

# Metro Women's Club

*Just Between Friends*

## NEWSLETTER

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July 2025

Extend the Hand of  
Friendship

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Hi Everyone-

Hope this finds you well and enjoying your summer! Our June Luncheon (Picnic) was a lovely kick off to the season. We played a very fun game at each table on "Getting to Know Each Other. It was a great way of finding out fun facts about each other. A big THANKS goes out to our 2nd V.P.'s, Mary Ellen Anderson and Peggy Christ for creating this activity.

Besides our Regularly scheduled events, we have our Gad-a-bouts outing on June 24th, with an earlier time for lunch. Please note, it's now at 11:30. July promises two fun outings for Gad-a-bouts. Please check your Newsletter for more information!

Be sure to check out all the extra special activities planned for the summer. There will be an announcement of these activities on a separate page in your Newsletter!

Have a fabulous summer, stay cool and well and I'll look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

Fondly, Rosemary

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Ladies, seems like time is flying by this year. This time next month your Silent Auction Team will kick into gear. We invite any new members to join our fun on Monday mornings, 9:00 am to noon with the first meeting scheduled for July 28th. And of course we value all donations large or small for our basket making pleasure. Call Sarah Chvala with questions.

### **DIRECTORY**

Ladies, the Directory team is hoping to have the 2025-2026 directory to you by the July Luncheon. We are diligently working on all the corrections that were provided to Marcelene Lewis and Denise Shroyer during membership renewal. As always when you do pick up your new directory, please double check that your information is correct, the team is human and prone to make a few mistakes. Thank you all for your patience.

### **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!

### **NEWSLETTER**

As you can see the newsletter is looking a little different this month. I am trying to make it easier to read so I will be experimenting with colors and formatting for the next few issues. Would love to hear your feedback. 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.

### **FACEBOOK**

Remember to take pictures of your events and submit them to Margi, Sue or Jean for our private Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Margi Vice, Sue Pieper or Jean Welsh.

### **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.

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

**IMAGINE**

**"Eating together is a celebration of friendship."** Author unknown.

Today's **Imagine**, began with smiles from a delicious blueberry French toast made by Karen Saunders. Today's appreciation of food and friendship was a gift. We began with a discussion of goals for writing. Nancy Neal described how to use the Omaha Public Library's writing workshops and Kathy Benoit Raynor showed her beautifully crafted greeting cards that she teaches how to create at Metropolitan Community College. Mary Lou Jambor read a heartfelt letter she created for a relative's death; we discussed different ways people grieve. Janis Keim read "The Silver Star," a beautiful poem crafted for her family's military heritage. Amy Feidler read a moving poem which described not being "in sync" with her daughter, "when my day is half over, her day begins." We missed Kelli Barager's company. Jean Cully offered her third book of poetry and read two new poems. **Imagine's** next meetings are on June 25, 2025 and July 23, 2025. Should you care to join a writing group contact Jean Cully.

**CINEMA CHICKS**

Diane Stein and Deann Zens will be coordinating Cinema Chicks this year—CCD2! Let us know your interests. We're going to offer some different morning and afternoon movie times throughout the year. We'll pass on the months when all that's offered is some real stink-ers. Look for an email on the last Tuesday of the month with the details: movie, location, & time. See you at the movies!!  
Diane Stein and Deann Zens.

**NEWSLETTER CRISIS??**

Have you been out and about and needed some information that is in your MWC Newsletter, but you don't have your Newsletter with you??? Did you accidentally delete or lose your Newsletter?? Or, did you want to share your Newsletter with a prospective new member but your Newsletter is at home? Maybe you did not receive your monthly Newsletter?? Go to the website on your phone or computer. Yes, go to [metrowomensclub.org](http://metrowomensclub.org) and click on the tab "**Newsletter**" then **click the current month**. Our webmaster normally posts our Newsletters the 3rd Sunday of each month (the Sunday after the Board Meeting). The only change from the Newsletters that are mailed/ emailed to you is the absence of personal information, i.e. member's phone numbers and addresses. This is done to protect your privacy because our website is accessible to everyone. There is also a printer icon in the upper right corner where you can also print your Newsletter. So don't panic...Just click!

