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I hope everyone is enjoying the break from the extreme heat. I know I have liked the cooler days. I will be traveling to South Carolina to visit family. I am sure that the weather will be very hot and humid there. Consequently I will not be able to attend the luncheon this month. I know it will be very enjoyable and the speaker is great.

It was so good to see such a good turnout at our welcoming coffee. The food was great and we had lots of fun visiting. We all shared our names and things we liked about Metro. I enjoyed meeting some of our new members and I hope they find some fun things to join. Thank you Connie Gibb for opening up your home and Dorris Heaston and LouAnn Norton for providing the delicious food.

I am looking forward to our gadabouts tour later this month to the new Omaha library. Dorris tells me there is lots of interest.

We hope you are all enjoying the last days of summer. I can't believe that the kiddos will soon be back in school. Time surely does fly!

See you soon. Judy Mumm

2026 - 2027 CHARITY SELECTION VOTING

Your Charity Selection Committee presented summaries for six charity ideas to Board members at its August meeting. Board members narrowed those to three charity ideas from which MWC members can select. Please review the charity summaries presented in this newsletter (pages 3 and 4) before the September luncheon. Member voting will take place at the September luncheon with the results announced at that time.

If you are unable to attend in September and want to vote, please contact any committee member before the luncheon. This MUST be received before the luncheon to be counted.

Shirley Fey, Geri Backora and Cyndi Stastny

SILENT AUCTION

MWC Ladies, Thanks so much for the items your Silent Auction Team received at the luncheon last Tuesday. We really like to acknowledge your gifts to us, but would appreciate even an anonymous tag with your donations if you prefer. This tag is found in this newsletter.

Believe it or not, there is just one more luncheon before the Silent Auction on October 13th. We would be happy to pick up any treasures you have discovered in your shopping travels. Still need ideas? How about something for parties, fall, Halloween, Christmas, outdoors, birthdays, kids, spa, pets, jewelry, sports? One item makes a difference. And the sooner the better. Call Sarah Chvala to arrange for pick up.

And you cooks and bakers...we would appreciate you letting us know that you are planning on donating something delicious this year. We're headed into end of summer canning. Get your creative juices flowing.

Your SA Team thanks for all your support! Stay cool and safe.

NEW ACTIVITY GROUP - POTLUCK PALS 2

At the Coffee & Chat last week, there was interest in starting a new lunch group. The current **Potluck Pals** (which is closed) meets every other month, and each person contributes to the lunch. The hostess provides the entree and drinks, and others bring salad, vegetable dish, dessert, etc.

The first group loves that not anyone person prepares the entire meal. Getting 6-8 ladies for a new group is ideal; you can make it as casual or stepping it up any way you like. For new members, this is a great way to meet people in a small setting, and a way of getting involved. Please contact **Chris Sagenbrecht** by calling or texting if interested. The many ladies who are already in a lunch group, love it!

DIRECTORY

Thank you to all who have picked up your 2026-2027 MWC directory. Please be sure to pick yours up at the September Luncheon or have a friend pick it up. If you would like yours prior, please contact Denise Shroyer to pick it up at her home. **They will not be mailed this year.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday - September 8th 11:30 Social 12:00 Buffet Served

AT: Villa Aletta 4714 N 120TH St, Omaha, NE 68164

DO NOT call Hall to make or cancel reservations. Call or text Julie.

MENU: Buffet- Bow Tie Chicken Alfredo, Cheese Tortellini Marinara, Dinner Salad with Ranch and Italian Dressing, Dinner Roll
There will be a family pan of gluten free Penne Marinara for dietary restrictions. Coffee, tea, lemonade and water.
Guests can purchase glasses of wine during the event

Luncheon Cost: \$25.00 per person all inclusive (cash or check only please)

MEMBERS: All members will be contacted by their caller. If you are not called by Monday, August 31st **please call or text Julie Dunn as the other Vice Presidents will be out of town.** If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller the guest's name.

