



Metro Women's Club

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Friendship

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear MWC Ladies,

What a successful month March was for MWC. We had a wonderful Spring Social and Game Day with the most people attending, the most prizes given away and the most money made for our charity. A thank you goes to the Committee that put this awesome event together and a thank you to all the ladies that were able to attend.

If you have been following MCW on Facebook, you would have seen what a great time the ladies had on their trip to the Bahamas. It looked like lots of smiles and lots of laughs. I want to thank this Committee also for putting together such a fun, successful trip.

Our next luncheon will be our Spring Fashion Show on Tuesday, April 11th and will be held at The Players Club. This is always such a lovely event. Please plan on attending. Finally, have a great April Fools' Day. A quote from Alan Coren, English humorist, who wonders "if the manufacturers of foolproof items keep a fool or two on their payroll to test things."

Thank you for all you do for the MWC and all you do for our charity, The Omaha Street School.

- Mary Beth Manninger, President

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY

Our theme for Spring Social and Game Day was – "A best friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find & lucky to have." Chairman Jean Cully and Co-Chairs Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Kay Porter, Doris Toole and Tricia Weathers would like to thank all our members and guests who helped make Metro Women's Club Spring Social and Game Day a huge success.

Thank you -- You are more than believable, you are fantastic, you are better than a lucky charm, better than gold at the rainbow, luckier than a four-leaf clover. thank you from the bottom of our hearts for attending and helping with our spring social and game day. No blarney – you are the best!

A wonderful day for friends to be together. A total of 27 local businesses and 39 members donated 143 raffle items, gift cards and money. An additional 4 items were offered for bids. Of the raffle items 25 were donated by Pat Tonar. 135 were in attendance which included 100 members and 35 guests. Through reservations, bid items, raffle tickets and donations **Metro Women's Club made \$5,000 for our charity, Omaha Street School.** A guest Rachel Lambert was the lucky winner of the Lucky Charm box containing 100 one-dollar bills. Thank you for donating money and prizes, buying raffle tickets, and of course coming to eat, socialize and play games. But especially "thanks to you" for all you do in our club. We had a fantastic committee who made things fun. They worked well together to gather prizes, help at the planning meetings, come up with great ideas and taking time to help set-up and decorate. Thank you very much to the Game Day Committee: Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Kay Porter, Doris Toole and Tricia Weathers. Plans are in the works for 2024's Spring Social and Game Day - join us on March 12, 2024.

- Chairman Jean Cully

FASHION SHOW

Spring Fashions by Christopher & Banks ... WOW. Great fashion, great luncheon, great afternoon.

An additional note: you will be voting on the charity we will sponsor for 2022-2023 year, plus nominees for Executive Board and our club budget for 2023-2024. Plan to attend. The afternoon will WOW you!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's time to renew your membership! The Fashion Show would be a perfect time to pay your 2023-2024 dues. Connie Gibb and Pat Bond, and Margi Vice, will have a table set-up and ready for you to pay your \$25.00 dues quickly so you can join your friends for lunch and a fabulous Fashion Show. PS : If you have corrections to make on your contact information in the Directory please contact Margi Vice . She will be printing the new Directories shortly after June 1st. Take a look at the Directory, you may have canceled your landline or changed a cell number. Now would be the time to make the correction

NEW DOMINOES GROUP STARTS

Dominoes starts Monday, April 17th at 1:00 PM at Tricia Weather's home. This will be the first Dominoes play day.

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 every one of you bring to our club and now we ask your help in recognizing members who you feel are deserving of this year's Merit Award. Please give this some thought and submit in writing the name of the member and a brief description of their accomplishments to Karen Saunders or Myra Hoffart. The list of past recipients of the award is found in the membership directory. Please submit your nominations by **April 18.**

NEW SOCIAL GROUP

A new social group called "Social Hour" has formed to enjoy Happy Hour the first Thursday of each month. Place and time will vary according to Happy Hour times of businesses. Their first meeting will be Thursday, April 6th, 4:00 PM at Gorat's Steakhouse, 4917 Center Street. No RSVP necessary.

