



Metro Women's Club

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May 2025

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Friendship

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Hi Everyone & Happy Windy Spring! It's so wonderful seeing the budding & flowering trees, as well as the early flowers popping up! The Easter Season always promises us "NEW LIFE" as well as warm days ahead. Our last club function-the Annual Style Show-was most definitely a kick off to a bright and cheery Spring Attire. A BIG shout out goes to the Style Show Committee!

As you probably noticed in the Newsletter, there are several activities to enjoy the outdoors! Hope you can take one or all of them in-but do hold onto your hats!

May will be here before we know it and with it comes our saying a BIG THANKS to outgoing officers and chairpersons and a WELCOME ABOARD to the new gals. Do remember to update your Red Folders and bring them to our Joint May Board Meeting. New officers will be installed at the May Luncheon at Oak Hills.

In May also, we will present our check to this year's Charity, **Project Pink'd!**

I do know you are all busy, but try to find some time to enjoy the Spring Activities! We all need to STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES! Fondly, Rosemary

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FINAL NOTICE

The window to renew your membership is coming to a close. Your dues are payable by May 31st for everyone .. even if you have just joined. Dues are \$30.00. **Any membership dues received after June 1st will not be accepted.**

There will be a table setup at our May Social Noon Luncheon for you to renew your membership.

Please make your checks for your dues only. To avoid confusion do not include the cost of your lunch or any additional donation to our charity.

We will also be checking your contact information for our Club Directory that will be printed sometime after May. If you have changes on your contact information and not be able to attend the luncheon, you should text or call Denise Shroyer with any directory changes. You may also mail your dues to **Marcelene Lewis**.

Thank you ladies for your promptness and I am looking forward to another fabulous year of luncheons and activities and being with all you wonderful ladies.

NOTE: If for some reason you are not going to renew your membership, please text or email me to let me know. It will save a phone call. Marcelene Lewis Thank you.

SERVICE PIN AWARDS:

10 Years: Linda Cisar, Jerri Cone, Pat Goodyear, Jan Nielsen, Darlene Palmer, Cindy Popp, Chris Sagenbrecht

15 Years: Karen Burns, Barbara Fazzini, Doris Helfrich, Dolores Hughes, Janie Keim, Catherine Yates

20 Years: Mary Ellen Anderson, Carole Thompson

35 Years: Monica Clark, Diane Dobrinska, Karen Jackson

45 Years: Roberta Courter

NEW CHARITY FOR 2025-2026

Our gracious ladies that attended our April Fashion Show voted to select **Carol's House of Hope** as our new charity for our fiscal year starting June 1st. Their mission is to provide a home and life skills to young women that are transitioning out of foster care and have nowhere to go. We will sponsor a number of fund raising events to raise money for the new charity. Our check to **Project Pink'd** will be presented at our May Social Noon Luncheon.

NEW OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Our Nominating Committee did a spectacular job in filling all the club officers and chairman positions. Kudos to the ladies. The new roster for 2025-2026 is included in your Newsletter and will also be posted on our website.

MERIT AWARDS

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 everyone of you bring to our club. Our Merit Award winner will be recognized at our May Luncheon and will be listed in our June Newsletter.

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

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.

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 If you have any questions, please contact Marcelene Lewis. Thank you!

DIRECTORY

Ladies, please check 2024-2025 Directory and see if your information is correct, if it's not and you haven't contact Marcelene yet, please do so now. We have been advised of many incorrect addresses and/or phone #s, or birthday.

FASHION SHOW—LITTLE BLACK DRESS

The Little Black Dress Committee would like to thank everyone involved with the MWC Fashion Show. Special thanks to our models, Dillard's, Katie Richardson (make-up), DC Centre, our President's, First Vice President's and treasurers! Thanks extended to all our members who attended and had a fun time! We couldn't have done it without you! **Susan Mehl, Cindy Popp and Kay Porter**

FACEBOOK

Facebook is covered with pictures. **Reminder you must be a paid member of Metro Women's Club. Unpaid members will be removed!** No questions asked! Members remember to take pictures of your events and submit them to Darlene Gaeta for our private Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Gaeta or Margi Vice.

CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

I have had a wonderful response on the pop can tabs. I want to thank everyone who has been saving them, please keep up the good work. **Chairperson: Margi Vice**

IMAGINE- Amy Bloom, writer and psychotherapist, said "You are imperfect, permanently and inevitably flawed. And you are beautiful." Our beautiful writers met on March 26, 2025 with all eight attending. We were excited to celebrate Nanci Neal's return to Imagine and Mary Lou Jambor's ongoing recovery. Karen Saunders asked for ideas to help flush out story ideas of her husband's story regarding two tours in Viet Nam. Janis Keim read us her most recent rhyming poems "Grandma's Tablecloth," and "My Remington" sparking great discussion. Amy Fielder was styling a new haircut for which her untitled poem described. Title ideas, "The Haircut," or "Hair Just Right," topped the list. We delighted in Kelli Barager's edible treats as well as appreciating her recent poem "Breaking Up." Kathy Benoit Raynor held us captivated by recalling a memorable play that she witnessed in Branson describing Jesus' birth. Jean Cully shared her latest poem "Time and Circumstance," written to perform at the Benson Theater as part of a group with disabilities Common Senses. If you are interested in joining a new writer's group please contact Jean Cully. Next Meeting April 23, 2025 and May's meeting is May 28, 2025.

BIRTHDAY GALS

05/03	Myra Hoffart	05/03	Darlene Palmer	05/03	Sheila Winkler
05/06	Sue Pieper	05/11	Lorraine Kuker	05/13	Kay Snyder
05/15	Geri Backora	05/15	Sally Itschner	05/17	Deann Zens
05/18	Sandy Major	05/19	Carolyn Will	05/23	Sara Browne
05/23	Bonnie Pulte	05/24	Tricia Weathers	05/31	Carol Cleek

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2025

SOCIAL NOON LUNCHEON 2ND TUESDAY, MAY 13th, 11:30 SOCIAL, 12:00 LUNCH

At: **Oak Hills Country Club, 12325 Golfing Green Drive, Omaha, NE**

DO NOT call Oak Hills to make or cancel reservations. Call Karen or Carolyn listed below.

MENU: *Choice of one:*

1. Chicken Jerusalem - Grilled chicken breast topped with a light lemon cream sauce with artichokes, capers and mushrooms
2. Salmon Piccata - Salmon served with a lemon and caper butter sauce

Both entree selections include: House Salad with Vinaigrette dressing, Fingerling Potatoes, Asparagus, Rolls with Whipped Butter, Coffee and Tea, Brownie Alamode Sundae. Cash Bar Available

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 Tuesday, May 6th please call Karen Saunders or Carolyn Will. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller the guest's name and menu selection.

Callers: Please have your attendees' count to Karen or Carolyn — Reservation deadline is **Tuesday, May 6th**

Cancellations: Must be called in to Karen or Carolyn no later than noon on Wednesday, May 7th **If you make a reservation, you will be responsible for payment in full, no cancellation will be accepted after Noon on Wednesday May 7th. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR PHONE. THANK YOU!

Luncheon Co-chairpersons: Karen Saunders and Carolyn Will

Program: New Officers Installation, Merit Award Recognition, Service Award Pins and presentation of check to **Project Pink's**

Reminder: Membership table will be available for renewals. Please have your check made out to MWC for \$30.00 or exact cash amount. Be prepared to verify your address, phone #s and email address. Thank you for being prepared.

DINE & DONATE Thursday, May 15th

MWC ladies, You are invited to meet at the **Texas Roadhouse, 156th and West Dodge Road, on Thursday, May 15th**, for our final Dine and Donate event benefiting **Project Pink'd**. Meet your friends and family there from **4-10pm**, or order a fabulous steak meal to go. Just be sure to mention at checkout that you are there for MWC Dine and Donate event. Looking forward to a great turnout with MWC friends.