CALLERS: Please have your attendees' count in by 5:00 on August 31th. — Reservation deadline to social hall is Tuesday morning, September 1st. If you make a reservation, you will be responsible for payment in full, no cancellation will be accepted after 5:00 pm September 1st - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Luncheon Co-chairpersons: Julie Dunn and Cella Best

PROGRAM: Ken Gruber is with Rapid Response. Rapid Response is a non-profit organization founded by members of the churches of Omaha in early 2000 in response to the increasing number of natural and man-made disasters around the world. It is comprised of all volunteers who must finance their portion of the trip and often time have to use vacation time to assist. Ken will share their work and adventures with us.

Program co-chairs: Vicki Kirchner & Janice Japp

Members: We love to hear you socializing

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday - September 15th 10:00 am

At: W. Clarke Swanson Branch Omaha Public Library, 9101 W Dodge Rd, Omaha

BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, September 15th 11:30 am

At: Chili's Bar and Grill 3202 S 143rd Plaza, Omaha

Chairpersons: Dee Bigge or Donna Pollock

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

GAD-A-BOOTS — 4th Tuesday - September 22nd

Visit the International Quilt Museum, 1523 N. 33rd St, Lincoln NE 68583 at 10:30 am. Guided tour begins at 11 a.m. **Cost \$6 pp – cash please** so we can make one payment. There is a special display of quilts honoring America's 250th birthday. Lunch following (approximately 12:30 p.m.) at Lazlo's 210 N. 7th Street (Haymarket District) 68508. Carpoolers meet no later than 9:30 am at **DIFFERENT LOCATION** Sapp Brothers, 9905 Sapp Brothers Drive, Omaha 68138. Park in the north parking area by the restaurant. RSVP Dorris Heaston

Due to the overwhelming response to August Gadabouts and a limit placed by the library, **AN ADDITIONAL TOUR TO THE OMAHA CENTRAL LIBRARY HAS BEEN ADDED—** Tuesday, September 29th, 1:30 p.m. Lunch to be determined based on group size. No carpooling. RSVP Dorris Heaston.

Ideas for 2027 welcome. Thanks for all your participation and support!

Dorris Heaston & Sandy Major

SAVE THE DATE -DECEMBER 1st - FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE 2026

It's time to begin your SHOPPING for some of the following:

- ▷ That perfect sweet gift.
- ▷ Any treasure you would like to share
- ▷ The useful gift for the home
- ▷ Some special Holiday decor
- ▷ A thing for Holiday fun & games
- ▷ Remember thinking outside the box is always a hit.

Most important be creative the price is \$20.00 so watch the sales and stretch that dollar.

So go have some fun and don't stress just use all your Holiday Spirit and enjoy the hunt for that perfect gift. It's only 4 months away. More info on the big day will be announced soon. It's a very special day for our members of Metro Women's Club with food and games. YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE COMMITTEE - IS VERY EXCITED TO BEGIN OUR PLANNING. We will be shopping for treasures too!!

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.

We have had interest in a trip to Vancouver Island. If this interests you please let me know - Lou Ann Norton

LET'S GO PLACES: DAY TRIPS

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.

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

Facebook needs more pictures from ALL activities please. Any member in our Facebook group can now post pictures from any Metro Women's Club group or activity. New members can be added to the group by texting Margi Vice

THE PERSONALS

THINKING OF YOU

Sandie Hite - Gallbladder Surgery
Mary Lou Jambor - Ill
Margo Juarez - Breast Cancer
Mary Sweetman - Back Procedure
Marcelene Lewis - Feline companion, Dudley passing
Nanci Neal - Feel better soon
Kay Porter - Husband's Surgery
Connie Gibb - Hospitalization
Linda Floro - Surgery

THANK YOU

"Although I've only been a member for about a year it hasn't taken long to feel the warmth and love in that group. At one of our first luncheons, I met another woman who had just lost her husband, following circumstances that I was just going through then. She offered her support and I felt very reassured. Just the boost I needed. Please let the group know that their donation is really appreciated. It will be divided between the Knights of Columbus and Rheumatology Research Foundation. - Love and Gratitude" - Anna Siner

"Thank you to all my Metro friends for all the prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent surgery" - Pat Goodyear

PAST MEMBER UPDATE

For those members that remember Jerri Cone, she has moved to the Saunders Home in Wahoo at 1313 N Hackberry St #30, Wahoo, NE 68066

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Barbara Schlutz passed away on July 22, 2026

2026 CHARITY SELECTIONS

LIVE WELL DRESS WELL

Established: September 2025; not funded by federal government. Have applied for grants but were considered too new to be considered.

