



Metro Women's Club

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Dear Metro Women's Club Ladies,

Have a wonderful holiday season. May you feel the love and warmth around you and recognize the love and warmth you send. May your new year be blessed with happiness and health. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

-Mary Beth Manninger, President

HOLIDAY COLLECTION OF CANS FOR LEAST OF MY BRETHREN

As you may know, Least of My Brethren offers a bag of empty used cans and plastic bottles to their clients. These cans and bottles are recycled in Iowa for cash. Metro Women's Club would like to help with these recyclables this holiday season. If you could, please save these items through the holidays and we will collect them and take them to Least of My Brethren's warehouse. Here is a description of what can be saved:

"We can take any kind of uncrushed soda cans, beer cans, or plastic bottles such as Pepsi plastic bottles. We do not take water bottles, juice bottles, Gatorade and so on. Any bag at all will work just fine. We typically bag them up and distribute one bag of cans to each individual."

If you decide to collect these items over the holidays, please plan on bringing them to the January Social Noon Luncheon on Tuesday, January 9th. Mary Beth Manninger, LouAnn Norton and Pat Bond will get the donations to the Least of My Brethren's warehouse that following Wednesday, January 10th. Thanks for your generous spirit in helping this charity.

DINE AND DONATE

Ladies, you've done it again. The Dine and Donate wine tasting event at Vino Mas last month netted \$370 for our charity, Least of My Brethren. Thank you so much for making this event successful. It was a wonderful evening with good friends. Watch next month's newsletter for coming events.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- Activities:** When Omaha Schools are closed, or switched to remote learning, Metro Women's Club activities are also cancelled, ie. Bunco, Bridge, Mah Jongg, etc.
- Luncheons:** When Omaha Schools are closed or switched to remote learning, our luncheons are cancelled, only if they are at a Restaurant. All Luncheons held at a private catered venue, such as Arbor Hall, are not cancelled. If the venue is a private catered venue you will be charged for your luncheon if you are a no-show.
- Board Meetings:** Board Meetings are an exception to the Omaha School closing rule. Board Meetings will only be cancelled if travel is not recommended by our Police Department, Mayor's Office and/or our Roads Department. In this case the meeting will be held by our President via Zoom. If weather is a problem, Officers and Chairpersons must email their Newsletter Information to Denise Shroyer. The Newsletter must still go out no matter the weather.

CARDS

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 the. 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 "Contact Us" section of the Metro Women's Club website. The following link will take you directly to the form. www.metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address.html If you have any questions, please contact Lori Briggs. Thank you!

POP CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Ladies the holidays are coming & the social time is here, please collect the can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Margi Vice is collecting them.

IMAGINE Our writer's group met at the home of Jean Cully on October 27, 2023 to determine the goals and guidelines of our group. We had our first meeting on Thursday November 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM, with 7 of the 8 members in attendance. Four of the attendees read from their written work. One writer read a children's book she has written and illustrated, another read a story inspired by someone suggesting she write about what was the one thing that changed her life, another took us on a trip to the ocean with her words and the third read a poem painting a sunrise. We feel empowered by one another's helpful comments and are encouraged to continue our writing.

MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Reminder if you make a reservation and do not cancel prior to the deadline, you are responsible for the full cost of your lunch. Thank you for being responsible. Please Silent Cell Phones during the luncheon.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE PARTY UPDATE

Tuesday, December 5th, 1:00PM @ St. Elizabeth Ann Church, 5419 N. 114th St, Omaha (114th & Fort)

THE VENUE THIS YEAR HAS A NO ALCOHOL POLICY.

What: Party, Party, Party, Fun, Fun, Fun

Who: 86 Members have signed up. Those still interested please call Shirley. Cancellations are appreciated.

REMEMBER: *\$15.00 Gift

* Savory Treats or Tasty Treats. Please remember to take plates & leftovers home. Thank you so much.

* Absolutely have fun and laugh a lot!!!

Your committee: Shirley, Lori, Chris, LouAnn, Roselyn & Juanita are all looking forward to seeing you there.

SOCIAL NOON LUNCHEON, 2nd TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 11:30 AM SOCIAL, 12:00 PM LUNCH

At: **OAK HILLS COUNTRY CLUB, 12325 Golfing Green Drive, Omaha**

Please **do not** call Oak Hills to make or cancel reservations. Call Karen or Cindy listed below

Menu: Choice of one

1. Pan Seared Salmon, topped with light Raspberry Sauce, served with Rice Pilaf and Green Beans

2. Fettuccini Alfredo with Broccoli topped with Sliced Parmesan Chicken

Entrees served with House Salad topped with Balsamic Dressing, Rolls with Whipped Butter, Coffee or Tea.

