



# Metro Women's Club

*Just Between Friends*

## NEWSLETTER

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December 2025

Extend the Hand of  
Friendship

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LouAnn Norton

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Julie Dunn  
Cella Best

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

Well here we are once again with the holidays right around the corner. Thanksgiving is a great time, of course, to appreciate our blessings. I look around at our luncheons and various MWC events and realize how thankful I am for the many friends I have met through MWC. What a great group of ladies we are! I am so looking forward to our Christmas Gift Exchange Party coming soon. This is an event guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit. Hope you all have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving.  
LouAnn

### **2025—2026 Charity: Carole's House of Hope \$8,230 has been raised so far!!**

Carole Kinlow, founder and CEO of Carole's House of Hope, was honored with the 2025 Mother of the Year Award by the American Mother's Association in May of 2025. Carole and her husband have 6 children, 20 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Carole's House of Hope utilizes the Eight Dimensions of Wellness Model, that focusses on eight categories or dimensions; Social, Occupational, Spiritual, Physical, Emotional, Intellectual, Environmental and Financial. By applying the model, each participant becomes more aware of the connection between each dimension and how they contribute to healthy living. This holistic model explains: How a person contributes to their environment and community, and how to build better living spaces and social networks.

#### **Social:**

How a person contributes to their environment and community, and how to build better living spaces and social networks

#### **Occupational:**

The enrichment of life through work, and its connections to living and playing

#### **Spiritual:**

The development of belief systems, values and creating a world-view

#### **Physical:**

The benefits of regular physical activity, healthy eating habits, strength and vitality as well as personal responsibility, self-care and when to seek medical attention

#### **Emotional:**

Self-esteem, self-control, and determination as a sense of direction

#### **Intellectual:**

Creative and stimulating mental activities, and sharing your gifts with others

#### **Environmental:**

Good health by occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support well-being

#### **Financial:**

Recognizing creative abilities and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills

The courses, groups and activities offered at CHH are geared toward addressing participant identified goals in each of the Eight Dimensions of Wellness. Each participant is required to complete assessments that allow the staff to determine what courses and activities would be most beneficial in helping this young lady reach her goals.

### **DINE AND DONATE**

MWC ladies, start your new year's calendar with a return trip to our friends at Texas Roadhouse at 156th and Dodge St. on January 22, 2026! Always a great meal on a cold winter day. See page 6 for additional details.

### **SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY**

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

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

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

## 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](http://www.metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address) If you have any questions, please contact Marcelene Lewis. Thank you!

## 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.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday December 9th 11:30 am SOCIAL 12:00pm LUNCH

**At:** Players Club, 12101 Deer Creek Dr, Omaha

Please do not call the golf course to make reservations, or to cancel reservation – call: Patricia Thompson, Julie Dunn or Cella Best

### MENU:

- Baked Assorted Pastries, Danishes, and Muffins
- Scrambled Eggs
- Breakfast Potatoes
- Bacon and Sausage Links
- Biscuits and Sausage Gravy
- Cheesy Grits
- Sliced Fresh Fruit

Breakfast will include freshly brewed coffee, orange juice, and water.

The bar will be open for guests to purchase alcoholic beverages. **Please note that Deer Creek is a cashless facility.**

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person which includes lunch, taxes and service fee

**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 more time to socialize before lunch is served.

**Members:** If you do not receive a call by Dec 1st and wish to attend, please call Patricia, Julie or Cella. Final guest count is needed by the event center by afternoon of Dec 2nd. 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.

