



Metro Women's Club

Just Between Friends

NEWSLETTER

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April 2025

Extend the Hand of
Friendship

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Well Spring has finally arrived! Spring Social and Game Day has come and gone and what a great success it was. Jean Cully and her team completely outdid themselves. In a few weeks we will see trendsetting Spring Styles from Dillard's at our Fashion Show. Stay tuned-always something new and exciting at MWC. *LouAnn*

EARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BEGINS

We will be accepting your membership dues at our Fashion Show, Tuesday, April 8th, Dues are \$30.00. There will be a table setup where you can pay your dues and we will also be verifying your contact information for our Directory. Checks should only be for your dues to avoid confusion. You have until May 31st to pay your membership. Payments received on or after June 1st will be denied and your name will be put on a waitlist. No exceptions. So let's get those dues paid and enjoy the rest of the year without worry. If you will not be attending the Fashion Show mail your check Payable to MWC for \$30.00 to: Marcelene Lewis.

MERIT AWARD

Once a year we recognize a fellow member of our club for their dedication and leadership with the Merit Award. We appreciate the special things that each and every one of you bring to our club and now ask your help in recognizing members who you feel are deserving of this year's Merit Award. Please give this some thought and submit in writing the name of the member and a brief description of their accomplishments to Karen Saunders or Carolyn Will. The list of past recipients of the award is found in the membership directory. Please submit your nominations by April 9th.

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY

Our theme for **Spring Social and Game Day** was Planting the Seeds of Friendship, and **Friendship** it was for all 127 members and guests who came to make it a spectacular day. The committee would like to thank everyone who helped make Metro Women's Club Spring Social and Game Day a huge success. A great SHOUT OUT to Arbor Hall's Molly and Rachel for their yummy food, organizational help and a beautiful event center to enjoy. They go above and beyond to make our event successful.

Thank you – you are more than the beautiful flowers that make our world brighter, you provide all the beauty of flowers with your gifts of participation, service, and monetary donations for our charity. Lois L. Koufman said, "Plant a seed of friendship, reap a bouquet of happiness," All of you have provided hope for women dealing with breast cancer and helped by **Project Pink'd**.

38 members, plus 22 businesses donated over 130 raffle items plus 15 bid choices were provided for the event. **\$5,570.11** was made from your raffle ticket purchases, bid items and monetary donations. Member Mary Beth Manninger was the lucky winner of the plant basket containing the \$100 which stretched across the front of the room as she unrolled the \$1 bills. She then donated the money by draping them over Shawn from Project Pink'd. **Thank you** everyone for donating money and prizes, buying raffle tickets, and of course coming to eat, socialize and play games; But especially "thanks to you" for all you do in our club.

We had a fantastic committee who made things fun. They worked well together to gather prizes, to help at the planning meetings, they came up with great ideas and took time to gather and make prizes, paint stemware, plus they setup and decorated for the event. Jean Cully says **Thank You** to the committee members, true flowers in our club: Mary Ellen Anderson, Geri Backora, Rosemary Bliss, Karlene Currier, Barb Fazzini, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter and Tricia Weathers.

Plans are in the works for 2026's Spring Social and Game Day – join us on March 10, 2026.

CARDS

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

MEMBERSHIP

Please help us keep our membership information up to date! If you have moved, changed your email address or phone number, you can let us know by completing "Change of Address" section on the Metro Women's Club website. The following link will take you directly to the form. www.metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address If you have any questions, please contact Marcelene Lewis. Thank you!

For more information
regarding
Metro Women's Club
please call:
Marcelene Lewis
New Membership/
Renewals Director

DIRECTORY

Ladies, please check 2024-2025 Directory and see if your information is correct, if it's not and you haven't contact Marcelene yet, please do so now. We have been advised of many incorrect addresses and/or phone #s, or birthday, some have been corrected in the NEW CONTACT INFORMATION OR CORRECTIONS area on Page 4.

FACEBOOK

Reminder you must be a paid member of Metro Women's Club. Unpaid members will be removed!

No questions asked! Members remember to take pictures of your events and submit them to Darlene Gaeta for our private Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Gaeta or Margi Vice.

CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Pop can tabs have had a big increase this last month which is awesome. Thank you all that contributed. Please continue to contribute.

