



Metro Women's Club

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NEWSLETTER

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February 2024

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Friendship

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Dear MWC Ladies,

Burr!!! I sure hope February is much warmer than January. This quote by Will Rogers, American Humorist, made me laugh and I thought I would pass it on. "I was just thinking, if it is really religion with these nudist colonies, they sure must turn atheists in the wintertime."

We have lots of things happening in the next few months with Metro Women's Club including the Spring Social and Game Day in March, Fashion Show in April, and Garage Sale in May. Please stay warm and stay safe the rest of the Winter and I hope, like I am, you are looking forward to Spring. - Mary Beth Manninger, President

ATTENTION CREATIVE MEMBERS: The Spring Social and Game Day Committee invite you to sign up to participate in painting projects that will be part of the RAFFLE ITEMS on March 12, 2024. If you are interested in helping paint on glass-ware, our first day will be on February 8, 2024 @ 10:00 AM. Doris Helfrich will host the painting projects in her home. Space will be limited so call Jean Cully to reserve a space to paint. Every effort will be made to arrange secondary dates to accommodate as many creative volunteers as possible.

CLUB BUDGETS FOR 2024

Soon our Club will be formulating our Budget for the 2024-2025 year. All Chairpersons that have a budget, are asked to access their current budget needs. The Budget Committee consists of Mary Beth Manninger, Connie Gibb, Pat Bond, and Mary Lou Jambor . If you are club Chairperson and have a budget, you will be contacted soon by the Budget Committee regarding your budget for this year.

SPRING SOCIAL /GAME DAY (see page 2 for more information)

The Raffle Items for Spring Social and Game Day come from donations so we would love to have your help. Please consider donating a NEW, decorative item, a gift basket, gift certificates, or cash for our Money Tree. Donations of raffle items are being accepted at all MWC functions until March 4, 2024. Please put your name on your donation. You may also call a chairperson to pick up your donation. If you have a business in mind that might donate an item or a gift certificate a request/solicitation form is included in this newsletter and will be available at luncheons to take with you as you solicit. Your help is greatly appreciated! All proceeds from our Spring Social and Game Day benefit **Least of Our Brethren**. Remember this is a great opportunity to invite your friends for fun, food, and chances to win raffle items. **Chairperson: Jean Cully, Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson, Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Doris Toole and Tricia Weathers**

CARDS

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2024

Our Club will be selecting new Officers and Chairpersons to lead for our new Fiscal year that begins in June. Although June sounds distant, June will be here before we know it. Soon the Nominating Committee will be contacting our Officers and Committee Chairs to determine if they will continue with their positions. Some will not which gives other members an opportunity to serve on a committee or be an officer. Please consider taking on a leadership position in the Club when a positions opens. It is rewarding and definitely a growth experience. Open positions will be posted in our Newsletter before June. Please consider volunteering.

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 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 Marcelene Lewis. 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.

Dear Metro Women's Club Members, On Tuesday, December 20th there was a meeting of the Executive Board to discuss a major concern about our club, the ever-increasing membership, and the problems this is creating. This includes being more difficult to find venues that can hold us for our monthly luncheons and too many closed special interest groups. It seems we are not meeting the needs of our current members.

With this awareness, the Executive Board voted and approved three motions. The first was to put a moratorium on current new membership. Effective January 1st, we will no longer be accepting new members for the 2023-2024 membership year. We will, however, create a waiting list for the 2024-2025 year. This leads to the second motion which is to create an Ambassador Program, also to begin January 1st, to welcome and mentor our newest members. Finally, our third motion was to raise our yearly dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00 a year to help facilitate all the additional costs.

