



Metro Women's Club

Just Between Friends

NEWSLETTER

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March 2026

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone!

Can you believe this unseasonal weather we've been having? I definitely have no complaints and will cherish every sunny day we get. Our Club has been extremely busy with upcoming activities! Our Spring Social and Game Day is less than a month away. Do get your reservations in quickly!

Also, both the Budget Committee and the Nominating Committee have been working hard for all of us. Their labors and accomplishments will be presented for approval to the Board in March and published in the March Newsletter. Please review them both! Voting to accept both will take place at the April Luncheon and Style Show. We appreciate all of you and what you do for our Club!

Please take some time also to reflect on nominating an individual for this year's Merit Award. The 1st VP's will be accepting your suggestions. We have SO many deserving ladies among us!

"Come Fly With Us" on March 20th at Arbor Hall for our next big Fundraiser and Game Day! See you soon!

Rosemary Bliss

2025—2026 CHARITY: CAROLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE **\$8,230 has been raised so far!!**

Carole's House of Hope has been invited to join us for Game Day. We look forward to their participation. Below is another testimonial from a resident.

'All started when I messed up and I was sanctioned to jail, next thing you know I never got out. Went to court thinking I'm going to Carole's House since they wanted to give me a chance. Judge said nope. I went to prison thinking "I lost my chance at Carole's House of Hope, where will I go? I'm pregnant." Well, that thought was wrong, they saved my spot. I got out thinking can I make it, will I not like it there? Well sooner or later I made it to Carole's House, found out the rules. I hated them at first, I was very disrespectful, didn't follow the rules. They pulled my curfew. I was mad but it's to help me, and focus. Also, I eventually told myself "they are good people, I could be in prison suffering without my child, but this place saved me from that happening." I then changed and was more responsible and respectful, they deserved it. Now I'm 5 months in Carole's House of Hope with my newborn daughter. I came back with so much support and gave me a lot of resources. They also have stuff/baby supplies that they have given me. Carole's House gives you diapers also, once a month. Made a mistake, went to jail for a week and they saved my spot STILL! They are good people at heart, they just want to help you succeed in life. What I'm saying is Carole's seems tough at first but if I can do it, anyone can do it.'

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY

You **do not** have to play a game, **join a talking table**. Our theme is "**Come Fly with Us.**" It is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, play games, and support our charity, **Carole's House of Hope**. Additional details on page 2

EARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

The Club will begin our membership campaign at the Spring Game Day Luncheon, March 10th. 2026—2027 membership dues will be **\$35** and are payable up until May 31st. To make life more convenient, we will have a table setup at the Luncheons in March, April and May for you to pay your dues. Don't procrastinate, get it done and off your lists of to-do's. Marcelene Lewis—Membership / Renewals

DINE AND DONATE

A big thank you to all who were able to support our Dine and Donate event at Texas Roadhouse last January 22nd. We were able to add **\$68.63** to our growing gift to Carol's House of Hope.

Now, for all of you who have been asking "when are we going back to Porky Butts BBQ", here is your answer: Tuesday, March 24th! This is a major Dine and Donate event for Carol's House of Hope, because Porky Butts generously donates 10% of all proceeds from 4-8pm that day, dine-in or takeout! We can return the favor and thank them for their generosity, all while enjoying some mouth-watering BBQ! Add it to your calendar, and we'll see you on **Tuesday, March 24th, at Porky Butts BBQ, just north of 156th and Maple.**

Extend the Hand of Friendship

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

DIRECTORY

It's that time of the year again ladies that we are updating MWC Directory, please double check your information, if it is not correct please fill out the change of address, etc on our website: www.metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address. Any questions, please contact Denise Shroyer.

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2026—2027

The Nominating Committee is in search of a few good women to join the board and lead the following activities that will not happen until the Spring of 2027. A minimum 2-year commitment is requested.

Fashion Show - a one and done annually, a team to lead this very popular event will have guidance and support from previous leaders and members. Volunteer to chair/co-chair this and have some fun! There are already 2 volunteers to work on the committee with you!!!

Spring Social/Game Day - another one and done. This is an opportunity to form a team and get help from previous team members. New leadership can bring new and different ideas.

These options are a wonderful way to meet new people and keep Metro energized. Nominating Committee members are standing by for your call!!!