**Cancellations:** Any cancellations must be made by **December 3rd**, or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon. NO EXCEPTIONS

**Callers:** Please have your attendees choices to Cella, Julie or Patricia by **noon on December 2nd**

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

**Program:** The Sarpy Serenaders Barbershop Chorus will serenade our Christmas luncheon.

Program co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson & Peggy Christ

**Salvation Army Donation:** We will be passing "The Hat" for our annual Salvation Army donation. It sure beats ringing a bell in the cold. **Bring your checkbook or cash, You may write your check directly to "Salvation Army".**

## BOARD MEETING 2nd Tuesday December 9th \*\*Note the Schedule change

**Immediately following the December Luncheon at Players Club—12101 Deer Creek Dr, Omaha**

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

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

**There will not be a Birthday Bash lunch in December. However, we will celebrate December and January birthdays in January.**

Sign up at the Social Noon Luncheon, or call/text Judy Mumm or Dee Bigge to attend or cancel

## GAD-A-BOOTS — Last Tuesday 10:00 am.

October was the final Gad-a-bouts for 2025. See you in 2026. Thanks for your support!

# FUTURE EVENTS

## HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

**Tuesday, December 2nd**

**St Elizabeth Ann Church**

**5419 N 114th St (114th and Fort St)**

Doors Open at 11:30 AM, Social and Snacking at 12:00 PM, Exchange Game at 1:00 PM

1. Gift for Exchange \$20.00
2. Bring a Sweet Treat or Savory dish to share.
3. Remember to Relax, talk, eat, laugh and be ready to play the FAST exciting gift exchange game.
4. Feel free to exchange your treats with a friend or please take home your leftovers and plates.
5. Thank you for your support and willingness to help with cleanup. PLEASE just clean up your table by tossing the tablecloth and dishes.
6. If you have any questions or HAVE NOT SIGNED UP YET CALL OR TEXT: **SHIRLEY RALEIGH or DEBORAH JONES**

Special thanks to our committee;

Chris Sagenbrecht, Roselyn Stick, LouAnn Norton, Bert Harrifeld and Juanita Hammen. They really are the best team ever.

We all thank everyone that has offered their extra assistance. A special thanks to Sally and Mary Ellen.

## LET'S GO PLACES

**Chairperson:** Barb Bures

## LET'S GO PLACES (DAY TRIPS)

No day trips for the remainder of 2025

**Travel Club Chairperson:** Cindy Carlson

# NEW ACTIVITY GROUP

## 4TH LUNCH GROUP IS A GO!

Ladies, we now have enough members (5) to form a new monthly lunch group. There is room for 3 more, if you're interested. The ladies in this new group are Yolie Martin, Helene Lohman, Mary Sweetman, Margo Juarez and Sue Selde. These are all friendly members, and all are looking forward to being part of a lunch group. We are having a meeting on December 12th, 1:30, at my house to organize. Give me a call if you'd like to join us.

Chris Sagenbrecht

# CHANGES TO MWC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## **METRO WOMAN'S CLUB COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST**

For some time now we have had a member providing email reminders and notifications to club members. The member, Barb Bures, graciously volunteered for the position but was never provided guidelines. Listed below are the guidelines for utilizing MWC's Communication Specialist.

- ◇ All mass emails or must be approved by the President(s)
- ◇ Only a Board Member or Committee Chair can request an email
- ◇ The email to be sent should not be something previously announced in the MWC's newsletter
- ◇ Emails should be completely written and forwarded to the Email Communicator with instructions as to who should receive the email (all members or just Board Members and Committee Chairs) and when.
- ◇ Call or Text the Communications Specialist to confirm that the email was received.
- ◇ Types of information sent out in mass emails to members or committee chairs:
  - ⇒ Changes to announcements made in the newsletter (time and date changes or corrections)
  - ⇒ Activities not announced in the newsletter such as Cinema Chicks
  - ⇒ Reminders for fundraisers
  - ⇒ Announcements for deaths and/or funeral arrangements for current or past club members and families
  - ⇒ Emergency Announcements such as those that are weather related

Marcelene Lewis has volunteered to take over this post. Please send requests to Marcelene Lewis. Emails from the Communications Specialist will come from Metro Women's Club. Please don't reply one of these emails as it is not set up for replies nor will it be monitored. If you have any questions about the email reach out to the member who requested the notification.

## THE PERSONALS

### THINKING ABOUT YOU

Yolie Martin	Hand Surgery
Karen Lidstrand	Health Issues
Karen Lidstrand	Sister Passing
Mary Lou Jambor	Fell
Dorris Heaston	Hip Surgery

### THANK YOU

Margi Vice has collected about 50 gallons of pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause.

