



Metro Women's Club

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Friendship**

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Happy Fall Y'all! The leaves are turning and falling like snow! It is a beautiful time of year. Let's celebrate it while it lasts! It's also a busy time of year!

Thanks go out to our fabulous Silent Auction team for all their hard work and congratulations to them for a job well done! Our proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit our Charity, Carole's House of Hope. Representatives from the Charity joined us for our fun event and gave a heartfelt presentation of their Mission.

Do check your Newsletter for ALL our upcoming activities as we round out the year. There are so many fun events for you to enjoy! See you soon at one of these events!

Co-President Rosemary

2025—2026 Charity: Carole's House of Hope

Shavette came to CHH after being incarcerated, losing her children and her home. She has since been reunified with her children and is living independently. Shavette's Story of Hope: "Coming to CHH changed my life. At my lowest point I was welcomed with open arms by both staff and ladies who were already here. It was hard getting up from where I was. I was able to make connections with people I am still in contact with today which is very helpful because I don't have much family here. The best lesson I learned (while at CHH) was definitely that I am not my past mistakes. There is always another day to make up for what went wrong the day before."

DINE AND DONATE

Our latest Dine & Donate, which was held at Jimi D's Food and Spirits on September 25th, was a great success! Thanks to you ladies who dined there, plus his regular business, Jimi donated a generous **\$400** for our charity, Carole's House of Hope! Besides a thank you letter from the club, I made sure he got some thank you Biscotti I made for the Silent Auction! We Italians try to take care of each other!!

MWC ladies, adding to our Dine and Donate announcement, start your new year's calendar with a return trip to our friends at Texas Roadhouse at 156th and Dodge St. on January 22, 2026! Always a great meal on a cold winter day.

SILENT AUCTION

It's possible that by now many of you have heard that we were able to bless Carole's House of Hope with **\$7,730** from the Silent Auction! What a marvelous show of support. What you still deserve to hear is our thankfulness for your outpouring of gifts we received that enable us to put together these wonderful baskets that make the Silent Auction happen. This doesn't work without the faithful support from each of you.

The Silent Auction is a mix of merriment and mayhem. Due to our size, besides experiencing enticing shopping, a delicious meal from the Arbor Hall team, and being enlightened on Carole's House of Hope's mission, we encounter a few challenges. We appreciate your patience with us as we try to improve these challenges each year. Feel free to pass along any helpful comments to any team member, or my phone or email.

Once again, thank you all for generously supporting Carole's House of Hope through the Silent Auction! You truly embody our theme that there are Angels Among Us.

Sarah Chvala and your Silent Auction Team

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY

The **Spring Social and Game Day** committee will meet on October 27, 2025 to spearhead the next great fundraiser for **Carole's House of Hope**. The fun and games will commence on March 10, 2026 at Arbor Hall for an exciting raffle of wonderful things plus playing games and talking with friends. If you have a craft that you do and would like to donate one of your projects, that would make a great raffle prize. If you find Spring things as you shop for holiday presents think of us as well, plus GIFT CERTIFICATES would be fantastic. Call Jean Cully with any questions or ideas or help for raffle prizes. Thanks for your ongoing support.

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

NEW DINING INN GROUPS

We are adding new Dining Inn groups, along with our current ones: Lunch Bunch, Noon Delights and Dining Divas, that meet once a month. The criteria for this is the same day for each month so as not to interfere with other activities. If we have 2 groups, one will be on the first Monday of each month and the other will be on the third Monday of each month. Other criteria are that each member hosts and provides a meal at noon, there will be 8 to a group, and that each group selects a name for it to be called. If there's further interest, a 3rd group will be added. One member has already signed up!

Call or text **Chris Sagenbrecht** to sign up.

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!

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday November 11th 11:30 am SOCIAL 12:00pm LUNCH

At: Field Club, 3615 Woolworth Ave, Omaha

Please do not call the Hall to make reservations, or to cancel reservation – call: Patricia Thompson, Julie Dunn or Cella Best

Menu: Thanksgiving Plated Lunch—Sliced Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Chef Choice Vegetable, Fall Themed Salad, Dinner Rolls with Butter and Cookie. Coffee, Tea and Water is included.

