



# Metro Women's Club

*Just Between Friends*

# NEWSLETTER

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May 2026

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Spring Everyone!

As our new Season comes into full bloom, we get so excited every time we see a budding tree, the pop-up of a cheery tulip and even the sound of a lawnmower.

Our Style Show Team of Sue Mehl, Cindy Popp and Kay Porter did a marvelous job of treating us to a lovely "Tea" Party, Luncheon and Style Show. Think we were all Wowed!

All kinds of fun outings continue throughout the month and into May. Stay abreast to them via our NEWSLETTER! Please remember to nominate a deserving lady from our Club for this year's Merit Award!

Congratulations to all our new Officers & Chairpersons. In May the shift of newly elected gals will take place. Thanks to all our outgoing Officers and Chairpersons - you are amazing! **Fondly, Rosemary**

## 2025—2026 CHARITY: CAROLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE - \$13,421.46 has been raised through March

Let's Do It Again!!

**In response to the generosity of our membership and at the request of a few members, we would like to sponsor another collection for Carole's House of Hope. We would like to provide personal care products...toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes, combs, lotion, shampoo, conditioner.**

**We will be collecting items at the May luncheon and will deliver them to Carole's House of Hope. Thanks in advance!!**

Below is our last testimonial:

I'm 25 years old. I do have 3 children and currently pregnant with my 4th child. I come from the Indian Reservation in Winnebago, Nebraska. I now reside with the Carole's House of Hope.

This summer of 2025 I've lost my first ever house when I became incarcerated. Not only that I was separated from my children and their dad. This was probably the worst situation I've ever endured in my life. Especially being pregnant, it makes it even more hard. I also deal with separation anxiety, ptsd anxiety and depression and I've finally gotten the chance to get help with that.

I was released from jail and decided that I could reside at CHH to not only to get help mentally but because they offer housing and I was able to reunite with my children. Since I've been here they've offered so much resources along with Mental Health Therapy sessions, substance abuse sessions and a warm family welcoming. They allow you to still be able to have time with family, employment and children to reside with you. I think I wouldn't be in the best head space if it wasn't for this place and the help they give.

## EARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

You ladies are just wonderful about getting your membership renewed! We are approximately 75% complete. For those of you that have not paid your dues yet, you have only 6 weeks left to get it done! Nothing will be accepted after May 31st. A table will be set up at our May Luncheon to accept your membership dues, It will be the last time we will be available for you to have your contact information checked and pay your dues at a luncheon. If you will not be able to attend the Luncheon you can mail a check for \$35.00, payable to Metro Women's Club to: Marcelene Lewis

## DINE AND DONATE

Thank you, thank you faithful MWC ladies for your outstanding support of our Dine and Donate event at Porky Butts BBQ last month! Not only did we have awesome BBQ and fellowship, but we were able to add **\$502.83** to the gift for Carol's House of Hope. We thank you for the caring support of our Dine and Donate events. Legacy Chophouse is our next selection for **Thursday July 9, 11 am to 9 pm**. More information in the next (June) newsletter. Questions? Call Chris Sagenbrecht

## 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](http://www.metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address). Any questions, please contact Denise Shroyer

## FASHION SHOW AND TEA PARTY

Thank you to all the woman who attended The Fashion Show and taking time to have tea with us. The "little black dress committee" has enjoyed your friendship and planning over the last two years. We are passing the torch to Mary Ellen Anderson for next year, where we know the show will be in great hands. - Susan Mehl, Cindy Popp and Kay Porter.

## SILENT AUCTION

MWC ladies, Congrats to the Game Day Committee for a wonderful time and successful fund-raising event for Carol's House of Hope!! It may seem unbelievable, but your Silent Auction Team is already looking ahead to our next big event happening in October. We've begun gathering treasures, and are looking forward to your creative surprises that you might find for us in your summer travels. And who doesn't love to shop? Though we won't begin weekly Monday morning workshops until the end of July, we would love to know if any of you would like to join the prep fun. Text or call Sarah Chvala any time to volunteer, or for more information. Let's all have an awesome summer!