Speaking of Dine and Donate events, watch your June Newsletter for information on our next event to be held in August at Qdoba Mexican Eats in the L Street Marketplace.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION—Saturday, May 17th

Executive Committee, Committee Chairs, Social & Special Events Chairs, and Special Interest Activity Chairs please have all articles/information to Lorraine Mines by Saturday, May 17th for the June Newsletter. Lorraine is taking over as Newsletter Editor. If you are planning on taking a trip, please get your information to the Newsletter Editor prior to leaving, there's a deadline that needs to be met for the printer. Thank you.

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday May 20th 10:00 am (DOUBLE BOARD MEETING)

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR PHONES. THANK YOU!

Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Socials and Special Events Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairperson(s) are expected to have their information to Lorraine Mines for the newsletter the **Friday prior to the board meeting**. If you are scheduled to report, please be at the board meeting. If unable to attend please call LouAnn or Rosemary. Information needs to be to Lorraine Mines and Linda Cisar the Saturday prior to the board meeting. *Thank you for your cooperation.*

BIRTHDAY BASH — 3rd Tuesday May 20th 11:45 am PLEASE RSVP

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!

Charleston's Restaurant at 7540 Dodge St., Omaha

Call or text **Chris** to make a reservation, or sign-up at the next Social Noon Luncheon. *Please call Chris to cancel! Birthday Bash*

Chairperson: Chris Sagenbrecht

GAD-A-BOOTS — 4th Tuesday May 27th 10:30 am PLEASE RSVP

Let's continue the recognition of Memorial Day on Tuesday, May 27th by learning the rich history 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 beginning at 11 am. MEET AT THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CIRCLE DRIVE - 6005 UNDERWOOD DRIVE ENTRANCE (parking available). Lunch following at the BRAZEN HEAD PUB, 319 N. 78th Street. Carpoolers meet at Family Fare 144th & Center at 10:25 am. RSVP to Dorris Heaston.

Dorris Heaston & Sandy Major—co-chairs

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>

FUTURE EVENTS

May 2025

COFFEE & CHAT—TUESDAY, AUGUST 5th 10:00 am-Noon
NEED HOSTESS and CO-HOSTESSES

DINE & DONATE

Watch your June Newsletter for information on our next event to be held in August at Qdoba Mexican Eats in the L Street Marketplace.

LET'S GO PLACES

AUGUST 2025 -

BERMUDA - 7 day cruise from Boston to this beautiful island, Aug 15-22, 3 days at sea, 3 days living on the cruise ship and enjoying the beach and sites during the day. Very reasonable at \$2000, interior cabin, all meals included, airfare. Upgrade on cabin will increase price.

SEPTEMBER 2025 -

National Parks... Fly into Phoenix, board motor coach for 7 days, staying in Grand Canyon, Lake Powell resort, and others, enjoying the beautiful nature that these parks offer. We fly home from Las Vegas, so an additional day may be of interest to some. Total cost of motor coach, lodging, insurance, all breakfasts and 2 dinners, and airfare, approximately \$2500. Airfare is a roller coaster. If you are interested, it's not too early to sign up! \$429 down payment plus cost of insurance is due at sign up, final payment July 28th. We can also find best airfare later in the spring. CALL BARB BURES

MAY 21 – WILLA CATHER AND THE NEBRASKA PRAIRIE--\$125 per person

REGISTRATION IS DUE BY END OF APRIL!!! (Flyer attached)

JUNE 11 – JERSEY BOYS AT THE NEW THEATRE IN KC-\$159 per person

June 11 - This date for Jersey Boys is full, HOWEVER, there is a second Jersey Boy tour on June 18th. Seats will be in row 12 for the 18th show. Stop at Browne's Irish Marketplace (Flyer attached)

JULY 22 – LEAVENWORTH, FIRST CITY OF KANSAS-\$120 per person

Ride a 1913 carousel and learn about Federal Prison and Fort Leavenworth

AUGUST 21 – OH, MY IOWA SHOW WITH BROWN FAMILY-\$127 per person

Musical tribute to songs and artists of Iowa. Brown Century Theatre in Le Mars, Iowa BILL SAYS TO SIGN UP NOW BECAUSE THIS SHOW ALWAYS SELLS OUT. You don't have to pay until later.