Dessert: Peppermint Stick Ice Cream with a Cookie.

Cash bar available.

Gluten-free: Let your caller know your selection choice needs to be made gluten-free.

Cost: \$27 per person includes lunch, taxes and tip. Cash or check only. We are unable to accept credit cards

Members: If you do not receive a call by **December 6th** and wish to attend, please call Karen Saunders or Cindy Carlson.

If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller your guest's name and luncheon choice.

Cancellations: **Any cancellations must be made by noon December 7th or you will be expected to pay for your Luncheon.**

NO EXCEPTIONS

Callers: Please have your attendees' choices to **Karen or Cindy by December 6th**

Program: "Voices of Boystown Choir" will help us all get in the mood with special Christmas music.

Salvation Army Donation: We will be passing "The Hat" for our annual Salvation Army donation. It sure beats ringing a bell in the cold.

Luncheon Co-Chairpersons: Karen Saunders and Cindy Carlson

Program Co-Chairpersons: Judy Mumm & Vicki Kirchner

BOARD MEETING 2nd TUESDAY DECEMBER 12TH—**FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON-DATE CHANGE**

At: **OAK HILLS COUNTRY CLUB, 12325 Golfing Green Drive, Omaha**

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 Denise Shroyer, Newsletter Editor, and Linda Cisar, Recording Secretary.

FUTURE EVENTS

WELCOME COFFEE 1ST Tuesday, QUARTERLY, February 6th, 10:00am

Hostess: TBD Co-hostesses: TBD Chairperson: Bert Harrifeld

BIRTHDAY BASH returns in January 2024 Co-Chairs: Rosemary Bliss & LouAnn Norton

There will be no Birthday Bash in December. Please join us in January to celebrate December and January birthday gals.

GADABOUTS returns in January 2024—Joslyn's Castle

Chairperson: Tricia Weather

LUNCH BUNCH BUNCO

Starting January 12th, 11:00am to 1:00pm, Hostess for January 2024 will be Linda Davis. Cost will be \$5.25. Please contact Linda for availability of joining and extra details.

DINE AND DONATE

More great news is that we have set a date for the next Dine and Donate event on Tuesday, February 6th, at Texas Roadhouse (Shadow Lake Towne Center), 7302 Olson Drive, Papillion. Mark your calendars now, and we will have more information in the next newsletter.

Ladies, and we are currently waiting for a response from Porky Butts for April. **Co-Chairs: Sarah Chvala and Jerri Cone**

LET'S GO PLACES

Travel Committee has secured **September 12-13, 2024** for a **Mississippi riverboat cruise**. This was well received in June, so decided to offer again. Reservation of \$50 per person to Cece Carlson to hold your space. The total cost of \$399 includes 2 days on the river, all meals, and accommodations in Dubuque IA, Questions to Cece.

Several more trips are in the works—Let's Go Places!!

SPRING SOCIAL—GAME DAY, ARBOR HALL 2nd TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 Chairperson: Jean Cully

FASHION SHOW— 2nd TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 Chairpersons: Celeste Giery and Carolyn Will

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, MERIT AWARD, SERVICE PINS—MAY

THE PERSONALS

December 2023

NEW MEMBERS (202)

Diane Stein, Birthday: 01/07
Janie Pillen, Birthday: 11/01
Eileen Campbell, Birthday: 08/03

RENEWING MEMBER

Yvonne Durr, Birthday: 11/01

CORRECTIONS/CHANGES

Peggy Reibold, (New address)

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Andrea Krueger-surgery, Anna Nelson-husband back surgery, Jean Welsh-foot surgery, Mary Johnson-friendship, Jane Hedges-daughter heart surgery, Janet Pennington-health issues, Rosemary Bliss-sister-in-law passing, Marian Pierce-health issues, Karlene Currier-surgery, Jane Hedges-sympathy/memorial-Daughter passing, Peggy Reibold- rehab, Mimi Dryden-eye surgery, Linda Nelson-eye surgery, Lori Briggs-husband health issues

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

To All the members of MWC, Thanks for all your well wishes while I was sick-yet again. Being remembered was helpful! You are KIND and THOUGHTFUL. Thanks to one and ALL. You are Appreciated.
 Love, *Bobbie Montequin*

LUNCHEON RAFFLE WINNERS

Doris Utley, Kathy Allen, Shirley Fey, Darlene Palmer, Sally Goff, Sue Mehl, LouAnn Norton, Connie Gibb, Pat Goodyear, Cindy Carlson, Pam Ross, Geri Backora