Chairperson—Darlene Palmer, Doris Helfrich, Darlene Gaeta, Jean Cully and Tricia Weathers

CARD

If any of our members need a card of Cheer, Get Well, Congratulations or Sympathy sent , please contact Linda Nelson. Linda will send a card out to them. Staying connected is extremely important for us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2023

WELCOMING COFFEE, 1st TUESDAY, QUARTERLY, APRIL 4th, 10:00 AM
Hostess: Jerri Cone, Co-Hostesses: Margi Vice and Barb Bures

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON, 2nd TUESDAY, APRIL 11th, 11:30 AM SOCIAL, 12:00 PM LUNCH
At: **The Players Club at Deer Creek, 12101 Deer Creek Drive, Omaha**

(lots of parking by front entrance, a drop-off semi-circle right up to the entrance and no stairs)

DO NOT call The Payers Club to make or cancel reservations. Call Myra or Karen listed below

Choices for our Luncheon are:

1. Chicken Marsala
2. Baked Salmon in Lemon-Lime Butter Sauce
3. Sliced Sirloin with a Red Wine Demi sauce

All entrees served with House Garden Salad with cucumbers, tomatoes and carrots served with balsamic vinaigrette or ranch dressing (at the table), Herb Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Asparagus, Rolls and Butter and Apple Pie for dessert. Coffee station and iced tea also provided. Bar will be available for purchasing wine, beer, mixed drinks (cash or credit card)

Cost: \$32.00 per person admission includes lunch, taxes, tip and fashion show (cash or check only).

Members: If you do not receive a call by **March 30th** and wish to attend, please call Karen Saunders or Myra Hoffart. If you are bringing a guest, please provide the caller with your guest's name and menu selection.

Callers: Please have your attendees' choices to Karen or Myra by **March 30th**.

Cancellations: **Any cancellations must be made by March 30th, or you will be expected to pay for your Luncheon.**

Program: Fashions by Christopher & Banks

Luncheon Co-Chairpersons: Myra Hoffart and Karen Saunders

Your Fashion Show Co-Chairpersons: Carolyn Will and Celeste Giery

DONE AND DONATE, THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH, 4:00 PM—10:00 PM

At: **Texas Roadhouse, 520 North 155th Plaza, Omaha**

Bring your friends, neighbors and family for a great meal. Be sure to identify that your dine in or carry out order is for Metro Women's Club in order for us to receive 10% credit for our charity, Omaha Street School. See you there

Dine And Donate Co-Chairperson: Sarah Chvala and Jerri Cone

BOARD MEETING 3rd TUESDAY, APRIL 18th, 10:00 AM

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

Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Socials and Special Event Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairpersons are expected to attend the Board Meeting. If unable to attend, you may call or email your information **prior** to the Board Meeting to: Marcelene Lewis, Editor, and Carolyn Will, Recording Secretary.

BIRTHDAY BASH, 3rd TUESDAY, APRIL 18th, 11:45 AM

At: **Olive Garden, 16929 Lakeside Hills Plaza, Omaha**

Call Rosemary or LouAnn to make reservations or sign up at Social Noon Luncheon

Birthday Bash Co-Chairs Rosemary Bliss and LouAnn Norton

GADABOUTS, 4th TUESDAY, APRIL 25th, 1:00 PM CARPOOL

At: **Glacial Till Vineyard Cider House and Tasting Room, 1419 Silver Street, Ashland NE**

Carpool: 1:00PM, Family Fare Supermarket, 14444 West Center Road, Omaha

This month we will be changing it up a little with an afternoon Gadabout. We will head out at 1 to the Glacial Till Cider House and Tasting Room. There we can sit in the beautiful conversation room and enjoy an afternoon of laughter, share a flight and maybe even eat some of their delish gourmet delights. (Food is available, but a lunch is not planned.) Carpooling is recommended. 144th/Center

Committee Chairperson: Tricia Weathers

FUTURE EVENTS

METRO WOMEN'S CLUB GARAGE SALE, THURSDAY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 11, 12, & 13, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tricia Weathers Home

The Garage Sale will be on May 11th, 12th & 13th in conjunction with the Stone Creek Garage Sale. This will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Garage Sale donations can be dropped off between May 1 through May 7th at any of three locations.