## C A L E N D A R   O F   E V E N T S

### **LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday July 8th 11:30 am SOCIAL 12:00pm LUNCH**

**At: Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha**

Please do not call Champions Run to make reservations, or to cancel reservation – call: Deann Zens, Julie Dunn or Cella Best listed below.

**Menu:**

1. Chicken Piccata: Sautéed Chicken Breast, Lemon Butter, Capers, Sautéed Mushrooms, Garlic Whipped Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Mixed Seasonal Vegetables
2. Strawberry Walnut Salad: Grilled Chicken, Mixed Greens, Cranberries, Toasted Almonds, Candied Walnuts, Strawberries, Sunflower Seeds, Goat Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Tea and Water are included. A cash bar will also be available.

**Cost:** \$26.00 per person includes taxes and tip. 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:** If you do not receive a call July 1st and wish to attend, please call Deann, Julie or Cella. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller your guest's name and luncheon choice **Must RSVP** if you don't want to be turned away at the door. Thank you.

**Cancellations:** Any cancellations must be made by July 2nd, or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Callers:** Please have your attendee's choices to Deann, Cella or Julie by July 2nd.

**Luncheon co-chairs:** Deann Zens, Julie Dunn and Cella Best.

**Program:** Christa Monti, Visitor and Tour Coordinator for Boystown will talking about Boystown's history and the progress of the canonization process of its founder, Father Flanagan.

**Program co-chairs:** Mary Ellen Anderson & Peggy Christ

### **BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday July 15th 10:00 am**

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

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2025

## **SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, July 03rd 3:00 pm**

At: **Charlies on the Lake**  
4150 S 144 St, Omaha

## **BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, July 15th 11:30 am**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

At: **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant**  
16929 Lakeside Hills Plaza—Omaha

Please RSVP

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

## **JULY SOCIAL— Save the date—July 27<sup>th</sup>**

Musical production of “Rock of Ages”

See page 4 for more information

**MUST sign up/pay by July 16<sup>th</sup>**

## **GAD-A-BOUITS NOTE DATE CHANGE TO 5TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH - JULY 29TH.**

Rescheduled tour of MEMORIAL PARK in Central Omaha. Nick Manhart, who prepared the Wikipedia write-up and was actively involved in the 75th anniversary event in 2023 will give us a tour.

Tour begins at 9:30 am (new time). **MEET AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CIRCLE DRIVE - 6005 UNDERWOOD DRIVE ENTRANCE** (parking available).

Brunch following at First Watch, 1222 South 71st St. Suite B, 68106.

Carpoolers meet at Family Fare 144th & Center at 8:55 a.m.

RSVP to Dorris Heaston.

Some interesting historical information shared by Nick:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial\\_Park\\_\(Omaha\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Park_(Omaha))

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viClfse1XG8&t=483s>

**Dorris Heaston & Sandy Major—co-chairs**

## **SWEET PEAS GARDEN CLUB Friday July 25th**

We will travel to The Sunken Gardens in Lincoln

To carpool meet @ 8:30 am in the Family Fare Parking lot at 144th & Center

LUNCH TO FOLLOW

# FUTURE EVENTS

## **COFFEE & CHAT 1st Tuesday, August 5th 10:00 am—Noon**

**Hostess (provides event location):** Deborah Merritt Jones

**Co-hostesses (provides event snacks):** Shirley Raleigh and Pat Goodyear

We encourage new members and sponsors to attend with them

**Chairperson:** Bert Harrifeld

## **LET'S GO PLACES**

**APRIL 2026** - Cruise down eastern coast of Africa! Madagascar, 2 other island nations, 3 days in South Africa, 3 days at sea. Cruise is \$2300 pp. Airfare is extra. If you have interest, call me!

