mary Ellen Anderson	
<b>Special Interest Activities (Alphabetically)</b>			
American Mah Jongg	Sandy Simpson		
Birthday Bash	Dee Bigge	Donna Pollack	
Book Club	Juanita Hammen		
Bridge 2nd Wednesday	Anna Nelson		
Bridge Marathon	Celeste Giery		
Bunco - Morning and Evening	Diane Dobrinska		
Bunco - Lunch time	Linda Davis		
Cinema Chicks	Diane Stein	Angela Stoll	
Dine and Donate	Sarah Chvala	Juanita Hammen	
Dining Inn - Delights, Divas, Brunch	Pat Goodyear		
Dining Inn - Pot Luck Pals	Chris Sagenbrecht		
Gad-a-bouts	Dorris Heaston	Sandy Major	
Sweet Peas Garden Club	Doris Helfrich		
Golf	Roberta Couter		
Imagine - Creative Writing	Jean Cully		
Travel - Day Trips	Cindy Carlson		
Travel - Group Trips	Lou Ann Norton		
Pop Can Tabs	Margi Vice		
Social Hour	Cindy Frieling	Sharon Price	
Walk With The Animals - Zoo Walk	Lorraine Mines		

Updated: 05/19/2026

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday - June 9th 11:30 Social 12:00 Lunch

**At:** Arbor Hall, 14040 Arbor St, Omaha, NE

Please DO NOT call Arbor Hall to make or cancel reservations – call: Patricia Thompson, Julie Dunn or Cella Best listed below.

**Menu:** Mini burgers with toppings, pulled pork, mac and cheese, coleslaw, watermelon. Coffee, tea, and water. Ice cream bar with toppings (Vanilla ice cream) Cash Bar Available

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person includes taxes, tip and venue. Cash or Check only, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS.

Please have your form of payment ready prior to heading to the cashiers, this makes for a faster check in and gives you time to socialize before lunch is served.

**Members:** All members will be contacted by their caller. If you are not called by Tuesday, June 2nd please call Patricia Thompson, Julie Dunn or Cella Best. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller the guest's name. If you do not receive a call by Tuesday June 3rd and wish to attend, please call Patricia Thompson, Julie Dunn or Cella Best. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller your guest's name. Must RSVP if you don't want to be turned away at the door. Thank you.

**Cancellations:** Must be called in to Patricia, Julie, or Cella no later than noon on Wednesday, June 3rd. If you make a reservation, you will be responsible for payment in full, no cancellation will be accepted after Noon on Wednesday June 4th. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Callers: Please have your attendees' count to Julie, Patricia, or Cella — Reservation deadline is Tuesday, June 2nd.

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

Program: Charity check presentation and indoor picnic for making new friends and just relaxing!

Program co-chairs: Vicki Kirchner & Janice Japp

**Members: We love to hear you socializing**

## BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday June 16th 10:00 am

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

## BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, June 16th 11:30 am

**At:** Fernando's Mexican Restaurant 380 N114th St, Omaha

**Chairpersons:** Dee Bigge 4 or Donna Pollock

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

## GAD-A-BOUTS — It's All About Ashland - Tuesday June 23rd

Plan to arrive in Ashland about 11 am to allow time to browse the interesting shops along Silver Street and beyond. Pay attention to points of interest in preparation for a version of "20 Questions about Ashland" while enjoying **lunch at Glacial Till Cider House & Tasting Room, 1419 Silver Street, at 12:00 pm.** Enjoy the cider and wine tasting - the main attraction at Glacial Till. Carpoolers meet at Family Fare, 144th & Center at 10:30 am. Contact Dorris Heaston

## JULY SOCIAL - July 12th at 1:00 pm

**A DAY AT THE RACES!** Join us on Sunday, July 12th at 1:00 for a fun day at **HORSEMAN'S PARK** for **LIVE RACING** (6303 Q St). We have 20 seats reserved in the Clubhouse at \$10.00 each. The clubhouse will be lanyard access only which Diane Scheppers and Mary Beth Manninger will hand out at the entrance to the clubhouse. Please contact Mary Beth Manninger with your RSVP by Wednesday, July 8th. **ADDED BONUS!** We will be joined by Jockeying Judy who will teach us how to read a racing form and how to place a wager. This is a sure bet for a great day.

## 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.

## 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 Lou Ann Norton.

## LET'S GO PLACES: DAY TRIPS

### 1) Native American Meal and Dance Exhibition on June 17. \$145

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.

### 2) 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.

### 3) 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](mailto: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

Monica Clark - Hospitalization  
 Cheryl Rueb - Infection  
 Cheryl Rueb - Surgery  
 Dorris Heaston - Back Surgery  
 Cella Best - Lung Surgery  
 Joyce Blume - Hospitalization

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Carol Bauer - Passed away April 30th  
 Rae Cacioppo - Passed away April 28th

# BIRTHDAY GALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!!

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Shirley Puls		Mary Ellen Anderson		Becky Moats		Angela Stoll	
Joyce Bluhm		Juanita Hammen		Sue Chevalier		Cindy Carlson	
Nancy Goodwin		Valerie Kirzmilller		Doris Helfrich		Jan Johnson	
June Schlegelmilch		Nanci Neal		JoAnn Good		Linda Svatora	

# DIRECTORY UPDATES

MEMBER	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL
Linda Van Dyke	Updated		
Carole Thompson	Updated		
Diane Morris	Updated		Updated
Pat Goodyear	Updated		

# MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST FOR 2026 - 2027

Currently, we have 38 ladies on our Waiting List. We do have 8 confirmed spots open and 13 other ladies that have not paid their dues yet, but they have until May 31st to be current. I will begin with the first ladies on the list beginning the first part of June. If you are sponsoring one of the ladies that are at the beginning of the list you may want to inform them that I will be calling them during first part of June. If you have questions, please contact me. Thank you ladies - Marcelene Lewis - Membership / Renewals