We will accept any garage sale donation that are useable. Clothing should be clean. Large items must be dropped off at the 6811 North 162nd Street location between May 1st through May 7th. All items that are not sold will be donated to a charitable organization. We are asking for volunteers to act as cashiers. There should be two for each shift and will be sitting at a table. This will be for the Thursday, Friday and and/or Saturday days. We will also need a few volunteers to help with pricing and staging on May 8th and 10th between hours of 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on May 9th right after the Luncheon. Please call Pat Goodyear if you would like to volunteer and the hours when you might be available.

Committee Members: Pat Goodyear, Tricia Weathers, Darlene Gaeta, Marcelene Lewis and Denise Stroyer

LET'S GO PLACES

GREAT WOMEN OF OMAHA BUS TRIP, THURSDAY JUNE 1ST,

Visit five businesses and landmarks that are products of the Women who made Omaha great. Includes breakfast at Lithuanian Bakery, lunch prepared by the cooks at St. John's Greek Orthodox Church, and snacks at the Ukrainian Church. \$112.00 for a fun day!. Contact Barb Bures for information and to reserve your seat. Family and friends welcome! . **Deadline May 1st.**

July—Bridges of Madison County IA

August—Chillicothe MO for murals

Committee Chairperson: Barb Bures

JUNE 28-30, OR JULY 1ST, 2023

The Mississippi Riverboat Cruise trip June 28-30 has 50 participants!. If you are still interested, contact Cece Carlson for information if there are reservation cancellations. Watch the Newsletter in future for fun one-day bus trips this year!! **RESERVATIONS FULL**

SILENT AUCTION—OCTOBER 10th, 11:00 AM

Arbor Hall, 14040 Arbor Street, Omaha

Although it seems a long way off, it will be here before we know it. Please keep the Auction in mind while your shopping and vacationing. We always need baskets, filler shreds and tissue for baskets. We also need volunteer that want to help the day of the Auction with greeting, packing and monitoring.

Please call Sarah Chvala if you would like to donate or help. More information as we get closer to our fabulous Auction day.

THE PERSONALS

April 2023

NEW MEMBERS (190 members)

No new members joined.

LUNCHEON RAFFLE WINNERS

We were all winners at our Spring Social and Game Day. The Committee did a wonderful job and everyone had a beautiful day of cards and games.

CORRECTIONS/CHANGES

Connie Stilwell—new address,

Monica Clark—new cell

Pam Ross— canceled landline

Doris Toole new address—

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Shirley Raleigh—Sympathy, sister passed

Jan Johnson Thinking of You Broken ankle

Cindy Popp Thinking of You Broken ankle

Carolyn Sliva Thinking of You Rotator Cuff surgery

Sue Sammin Thinking of You Knee replacement

Melody Rowley's Family Sympathy Melody's passing
Tina Kirby and husband Doug of WI, Get Well Pneumonia (both)