Dorris Heaston , Deborah Merritt Jones, Jean Welsh

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 Cella Best, Julie Dunn or Patricia Thompson. A list of past recipients is available in the membership directory.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday - March 10, 2026 Doors open at 10:30 am - lunch at 11:30 am

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

Just a few days to get in your Reservations and Payment – **last day for reservations February 28, 2026**. Join us for the annual Spring Social and Game Day! Our theme is "Come Fly With Us." It is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, play games, and support our charity, Carole's House of Hope.

You will not be called by your callers, you need to call or mail in reservation with your payment by February 28th.

Menu: Taco Bar featuring beef and pulled chicken. Includes Tea, Coffee, dessert and a bar—guests can purchase wine or mixed drinks

Cost: \$25.00 per person which includes lunch, taxes and service fee - Cash or Check only, **Must be paid in advance prior to February 28th**. Reserve your table or individual spot soon! Forms are available in this newsletter and at luncheons. If you want to sign up and don't feel you can mail it to Jean Cully in time, call to make arrangements.

Members: If you have not paid for your luncheon the deadline is February 28, 2026. Call Jean Cully if you need further information or need to state your *money is in the mail*. **No Cancellations after February 28, 2026**.

Program: This is your opportunity to enjoy each other's company and talk or talk and play games. Raffle numbers will be drawn and read throughout the afternoon.

Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$10, or 3 for \$25. All proceeds will go to Carole's House of Hope. Thank you for your generous support through donations and business contributions—your kindness helps us grow together in friendship and community!

-Chairperson Jean Cully, Co-chairs: Co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson, Geri Backora, Rosemary Bliss, Karlene Currier, Barb Fazzini, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Kay Prater, and Tricia Weathers.

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday March 17th 10:00 am

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

BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, March 17th 20th 11:30 am

At: Zio’s Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha 402-330-1444

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

GAD-A-BOUTS — Last Tuesday, March 24th 11:15 am.

Let’s combine forces with Metro Women’s Club Dine’n’ Donate on Tuesday March 24th for their dinner at Porky Butts, 15475 Ruffles St, 68116. Beat the crowd at 4:30 p.m. and we’ll gather as a group. Enjoy good food, camaraderie and help raise funds for Carol’s House of Hope. Contact Dorris Heaston, dhheaston@ gmail.com, or 605-351-0528

FASHION SHOW— “Garden Tea Party” Tuesday, April 14th—See page 8 for additional details

The Little Black Dress Fashion Show Committee is needing your help! If you have a favorite scone or tea bread recipe, please share it with Sue Mehl. Thank you!

FACEBOOK

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

CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Ladies, Pop can tabs are slowing down but summer is just getting started please continue to save your tabs, anything aluminum, for the Ronald McDonald House. Margi Vice is collecting them.

THE PERSONALS

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Janice Miller	Sister Passing
Pat Goodyear	Hospitalization
Lou Ann Norton	Knee Surgery
Sandy Hammond	Fell
Jean Culley	Illness
Sharon Duignan	Brother In Law Passing
Cella Best	Surgery

THANK YOU

“Thank you so much for all the cards, texts and phone calls during my recent knee replacement surgery. I am truly blessed to have such wonderful MWC friends.” **LouAnn Norton**

“Thank you for the many birthday cards and well wishes from my friends in MWC. You are the greatest” **Pat Goodyear**

DIRECTORY UPDATES

MEMBERS	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
Dee Bigge		updated	
Jan Johnson	updated		
Vicki Riley			updated
Margi Vice			updated
Marcelene Lewis		updated	

MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST FOR 2026

Hello Ladies. We have added five additional ladies to our waiting list in January. **We will begin our early membership renewal campaign at the Spring Game day event. There will be a table set up for you to pay your membership dues.** All dues must be pay by May 31st. Any late payers will not be accepted. To avoid late payment we will have a table set up for March, April and May luncheons . If you have a friend that would like to Join Metro Women’s please send me an email with your friends name and contact information, including a phone number. We will only be admitting new members again after May 31st 2026 but you certainly can get their name on the list. Note: We can only add new members to fill our membership rolls back to 200 members. If you have any questions please email me. marcelenelewis2014@gmail.com Marcelene Lewis—Membership / Renewals

Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By	Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By
Shawn McCarville	05/13/2025	Project Pink'd	Cheril Comiser	10/17/2025	Sue Chavalier
Jeanette Bonaventura	06/08/2025	Deann Zens	Pam Epstein	10/24/2025	Barb Bures
Denise Tharp	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Kathy Yakas	10/29/2025	Janet Mohring
Chris Gilmore	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Deb Kinzer	10/30/2025	Lou Ann Norton
Colleen Haack	06/20/2025	Jaunita Hammen	Sue Philbin	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Dianne Armandus	07/15/2025	Sharon Price	Kathy Powers	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Cheryl Henkenius	07/18/2025	Linda Flora	Mary Sporcic	11/18/2025	Lou Ann Norton
Jill Reisch	07/18/2025	Linda Flora	Shayne Fili	12/01/2025	Denise Shroyer
Jane Hagebush	08/06/2025	Darlene Palmer	Dayle Keller	12/17/2025	Dorris Heaston
Ellen Lake	08/15/2025	Past Member	Sharon Welling	01/24/2026	Yvonne Durr
Joan Miller	08/30/2025	Darlene Palmer	Betty Verch	02/03/2026	Judy Mumm
Gale Spatz	08/30/2025	Website	Kathy Laughlin	02/04/2026	Darlene Palmer
Becky Stephanie	10/09/2025	Website	Brenda Hammer	02/05/2026	Mary Ellen Anderson
Sandy Hite	10/09/2025	Cindy Popp	Kay Hothan	02/08/2026	Mary Flodine
Connie Davis	10/14/2025	Website	Tara Granville	02/10/2026	Ginny Vomacka

BIRTHDAY GALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date
Cheryl Rueb		Annie Sedlacek		Linda M. Johnson		Karen Lidstrand	
Becky Waldron		JoAnn Goethe		JoAnn Wellsandt		Lorraine Mines	
Sheri Dunbar		Stephanie L. Griger		Nancy Marks		Mary Ellen Eglseder	
Linda Dawes		Sharon Price		Janis Keim		Sandy Erickson	

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

<p style="text-align: center;">EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, March 4th 6:30pm Hostess: Doris Helfrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February Results: High Score: Lou Ann Norton Most Buncos: Peggy Reibold Low Score: Doris Helfrich Door Prize: Cindy Popp</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, March 13th 11:00 am Hostess: Patricia Thompson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">December Results: Most Wins: Deborah Jones Most Buncos: Janice Japp Most Losses: Cella Best Door Prize: Margi Vice</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Linda Davis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, March 18th 9:30 am Hostess: Deborah Jones</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February Results Most Wins: Peggy Reibold Most Buncos: Diane Dobrinska Low Score: Patricia Thompson Door Prize: Darlene Gaeta</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diane Dobrinska</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, March 3rd 11:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Oakview Red Lobster 2707 S 140th St, Omaha</p> <p>February Results will be posted when everyone has played</p> <p>If you can't come, make sure you find a sub or set up another date when you can play. If you would like to play or learn more, please call Celeste Giery</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm March 12th & March 26th Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</p> <p>Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandy Simpson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, March 11th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February Results First Place: Monica Clark Second Place: Dianne Young Third Place: Marilyn Conner</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;">DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday March 2nd 12:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hostess: Bert Harrifeld</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pat Goodyear</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday March 16th 12:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hostess: Judy Mumm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pat Goodyear</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday March 18th 12:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hostess: Doris Helfrich</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pat Goodyear</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB POTLUCK PALS—3rd Thursday March 19th 12:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hostess: Yolie Martin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, March 20th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Book: THE MEASURE Author: Nikki Erlick Treats: Vicki Kirchner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Juanita Hammen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, March 5th 3:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rusty Nail 14210 Pierce St, Omaha</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doris Helfrich</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">IMAGINE STORYTELLERS 4th Wednesday, February 25th Hostess: Jean Cully</p> <p>Storytellers met on January 28, 2026, we welcomed Diane Morris into our group, she shared her newest work "My favorite sound." A delightful reading with a surprise at the end. Janis brought wonderful treats and asked for input on her "Little Lamb" children's book. We were thrilled to help our fellow writer and are looking forward to seeing it published. Carolyn was gracious enough to arrive early and help me get things ready plus she encouraged us all with our Prose or Poetry. French playwright Moliere said, "Anything that is not prose is verse and what is not verse is prose." Hence the lines are blurred between them. Karen read her story of "A Life of Crime" such fun. Amy regaled us with her poem, "New Year's Eve." We missed Kathy, Mary Lou and Nanci; Kathy was learning new things about taxes and the other two are in Arizona and Mexico soaking up the sun. Jean read three new poems she plans to publish in a new Chapbook. Our next time together will be on February 25, 2026 at Jean's home. If you are interested in joining a writing group call Jean Cully.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday March 27th</p> <p>Look for an email the last Tuesday of the month with the details: movie, location, & time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Suggestions for movies are welcome!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diane Stein or Angela Stoll</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB 3rd Thursday</p> <p>Meetings to begin in April</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doris Helfrich</p>