Chairperson: Margi Vice

IMAGINE

Plato said, "Poetry is nearer to vital truth than history." Our writers outdid themselves this month with sharing their first poems written. Mary Lou Jambor read, "Contentment" and "Quiet." "Quiet" described her experience at the memorial of the Oklahoma bombing, it brought us all to tears. More tears were shed as Karen Saunders shared a new "Car Pool Conversation" of youth's trauma from prejudice. Janice Keim amazed us with her reading in heartwarming dialect "Gifts of Love" from her newest book A Story Poem Sampler, Of Things We Pass On. Kathy Benoit-Raynor read "The Plan" a view of God's plan with questioning our fate if "woman had been created first." Amy Fiedler wrote a poem about the effort of revamping her legal needs. She reported her next work will be titled, "I'm a Neat-freak Wannabe." Jean Cully read, "Faux Pas" and shared writing ideas from a recent workshop. We missed Kelli Barager, but she recently read a new poem at an open mike with music. We hope Nanci Neal will soon be able to return to our writers' group with better health. Our time together is shared camaraderie with tears and laughter; we miss our members when they are not present. Whether prose or poetry our group is excellent at sharing their stories and their recorded words to be passed on to the next generation.

Imagine's next meeting is on March 26, 2025. If anyone would like to join a new writer's group, please call Jean Cully.

EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2025-2026

CO-PRESIDENTS: Lou Ann Norton and Rosemary Bliss

1st CO-VICE PRESIDENTS—LUNCHEONS: Deann Zens, Julie Dunn and Cella Best

2nd CO-VICE PRESIDENTS—PROGRAMS: Mary Ellen Anderson and Peggy Christ

RECORDING SECRETARY: Linda Cisar

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Linda Nelson

TREASURER: Connie Gibb

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Pat Bond

ADVISOR: Mary Beth Manninger

CHARITY SELECTIONS CHOICES FOR 2025-2026

(more information to be emailed prior to the April 8th Luncheon-watch your email)

CAROLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE—<https://www.caroleshouseofhope.org>

OMAHA BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY—<https://omabop.org>

THE SET ME FREE PROJECT—<https://www.setmefreeproject.net>

Ladies, these 3 charities have been selected by the MWC Board, and you will be asked to vote at the April 8th Luncheon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2025

COFFEE & CHAT—TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday, April 8th 11:00 am SOCIAL 12:00 pm LUNCH

At: DC Center, 11830 Stonegate Drive, Omaha

DO NOT call DC Center to make or cancel reservations. Call Karen or Carolyn listed below.

MEMBERS and GUESTS are cordially invited to the MWC Annual Fashion Show on April 8th. Models inspired by Dillard's fashions!

MENU: Scrumptious plated meal! Luncheon will be American blend tossed salad with dressing, carved top choice slow roasted baron of beef with au jus and golden chicken cordon blue, cheesy twice baked potatoes, green bean almandine, warm apple cobbler, iced or hot tea and coffee. Cash Bar 11:00 am—1:00 pm

Luncheon and Fashion Show Cost: \$28.00 per person admission includes lunch, taxes, tip and fashion show (cash or check only)

Members: If you do not receive a call by **Noon on Monday, MARCH 24th** and wish to attend, please call Karen Saunders or Carolyn Will. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller your guest's name.

Callers: Please have your attendees' count to Karen or Carolyn by **Noon on Monday, MARCH 24th**

Cancellations: If you make a reservation, you will be responsible for payment in full, no cancellation will be accepted after **MARCH 24th. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR PHONE. THANK YOU

Reminder: Membership table will be available for renewals. Please have your check made out to MWC for \$30.00 or exact cash amount. Be prepared to verify your address, phone #s and email address. Thank you for being prepared.

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday April 22nd 10:00 am

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR PHONE. THANK YOU

Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Socials and Special Events Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairperson are expected to have their information to Denise Shroyer for the newsletter the **Friday prior to the board meeting**. If you are scheduled to report, please be at the board meeting. If unable to attend please call LouAnn or Rosemary. Information needs to be to Denise Shroyer and Linda Cisar the Friday prior to the board meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation.

BIRTHDAY BASH— CANCELLED FOR APRIL! WE WILL CELEBRATE APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS IN MAY.

