



Metro Women's Club

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January 2024

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Friendship

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Dear Metro Club Women,

I wish you all a Happy New Year. With the start of the new year, I was reflecting on this quote by Karen Kaiser Clark, "Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely."

Thank you, ladies, for all you do for our community and for each other. May 2024 bring you growth, wisdom, and peace.

Mary Beth Manninger, President

SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS

Because of your generosity our Club has donated **\$579.30 to Salvation Army**. Thank you for your wonderful response. Your donation will help many families in the Omaha area that are struggling. Thank you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

1. **Activities:** When Omaha Schools are closed, or switched to remote learning, Metro Women's Club activities are also cancelled, ie. Bunco, Bridge, MahJongg, etc.
2. **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.
3. **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.

HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

With close to 80 members present your December 5th party was a grand success. By starting things off with a gourmet selection of Sweet and Savory Treats that were provided by our members which were the absolute best.

Your gift exchange game had some surprises. However, it appears it did get those special treasures all into the right hands with a few steals and a lot of laughs.

Santa, we thank you and your elves. Lori, Chris, LouAnn, Roselyn and Juanita for all your hard work. Also those special elves that helped with the clean up of the food tables, kitchen and coffee pots!!!! Wow such a grand gift.

Sincerely Shirley - Tired Elf

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'd 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. Linda 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 "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 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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2024

SOCIAL NOON LUNCHEON 2nd TUESDAY JANUARY 9th 11:30 am SOCIAL, 12:00 pm LUNCH

At: Charlie's on the Lake – 4150 S 144th St, Omaha, NE 68137

Please **do not** call Charlie's on the Lake to make reservations, or to cancel reservation – call: Karen Saunders or Cindy Carlson listed below.

Menu: Buffet Entrees

1. Beef Stroganoff
2. Parmesan Encrusted Shrimp

Entrees come with a tossed salad with Ranch dressing or Cabernet Vinaigrette, seasoned vegetables, baby red potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, tea, or water. Dessert: Cupcake Cheesecake. Cash bar available.

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

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 January 3rd 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 Saunders** or **Cindy Carlson**.

Cancellations: **Any cancellations must be made by noon, January 4th, 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 January 16th 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.

BIRTHDAY BASH 3rd Tuesday January 16th 11:45am

At: Isla Del Mar Restaurante, 2502 S. 133rd Plaza, Omaha

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

BirthDay Bash Co-Chairs: Rosemary Bliss & LouAnn Norton

GAD-A-BOUITS 4th Tuesday January 23rd JOSLYN CASTLE 3902 Davenport St / Get Real Sandwiches 3901 Farnam St

Join us for a delightful day of exploration this month! Indulge in the delectable offerings at Get Real Sandwiches for lunch at 11 AM, followed by a captivating tour of the historic Joslyn Castle at 12:30 PM. **Don't miss out – carpool from Family Fare at 144th/Center at 10:30 AM** for a seamless adventure! Parking at Joslyn is plentiful, if some want to park and mini carpool down to Get Real.

Chairperson: Tricia Weathers

FUTURE EVENTS

WELCOME COFFEE 1st Tuesday/Quarterley February 6th 10:00am

HOSTESS: TBD-STILL NEED A HOME HOST CO-HOSTESSES: Juanita Hammen & Darlene Gaeta

Please Call Bert Harrifeld

DINE AND DONATE

We're excited to host another Dine and Donate event on Tuesday, February 6th at Texas Roadhouse, **Shadow Lake Towne Center**. Note that this is 7302 Olson Drive, Papillion, not the one on Dodge where we have previously hosted. When dining from 3-9pm, please identify yourselves to your server as being there with Metro Women's Club in order for us to receive 10% of the evening's proceeds. Then enjoy a great meal!! Mark your calendars now, and we will have more information in the next newsletter. **Co-chairs: Sarah Chvala & Jerri Cone**

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY's theme this year is CHICK CHICK HOORAY.

This fun event will occur 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'll 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 have remained constant for the last five years. All proceeds will go to our charity, **Least of Our Brethren**.

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 overnight accommodations in Dubuque IA. Questions to CeCe.