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SPRINGSOCIAL&GAME DAY
A day of **Socializing, Raffles and Games!**



Come Fly with Us

Love without friendship is like a kite, aloft only when the winds are favorable. Friendship is what gives love its wings.

Sherry Thomas

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Arbor Hall, 14040 Arbor Street, Omaha NE

10:30 AM Welcome with Cash Bar – **11:30 Lunch** (new time) – 12:00 Cards/Games

Admission: \$25 for Lunch: Taco bar(chicken/beef) w/ dessert, coffee, tea – tax/tip included.

Raffle Tickets will be available on Game Day - Cost \$10 each or 3 for \$25 - cash/check only.

Proceeds go to **Carole's House of Hope. Carole's House of Hope (CHH)** began in 2011, a transitional living program where women and their children could thrive. Their goal was to begin to meet the needs of homeless women and children, particularly the unique needs of young women who found themselves homeless after emancipating from foster care. In 2014, they opened the doors of **CHH** and began this new chapter of serving young adults and children.

All reservations are to be paid in advance. Include money for you and your attendees with this form. We will seat you together. Remember to invite friends!

Any individual may sign up on her own, just sign up and send the money prior to the deadline.

We will seat you with other individuals to join in the fun.

The deadline for reservations is February 28, 2026.

Individual Attendee:	Game Likes:
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Metro Women's Club

Serving the Metro Community

Re: 2025/2026 Fundraiser request for **Carole's House of Hope**:

To: _____ . The Metro Women's Club is organized for social and charitable causes, including the making of contributions to charitable organizations and/or participation in promotional support of community, civic and service projects. We began over 50 years ago and are currently a club of 200 members.

Every year, Metro Women's Club sponsors fundraising events in support of a local charity. This year, we have selected **Carole's House of Hope (CHH)**. CHH began in 2011, a transitional living program where women and their children could thrive. Their goal was to begin to meet the needs of homeless women and children, particularly the unique needs of young women who found themselves homeless after emancipating from foster care. In 2014, they opened the doors of **CHH** and began this new chapter of serving young adults and children.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Metro Women's Club will conduct our Annual Spring Social and Game Day. Raffle tickets sold at this event will raise money for **Carole's House of Hope**. All funds raised will be contributed to **Carole's House of Hope**. We are asking for your support in the form of gift certificate(s), merchandise, or monetary donation.

We realize you receive many requests for assistance and deeply appreciate any contribution you may make to Metro Women's Club for our fundraiser. We are accepting donations up until March 5, 2026. Thank you in advance for your donation to help make Spring Social and Game Day a successful fundraiser for **Carole's House of Hope**.

Sincerely,

Jean Cully

Jean Cully, Chairman

Co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson, Geri Backora, Rosemary Bliss, Karlene Currier, Barb Fazzini, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Kay Prater, and Tricia Weathers.

Deliver or Mail to: Jean Cully

Member soliciting above business: _____

Save the Date!!!

April 14th 2026

*MWC Annual Fashion Show
"Garden Party"*

Tiburon Golf Club

Menu:

**Spring Green Salad
Stuffed Roast Beef
Chicken Portofino
Whipped Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Cash Bar Available
Surprise Goodies!!!
Cost: \$34.00**

Our MWC models will be wearing fashions from Scheels, J. Jill and Evereve

Send scone or tea bread recipes to Sue Mehl

March 2026

April 2026						
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