Extend the Hand of Friendship

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# CLUB BUSINESS

## Officers and Committees for 2026-2027

<b>Executive Board</b>			
President	Judy Mumm		
1st Vice Presidents (Luncheons)	Patricia Thompson	Julie Dunn	Cella Best
2nd Vice Presidents (Programs)	Vicki Kirchner	Janice Japp	
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<b>Committee Chairs (Alphabetically)</b>			
Coffee and Chat	Bert Harrifeld		
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Hospitality	Sharon Duignan	Ann Thomson	
Luncheon Greeters	Margi Vice	Mary Morss	
Membership / Renewals	Marcelene Lewis		
Newsletter Circulation	Julie Dunn		
Newsletter Editor	Lorraine Mines		
Website Editor	Lorraine Mines		
<b>Socials and Special Events (Alphabetically)</b>			
Charity Selection	Geri Backora	Shirley Fey	Cyndi Stastny
Christmas Exchange	Shirley Raleigh	Deborah Merritt Jones	
Fashion Show	Mary Ellen Anderson		
Silent Auction	Sarah Chvala		
Socials	Mary Beth Manninger	Diane Scheppers	
Spring Social and Game Day	Patricia Thompson	Mary Ellen Anderson	
<b>Special Interest Activities (Alphabetically)</b>			
American Mah Jongg	Sandy Simpson		
Birthday Bash	Dee Bigge	Donna Pollack	
Book Club	Juanita Hammen		
Bridge 2nd Wednesday	Anna Nelson		
Bridge Marathon	Celeste Giery		
Bunco - Morning and Evening	Diane Dobrinska		
Bunco - Lunch time	Linda Davis		
Cinema Chicks	Diane Stein	Angela Stoll	
Dine and Donate	Sarah Chvala	Juanita Hammen	
Dining Inn - Delights, Divas, Brunch	Pat Goodyear		
Dining Inn - Pot Luck Pals	Chris Sagenbrecht		
Gad-a-bouts	Dorris Heaston	Sandy Major	
Sweet Peas Garden Club	Doris Helfrich		
Golf	Roberta Couter		
Imagine - Creative Writing	Jean Cully		
Travel - Day Trips	Cindy Carlson		
Travel - Group Trips	LouAnn Norton		
Pop Can Tabs	Margi Vice		
Social Hour	Cindy Frieling	Sharon Price	
Walk With The Animals - Zoo Walk	Lorraine Mines		

Updated: 03/10/2026

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday - May 12th

11:30 am - Social  
12:00 pm - Buffet Served

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

**Buffet:** Mandarin Salad, Assorted Sandwiches (cut in halves)- TPC Club, Chicken Salad, Veggie Wraps, House made chips, House made cookies. Cash bar is available.

**Cost:** \$22.00 per person which includes lunch, taxes and service fee- Cash or Check only. 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 **May 4th** and wish to attend, please call Patricia, Julie, or Cella. Final guest count is needed by the event center by 10:00 am the morning of May 5th. Must RSVP if you don't want to be turned away at the door.

**Cancellations:** Any cancellations must be made by **8:00 am on May 8th or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon. NO EXCEPTIONS**  
**Callers:** Please have your attendees names to Cella, Julie or Patricia by **5:00 pm on May 4th.**

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

As part of arranging a luncheon the vendor is given a count of the number of meals needing to be prepared about a week in advance. Once that number has been communicated to the vendor Metro Women's Club must pay for that number of meals. While we understand that life happens and sometimes you can't make it to the luncheon you are still required to pay for the meal if you did not cancel by the deadline.

For the last luncheon there were seven ladies that did not attend and did not cancel. Since MWC must pay the vendor for those meals, \$238 came out of the general fund that could have been used for other activities. While that doesn't sound like much, over the course of the year it adds up - 12 luncheons at \$238 equals \$2,856. That is 41% of the dues you pay which supports activities you enjoy. Please pay for your luncheon, even if you can't make it!

In light of this growing issue, new by laws have been added, that any member who does not attend a luncheon that they said they would attend and does not pay, two times in a membership year will not be able to join future luncheons. In addition, they will not be considered a member in "good standing" and will not be able to renew their membership during the next membership cycle.

## BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday May 19th 10:00 am

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

## BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, May 19th 11:30 am

**At:** Olive Garden Italian Restaurant 16929 Lakeside Hills, Omaha

**Charipersons:** Dee Bigge or Donna Pollack

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

## GAD-A-BOUTS — Last Tuesday, May 26th 11:15 am.

On Tuesday, May 26th, we will meet at the very unique Blue Barn Theatre, 1106 S. 10th Street, 68102. Our tour begins at 10:30 am. Parking is available along 10th Street or Pacific Street. Also, the theatre has a lot across 10th street that should be open and available. Lunch following at Upstream Brewing Company, 514 S. 11th St, 68102. Carpoolers meet at Family Fare. 144th & Center at 9:50 am. Contact - Dorris Heaston

## POTLUCK PALS

Potluck Pals, of which two members had to resign from this lunch club, is looking for 1-2 people who would like to join the remaining gals, who are Sue Selde, Yolie Martin, Helene Lohman, Margo Juarez and Janice Jap. They have had their first lunch together, and they all had a great time with each other! Call or text Chris Sagenbrecht if interested.