OCTOBER 15 – NEBRASKA CITY APPLES & FALL COLORS -\$105 per person

Orchard wagon ride, winery and folk-art museum

To register for tours, contact Travel Cat Tours 531-777-2124 info@travelcattours.com

Travel Club—Co-chairs: Cece Carlson & Cindy Carlson

SILENT AUCTION INVITATION, 2nd Tuesday, October 14th

Metro Women's Club ladies,

With spring holidays and summer trips just around the corner, your Silent Auction committee would like to invite you to watch for those terrific sale items and regional finds from your travels that you would enjoy gifting to our next big charity fund raiser.

We've already begun collecting and welcome items large or small. Call Chairperson: Sarah Chvala with questions. We're excited about our proposed theme, and will be sharing that soon. Enjoy your upcoming spring/summer days!

THE PERSONALS

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Bobbie Montequin—Foot Surgery
Celeste Giery—Husband's Health
Mary Beth Manninger—Husband's Health
Donna Arlt—Knee Surgery
Patricia Thompson—Surgery

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who sent kind thoughts after the death of my mother, Jessie Juarez. Your support is appreciated. *Margo Juarez*

MEMBERS Current membership stands at 200. Our membership renewal is progressing nicely. We have only one more month to accept renewals. Anyone renewing after May 31st will not be accepted. The Club has 161 lovely ladies that have taken advantage of the early membership renewal campaign and 34 that have not renewed yet. There are 32 ladies that are on our waiting list. I will be able to invite some of them when we determine how many of our ladies did not rejoin for the 2025-2026 calendar year. Thank you for your patients with the membership campaign. Looking forward to Spring!

Marcelene Lewis - Membership / Renewals

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

May 2025

<p>EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, May 7th 6:30pm</p> <p>Hostess: Denise Shroyer</p> <p>Results from April Most Wins: Connie Gibb Most Buncos: Juanita Hammen Most Losses: LouAnn Norton Door Prize: Diane Dobrinska</p> <p>Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p>LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, May 9th 11:00 am</p> <p>Hostess: Julie Dunn</p> <p>Results from April Most Wins: Sue Mehl Most Buncos: Denise Swanson Most Losses: Deborah Jones Door Prize: Linda Davis</p> <p>Linda Davis</p>	<p>DAYTIME BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, May 21st 9:30 am</p> <p>Hostess: Chris Sagenbrecht</p> <p>Results from April Most Wins: Peggy Reibold Most Buncos: Marcelene Lewis Most Losses: Shirley Raleigh Door Prize: Cindy Carlson</p> <p>Diane Dobrinska</p>
<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday 11:30 (Start in Fall) Red Lobster at Oakview Center & 140th</p> <p>Results from April (Final Results) Barb Zabel & Marilyn Conner 15,610 Monica Clark & Rosemary Bliss 13,630 Mary Lou Jambor & Mary Beth Manninger 11,470</p> <p>Marathon Bridge will start again in the Fall. If you would like play, please contact Celeste Giery.</p>	<p>BRIDGE PLAYERS ALERT!!!</p> <p>The Metro Women's Club bridge activity on the 2nd Wednesday of every month is NOT a closed group. You must call and sign up to play before the play date so bridge materials can be made ready. We have room for more players. Call, text or email Anna Nelson</p>	<p>BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, May 14th 11:00 am</p> <p>Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha</p> <p>Results from April 1st Place: Anna Nelson 2nd Place: Carole Thompson 3rd Place: Shirley Puls</p> <p>This is NOT a closed group. If you are interested in playing please contact: Anna Nelson</p>
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday May 5th 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Bert Harrifeld</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday May 19th 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Judy Mumm</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday May 21st 12:30 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Connie Gibb</p>
<p>BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, May 16th 9:30 am</p> <p>Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p>Book: THE FIRST LADIES Author: Maria Benedict</p> <p>Questions: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>WALKING WITH THE ANIMALS Every Friday all year round</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>Contact: Lorraine Mines</p>	<p>SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, May 1st 3:00 pm Goose 120 12051 Blondo St, Omaha</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>Chairperson: Darlene Palmer</p>
<p>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP 4th Wednesday, May 28th</p> <p>Chairperson: Jean Cully</p> <p>If anyone would like to join a new writer's group, please call Jean Cully</p>		<p>GAD-A-BOUNTS 4th Tuesday, May 27th</p> <p>See Page 3 for more information</p>
<p>CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday, May 23rd</p> <p>Watch your emails that week for movie choice, theater & lunch location. The movie schedules for any Friday are usually posted Tuesday or Wednesday of a given week.</p> <p>Any questions, text or call Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd & 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm May 8th & 22nd</p> <p>Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</p> <p>Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</p> <p>Sandy Simpson</p>	<p>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB Everyone is welcome! Friday, May 23rd at 10:00 am</p> <p>Planting Party at Wenninghoff's Garden Center</p> <p>\$10 per person plus dirt and plants</p> <p>See Attached Flyer</p> <p>Patricia Thompson</p>



MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Social Hour HAPPY MAY DAY!	2 Zoo Walking	3
4	5 Noon Delights	6 Marathon Bridge	7 Evening Bunco	8 Mah Jongg	9 Zoo Walk Lunchtime Bunco	10
11 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	12	13 May Luncheon	14 Bridge	15 DINE & DONATE	16 Zoo Walk Book Club	17 Information Due for the June Newsletter
18	19 Dining Divas	20 Board Meeting Birthday Bash	21 Morning Bunco Lunch Bunch	22 Mah Jongg	23 Zoo Walk GARDEN CLUB Cinema Chicks	24
25	26 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!	27 GAD-A-BOOTS	28 Imagine Writer's Group	29	30	31

Here's your
Metro Women's Club
Newsletter

METRO WOMEN'S CLUB
Officers and Committees for 2025-2026

Executive Board

	Name
President	LouAnn Norton
President	Rosemary Bliss
1st Vice President (Luncheons)	Deann Zens
1st Vice President (Luncheons)	Julie Dunn
1st Vice President (Luncheons)	Cella Best
2nd Vice President (Programs)	Mary Ellen Anderson
2nd Vice President (Programs)	Peggy Christ
Recording Secretary	Linda Cisar
Corresponding Secretary	Linda Nelson
Treasurer	Connie Gibb
Assistant Treasurer	Pat Bond
Advisor	Mary Beth Manninger

Committee Chairs (alphabetically)

Coffees & Chat	Bert Harrifeld
Directory	Denise Shroyer
Facebook Admin	Margi Vice
Facebook Admin	Sue Pieper
Facebook Admin	Jean Welsh
Hospitality	Sharon Duignan
Hospitality	Ann Thomson
Luncheon Greeter	Janice Japp
Luncheon Greeter	Margi Vice
Membership (new/renewal)	Marcelene Lewis
Newsletter Circulation	Julie Dunn
Newsletter Editor	Lorraine Mines
Website Editor	Lorraine Mines

Social & Special Events (alphabetically)

Charity Selection	Geri Backora
Charity Selection	Shirley Fey
Christmas Gift Exchange	Shirley Raleigh
Christmas Gift Exchange	Deborah Jones
Fashion Show	Sue Mehl
Fashion Show	Cindy Popp
Fashion Show	Kay Porter
Silent Auction	Sarah Chvala
Socials	Darlene Gaeta
Socials	Cindy Popp
Spring Social & Game Day	Jean Cully

Special Interest Activities (alphabetically)