Birthday Bash Chairperson: Chris Sagenbrecht

GAD-A-BOUNTS — 4th Tuesday April 22nd 10:30 am PLEASE RSVP

Celebrate Earth Day, April 22, 2025, with earth's earliest inhabitants (the dinosaurs) at Prehistoric Putt, 2500 S. 120th Street, formerly Nobbie's. Meet at 10:30 am for any one of 4 miniature golf courses, virtual reality laser tag, and/or arcade games. Follow with lunch in their full bar and kitchen. Plenty of free parking available. No carpooling. Miniature golf \$12 plus tax/18 holes.

Contact Dorris Heaston to attend. **SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME!**

Dorris Heaston & Sandy Major—co-chairs

SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB—Everyone is welcome!

We have 2 opportunities to enjoy Spring flowers later this month.

Lauritzen Garden's Spring Flowering Walk. Thousands of Spring flowering bulbs, trees and shrubs. **Friday, APRIL 25th.** Admission free for members, Seniors \$13. Meet at the Conagra Cafe at 11:00 am. Self guided tour at Noon.

Nelson Produce Farm first ever Tulip Festival. April 26th-28th. Watch your email for information and dates as soon as published.

BIRTHDAY GALs

04/02 Cindy Frieling

04/02 Karen Jackson

04/08 Linda Albracht

04/08 Ann Thomson

04/09 Cindy Popp

04/12 Sharon Davison

04/16 Margi Vice

04/21 Jean Cully

04/24 Kathryn Gannon

04/25 Roberta (Bert) Harrifeld

04/26 Pam Ross

04/28 Margaret Bartek

04/30 Margo Juarez

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY, TO THESE TWO SPECIAL ANGELS. WE LOST THESE TWO LOVELY LADIES THIS YEAR!

04/20 Linda Etherton

04/20 Marian Pierce

FUTURE EVENTS

April 2025

COFFEE & CHAT—TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th

MERIT AWARDS—Nominations due by APRIL 9th (See page 1 for more information)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, MERIT AWARD, SERVICE PINS—MAY 2025

LET'S GO PLACES

AUGUST 2025 -

BERMUDA - 7 day cruise from Boston to this beautiful island, Aug 15-22, 3 days at sea, 3 days living on the cruise ship and enjoying the beach and sites during the day. Very reasonable at \$2000, interior cabin, all meals included, airfare. Upgrade on cabin will increase price. CALL Barb Bures. APRIL 17 FINAL DEADLINE

SEPTEMBER 2025 -

National Parks... Fly into Phoenix, board motor coach for 7 days, staying in Grand Canyon, Lake Powell resort, and others, enjoying the beautiful nature that these parks offer. We fly home from Las Vegas, so an additional day may be of interest to some. Total cost of motor coach, lodging, insurance, all breakfasts and 2 dinners, and airfare, approximately \$2500. Airfare is a roller coaster. If you are interested, its not too early to sign up! \$429 down payment plus cost of insurance is due at sign up, final payment July 28th. We can also find best airfare later in the spring. CALL BARB BURES

May 21 – WILLA CATHER AND THE NEBRASKA PRAIRIE--\$125 Per person

Travel to Red Cloud to tour sites related to Nebraska author Willa Cather

June 11 – JERSEY BOYS AT THE NEW THEATRE IN KC-\$159 per person

Floor seats close to stage. Stop at Browne's Irish Marketplace after show. *We currently have 8 seats left for Jersey Boys on June 11th. Once those seats are filled, we will start taking reservations for June 18th. If you are interested in going on June 11th, please let me know asap.*

July 22 – LEAVENWORTH, FIRST CITY OF KANSAS-\$120 per person

Ride a 1913 carousel and learn about Federal Prison and Fort Leavenworth

August 21 – OH, MY IOWA SHOW WITH BROWN FAMILY-\$127 per person

Musical tribute to songs and artists of Iowa. Brown Century Theatre in Le Mars, Iowa

October 15 – NEBRASKA CITY APPLES & FALL COLORS -\$105 per person

Orchard wagon ride, winery and folk-art museum

To register for tours, contact Travel Cat Tours 531-777-2124 info@travelcattours.com

Travel Club—Co-chairs: Cece Carlson & Cindy Carlson

SILENT AUCTION INVITATION

Metro Women's Club ladies,

We hope that many of you were able to enjoy the fabulous Game Day festivities on March 11th. What a wonderful job the committee did. With spring holidays and summer trips just around the corner, your Silent Auction committee would like to invite you to watch for those terrific sale items and regional finds from your travels that you would enjoy gifting to our next big charity fund raiser. We've already begun collecting and welcome items large or small. We're excited about our proposed theme, and will be sharing that soon. Enjoy your upcoming spring/summer days.