**JUNE 18 2026** - 11 days French Riverboat cruise, includes all meals, cruising, 3 nights in Paris, day at the Louvre, full day at Normandy/Omaha beach, palace of Versailles, ground transportation, **airfare...** through Gate 1. Already have 6 people booked! Call me for info to book. Riverboats have very limited cabins. Yes it will sell out! Down payment now, final due December 31. \$4,900 pp

**AUGUST 2026** - Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. So excited to offer this at a great price!!! More later.

Barb Bures

## **LET'S GO PLACES (DAY TRIPS)**

Travel Club Chairperson: Cindy Carlson

1) Leavenworth, First City of Kansas July 22nd. \$125 . Refer to brochure on page 4.

2) My Iowa Show With Brown Family August 21st \$127 Refer to brochure on page 4.

**MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS SHOW NOW BECAUSE BILL SAYS IT ALWAYS SELLS OUT. You don't have to pay until later.**

3) Nebraska City Apples & Fall Colors October 15th \$105

To register for tours, Travel Cat Tours 531777-2124 or [info@travelcattours.com](mailto:info@travelcattours.com)

**PLEASE PUT IN NOTES THAT YOU ARE WITH METRO WOMENS CLUB**





**Our Metro Women's Club Socials Group  
invites you to Rock Around The Clock with  
ROCK OF AGES !**

Rock of Ages is a high-energy, nostalgic musical that takes audiences on a wild ride through the 1980s rock-and-roll scene. ROCK OF AGES is a summer musical production presented by the Ralston Community Theatre group.

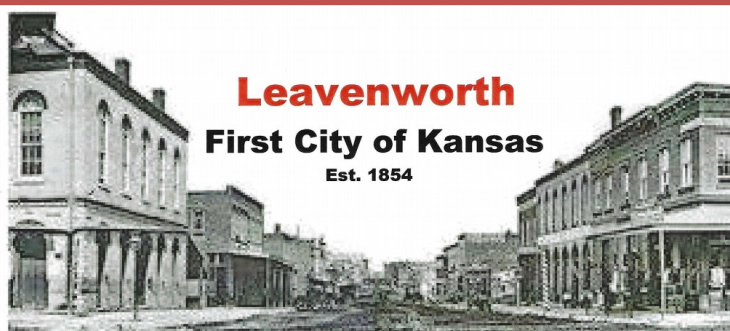
Get ready to ROCK  
Sunday, July 27th, 2:00 PM  
Stocks & Bonds  
8528 Park Drive  
Ralston NE

\$18.00\* per person (hubbies and friends are welcome) no refunds  
RSVP: Darlene Gaeta 402 290 4057 or [legacydgaeta@gmail.com](mailto:legacydgaeta@gmail.com)  
**MUST** RSVP and pay Darlene before Wednesday, July 16th.  
Make checks payable to Darlene Gaeta

Spaghetti Works after the musical

For more information about the musical, email : <https://ralstoncommunitytheatre.org>  
\*The cost is based on an attendance of 20 or more ... invite friends!

**Sweet Peas Garden Club**  
**Friday, July 25th**  
we will travel to **The Sunken Gardens in Lincoln**  
To carpool meet @ **8:30am** in the  
**Family Fare Parking lot at 144th & Center**  
**LUNCH TO FOLLOW**



**Leavenworth**  
**First City of Kansas**  
Est. 1854

Photo Courtesy of Leavenworth County Historical Society

Founded in 1854, Leavenworth is the first city established in Kansas. Discover its rich history with a tour of Fort Leavenworth, learn about the iconic federal prison, and enjoy a nostalgic lunch hosted by the 1890s Harvey Girls reenactors and barbershop quartet. Do not miss the chance to ride a beautifully restored 1913 wooden carousel at the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum.

This morning, we travel to Leavenworth, Kansas, to visit the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum, a treasure trove dedicated to preserving the charm of antique carousels. Tour the restoration rooms and discover the intricate process behind bringing these beautiful works of art back to life. Then, enjoy a ride on a fully restored 1913 wooden carousel – complete with easy-to-access bench seats for those who may find it difficult to climb onto a traditional horse.