American Mah Jongg
Birthday Bash
Birthday Bash
Book Club
Bridge - 2nd Wednesday
Bridge - Marathon
Bunco - Morning & Evening
Bunco - Lunch Time
Cinema Chicks
Cinema Chicks
Dine & Donate
Dining Inn Noon Delights, Lunch Bunch & Dining Diva's
Gad-a-Bouts
Gad-a-Bouts
Garden Club "Sweet Peas"
Golf
Imagine - Creative Writers Group
Let's Go Places-Travel Group (Day trips)
Let's Go Places-Travel Group
Pop Can Tabs
Social Hour
Walking with the Animals
Other
Communication Specialist (Metro Mouth)
Communication Specialist

Name

Sandy Simpson
Judy Mumm
Dee Bigge
Juanita Hammen
Anna Nelson
Celeste Giery
Diane Dobrinska
Linda Davis
Diane Stein
Deann Zens
Sarah Chvala
Pat Goodyear
Dorris Heaston
Sandy Major
Patricia Thompson
Roberta Courter
Jean Cully
Cindy Carlson
Barb Bures
Margi Vice
Doris Helfrich
Lorraine Mines
Barb Bures
Marcelene Lewis

Updated 3/18/2025

2025-2026 MWC Nominating Committee:

Deann Zens, Mary Beth Manninger and Denise Shroyer



Photo Courtesy of The Willa Cather Foundation
Collections & Archives at the National Willa Cather
Center in Red Cloud, Nebraska

Willa Cather & the Nebraska Prairie

May 21, 2025

Spend the day discovering the life and works of Willa Cather, one of Nebraska's most famous and cherished authors. Explore the small town of Red Cloud which inspired her writings. Experience the beauty of an untamed prairie when the wild flowers are blooming in the month of May.

Suggested reading of *My Antonia* before the tour

Today we travel to Red Cloud, Nebraska. Willa Cather's memories of Red Cloud and its people inspired six of her twelve novels and many of her most beloved short stories. Cather spent her childhood in this small railroad town which today is the largest living memorial to an author in the country. Upon arrival, we will visit the National Willa Cather Center. The center will give us an opportunity to learn more about Cather's life and work through exhibits. The center also contains a bookstore and gift shop.

The Willa Cather Foundation has preserved many of the sites associated with Cather's literature, and we will tour four of the historic sites in downtown Red Cloud. Our first site is the childhood home of Willa Cather. This restored home contains many family artifacts including furniture, prints, and family photographs. Upstairs is young Willa's small attic bedroom. Cather wallpapered this room herself and the rose colored wallpaper is still there. The room was also the inspiration for the bedroom of fictional character, Thea Kronborg, in *The Song of the Lark*. We will also visit the 1888 Farmers and Merchants Bank and the 1885 Red Cloud Opera House where we will enjoy a box lunch.

After lunch, we will drive by the Burlington Depot and J.L. Miner House. The Miner house was described in *My Antonia* where Antonia worked. This afternoon we will leave the community of Red Cloud and journey to the wild prairie countryside that inspired her writings. A local guide will take us to the Willa Cather Memorial Prairie. The site is a botanical treasure consisting of 612 acres of never-been-plowed native prairie.



Wednesday, May 21, 2025

7:30 am - 7:30 pm \$125 per person

Register online at www.travelcattours.com or at the
Lakeside Hills Apartments Office





Sweet Pea Garden Club

Planting Party at Wenninghoff's Garden Center

Friday, May 23, 10:00am

6707 Wenninghoff Road Omaha



\$10 per person with a minimum of \$40 per group, plus plants & soil

One of Wenninghoff's design experts will help us choose the right plants for our location and put it together into a one-of-a-kind Masterpiece!