### MEMBERS GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Bert Neiland	October 23rd
Mary Johnson	November 1st

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

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

## MEMBERSHIP WAIT LIST FOR 2026

Hello Ladies. The year is just flying by. We have added seven new ladies to our waiting list since last months Newsletter. They are listed below. If you have a friend that would like to join Metro Women's Club 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.

Marcelene Lewis

Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By	Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By
Shawn McCarville	05/13/2025	Project Pink'd	Gale Spatz	08/30/2025	Website
Jeanette Bonaventura	06/08/2025	Deann Zens	Becky Stephanie	10/09/2025	Website
Denise Tharp	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Sandy Hite	10/09/2025	Cindy Popp
Chris Gilmore	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Connie Davis	10/14/2025	Website
Colleen Haack	06/20/2025	Jaunita Hammen	Cheril Comiser	10/17/2025	Sue Chavalier
Dianne Armandus	07/15/2025	Sharon Price	Pam Epstein	10/24/2025	Barb Bures
Cheryl Henkenius	07/18/2025	Linda Flora	Kathy Yakas	10/29/2025	Janet Morhing
Jill Reisch	07/18/2025	Linda Flora	Deb Kinzer	10/30/2025	Lou Ann Norton
Jane Hagebush	08/06/2025	Darlene Palmer	Sue Philbin	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Ellen Lake	08/15/2025	Past Member	Kathy Powers	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Joan Miller	08/30/2025	Darlene Palmer			

## BIRTHDAY GALS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!**

Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date
Denise Swanson		Luanne R. Colbert		Mary Lou Jambor		Jane Hedges	
Linda Hammes		Catherine Yates		Barbara Bures		Kathy Lampert	
Anna Siner		Cleo Nienaber		Linda Floro		Velma Schrader	
Kari Bro		Andrea Krueger		Elaine Tomasevicz			
Annette Brandl		Elaine Sheets		Sandy House			