FASHION SHOW 2nd Tuesday April 8, 2024 Chairpersons: Celeste Giery & Carolyn Will

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, MERIT AWARD, SERVICE PINS—MAY 2024

THE PERSONALS

January 2024

NEW MEMBERS (207)

Susan Jungman, Birthday: 10/28

Denise Swanson, Birthday: 12/02

Megan Wolff, Birthday: 12/29

Betty Lou Terrill, Birthday: 10/11

Sara Browne, Birthday: 05/23

CORRECTIONS/CHANGES

Karen Mines, New Address

Marian (Mimi) Dryden, New Address

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Diane Stein - Mother's passing

Amy Feidler - oral surgery

Lois Lentz - Sympathy/Memorial, daughter's passing

Dorris Heaston—son and son-in-law in hospital

Celeste Giery - Husband's health

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Thank you note from Jane Hedges.

LUNCHEON RAFFLE WINNERS

Chris Sagenbrecht, Vicki Kirchner, Andrea Krueger, Dee Bigge,

Elaine Sheets, Barb Thompson, Sue Odell, Judy Mumm,

Geri Backora, Linda Cisar, Kathy Allen, Betty Delavan,

Diane Dobrinska, Sara Browne

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

<p>EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, January 3rd 5:00 pm Hostess: Jerri Cone</p> <p>Results from December Most Wins: Denise Shroyer Most Buncos: Sharon Duignan Low Score: Diane Dobrinska Door Prize(s): LouAnn Norton, Patricia Thompson & Shirley Raleigh</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>BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, January 10th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria, 12997 West Center Road</p> <p>Results from December 1st: Rosemary Bliss 2nd: Mariam Schiemann 3rd: Barb Zabel 4th: Carole Edwards</p> <p>Questions or to add your name to the sub list, contact Anna Nelson</p>	<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE Red Lobster, Oakview (Bar Area) 2702 S. 140th Street, Omaha</p> <p>NO BRIDGE IN JANUARY</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, January 17th 9:30 am Hostess: Mary Ellen Anderson</p> <p>Results from December CANCELLED DO TO ILLNESS SEE YOU ALL AT Mary Ellen's in January</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, January 26th</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 January 26.</p> <p>Any questions, please text or call Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>STITCH & CHAT Last Wednesday</p> <p>NO STITCH & CHAT FOR JANUARY OR FEBRUARY</p> <p>Pat Bond or Dolores Hughes</p> <p>SOCIAL HOUR January 4th 4:00 pm BARNATO (Village Pointe) 225 N. 170th St, Ste 95, Omaha</p> <p>Chairperson: Darlene Palmer</p>
<p>BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, January 19th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p>Book: EAST OF EDEN Author: John Steinbeck</p> <p>Questions: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>AMERICAN MAH JONGG 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:00 pm January 11th and January 25th</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, January 12th 11:00 am Hostess: Linda Davis</p>
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—2nd Monday January 8th 12:00pm NOTE DATE CHANGE Hostess: Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday January 15th 12:00 pm Hostess: Sarah Chvala</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday January 17th 12:30 pm Hostess: Pat Goodyear</p>
<p>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP 3rd Thursday—January 18th 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

Marilyn Conner	01/02	Susan Maher	01/02	Barb Zabel	01/03	Kay Prater	01/07
Sue Sammin	01/07	Diane Stein	01/07	Ann Bonnanno Mossberg	01/09	Marian Schiemann	01/10
Sharon Caniglia	01/11	Carolyn Sliva	01/15	Sarah Chvala	01/18	Marceline Lewis	01/18
Carolyn Miller	01/22	Lois Lentz	01/23	Antonetta Lovejoy	01/25	Mary Flodine	01/26
Patricia Thompson	01/26	Roselyn Stick	01/29	<i>Happy Birthday Ladies!</i>			

JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>NEW YEARS DAY!</i>	2	3 <i>EVENING BUNCO</i>	4 <i>SOCIAL HOUR</i>	5	6
7	8 <i>NOON DELIGHTS</i>	9 <i>LUNCHEON</i>	10 <i>BRIDGE</i>	11 <i>MAHJONGG</i>	12 <i>LUNCH TIME BUNCO</i>	13
14	15 <i>Martin Luther King Day DINING DIVAS</i>	16 <i>BOARD MEETING BIRTHDAY BASH</i>	17 <i>MORNING BUNCO LUNCH BUNCH</i>	18	19 <i>BOOK CLUB</i>	20
21	22	23 <i>GAD-A-BOOTS</i>	24	25 <i>MAHJONGG</i>	26 <i>CINEMA CHICKS</i>	27
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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: _____