Cost: \$26.00 per person which includes lunch, taxes, service fee, rental fee.

Cash or Check only, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS.

Please have your form of payment ready prior to heading to the cashiers, this makes for a faster check in and gives you more time to socialize before lunch is served.

Members: If you do not receive a call by **November 4th** and wish to attend, please call Patricia, Julie or Cella. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller your guest's name. Must RSVP if you don't want to be turned away at the door. Thank you.

Cancellations: Any cancellations must be made by **November 5th**, or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon. NO EXCEPTIONS

Callers: Please have your attendees choices to Cella, Julie or Patricia by **November 4th**

Luncheon co-chairs: Julie Dunn, Cella Best, and Patricia Thompson

Program: Our speaker for November luncheon, on Veterans Day is Bill Williams of Patriotic Productions. Bill has raised money for the Honor Flights which have sent veterans from WW II, Korean, Vietnam and Iraq/Afghanistan wars to their Memorials in Washington DC. Bill will share his experiences helping our Veterans.

Program co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson & Peggy Christ

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday November 18th 10:00 am

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

BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, November 18th 11:30 am

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME EACH MONTH NO MATTER WHEN YOUR BIRTHDAY IS!

At: Dante

16901 Wright Plaza (Legacy), Omaha

Sign up at the Social Noon Luncheon, or call/text Judy Mumm or Dee Bigge to attend or cancel

GAD-A-BOUTS — Last Tuesday 10:00 am.

October was the final Gad-a-bouts for 2025. See you in 2026. Thanks for your support!

FUTURE EVENTS

HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE

Tuesday, December 2nd

St Elizabeth Ann Church

5419 N 114th St (114th and Fort St)

Doors Open at 11:30 AM, Social and Snacking at 12:00 PM, Exchange Game at 1:00 PM

This is your party.

I hope you have had a great time finding a fabulous gift. \$20.00 is the price range so sales are your best bet.

We love appetizers and dessert so that's the menu. This is your time to share your favorites. Please bring a Savory Dish or a Sweet Treat to share with friends.

The sign up sheet was circulated at the October luncheon and if you missed it you will be able to sign up at the November luncheon. You are welcome to call your Committee Chairman Shirley Raleigh or Co-Chairman Deborah Jones.

You can also note on the sign up sheet whether you would be able to help with cleanup. Nothing too challenging cleaning off the tables and throwing table clothes into to trash cans.

Also a big help will be for you to take your leftovers home or you may want to trade your goodies with a friend!!

Please plan on having fun and coming with a big smile on your face and on going home with an even bigger one.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Thank you, your Committee: Shirley Raleigh, Deborah Jones, Louann Norton, Chris Sagenbrecht, Bert Harrifeld, Roselyn Stick and Juanita Hammen

LET'S GO PLACES

APRIL 24—30, 2026 - 6 days in the historic south! 2 days each in St. Augustine, Savannah, and Charleston. \$2,575 based on today's airfares, booking before Oct 9th. After, add \$400. Insurance not included. Call Barb Bures if interested!

JUNE 18 2026 - 11 days French Riverboat cruise, includes all meals, cruising, 3 nights in Paris, day at the Louvre, full day at Normandy/Omaha beach, palace of Versailles, ground transportation, **airfare...** through Gate 1. Already have 6 people booked! Call me for info to book. Riverboats have very limited cabins. Yes it will sell out! Down payment now, final due December 31. \$4,900 pp

AUGUST 2026 - Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. So excited to offer this at a great price!!! I'm hoping to have information on costs soon. I'll send an email to everyone once I have details.

2027 - Yes, not too soon to think ahead.

January 2027 - Aruba resort for 5 or 6 days.

June 2027 - 10 day American History tour from Philadelphia to Washington DC. Details as available.

Chairperson: Barb Bures

LET'S GO PLACES (DAY TRIPS)

December 11, 2025— Omaha Symphony Christmas & Cascio's Steakhouse Dinner - \$150

Before the show, enjoy a steak or salmon dinner at Cascio's Steakhouse. An Omaha family holiday tradition, this Broadway style production features a Rockette-style kick line of Santas, beautiful holiday sets, and talented musical artists. Additional details on page 6.