Lots of changes at the end of the year but hoping this puts us in a great place starting in 2024. Also hoping that you all had a peaceful holiday season.—Mary Beth Manninger, President

For more information
regarding
Metro Women's Club
please call:
Marcelene Lewis

New Membership/
Renewals Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2024

WELCOME COFFEE 1st Tuesday February 6th 10:00am ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

HOSTESS: Cindy Popp CO-HOSTESSES: Juanita Hammen & Darlene Gaeta

Any questions or to RSVP, Please Call Chairperson: Bert Harrifeld

DINE AND DONATE 1st Tuesday, February 6th 3:00pm-10:00pm

At: Texas Roadhouse, Shadow Lake Towne Center, 7302 Olson Drive, Papillion Co-chairs: Sarah Chvala & Jerri Cone

All are invited to Texas Roadhouse in Papillion on February 6th for our Dine and Donate Event from 3-10pm. Just tell your server that you are with Metro Women's Club, and we will receive 10% of the cost of your food purchase. We raised \$178.38 last year in April. Let's beat that this time, and enjoy a delicious "Texas" meal, while supporting Least of My Brethren.

SOCIAL NOON LUNCHEON 2nd TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13th 11:30 am SOCIAL, 12:00 pm LUNCH

At: German American Society 3717 S 120th St, Omaha, NE 68144

Please **do not** call to make reservations, or to cancel reservation – call: Karen Saunders or Cindy Carlson listed below.

Menu: Buffet Choices

1. Jagerschnitzel – Pork cutlet, pounded, breaded, and fried, smothered in mushroom gravy.

2. Peach Glazed Chicken – grilled chicken breast topped with sweet, heated peach sauce.

Both entree choices come with mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and tossed salad with Ranch dressing. Chocolate Brownie for dessert, coffee, tea, or water. (Cash bar is available)

Cost: \$25.00 per person includes taxes and tip. Cash or Check only, we are unable to accept credit cards.

Members: If you do not receive a call by February 5th 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.

Callers: Please have your attendees' choices to **Karen or Cindy by Monday, February 5th.**

Cancellations: Any cancellations must be made by noon, February 8th, or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Program: Our speaker for this month is our very own Dorris Heaston. She will speak to us about her experiences as a Donut Dolly in the Vietnam War and her involvement with the Nebraska Vietnam Veteran's Memorial which will be dedicated on June 6, 2024. To learn about it, please go to www.NVVMF.org

Luncheon Co-Chairs: Karen Saunders & Cindy Carlson

Program Co-Chairs: Judy Mumm & Vicki Kirchner

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday February 20th 10:00am

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

Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Socials and Special Events Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairperson 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 and Linda Cisar.

BIRTHDAY BASH 3rd Tuesday February 20th 11:45am

At: Oscar's Pizza & Sports Grille, 17330 Lakeside Hills Plaza, Omaha

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

Birthday Bash Co-Chairs: Rosemary Bliss & LouAnn Norton

GAD-A-BOUTS 4th Tuesday February 27th 10:45 am Carpool Family Fare 144th & Center

Join us on Feb 27 at 11:15am for a delicious lunch at Brick Oven Pizzeria (624 S 72nd St, Omaha, NE 68114), followed by a 12:30-1:30pm tour of the UNO Samuel Bak Museum (2289 S 67th Street, Omaha NE 68106). Explore the rich narrative and symbolism in Bak's work, offering a unique perspective on history and human resilience.

Chairperson: Tricia Weathers

FUTURE EVENTS

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY's theme this year is **CHICK CHICK HOORAY**. This fun event is coming soon on the **2nd TUESDAY, MARCH 12th, 11:00 AM at Arbor Hall, 14040 Arbor Street, Omaha, NE**. Mark your calendar now for chance to be at a great social occasion. You can talk and play games plus it makes money for our charity Least of Our Brethren. The admission tickets for Spring Social and Game Day must be paid in advance by March 1, 2024. You will want to get your table or individual reservation with money in soon. Forms are available in this newsletter. Your cost of Admission \$22 includes lunch, coffee, tea, and dessert. Due to increasing food costs and the need to keep luncheon costs down complimentary raffle tickets will not be given at the door. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the event, one for \$10.00 or three for \$25.00. The raffle tickets cost has remained constant for the last five years. All proceeds will go to our charity, **Least of Our Brethren**. Please call with any questions. **Chairperson: Jean Cully, Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson, Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Doris Toole and Tricia Weathers**

FASHION SHOW 2nd Tuesday April 8th Co-chairs: Celeste Giery & Carolyn Will

GARAGE SALE May 9th-11th-More information to come. Save your items for sale, drop off will start the week of April 29th, look for the flyer in next month's newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, MERIT AWARD, SERVICE PINS—MAY 2024

SILENT AUCTION: pre-planning stage for October 8, 2024 at Arbor Hall.