Mission: Designed to help individuals prepare for interviews and professional settings by providing access to gently used business attire.

Service Area: Douglas and Sarpy Counties, NE; Iowa

Overview: Live Well Dress Well partners with other non-profits for added visibility and accessibility. They have a four person staff (2 full time and 2 part time).

Their biggest obstacle at this time is visibility. The charity is currently located at 9910 N 48th Street, which is very far north. The end of 2026 goal is to purchase a mobile van and hire an additional person to operate it. This would provide better service for individuals who face transportation issues.

As of our meeting with them in June, a trailer had been donated, which will need to be outfitted with racks, storage units, etc.

MWC Potential Funds Allocation: ...possibly relocate to a more centralized location for increased accessibility and expansion (looking at space in the Center Mall (42nd and Center). ...procure laundry equipment for cleaning clothes that are donated. Longer range to potentially provide affordable and accessible laundromat for their clients.

CAROLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE

Established: 2011; no federal funds

Mission: Provide transitional living for young women and mothers who have aged out of foster care or are experiencing homelessness.

Service Area: Omaha metro area

Overview: Carole's House of Hope helps young women and mothers achieve self-sufficiency through life skills training, financial literacy, parenting education and mental health support in a safe, home-like environment. The organization offers a structured program with resources to build stable living environments and independent futures for participants and their children.

MWC Potential Funds Allocation: ...update the building – provide overhead lighting for each room and build and install closet systems to give more storage space without sacrificing room space. At this time each room has one dresser and a small closet which is not enough especially for a mom with one or two children and all their belongings.

2026 CHARITY SELECTIONS - contd

SANTA MONICA HOUSE

Established: 1972 – based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

Mission: To provide continuum of services that empowers women to live productively drug and alcohol free.

Service Area: Omaha, all of Nebraska and the Council Bluffs Area

Overview: Santa Monica has been the only gender specific service of its kind in the metro area providing a holistic long term 3-step residential half-way house treatment program that utilizes evidence-based practices to partner with women on their journey to recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. The women are provided a structured program that includes group therapy, education and life skills learning, cognitive behavioral techniques, relapse prevention, anger management and art therapies and strategies to build healthy relationships. The women are required to complete the halfway program before moving to the ¾ house (established in 2016) for a minimum three month commitment and/or supported Transitional Living Apartments (established in 2018). Once the women transition out, they are required to maintain employment and all financial responsibilities. They are provided with recovery support to aid in their new lives.

MWC Potential Funds Allocation: ...assistance with basic household needs, toiletries, feminine products, etc. ...bus passes essential for commuting to and from work...furnishings and household items provided in the Transitional Living Apartments to be taken when the program is completed. Santa Monica then refurbishes the apartment for the next resident.

MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST FOR 2026 - 2027

Below is our current Waiting List for 2027. If you have a friend that would like to join Metro Women's Club please email me their name and contact information and I will add them to our list - Marcelene Lewis - Membership / Renewals

WAIT LIST	DATE ADDED	SPONSOR
Sue Phibin	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Kathy Powers	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Mary Sporic	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
Tara Granville	2/10/2026	Ginny Vomacka
Mary Gonderinger	3/2/2026	Chris Sagenbrecht

WAIT LIST	DATE ADDED	SPONSOR
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
Jeanne Veenis-Kline	5/27/2026	Sandy Major
Patti Schnittgrund	7/13/2026	Cleo Nienaber
Candy Junior	7/14/2026	Denise Swanson

Membership Directory Updates

MEMBER	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
June Schlegelmilch	Updated		
Lorraine Mines			Updated
Pat Goodyear		Updated	

SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, September 2nd 6:30 pm Hostess: Diane Dobrinska Last Month Results: High Score: Carolyn Will Most Buncos: Shirley Raleigh Low Score: Deann Zens Door Prize: Paizlyn Blockmore Diane Dobrinska	LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, September 11th 11:00 am Hostess: Sue Mehl Last Month Results: Most Wins: Janice Japp Most Buncos: Cheryl Rueb Most Losses: Sue Mehl Door Prize: Cella Best Linda Davis	MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, September 16th 9:30 am Hostess: Lou Ann Norton Last Month Results High Score: Juanita Hammen Most Buncos: Darlene Gaeta Most Losses: Shirley Raleigh Door Prize: Cindy Carlson Diane Dobrinska
ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, September 1st 11:30 am Starting September 1st at 11:30 Red Lobster - Oakview (Meeting NE corner of restaurant) Call Celeste Giery if you need more information.	AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm September 10th & September 24th 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, September 9th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha Last Month Results First Place: Monica Clark Second Place: Dorris Heaston Third Place: Sandy House <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 September 14th 12:00 pm Hostess: Bert Harrifeld Pat Goodyear	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday September 21st 12:00 pm Hostess: Linda Nelson Pat Goodyear	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday September 16th 12:30 pm Hostess: Doris Helfrich Pat Goodyear
DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB POTLUCK PALS—3rd Thursday - every other month No luncheon event for September Chris Sagenbrecht	BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, September 18th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha Book: THE BRIAR CLUB Author: Kate Quinn Juanita Hammen	SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, September 3rd, 3:00 - 5:00 Firebirds 17415 Chicago St, Omaha Village Point No reservations needed Just come and make new friends Sharon Price or Cyndi Frieling
Imagine Storytellers Imagine's Storytellers met at the home of Karen who also provided yummy treats and a wonderful story of her grandmother's challenges of life and tragedies in the early 1900's. Nanci read her tribute to the joys of squash from her very own garden and Kathy's story began: "If Paris as an elementary student was magical, London for my Junior High and beginning High School years was intoxicating." Jean read "Passage of Time" and a poem to her future self. Together we celebrated life and the joy of writing and sharing with one other. Our next meeting is August 26, 2026. If you are interested in writing and would like to join a group, please call Jean Cully	CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday - September 25th Look for an email on the last Tuesday of the month with the details: location, & time. <i>Suggestions for movies are welcome!</i> Diane Stein or Angela Stoll	SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB 3rd Thursday, September 17th 10:00 AM Polina Gardens 13th and Pacific, Omaha The new city garden put in by Lauritzen Gardens, meet there at 10 AM. We can stop for coffee after the tour! We will carpool from Family Fare on 144th and Center at 9:30 AM. If you want to drive on your own, we will meet you at Polina Gardens at 10 AM. Doris Helfrich

BIRTHDAY GALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!!

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Linda Van Dyke		Joan Miller		Anna Nelson		Mary Egan	
Kathryn Allen		CeCe Carlson		Diane Dobrinska		Kay Subbert	
Shirley Raleigh		Jacque Bandiera		Karla Smith		Linda Nelson	
Sue Temme		Micki Lehotak		Vicki Riley		Ginny Vomacka	
Janice Miller		Connie Davis		Sharon Hardage		LouAnn Norton	
Mary Beth Manninger		Sandra Hammond		Cella Best		Dee Bigge	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 30	31	Sep 1 Marathon Bridge	2 Evening Bunco	3 Social Hour	4 Walking With the Animals	5
6	7 Noon Delights	8 Monthly Luncheon	9 Bridge	10 American MahJong	11 Lunch Bunco Walking With the Animals	12
13	14	15 Birthday Bash Board Meeting	16 Lunch Bunch Morning Bunco	17 Potluck Pals Sweet Peas Garden Club	18 Book Club Walking With the Animals	19
20	21 Dining Divas	22 Gad-a-bouts	23 Imagine Storytellers	24 American MahJong	25 Cinema Chicks Walking With the Animals	26
27	28	29 Gad-a-bouts - Special Library Tour	30	Oct 1	2	3