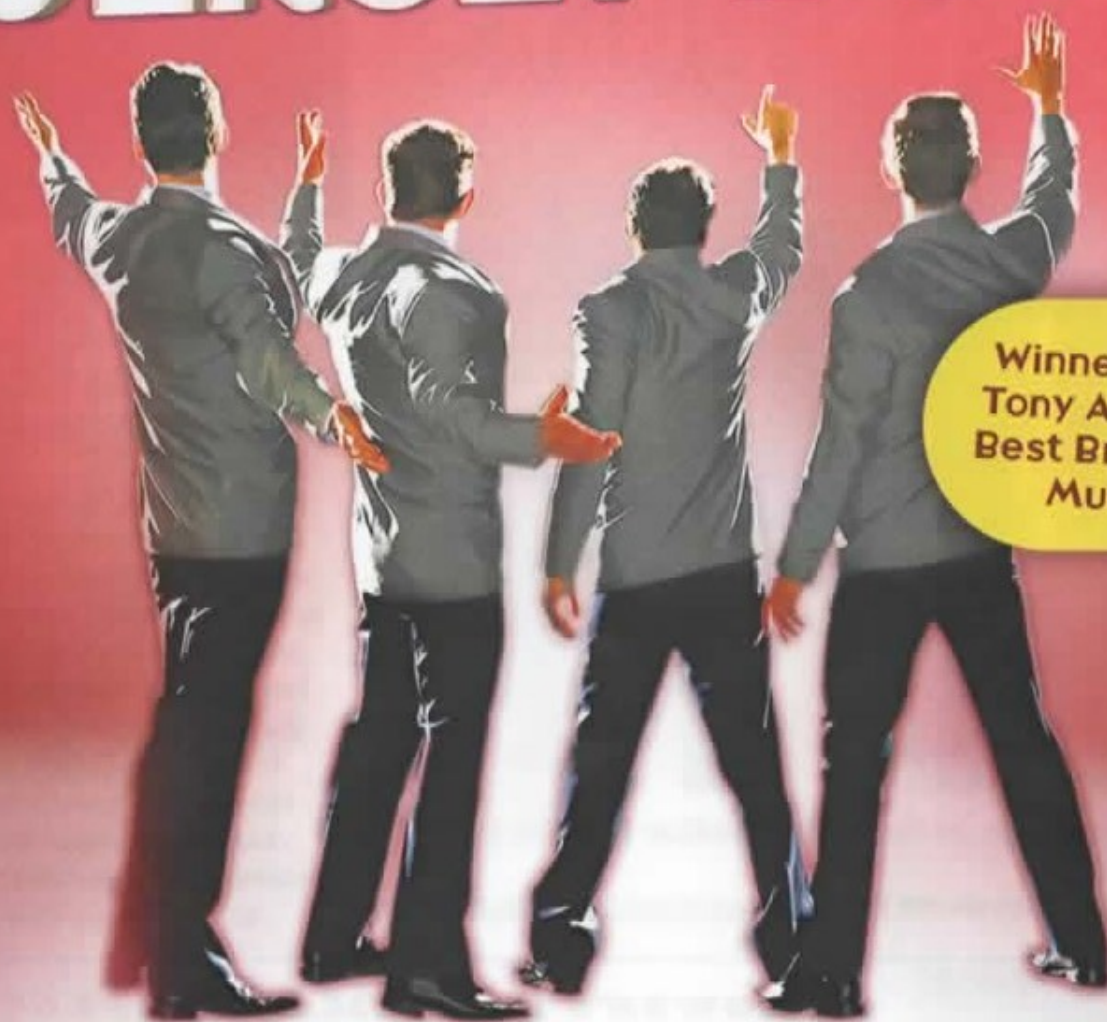


Bring your own container

Best of all, leave the mess!



JERSEY BOYS



Winner of the
Tony Award for
Best Broadway
Musical

**An uplifting tale of four blue collar Italian boys
from the East coast, with vocal harmonies to**

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

\$159 per person

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2025

Includes transportation, gratuities, gourmet lunch with
dessert and stop at Browne's Irish Marketplace after show.