Chris Sagenbrecht & Len Get Well , Len has Covid

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

<p>NIGHT BUNCO 1st Wednesday, April 5th , 6:30 PM Hostess: Jerri Cone, March Results Most Wins: Diane Dobrinska Most Buncos: Carolyn Will Most Losses: Peggy Reibold Door Prize: Sharon Duignan</p> <p>We have a full roster in this group but new subs are always welcome. If you are interested in being on our sub list call: Diane Dobrinska at</p>	<p>BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, April 12th, 11:00 AM Zio's Pizzeria, 12997 West Center Road \$1.00 to play, Lunch & Tip</p> <p>February Results 1st: Carole Thompson 2nd: Jean Cully 3rd: Bobbie Montequin 4th: Barb Zabel</p> <p>Questions or to add your name to the sub list, contact Anna Nelson</p>	<p>CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday, April 28st Movie: "Moving On" with Jane Fonda & Lily Tomlin once again.</p> <p>They play estranged friends who see each other again at a friend's funeral. It promises to be another light-hearted adventure with these two. I will have an email sent out the week of April 24th for both theater and lunch location. Do not respond to that email, or on Facebook; I will not receive them. Please text or call Chris Sagenbrecht</p>
<p>DAY BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, April 19th, 9:30 AM Hostess: Diane Dobrinska March Results Most Wins: Deborah Jones Most Buncos: Juanita Hammen Most Losses: Marcelene Lewis Door Prize: Cindy Carlson</p> <p>We have a full roster in this group. Anyone interested in being a sub call Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, April 4th, 11:30, AM Red Lobster, Oakview (Bar Area) 2707 South 140th Street</p> <p>February Results: 1st Rosemary Bliss and Anna Nelson 4260 2nd Sandy Hammond and Myra Hoffart 3130 3rd Pat Bond and Monica Clark 2840</p> <p>March Results: Mary Lou Jambor and Mary B. Manninger 5390 Rosemary Bliss and Anna Nelson 2810 Margaret Baier and Luanne Colbert 2710</p> <p>Questions? Call Celeste Giery .</p>	<p>STITCH & CHAT Last Wednesday, April 26th , 1:00 PM Hostess: Tricia Weathers</p> <p>Everyone invited! Come and enjoy an afternoon with good friends, fun crafts, lots of goodies and fellowship. Please notify your hostess if you are coming or not. We will planning our 2023 schedule. Questions, please call:</p> <p>Pat Bond and Dolores Hughes</p>
<p>BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, April 21st , 9:30 AM Millard Branch Omaha Library 13214 Westwood Lane Book: <i>The Good Sister</i> Author: Sally Hepworth</p> <p>Questions: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>AMERICAN MAH JONGG 2nd and 4th Thursday, 1:00 PM April 13th and 27th Contact Betty or Sue for lessons or game site. Observers are welcome!! LESSONS START IN APRIL</p> <p>Betty Delavan or Sue Odell</p>	<p>GOLF The Friday Morning Eagle Run Ladies Golf League</p> <p>Spring Golf begins on May 1st and runs through October 6th. There is a summer session that starts June 2nd and runs through August 4th If you would like more information, please email Roberta Courter</p>
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB— NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday, April 3rd, 12:00 Hostess: Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB DINING DIVAS - 2nd Monday, April 10th, 12:00 Hostess: Cindy Carlson, CHANGE</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB LUNCH BUNCH - 3rd Wednesday, April 19th 12:30 Hostess: Connie Gibb,</p>
<p>DOMINOES—NEW GROUP April 17th, Monday, 1:00 PM, Call or text Tricia Weather to sign-up</p>		
<p>LET'S GO PLACES—TRAVEL CLUB - Check out the full details of future trips on our website's "TRAVEL" tab, metrowomensclub.org JUNE 1st—Great Women of Omaha Bus Trip JUNE—Mississippi River Boat cruise. JULY—one day trip to Bridges of Madison County Iowa. AUGUST— Chillicothe MO to tour a city of murals. OCTOBER—one day fall foliage trip thru Iowa Loess Hills</p>		
<p>SOCIAL HOUR—NEW GROUP 1st Thursday , April 6th , 4:00 PM, Gorat's Steakhouse, 4917 Center Street, no reservations required Chairperson: Darlene Palmer</p>		

BIRTHDAY GALS

Cindy Frieling	April 2	Cindy Popp	April 9	Jean Cully	April 21
Karen Jackson	April 2	Margi Vice	April 16	Kathryn Gannon	April 24
Amy Earl	April 5	Renee McEvoy	April 17	Bert Harrifeld	April 25
Cathy Sedlacek	April 5	Ina Schmillen	April 17	Pam Ross	April 26
Linda Albracht	April 8	Linda Etherson	April 20	Margaret Bartek	April 28
Ann Thomson	April 8	Marian Pierce	April 20	Happy Birthday Ladies	

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 12:00 Noon Delights	4 11:30 Marathon Bridge	5 6:30 Evening Bunco	6 4:00 Social Hour — NEW	7	8
9	10 12:00 Dining Divas	11 11:30 Fashion Show	12 11:00 Bridge	13 1:00 American Mah Jongg Dine & Donate	14	15
16	17 1:00 Dominoes— NEW	18 10:00 Board Meeting 11:45 Birthday Bash	19 9:30 Morning Bunco 12:30 Lunch Bunch	20	21 9:30 Book Club	22
23	24	25 Gadabouts	26 1:00 Stitch & Chat	27 1:00 American Mah Jongg	28 Cinema Chicks	29
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*Here's your
 Metro Women's Club
 Newsletter*

The following are our suggested charities for 2023-24. Charity Selection Committee submitted 6 charities to the Board for their consideration at our meeting on March 21st. The Board was requested to pick three out of the six. We are now presenting to you, MWC members, those three charities. We will be asking you to vote for one at our Style Show on April 11th. Please read over the provided information. If you have questions or need more information feel free to call LouAnn or Jerri. Alternatively you can go to each charity's website. If you are unable to attend and would like to vote, please call LouAnn or Jerri with your selection.