C.W. Parker 1913 Carousel Ride

Leavenworth was once home to Fred Harvey, the visionary who launched a chain of restaurants in train depots across the country during the late 1800s. These establishments became famous for their uniformed hostesses, known as "Harvey Girls", who provided food and refreshments to hungry train passengers. This afternoon, we will enjoy a delicious barbecue brisket lunch at the historic downtown train depot, served by women dressed in traditional Harvey Girl attire. Adding to the fun, musical entertainment will be provided by performers in classic black and white jail stripes.



Harvey Girls Luncheon

After lunch, we meet our local guide for a fascinating tour that begins at an overlook near the infamous Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary. There, we will hear stories about the prison's colorful history and some of its most notorious inmates, including the infamous Birdman of Alcatraz. The tour continues with a visit to Fort Leavenworth -- established in 1827 and often referred to as the "Army University" due to its world renowned officer training school. The fort played a significant role in maintaining peace among Native American tribes and the growing wave of westward bound settlers. We will also explore Leavenworth's charming downtown, featuring historic homes and buildings.



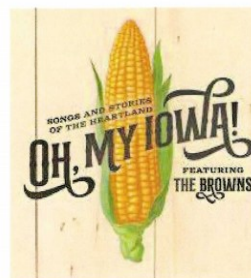
**Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

7:30 am – 7:00 pm \$120 per person

For reservations, register online at [www.travelcattours.com](http://www.travelcattours.com)  
531-777-2124. Registration deadline is June 20, 2025



**OH, MY IOWA!**



It is truly a family affair when The Browns take the stage. Comprised of Adam, Michaela, Shelly, and Andrew, this Dove Award nominated group brings excitement and harmony to every performance. For over 20 years, The Browns have been delighting audiences across the United States, evolving from a local favorite into a nationally and internationally recognized touring ensemble.

Join The Browns for a special two hour show dedicated to their beloved home state of Iowa. This unique performance features songs that are connected to Iowa -- whether through their subject matter, an Iowan artist, or a notable Iowa location. The diverse musical lineup includes everything from the swinging sounds of Glenn Miller's jazz to timeless hits by The Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly, and Andy Williams. Fans of Broadway will also enjoy memorable selections from "The Music Man" and "State Fair".

Before the performance, enjoy a luncheon buffet featuring slow cooked roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, salad, and cheesecake for dessert. After the performance, visit the Wells Blue Bunny Ice Cream parlor for an afternoon delight.



**Thursday, August 21, 2025**  
**9:30 am - 7:00 pm Le Mars, Iowa**  
**Deadline July 18, 2024**  
**\$127 per person**

Includes lunch buffet, Brown Family performance, ice cream at Wells Ice Cream Parlor, transportation, and gratuities.

Contact Travel Cat Tours, LLC to register 531-777-2124 [info@travelcattours.com](mailto:info@travelcattours.com)  
Or register online at [www.travelcattours.com](http://www.travelcattours.com)

# BIRTHDAY GALS

DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER
07/02	Kelli Barager	07/09	Linda Cisar	07/17	Margaret Baier	07/26	Joyce Brownell
07/04	Yolanda (Yolie) Martin	07/10	Roberta Courter	07/18	Durnae Schuetz	07/30	Christine Moats
07/05	Lois Moore	07/13	Doris Toole	07/19	Shirley Fey	07/31	Barbara Rowe
07/07	Vicki Kirchner	07/14	Rosemary Bliss	07/22	Susan Bochart		
07/08	Sharon Estabrook	07/16	Jean Farrell	07/25	Barbara Fazzini		

# THE PERSONALS

## THINKING ABOUT YOU

Sheri Dunbar—Surgery  
 Donna Pollock—Knee Surgery  
 Rosemary Bliss—Cataract Surgery  
 Linda Nelson—Surgery

## THANK YOU

Roberta Courter—Thank you for the 45 year necklace  
 Marilyn Conner—Thank you for Son-in-Law's Sympathy card

NEW MEMBER	BIRTHDAY
Kari Bro	12/08
Janet Dragon	04/08
Jean Farrell	07/16
JoAnn Good	06/24
Nancy Goodwin	06/08
Debi Hempel	11/09
Laura Jones	11/27
Becky Moats	06/19
Christine Moats	07/30
Elizabeth Olson	04/18
Carol Padon	01/23
Cheryl Rueb	03/12
Anna Siner	12/06
Cyndi Stastny	10/17
Linda Van Dyke	09/02
Marcia Williams	05/12