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 it again. Reservation of \$50 per person to CeCe Carlson to hold you space. The total cost of \$399 includes 2 days on the river, all meals, and over-night accommodations in Dubuque IA. Questions to CeCe

THE PERSONALS

February 2024

NEW MEMBERS (220)

Valerie Kirzmilller, Birthday: 06/15
 Mary Morss, Birthday: 01/28
 Kathy Lampert, Birthday: 01/04
 Sue Selde, Birthday: 02/10
 Deann Zens, Birthday: 04/17
 Mary Egan, Birthday: 09/21
 Jane Costello, Birthday: 01/28
 Margo Juarez, Birthday: 04/30
 Susan Howard, Birthday: 09/04
 Sandy Major, Birthday: 05/18
 Sue Pieper, Birthday: 05/06
 Mary Torczon, Birthday: 10/09
 Pamela Huston, Birthday: 02/05

CORRECTIONS/CHANGES

Linda Etherton, address, phone, email

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Mary Beth Manninger- Grand Daughter in the NICU
 Karen Lidstrand - Health issues
 Barb Zabel - COVID,
 Cella Best - Fell on ice,
 Bobbie Montequin-Fell

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

<p>EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, February 7th 5:00 pm Hostess: Doris Helfrich</p> <p>Results from January Most Wins: Denise Shroyer Most Buncos: Juanita Hammen Low Score: Diane Dobrinska Door Prize: LouAnn Norton</p> <p>We have a full roster in this group, new subs are always welcome. If you are interested in being on our sub list call: Diana Dobrinska</p>	<p>"SWEETHEART" BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, February 14th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria, 12997 West Center Road</p> <p>Results from January 1st: Carole Thompson 2nd: Rosemary Bliss 3rd: Anna Nelson 4th: Pat Bond</p> <p>Questions or to add your name to the sub list, contact Anna Nelson</p>	<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, February 6th 11:30 am Red Lobster, Oakview (Bar Area) 2702 S. 140th Street, Omaha</p> <p>If you want to play contact Celeste Giery</p> <p>LET'S GO PLACES See Page 2 for more information.</p>
<p>MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, February 21st 9:30 am Hostess: Juanita Hammen</p> <p>JANUARY CANCELLED –WEATHER</p> <p>We have a full roster in this group, new subs are always welcome. If you are interested in being on our sub list call: Diana Dobrinska</p>	<p>CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday, No movie in February</p> <p>It's becoming increasingly more difficult to select a movie 5 weeks ahead of the actual date we're going to see it. Often it appears a movie that was scheduled to be in Omaha becomes unavailable. From now on, watch your emails the 4th week of a month to see what movie & lunch site has been selected. If possible you'll be informed earlier, by email or newsletter. Next movie day is March 22nd.</p> <p>Any questions, please text or call Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>STITCH & CHAT Last Wednesday, 1:00-3:00 pm SEE YOU IN MARCH</p> <p>NO STITCH & CHAT FOR FEBRUARY</p> <p>Pat Bond</p> <p>SOCIAL HOUR February 1st 3:00 pm Blatt Beer & Table (Shops of Legacy) 2835 S 170th Plaza, Omaha Chairperson: Darlene Palmer</p>
<p>BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, February 16th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p>Book: THE HUSBANDS SECRET Author: Liane Moriarty</p> <p>Questions: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>AMERICAN MAH JONGG 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:00 pm February 8th and 22nd</p> <p>Contact Sue for lessons or game site. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p>Sue Odell or Betty Delavan</p>	<p>LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, February 9th 11:00 am Hostess: Deborah Jones</p> <p>JANUARY CANCELLED—WEATHER</p>
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday February 5th—12:00 pm Hostess: Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday February 19th—12:00 pm Hostess: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday February 21st — 12:30 pm Hostess: Denise Shroyer</p>
<p>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP 3rd Thursday—February 22nd 10:00 am Hostess: Jean Cully</p> <p>Chairperson: Jean Cully Group is closed, wait list at this time.</p>	<p>DOMINOES 1st Tuesday - 1:00 pm Returning on March 5th Call or text Tricia Weather to sign-up</p>	<p>GOLF Please contact Roberta Courter if interested in joining the league. Golf meets each Friday morning Spring to Fall. Golf has ended but if you would like to sign up for Spring please contact Roberta.</p>