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

PAYMENT IS NOT DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION

Travel Club Chairperson: Cindy Carlson

SHOUT OUT

Special thanks to all of our callers who reach out to each member every month to see if they are coming to the luncheon and what their menu item choice is. They also play an important role in helping us stay connected. Without them, seating and eating would not be as smooth as it is. All the thanks go to: Pat Bond, Peggy Christ, Sarah Chvala, Monica Clark, Jean Cully, Diane Dobrinska, Amy Feidler, Sally Goff, Sharon Hardage, Bert Harrifeld, Dorris Heaston, Linda Johnson, Vicki Kirchner, Lorraine Kuker, Micki Lehotak, Antonette Lovejoy, Jan Nielsen, Shirley Raleigh, Karen Saunders, Cheryl Rueb, Carolyn Will and Marcia Williams.

THE PERSONALS

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Cleo Nienaber	Daughter In-law's Passing
Mary Beth Manninger	Husband's Passing
Karen Smith	Fracture
Barb Fazzini	Sinus Surgery
Roselyn Stick	Husband's Passing—Memorial check sent to our charity
Marcelene Lewis	Cataract Surgery

DIRECTORY UPDATES

MEMBERS	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
Dee Bigge		Updated	
Jan Johnson	Updated		
Vicki Riley			Updated

MEMBERSHIP WAIT LIST FOR 2026

Hello Ladies. We added four ladies in October to the Waiting List. If you have a friend that would like to Join Metro Women's please send me an email with your friends name and contact information, including a phone number. We will only be admitting new members again after May 31st 2026 but you certainly can get their name on the list. If you have any questions please email me.
Marcelene Lewis

Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By	Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By
Shawn McCarville	05/13/2025	Project Pink'd	Ellen Lake	08/15/2025	Past Member
Jeanette Bonaventura	06/08/2025	Deann Zens	Joan Miller	08/30/2025	Darlene Palmer
Denise Tharp	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Gale Spatz	08/30/2025	Website
Chris Gilmore	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Becky Stephanie	10/09/2025	Website
Colleen Haack	06/20/2025	Jaunita Hammen	Sandy Hite	10/09/2025	Cindy Popp
Dianne Armandus	07/15/2025	Sharon Price	Connie Davis	10/14/2025	Website
Cheryl Henkenius	07/18/2025	Linda Flora			
Jill Reisch	07/18/2025	Linda Flora			
Jane Hagebush	08/06/2025	Darlene Palmer			

BIRTHDAY GALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date
Sandra Simpson	11/01	Sandi Hollenbeck	11/11	Jan Wallish	11/24	Deborah Merritt Jones	11/30
Yvonne Durr	11/01	Chris Sagenbrecht	11/14	Julie Dunn	11/26		
Debi Hempel	11/09	Janie Pillen	11/14	Laura Jones	11/27		
Karen Fee Smith	11/11	Celeste Giery	11/23	Diane Scheppers	11/28		