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

<p>NIGHT BUNCO 1st Wednesday, December 6th, 5:00pm Hostess: Connie Gibbs</p> <p>November Results Most Wins: Diane Dobrinska Most Buncos: Ann Thomson Low Score: Connie Gibbs Door Prize: LouAnn Norton</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</p>	<p>BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, December 13th, 11:00 AM Zio's Pizzeria, 12997 West Center Road \$1.00 to play, Lunch & Tip</p> <p>November Results 1st: Carole Edwards 2nd: Monica Clark 3rd: Myra Hoffart 4th: Marilyn Conner</p> <p>Questions or to add your name to the sub list, contact Anna Nelson</p>	<p>DAY BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, December 20th, 9:30 AM Annual Christmas Bunco Hostess: Mary Ellen Anderson</p> <p>November Results Most Wins: Darlene Gaeta Most Buncos: Jeri Cone Low Score: Diane Dobrinska Door Prize: Shirley Raleigh</p> <p>The schedule for next year will come out in early December. We have a full roster in this group. Anyone interested in being a sub call Diane Dobrinska</p>
<p>CINEMA CHICKS</p> <p>There will not be a movie in December, but we will resume the 4th Friday in January 2024. Watch your emails & January newsletter for the movie selection.</p> <p>Any questions, text or call Chris Sagenbrecht at</p>	<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE Red Lobster, Oakview (Bar Area) 2707 South 140th Street See you in January!</p> <p>November Results 1st: Sandy House/Donna Arlt - 3600 2nd: Carole Thompson/Celeste Giery - 2420 3rd: Monica Clark/Rosemary Bliss - 1810</p> <p>If you want to play contact: Celeste Giery</p>	<p>STITCH & CHAT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Monday, December 11th, 11:30am This is our Christmas potluck luncheon Hostess: Pat Bond</p> <p>Please call your hostess and let her know you are coming and what you would like to bring. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and starting the Holiday Season enjoying a fun luncheon with Everyone!</p>
<p>BOOK CLUB LOCATION CHANGE 3rd Friday, December 15th, 9:30 AM Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha Book: DEAR EDWARD Author: Ann Napolitano</p> <p><i>Note: Please bring a children's book, one item for the Food Bank, and a book unwrapped but maybe a bow, to participate in a Chinese gift exchange as well. Questions: Juanita Hammen</i></p>	<p>AMERICAN MAH JONGG 2nd Thursday, 1:00 PM December 14th</p> <p>Contact Sue for lessons or game site. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p>Sue Odell or Betty Delavan</p>	<p>DOMINOES</p> <p>Will return in January or February Watch for details in this spot Call or text Tricia Weather to sign-up</p>
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB— NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday, December 4th, 12:00 pm Hostess: LouAnn Norton</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB DINING DIVAS - 3rd Monday, December 18th, 12:00 pm Hostess: Sharon Price</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB LUNCH BUNCH - 3rd Wednesday, December 20th, 12:30 pm Hostess: Celeste Giery</p>
<p>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP 3rd Tuesday, December 21st 10:00am Hostess: Karen Saunders</p> <p>Chairperson: Jean Cully Group is closed, wait list at this time.</p>		<p>SOCIAL HOUR December 7th 3pm-5pm Blatt Beer & Table 2835 S. 170th Plaza—Shops of Legacy Chairperson: Darlene Palmer</p>

BIRTHDAY GALS

12/05 Linda Hammes	12/09 Sue Odell	12/10 Annette Brandi	12/14 Cheryl Pease
12/14 Linda Tesnow	12/16 Luanne Colbert	12/16 Catherine Yates	12/18 Cleo Nienaber
12/19 Andrea Krueger	12/20 Karen Mines	12/20 Elaine Sheets	12/21 Mary Lou Jambor
12/23 Barbara Bures	12/25 Sandy House	12/28 Debra Bopp	12/28 Jane Hedges

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 <i>Noon Delights</i>	5 <i>Holiday Gift Exchange</i>	6 <i>Night Bunco</i>	7 <i>Social Hour Ollie the Trolley</i>	8	9
10	11 <i>Stitch & Chat Luncheon</i>	12 <i>Luncheon Board Meeting</i>	13 <i>Bridge</i>	14 <i>Mah Jongg</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>Dining Divas</i>	19	20 <i>Daytime Bunco Lunch Bunch</i>	21 <i>Imagine</i>	22	23
24 Christmas Eve!	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26	27	28	29	30
31 NEW YEARS EVE!						

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