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

<p><b>EVENING BUNCO</b>  <b>**2nd Wednesday, December 10th 6:30pm</b>  <b>Hostess: Connie Gibb</b></p> <p><b>November Results:</b>  High Score: Lou Ann Norton  Most Buncos: Pat Bond  Low Score: Monica Clark  Door Prize: Patricia Thompson</p> <p><b>**Note the schedule change</b></p> <p>Diane Dobrinska at</p>	<p><b>LUNCH TIME BUNCO</b>  2nd Friday, December 12th 11:00 am  <b>Hostess: Sandy Erickson</b></p> <p><b>November Results:</b>  Most Wins: Mary Ellen Anderson  Most Buncos: Julie Dunn  Most Losses: Patricia Thompson  Door Prize: Cella Best</p> <p>Linda Davis</p>	<p><b>MORNING BUNCO</b>  3rd Wednesday, December 17th 9:30 am  <b>Hostess: Peggy Reibold</b></p> <p><b>November Results:</b>  Most Wins: Diane Dobrinska  Most Buncos: Chris Sagenbrecht  Low Score: Margi Vice  Door Prize: Lou Ann Norton</p> <p>Diane Dobrinska</p>
<p><b>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE</b>  1st Tuesday, 11:30 am</p> <p><b>NOT playing in DECEMBER and JANUARY</b></p> <p><b>Oakview Red Lobster</b>  <b>2707 S 140th St, Omaha</b></p> <p><b>November Results:</b>  Monica Clark - Rosemary Bliss 3150  Mary Lou Jambor - Mary Beth Manninger 2620  Carole Thompson - Celeste Giery 2530</p> <p>If you would like to play or learn more, please call  Celeste Giery</p>	<p><b>AMERICAN MAHJONGG</b>  2nd Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm  December 11th  Converge Church  14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</p> <p>Contact Sandy for lessons.  Observers are welcome!!</p> <p><b>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</b></p> <p><b>Sandy Simpson</b></p>	<p><b>BRIDGE</b>  2nd Wednesday, December 10th 11:00 am  <b>Zio's Pizzeria</b>  <b>12997 West Center Road, Omaha</b></p> <p><b>November Results</b>  First Place: Monica Clark  Second Place: Mary Lou Jambor  Third Place: Dianne Young/Anna Nelson</p> <p><i>This is <u>NOT</u> a closed group. All levels of players are accepted in this friendly group of ladies. Please, if you are a bridge player and want to play, call, text, or email: Anna Nelson .</i></p>
<p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—</b>1st Monday  December 1st 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess: Pat Goodyear</b></p>	<p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—</b>3rd Monday  December 15th 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess: Linda Nelson</b></p>	<p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—</b>3rd Wednesday  December 17th 12:30 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess: Carolyn Will</b></p>
<p><b>BOOK CLUB</b>  3rd Friday, December 19th 9:30 am  <b>Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library</b>  <b>5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Book: JAMES</b>  <b>Author: Percival Everett</b></p> <p>Juanita Hammen</p>	<p><b>GAD-A-BOUTS</b>  Last Tuesday 10:00</p> <p>October was the final Gad-a-bouts for 2025. See you in 2026. Thanks for your support!</p> <p><b>Chair persons: Dorris Heaston and Sandy Major</b></p>	<p><b>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB</b></p> <p>It is time to take a break from the Sweet Pea's as we head into a busy fall and winter season. The garden club will pause for a break starting in October and will be back next year in March. Thank you to all who attended any of the events of the Sweet Peas. It has been fun!</p> <p>Patricia Thompson</p>
<p><b>IMAGINE STORYTELLERS</b>  4th Wednesday, December 17th  <b>Hostess: Jean Cully</b></p> <p>Imagine's <b>Storytellers</b> met to share our writing and a delicious feast from Amy. Two storytellers shared their work. "Joys of a Prairie Child" written and read by Karen to us and to her parents on their anniversary. Karen's first line, "A billion stars are shining in a million mile sky;" captures the beautiful essence of being on the prairie. Jean read "Our Land" which is also about the prairie. She confirmed that Yolie and David Martin will join us in December. They will be telling us about the quarterly publishing of <i>Fine Lines</i> a book that features new and previously unpublished authors.</p>	<p><b>IMAGINE WRITERS</b>  1st Wednesday, December 3rd 1:00 PM  <b>Hostess: Jean Cully</b></p> <p>Imagine's <b>Writers</b> met and Diane read her beautiful piece, "I Know What I Know," her poem on 'certainty about things that cannot be seen.' Jean read her recent poems "The Child," and "Spooky." A little late for Halloween but fun to hear an abecedarius poem (hint 26 lines). Diane will join Storytellers for our December meeting. <a href="#">Diane and Jean would welcome other writers, call Jean Cully if interested.</a></p>	<p><b>SOCIAL HOUR</b>  1st Thursday, December 4th 3:00 pm  <b>Beacon Hills in Aksarben Village</b></p> <p>Doris Helfrich</p> <hr/> <p><b>CINEMA CHICKS</b>  4th Friday  <b>No Activity for November and December</b></p> <p><i>Suggestions for movies are welcome!</i></p> <p>Diane Stein  Angela Stoll</p>





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# FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

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Metro Women's Club  
January 22, 2026  
3 pm– 10 pm



**10%**  
**DONATION NIGHT**

Support this organization by  
presenting this flyer to your server  
and Texas Roadhouse will donate  
**10%** of your total food purchases!  
Also good on To-go and Gift Card  
purchases!!

# December 2025

December 2025							January 2026						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 30	Dec 1	2	3 Evening Bunco Imagine Writers	4 Social Hour	5 Walking With the Animals	6
7	8 Noon Delights	9 Board Meeting Monthly Luncheon	10 Bridge	11 American MahJong	12 Lunch Time Bunco Walking With the Animals	13
14	15 Dining Divas	16	17 Imagine Storytellers Lunch Bunch Morning Bunco	18	19 Book Club Walking With the Animals	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Walking With the Animals	27
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