WAIT LIST	DATE ADDED	SPONSOR
Shawn McCarville	5/13/2025	Project Pink
Colleen Haack	6/20/2025	Juanita Hammen
Dianne Amandus	7/15/2025	Sharon Price
Cheryl Henkenius	7/18/2025	Linda Flora
Jill Reisch	7/18/2025	Linda Flora
Jane Hagebush	8/6/2025	Darlene Palmer
Ellen Lake	8/15/2025	Past member
Joan Miller	8/30/2025	Darlene Palmer
Gale Spatz	9/21/2025	Web page
Becky Stephanie	10/6/2025	Web page
Sandy Hite	10/6/2025	Cindy Popp
Connie Davis	10/15/2025	Silent Auction
Cheril Comiser	10/17/2025	S.Chevalier
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

DATE ADDED	WAIT LIST	SPONSOR
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
Tara Granville	2/10/2026	Ginny Vomacka
Mary Gonderinger	3/2/2026	Chris Sagenbrecht
Sally Jane Baldrige	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

# SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EVENING BUNCO</b> 1st Wednesday, June 3rd 6:30 pm <b>Hostess:</b> Connie Gibb</p> <p><b>Last Month Results:</b> High Score: Sharon Duignan Most Buncos: Janice Japp Low Score: Peggy Reibold Door Prize: Lou Ann Norton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUNCH TIME BUNCO</b> 2nd Friday, June 12th 11:00 am <b>Hostess:</b> Cella Best</p> <p><b>Last Month Results:</b> Most Wins: Rich Davis Most Buncos: Janice Japp Most Losses: Carolyn Silva Door Prize: Ann Thomson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Linda Davis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MORNING BUNCO</b> 3rd Wednesday, June 17th 9:30 am <b>Hostess:</b> Shirley Raleigh</p> <p><b>Last Month Results</b> High Score: Diane Dobrinska Most Buncos: Shirley Raleigh Most Losses: Lou Ann Norton Door Prize: Patricia Thompson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diane Dobrinska</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE</b> 1st Tuesday 11:30 am Competition is over this year and will resume in Aug/Sept</p> <p>If you would like to play or learn more, please call Celeste Giery</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AMERICAN MAHJONGG</b> 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm June 11th &amp; June 25th <b>Converge Church</b> <b>14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</b></p> <p>Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandy Simpson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BRIDGE</b> 2nd Wednesday, June 10th 11:00 am <b>Zio's Pizzeria</b> <b>12997 West Center Road, Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Last Month Results</b> First Place: Monica Clark Second Place: Marilyn Conner Third Place: Carole Thompson Fourth Place: Margaret Baier</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>If you are a bridge player and want to play, call, text, or email: Anna Nelson</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS</b>—1st Monday June 1st, 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Chris Sagenbrecht</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pat Goodyear</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS</b>—3rd Monday June 15th 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Sharon Price</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pat Goodyear</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH</b>—3rd Wednesday June 17th 12:30 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Pat Goodyear</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pat Goodyear</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB POTLUCK PALS</b>—3rd Thursday June 18th 12:00 pm</p> <p>Starting in June group will meet every other month since there are only five in the group.</p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Janice Japp</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOOK CLUB</b> <b>Friday, June 26th 9:30 am</b> <b>Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library</b> <b>5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Book:</b> TATOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ <b>Author:</b> Heather Morris</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Juanita Hammen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOCIAL HOUR</b> 1st Thursday, June 4th 3:00 -6:00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Beyond Golf - Back Patio</b> <b>12040 McDermott Plz, La Vista</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sharon Price and Cyndi Frieling</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Imagine Storytellers</b></p> <p><b>Imagine's Storytellers</b> met on April 22, 2026 to celebrate the power of writing and the spoken word. Kathy read "Trip to Katsina, Part II" telling of her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday when her family drove eight-hundred-miles in Nigeria to attend the festival of Durbar. Kathy's recall and detail are amazing plus she brought pictures to help with our enjoyment of her story. Mary Lou read "This Buds for You" a poem of the magic of sunshine and flowers. Janis provided an update on her children's book, "Little Lamb." Jean read "Forever in Blue Jeans" that celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and second year of poetry. Karen reported she is working on a story about her grandmother and Carolyn promised we would soon enjoy more of her clever ditties (short poems). The Spring edition of <u>Fine Lines</u> by David and Yolie Martin will include poetry by Janis and Jean. We will look forward to our next time together on May 27, 2026 at Jean's home. If you are interested in joining a writing group or would like to hear some of the Storytellers read their work call Jean Cully.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CINEMA CHICKS</b> 4th Friday - June 26th</p> <p>Look for an email on the last Tuesday of the month with the details: location, &amp; time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Suggestions for movies are welcome!</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diane Stein and Angela Stoll</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB</b> 3rd Thursday, June 18th 6:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Home of Rob (Landscape)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tour of Rob's beautiful garden</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doris Helfrich</p>

# June 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 31	Jun 1 Noon Delights	2 Marathon Bridge	3 Evening Bunco	4 Social Hour	5 Walking With the Animals	6
7	8	9 Monthly Luncheon	10 Bridge	11 American MahJong	12 Lunch Time Bunco Walking With the Animals	13
14	15 Dining Divas	16 Birthday Bash Board Meeting	17 Lunch Bunch Morning Bunco	18 Potluck Pals Sweet Peas Garden Club	19 Walking With the Animals	20
21	22	23 Gad-a-bouts	24 Imagine Storytellers	25 American MahJong	26 Book Club Cinema Chicks Walking With the Animals	27
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