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

July 2025

<p><b>EVENING BUNCO</b> 1st Wednesday, July 2nd 6:30pm <b>Hostess:</b> Diane Dobrinska</p> <p><b>June Results:</b> Most Wins: Tricia Weathers Most Buncos: Denise Shroyer Low Score: Doris Helfrich Door Prize: Pat Bond</p> <p><b>Diane Dobrinska</b></p>	<p><b>LUNCH TIME BUNCO</b> 2nd Friday, July 11th 11:00 am <b>Hostess:</b> Janice Japp</p> <p><b>June Results:</b> Most Wins: Janice Japp Most Buncos: Deborah Jones Low Score: Deann Zens Door Prize: Cella Best</p> <p><b>Linda Davis</b></p>	<p><b>MORNING BUNCO</b> 3rd Wednesday, July 16th 9:30 am <b>Hostess:</b> Bert Harrifeld</p> <p><b>Month Results:</b> Most Wins: Cindy Carlson Most Buncos: Peggy Reibold Low Score: Peggy Christ Door Prize: Shirley Raleigh</p> <p><b>Diane Dobrinska</b></p>
<p><b>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE</b></p> <p>1st Tuesday, TBD 11:30 am Oakview Red Lobster</p> <p>We play on the first Tuesdays. Not playing in the summer months. Starting back in the fall.</p> <p>Any questions, please call Celeste Giery</p>	<p><b>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB</b></p> <p>The "Garden Club" is open to all MWC members. Join us for anything that interest you.</p> <p>Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>If you would like to go to the Sunken Gardens in Lincoln and lunch on July 25th, please RSVP. 708 -975-7171 (text or call) or send me an email.</p> <p>If interested in the Garden Club please email Patricia Thompson</p>	<p><b>BRIDGE</b> 2nd Wednesday, July 9th 11:00 am <b>Zio's Pizzeria</b> <b>12997 West Center Road, Omaha</b></p> <p><b>June Results</b> First Place: Marilyn Conner Second Place: Anna Nelson Third Place: Rosemary Bliss</p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
<p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday</b> <b>July 7th 12:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Louanne Colbet</p>	<p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday</b> <b>July 21st 12:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Darlene Gaeta</p>	<p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday</b> <b>July 16th 12:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Doris Helfrich</p>
<p><b>BOOK CLUB</b> 3rd Friday, July 18th 9:30 am <b>Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library</b> <b>5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Book:</b> Mad Honey <b>Author:</b> Jodi Picoult</p> <p><b>Questions:</b> Juanita Hammen</p>	<p><b>WALKING WITH THE ANIMALS</b> <b>Every Friday all year round</b></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><b>Contact:</b> Lorraine Mines</p>	<p><b>SOCIAL HOUR</b> 1st Thursday, July 3rd 3:00 pm <b>Charlie's on the Lake</b> <b>4150 S 144th St</b></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><b>Chairperson:</b> Doris Helfrich</p>
<p><b>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP</b> 4th Wednesday, July 23rd</p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Jean Cully <b>Chairperson:</b> Jean Cully Group is closed, wait list at this time.</p> <p>Please reach out about the Evening Writers Group</p>	<p><b>GAD-A-BOUITS</b> <b>NOTE DATE CHANGE TO 5TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH</b> <b>Tuesday, July 29th 9:30 am</b> Tour of Memorial Park—Details on page 6</p> <p><b>Chair person:</b> Dorris Heaston</p>	
<p><b>CINEMA CHICKS</b> 4th Friday, July 25th</p> <p>Look for an email the last Tuesday of the month with the details: movie, location, &amp; time.</p> <p>Any questions, call or text <b>Diane Stein or Deann Zens</b></p>	<p><b>AMERICAN MAHJONGG</b> 2nd &amp; 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm July 10th and July 24th 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>	

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