THE PERSONALS

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Karen Lidstrand -Fell
Judy Mumm -Brother's passing
Lori Briggs -Memorial Husband's passing
Linda Etherton Family-Sympathy, Memorial

THANK YOU


Dearest Members of MWC. My sincere thanks for the prayers, cards, memorial, and messages of comfort I received following Bill's passing. This has been a very difficult time and your support means the world to me. *Lori Briggs*

Marian Pierce's Family—Thank you for Memorial
Linda Etherton's Family—Thank you for Memorial

MEMBERS (200) Our current membership is 200 lovely ladies. We also have 26 ladies on our waiting list. We will start calling the waiting list, when we determine how many of our current members have not renewed their membership. Calling will start right after May 31st. We can only invite ladies on the waiting list to fill our membership roles back to the 200 membership level. For those of you that have friends that are on the waiting list, please be patient, we will start calling as soon as we know how many slots are available. If your friend is called, they will be sent a membership application via email and have one week to return the application along with a check for \$30.00.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

April 2025

<p>EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, April 2nd 6:30pm</p> <p>Hostess: LouAnn Norton</p> <p><i>March Cancelled due to Weather</i></p> <p>Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p>LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, April 11th 11:00 am</p> <p>Hostess: Ann Thomson</p> <p><i>Results from March</i> Most Wins: Deborah Jones Most Buncos: Deborah Jones Most Losses: Sharon Davison Door Prize: Denise Swanson</p> <p>Linda Davis</p>	<p>DAYTIME BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, April 16th 9:30 am</p> <p>Hostess: Cindy Carlson</p> <p><i>March Cancelled due to Weather</i></p> <p>Diane Dobrinska</p>
<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, April 1st 11:30 am</p> <p>Red Lobster at Oakview Center & 140th</p> <p><i>Results from March</i> Barb Zabel - Marilyn Conner - 3300 Margaret Baier - Luanne Colbert - 3280 Mary Lou Jambor - Mary Beth Manninger - 2840</p> <p>Any questions, please call Celeste Giery</p>	<p>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB <i>Everyone is welcome!</i></p> <p>We have 2 opportunities to enjoy Spring flowers later this month.</p> <p>Please see page 3 under Calendar of Events for more information.</p> <p>Patricia Thompson</p>	<p>BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, April 9th 11:00 am</p> <p>Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha</p> <p><i>March Cancelled due to Weather</i></p> <p>If you are interested in playing please contact: Anna Nelson</p>
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday April 7th 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Pat Goodyear</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday April 21st 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday April 16th 12:30 pm</p> <p>Hostess: TBD Ladies your hostess will contact you Watch your email and/or text messages</p>
<p>BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, April 18th 9:30 am</p> <p>Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p>Book: THE PAPER PALACE Author: Miranda Crowley Heller</p> <p>Questions: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>WALKING WITH THE ANIMALS Every Friday all year round</p> <p>Morning walk at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Walking club members check in at 7:30 AM during the summer months and 8:30 AM during the winter. Must be a Zoo Member!</p> <p>Contact: Lorraine Mines</p>	<p>SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, April 3rd 3:00 pm</p> <p>The Stokin' Goat 15805 W. Maple Rd, Omaha</p> <p>Please no saving seats! Chance to meet and have fun with your fellow members! You never know who you might meet!</p> <p>Chairperson: Darlene Palmer</p>
<p>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP 4th Wednesday, April 23rd</p> <p>Chairperson: Jean Cully</p> <p>If anyone would like to join a new writer's group, please call Jean Cully</p>	 <p>HAPPY SPRING!</p>	<p>GAD-A-BOUTS 4th Tuesday, April 22nd 10:30 am</p> <p>PREHISTORIC PUTT 2500 S. 120th Street, Omaha</p> <p>See Page 3 for more information</p>
<p>CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday, April 25th</p> <p>Watch your emails that week for movie choice, theater & lunch location. The movie schedules for any Friday are usually posted Tuesday or Wednesday of a given week.</p> <p>Any questions, text or call Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd & 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm April 10th & 24th</p> <p>Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</p> <p>Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p><i>Reminder if cancelled due to weather we'll meet at the next scheduled day, no makeups!</i></p> <p><i>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</i></p> <p>Sandy Simpson</p>	<p>PROCEDURES FOR FORMING A NEW METRO WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify President(s) • Post on Facebook and in the Newsletter with contact information for interested members to call • Determine place, time, how often, cost and all other relevant information • Notify President(s) when you are ready to present to the Board and you will be added to the Board Meeting Agenda