BIRTHDAY GALS

Dorris Heaston	02/02	Peggy Reibold	02/02	Pamela Huston	02/05	Sharon Duignan	02/06
Pat Goodyear	02/06	Paula Kettler	02/07	Karlene Carrier	02/10	Sue Selde	02/10
Bobbie Montequin	02/12	Norita Matt	02/13	Jean Welsh	02/15	Katherine Raynor	02/16
Amy Feidler	02/18	Janet Mohring	02/27				

Happy Birthday Ladies!

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Social Hour National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day	3
4	5 Noon Delights	6 Welcome Coffee Dine & Donate	7 Night Bunco	8 Mahjongg	9 Lunch Time Bunco	10 Chinese New Year
c11	12	13 Luncheon Mardi Gras	14 Bridge Ash Wednesday Happy Valentine's Day	15 Imagine Writers Group	16 Book Club	17
18 Cruise	19 Dining Divas President's Day Cruise	20 Board Meeting Birthday Bash Cruise	21 Morning Bunco Lunch Bunch Cruise	22 Mahjongg Cruise	23 Cruise	24 Cruise
25	26	27 Gad-a-bouts	28	29		

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Metro Women's Club

Tuesday, February 6th

3pm – 10pm

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DONATION NIGHT

Support **Metro Women's Club**

by presenting this flyer to the

Papillion, NE Location

and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of
your total food purchases to

Metro Women's Club!



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Metro Women's Club

Serving the Metro Community

Re: 2023/2024 Fundraiser request for **Least of My Brethren**:

To: _____

I am writing on behalf of the Metro Women's Club. The Metro Women's Club is organized for social and charitable causes, including the making of contributions to charitable organizations and/or participation in promotional support of community, civic and service projects. We began 50 years ago and are currently a club of over 200 members.

Every year, Metro Women's Club sponsors fundraising events in support of a local charity. This year, we have selected **Least of My Brethren**. **Least of My Brethren** is a street homeless ministry with its roots in St. Patrick's Church in Gretna. Its branches reach out across the city to serve the homeless in Omaha and Council Bluffs. Their first mission is to provide basic survival needs to those on the streets. Their second 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. Transitioning from street to an apartment is an ultimate goal.

On Tuesday, March 12, 2024, Metro Women's Club will conduct our Annual Spring Social and Game Day. Raffle tickets sold at this event will raise money for **Least of My Brethren**. All funds raised will be contributed to **Least of My Brethren**. We are asking for your support in the form of gift certificate(s), merchandise, or monetary donation.

We realize you receive many requests for assistance and deeply appreciate any contribution you may make to Metro Women's Club for our fundraiser. We are accepting donations up until March 5, 2023. Thank you in advance for your donation to help make Spring Social and Game Day a successful fundraiser for **Least of My Brethren**.

Sincerely,

Jean Cully

Jean Cully, Chairman

Co-Chairman Mary Ellen Anderson, Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Doris Toole and Tricia Weathers

Deliver or Mail to: Jean Cully,

Member soliciting above business: _____