## 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.

## LET'S GO PLACES TRAVEL CLUB

How does 6 nights at the fabulous RIU Palace Antilles beachfront in Aruba sound? This is an all inclusive adult only resort featuring a buffet, 3 themed restaurants, 2 outdoor pools, and entertainment with live music. We are planning on March/April 2027. Price expected be be approximately \$3500. Call LouAnn Norton for more details.

## LET'S GO PLACES: DAY TRIPS

1) Spring Tulip Festival in Orange City, Iowa May 14 2026. Cost is \$131 per person. This price includes some dutch culture, crafts and cuisine in Orange City. Enjoy Dutch street dancers, Tulip beds, and Dutch style venues. Shop for Dutch souvenirs or taste a variety of Dutch cuisine. Enjoy the Dutch Dozen musical performance.

2) Trinity Heights & Taste of Iowa on May20 2026. Cost is \$109 per person. Tour sponsored by Bellevue Catholic Daughters. Celebrate spring with peaceful visit to Trinity Heights in Sioux City, where blooming gardens and quiet beauty lift the spirit. Sample aronia berry farm products, savor chocolates at Palmers Candy.

To register for tours, contact Travel Cat Tours at 531-777-2124. Or online at [info@travelcattours.com](mailto:info@travelcattours.com). Registration deadlines are one month before tour date. **When you register make sure you let them know that you are with METRO WOMENS CLUB.** He tries to sit us all together.

## FACEBOOK

Facebook is exploding with action from our fabulous Style Show! REMEMBER pictures need to be taken at any gathering of Metro Women's Members. Send them to an administrator on Facebook please. A short or long explanation should be provided.

# THE PERSONALS

## THINKING OF YOU

Sandy Major - Get Well  
 Sandy Major - Mother's passing  
 Monica Clark - Get Well  
 Monica Clark - Brother's passing  
 Connie Gibb - Collarbone  
 Barb Bures - Hand Surgery  
 Barb Fazzini - Sister's accident

## GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Jeanette Brunken - Passed away March 24th

## THANK YOU

"To all my loving friends in MWC with gratitude for your thoughtful prayers and kind expressions of sympathy regarding my brother's recent death. With love and appreciation on behalf of me and my family" Monica Clark

# BIRTHDAY GALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!!

MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE	MEMBER	DATE
Myra Hoffart		Lorraine Kuker		Deann Zens		Tricia Weathers	
Darlene Palmer		Marcia Williams		Sandy Major		Carol Cleek	
Sheila Winkler		Geri Backora		Carolyn Will			
Sue Pieper		Sally Itschner		Bonni Pulte			

# MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST FOR 2026 - 2027

Listed below is the revised Waiting List. We currently have 36 ladies on that list. After our membership renewal campaign ends on May 31st, I will start contacting the ladies on that list in June. I will contact them in the order that they were added to the list. If they are not able to answer their phone I will leave a detailed message of who I am, that I am with MWC and why I am calling. If they do not respond after a week I will move onto the others on the list. If you are sponsoring someone on the list you may want to remind them that I will start calling ladies on the list beginning in June. We will only be able to accept new members that bring our membership roll back to 200. At this point, I do not know how many I will be able to add. If you have questions, please contact me at [marcelenelewis2014@gmail.com](mailto:marcelenelewis2014@gmail.com)

Wait List	Date Added	Sponsor
Shawn McCarville	5/13/25	Project Pink
Colleen Haack	6/20/25	Juanita Hammen
Dianne Amandus	7/15/25	Sharon Price
Cheryl Henkenius	7/18/25	Linda Flora
Jill Reisch	7/18/25	Linda Flora
Jane Hagebush	8/6/25	Darlene Palmer
Ellen Lake	8/15/25	Past Member
Joan Miller	8/30/25	Darlene Palmer
Gale Spatz	9/21/25	Web page
Becky Stephanie	10/6/25	Web page
Sandy Hite	10/6/25	Cindy Popp
Connie Davis	10/15/25	Silent Auction
Cheril Comiser	10/17/25	Sue Chevalier
Pam Epstein	10/24/25	Barb Bures
Kathy Yakus	10/29/25	Janet Morhing
Deb Kinzer	10/30/25	LouAnn Norton
Sue Phibin	11/11/25	Nanci Neal
Kathy Powers	11/11/25	Nanci Neal
Mary Sporcic	11/18/25	LouAnn Norton

Date Added	Wait List	Sponsor
Shayne Fili	12/1/25	Denise Shroyer
Dayle Keller	12/17/25	Dorris Heaston
Nancy Wilson	1/21/26	Antonette Lovejoy
Sharon Welling	1/24/26	Yvonne Durr
Betty Verch	2/3/26	Judy Mumm
Kathy Laughlin	2/4/26	Darlene Palmer
Brenda Hammer	2/5/26	Mary Ellen Anderson
Kay Hothan	2/8/26	Mary Flodine
Tara Granville	2/10/26	Ginny Vomacka
Mary Gonderinger	3/2/26	Chris Sagenbrecht
Sally Jane Baldrige	3/2/26	Dorris Heaston
Ruth Gearhart	3/10/26	Linda Nelson
Juli-Ann Gasper	3/12/26	Anna Nelson
Kathy Leman	3/26/26	Kay Prater
Mandy Moran	4/7/26	Kay Prater
Rosella Lallt	4/8/26	Sharon Duignan
Kris Kelly	4/8/26	Sharon Duignan

# SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EVENING BUNCO</b> 1st Wednesday, April 1st 6:30 pm <b>Hostess: Monica Clark</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April Results:</b> High Score: Patricia Thompson Most Bunco: Peggy Reibold Low Score: Sharon Duignan Door Prize: Carolyn Will</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LUNCH TIME BUNCO</b> 2nd Friday, May 8th 11:00 am <b>Hostess: Linda Davis</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April Results:</b> Most Wins: Patricia Thompson Most Bunco: Cella Best Most Losses: Janice Japp Door Prize: Ann Thomson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Linda Davis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MORNING BUNCO</b> 3rd Wednesday, May 20th 9:30 am <b>Hostess: Chris Sagenbrecht</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April Results</b> High Score: Peggy Reibold Most Bunco: Chris Sagenbrecht Most Losses: Margi Vice Door Prize: Bert Harrifeld</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Diane Dobrinska</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE</b> 1st Tuesday May 5th 11:30 am Competition is over this year and will resume in Aug/Sept</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April Results:</b> Carole Thompson and Celeste Giery - 3650 Donna Arlt and Anna Nelson - 3130 Margaret Baier and Linda Nelson - 2630</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Year End Final Results</b> Donna Arlt and Sandy House - 13,760 Monica Clark and Rosemary Bliss - 12,690 Margaret Baier and Luanne Colbert - 10,680</p> <p>If you would like to play or learn more, please call Celeste Giery</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AMERICAN MAHJONGG</b> 2nd Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm May 14th &amp; May 28th <b>Converge Church</b> <b>14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sandy Simpson</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BRIDGE</b> 2nd Wednesday, May 13th 11:00 am <b>Zio's Pizzeria</b> <b>12997 West Center Road, Omaha</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April Results</b> First Place: Margaret Baier Second Place: Diane Young Third Place: Celeste Giery</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;"><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday</b> May 4th, 12:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hostess: Ann Thomson</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pat Goodyear</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday</b> May 18th 12:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hostess: Lori Briggs</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pat Goodyear</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday</b> May 20th 12:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hostess: Celeste Giery</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pat Goodyear</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB POTLUCK PALS—3rd Thursday</b> May 21st 12:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hostess: Margo Juarez</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOOK CLUB</b> 3rd Friday, May 15th 9:30 am <b>Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library</b> <b>5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Book: THE RIDE OF HER LIFE</b> <b>Author: Elizabeth Betts</b> <b>Treats: Janice Keim</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Juanita Hammen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOCIAL HOUR</b> 1st Thursday, May 7th 3:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stokes</b> <b>13615 California St, Omaha</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doris Helfrich</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4th Wednesday, April 22nd <b>Hostess: Jean Cully</b></p> <p><b>Imagine's Storytellers</b> met on March 25, 2026, we celebrated Janis' birthday and enjoyed yummys brought by Mary Lou. Carolyn read us her harrowing account of a close call with a lightning strike in Mason City and Karen shared a book she had written when she was younger; it was beautifully illustrated by her daughter. Jean read a few poems including a new form called Haibun, a traditional Japanese literary form that combines autobiographical prose with haiku. Hers was entitled "The Call." We missed our cohorts in writing - Amy, Diane, and Nanci. We will look forward to our next time together on April 22, 2026 at Jean's home. If you are interested in joining a writing group call Jean Cully</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CINEMA CHICKS</b> 4th Friday - May 22nd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Look for an email on the last Tuesday of the month with the details: location, &amp; time. <b>Suggestions for movies are welcome!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Diane Stein or Angela Stoll</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB</b> 3rd Thursday, May 21st 11:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Home of Marcelene Lewis</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">11AM for a tour of her beautiful shade garden with a garden party lunch served on her patio</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doris Helfrich</p>

# May 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 26	27	28	29	30	May 1 Walking With the Animals	2
3	4 Noon Delights	5 Marathon Bridge	6 Evening Bunco	7 Social Hour	8 Lunch Time Bunco Walking With the Animals	9
10	11	12 Monthly Luncheon	13 Bridge	14 American MahJong	15 Book Club Walking With the Animals	16
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24	25	26 Gad-a-bouts	27 Imagine Storytellers	28 American MahJong	29 Walking With the Animals	30
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