You are cordially invited to
MWC ANNUAL FASHION
SHOW on APRIL 8th

Our lovely models will be wearing the latest fashions from Dillard's

Time: 11:00 am Social hour, 12:00 pm Lunch served

Where: DC Center, 11830 Stonegate Drive, Omaha, NE 68164

*Plated Menu: American blend tossed salad with dressing, carved top
choice slow roasted baron of beef with au jus and golden chicken
cordon blue, cheesy twice baked potatoes, green beans almandine,
warm apple cobbler, iced or hot tea and coffee.*



*The "Little Black Dress" Committee welcomes you to a day filled
with fun, food and fashion!!*

Susan Mehl, Cindy Popp, Kay Porter



Photo Courtesy of The Willa Cather Foundation
Collections & Archives at the National Willa Cather
Center in Red Cloud, Nebraska

Willa Cather & the Nebraska Prairie

May 21, 2025

Spend the day discovering the life and works of Willa Cather, one of Nebraska's most famous and cherished authors. Explore the small town of Red Cloud which inspired her writings. Experience the beauty of an untamed prairie when the wild flowers are blooming in the month of May.

Suggested reading of *My Antonia* before the tour

Today we travel to Red Cloud, Nebraska. Willa Cather's memories of Red Cloud and its people inspired six of her twelve novels and many of her most beloved short stories. Cather spent her childhood in this small railroad town which today is the largest living memorial to an author in the country. Upon arrival, we will visit the National Willa Cather Center. The center will give us an opportunity to learn more about Cather's life and work through exhibits. The center also contains a bookstore and gift shop.

The Willa Cather Foundation has preserved many of the sites associated with Cather's literature, and we will tour four of the historic sites in downtown Red Cloud. Our first site is the childhood home of Willa Cather. This restored home contains many family artifacts including furniture, prints, and family photographs. Upstairs is young Willa's small attic bedroom. Cather wallpapered this room herself and the rose colored wallpaper is still there. The room was also the inspiration for the bedroom of fictional character, Thea Kronborg, in *The Song of the Lark*. We will also visit the 1888 Farmers and Merchants Bank and the 1885 Red Cloud Opera House where we will enjoy a box lunch.

After lunch, we will drive by the Burlington Depot and J.L. Miner House. The Miner house was described in *My Antonia* where Antonia worked. This afternoon we will leave the community of Red Cloud and journey to the wild prairie countryside that inspired her writings. A local guide will take us to the Willa Cather Memorial Prairie. The site is a botanical treasure consisting of 612 acres of never-been-plowed native prairie.



Wednesday, May 21, 2025

7:30 am - 7:30 pm \$125 per person

Register online at www.travelcattours.com or at the
Lakeside Hills Apartments Office





APRIL 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Marathon Bridge	2 Evening Bunco	3 Social Hour	4 Zoo Walking	5
6	7 Noon Delights	8 Monthly Luncheon	9 Bridge Merit Award Nominees due today	10 Mah Jongg	11 Zoo Walk Lunchtime Bunco	12 Information Due for the May Newsletter
13	14 Dining Divas	15 Board Meeting	16 Daytime Bunco Lunch Bunch	17	18 Zoo Walk Book Club	19
20	21	22 Gad-A-Bouts	23 Imagine Writing Group	24 Mah Jongg	25 Zoo Walk Cinema Chicks Lauritzen Garden	26
27	28	29	30			