For reservations, mail form, call 531-777-2124
or register online at www.travelcat.com

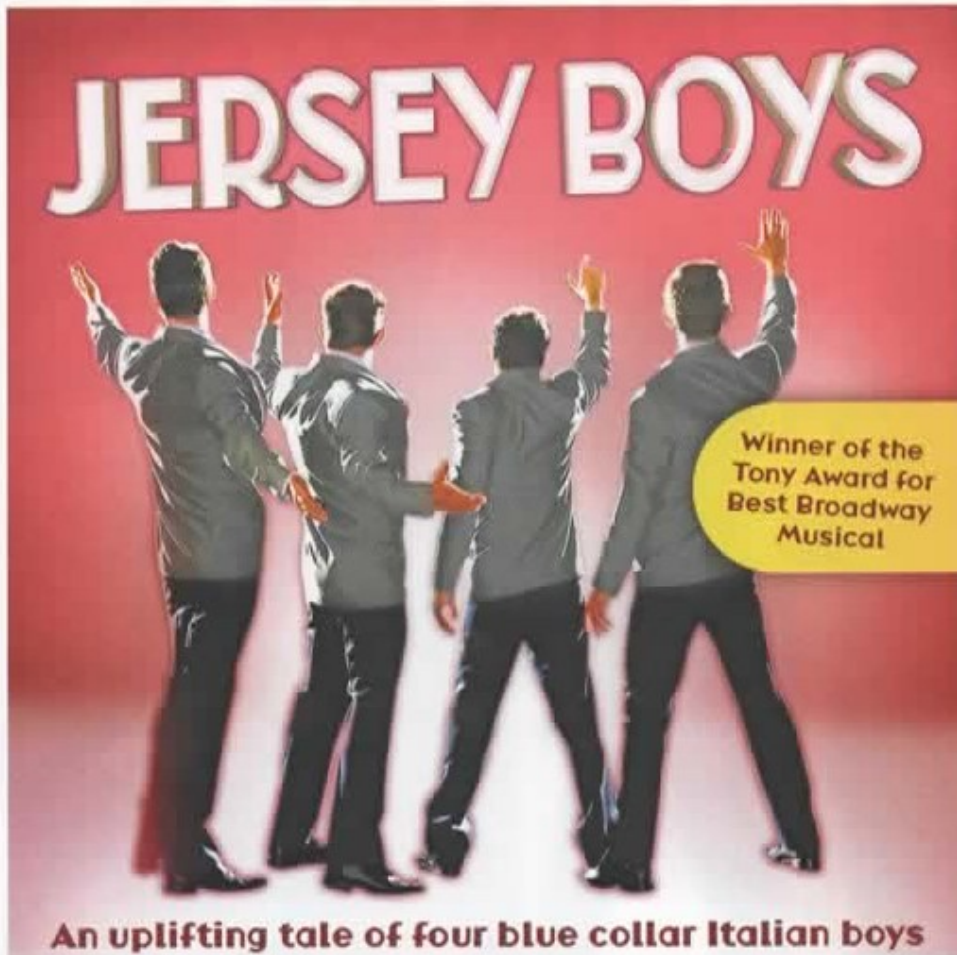


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Kansas City Day Tour



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Enjoy a matinee luncheon dinner theatre performance of the Tony Award winning Broadway musical Jersey Boys. It tells the story of four blue collar Italian boys from the East Coast and their rags to riches journey of their iconic group The Four Seasons. Theatre buffet includes many gourmet dishes. Enjoy a large dessert during intermission. Please note there will be some stairs in theater.

DON'T WAIT - REGISTER ONLINE TODAY! WWW.TRAVELCATTOURS.COM



BROWNE'S IRISH MARKETPLACE

After the show, we will make a brief stop at Browne's Irish Marketplace to enjoy some shopping. Meet the Browne family who started their family business in 1887. Discover their HUGE selection of imported Irish items including clothing, food, whiskey, jewelry, teas, decorative plates, and more.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

7:30 am - 8:30 pm \$159 per person

Price includes transportation, gratuities, gourmet lunch buffet with dessert, and show ticket. Group will stop at McDonalds on drive back to Omaha for dinner on your own.

Register online at travelcattours.com or call 531-777-2124

Registration deadline: April 15, 2025