SUGGESTED CHARITIES FOR 2023-2024
(Listed Alphabetically)

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

Their mission is defeating poverty-period! They believe the most empowering and effective way to do this is to not merely give people fish-they teach them to fish! Over the next decade they are committed to helping 25,000 working-age adults lift themselves out of poverty. The program is holistic and empowers the individual. Defeating poverty reduces crime, substance abuse and allows citizens to thrive. The program involves problem solving, goal setting, time management, personal financial management, negotiation/mediation, vocabulary/language and controlling emotions. They have a 94% graduation rate. The average graduate increases their net income by nearly \$1,500 per month (\$18,000/yr), with an average decrease in debt-to-income ratio of 58%. Families are then moving from instability to self-sufficiency.

UPDATE 2023: Eventually want to graduate 2,500 individuals/yr. There is a 20:1 return to the community for every \$ invested in BOP. They partner with more than 100 local organizations. New Program "Getting Ahead in the Workplace" takes life-changing curriculum into the workplace with coaching & resource coordination. Helping 25,000 individuals lift themselves out of poverty over the next decade will have a \$1 billion annual impact on our community in terms of increased incomes and decreased government benefits & that does not include the substantial "indirect benefits" (lower crime, etc.)

LEAST OF My BRETHREN

LOMB is a street ministry with its roots in St. Patrick's Church in Gretna and its branches reach out across the city to serve the homeless in Omaha and Council Bluffs. Firstly, they provide basic survival needs to those on the street. Secondly, their goal is to identify individuals who can sustain themselves with a source of income and help them get situated in a new apartment with all the furnishings needed. LOMB provides food, blessing bags, clothing, and sleeping bags. They hold monthly breakfasts and lunches where they provide free haircuts and bicycles (for mobility to get to work) in addition to food. Their ultimate goal is to offer a solution to homelessness and give individuals a chance to have the dignity and success that everyone deserves. 25% of their weekly move-ins provide women support to establish a new home environment enabling them to flee their pasts and get a fresh start in life. They work closely with other nonprofits including Bethlehem House and Mater Filius and the Salvation Army.

TOGETHER

Together's mission is to prevent and end hunger and homelessness in the Omaha and surrounding communities. Together envisions a community of prosperity where everyone experiences safe, affordable housing, food security, health and wellness. Their Nourish Program assists with basic needs through Choice Food Pantry and nutrition education. They support those at risk of sudden homelessness through their Crisis Engagement Program. The Horizon Program provides case management and support for those transitioning from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Together also operates a Non-Congregate Shelter which provides temporary housing in a hotel setting, primarily for seniors with medical needs as they transition to stable housing.

UPDATE 2023: In recent years Together's financial investments in services & the number of employees have nearly quadrupled, but more importantly, the number of people they have served, the unique ways they serve those in need, and their impact has grown the same. In third quarter 2022 their Rapid Re-housing Program (transitioning chronic homeless people to self-sufficient housing) had a rate of ZERO participants re-entering the homeless system. That is a 100% success rate with a national average that runs in the 78% range. Together's Crisis Engagement Team (helping those at risk of becoming homeless) has been extremely busy with roughly 3xs an increase in calls over last year.

Garage Sale

METRO WOMEN'S CLUB

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

May 11th — 13th 8:00AM to 5:00PM (Except Saturday)

3 fabulous Days

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Stone Creek Addition

Most valued items to donate to our garage sale

Hand Tools. Power Tools	Stuffed animals	Jewelry	Kitchen Appliances
Lawn and garden items	Electronics	Purses	Camping Gear
Holiday Decor	Home Decor	Clothing, Adult & Children	Plants
Games	Art	Furniture	Collectables
Vintage Dishes, Glassware	Ski Equipment	Sun Glasses	Kitchenware
Toys, Bikes, Scooters	Exercise Equipment	Small Chairs	Books

If you have questions about a donation, please call Pat Goodyear our Garage Sale Coordinator

This is our first effort to have a garage sale that is open to the public. Start looking for those items that you would like to donate to our Garage Sale. We will also need volunteers to help set-up, stage, cashier. Let's make this garage sale dynamic and make lots of money for our charity!!!