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, November 5th 6:30pm Hostess: Peggy Reibold October Results: High Score: LouAnn Norton Most Buncos: Diane Dobrinska Low Score: Connie Gibb Door Prize: Cindy Popp Xmas Bunco celebration will be on December 10th at 6:30 NOT on December 3rd as originally scheduled Diane Dobrinska	LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, November 14th 11:00 am Hostess: Linda Davis October Results: Most Wins: Cindy Carlson Most Buncos: Dianne Young Most Losses: Deborah Jones Door Prize: Carolyn Silva Linda Davis	MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, November 19th 9:30 am Hostess: Cindy Carlson October Results: Most Wins: Darlene Gaeta Most Buncos: Chris Sagenbrecht Low Score: Marcelene Lewis Door Prize: Bert Harrifeld Diane Dobrinska
ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, November 4th 11:30 am Oakview Red Lobster 2707 S 140th St, Omaha October Results: Margaret Baier & Luanne Colbert - 2720 Barb Zabel & Linda Nelson - 2710 Monica Clark & Rosemary Bliss - 2440 If you would like to play or learn more, please call Celeste Giery	SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB It is time to take a break from the Sweet Pea's as we head into a busy fall and winter season. The garden club will pause for a break starting in October and will be back next year in March. Thank you to all who attended any of the events of the Sweet Peas. It has been fun! Patricia Thompson	BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, November 12th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha October Results First Place: Rosemary Bliss Second Place: Monica Clark Third Place: Dianne Young Fourth Place: Anna Nelson This is <u>NOT</u> a closed group. All levels of players are accepted in this friendly group of ladies. Please, if you are a bridge player and want to play, call, text, or email: Anna
DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday November 3rd 12:00 pm Hostess: Cindy Popp	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday November 17th 12:00 pm Hostess: Cindy Carlson	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday November 19th 12:30 pm Hostess: Bobbie Montequin
BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, November 21st 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha Book: LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY Author: Bonnie Garmus Juanita Hammen	GAD-A-BOUTS Last Tuesday 10:00 October was the final Gad-a-bouts for 2025. See you in 2026. Thanks for your support! Chair persons: Dorris Heaston and Sandy Major	SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, October 2nd 3:00 pm La Plaza Fiesta 12405 West Center Rd, Omaha (next to the used book store) Please no saving seats! Chance to meet and have fun with your fellow members! You never know who you might meet! Doris Helfrich
IMAGINE STORYTELLERS 4th Wednesday, November 19th Hostess: Jean Cully Imagine Storytellers picked their name Storytellers as it is a name from the beginning of time describing prose, fiction, nonfiction, ditties, poems, cards, any writing we deem important to be shared in our fellowship and with the world. We celebrated Mary Lou and husband's getaway and Carolyn's ditty "Being Alive" about friends. Karen read a poem from <u>Brown Girl Dreaming</u>. Janis shared a Birthday card she made for grandson. Kathy read "The Night the war became real" a description of her real life's experience in Nigeria in 1967. Amy's submission to the <i>Upper Room</i>, discussed a Bible verse about the benefits of fellowship. Jean read "This Tree" and we all enjoyed Nanci's salad.	IMAGINE WRITERS 1st Wednesday, November 5th 1:00 PM Hostess: Jean Cully Imagine Writers met and Diane shared her completed work of "I am my Own Lost Love." She feels writing has helped with grieving her the death of her daughter. Jean read her revised version of "This Tree," and they discussed the use of Anthro morphism in the poem. November 5, 2025 is our next meeting, we would welcome other interested writers to participate with us. Our new name Writers says who we are. Call Jean Cully to join.	CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday No Activity for November and December Suggestions for movies are welcome! Diane Stein and Angela Stoll AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd & 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm November 13th November 27th cancelled Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!! We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you! Sandy Simpson

Travel Cat Christmas Tours

Omaha Symphony Christmas & Cascio's Steakhouse Dinner



**Thursday, December 11, 2025
Omaha, Nebraska**

- Celebrate the season with conductor Ernest Richardson and the Omaha Symphony. Enjoy a stellar cast of singers and dancers that will send your spirits soaring with festive favorites and Christmas classics. An Omaha family holiday tradition, this Broadway style production features a Rockette-style kick line of Santas, beautiful holiday sets, and talented musical artists.
- Before the show, enjoy a steak or salmon dinner at Cascio's Steakhouse, one of the last surviving family-owned steakhouses in Omaha. Cascio's was established in 1946.

\$150.00 per person



Contact Travel Cat Tours to register
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Or register online at www.travelcattours.com



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 26	27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1
2	3 Noon Delights	4 Marathon Bridge	5 Evening Bunco Imagine Writers	6 Social Hour	7 Walking With the Animals	8
9	10	11 Monthly Luncheon	12 Bridge	13 American MahJong	14 Lunch Time Bunco Walking With the Animals	15
16	17 Dining Divas	18 Birthday Bash Board Meeting	19 Lunch Bunch Morning Bunco	20	21 Book Club Walking With the Animals	22
23	24	25	26 Imagine Storytellers	27	28 Walking With the Animals	29
30	Dec 1	2	3	4	5	6

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