



Metro Women's Club

Just Between Friends

NEWSLETTER

metrowomensclub.org

February 2026

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear MWC Ladies,

Seems like we have so much to look forward to in the coming months. The Spring Game Day and Social will be here before we know it on March 10th and the Style Show on April 14th. Both committees are hard at work.

The Nominating Committee will be looking for members to fill Board and Committee Chair positions for 2026-2027. If you would like to get more involved, please give Rosemary or I a call and we would be happy to discuss options with you. We always love and welcome having new people involved. Another really exciting event coming up is the presentation of MWC's Merit Award at our May Luncheon. If you would like to nominate a deserving member for this award please contact one of our three First VPs. LouAnn Norton

2025—2026 CHARITY: CAROLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE **\$8,230 has been raised so far!!**

THANK YOU to everyone who brought toilet paper to the January luncheon. Everyone at CHH was thrilled to receive our donations. As you can imagine, it will ALL get used!

We were given a tour of the home and met some of its residents. At the end of our tour, we visited with Miss Kayla and Miss Jeanette about other specific needs that might be useful. Diapers (newborn, small, large and pull ups), baby wipes, 300/500 piece puzzles and adult coloring books were mentioned. CHH (7815 Harney Street) is open 24/7, so items can be delivered at any time. If you choose to donate specific items individually, take your ID and identify yourself as being with Metro Women's Club.

What a wonderful mission CHH has and what a difference they are making in the lives of young adults. Below is a testimony from one of the women.

"I just moved in as of 12/30/25, so it's officially been 8 days. It's nice to have some sort of a routine that is NOT a jail routine and that does NOT involve the use of drugs and alcohol. The girls so far are pretty friendly and have been pretty welcoming. I'm looking forward to get my son back from the State and I know that Carole's House of Hope is the perfect place for me to be currently. I can't wait to use all the resources they have available and I also can't wait to be stable and be on my own with my little family creating new adventures."

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY

Join us for the annual Spring Social and Game Day! Just about **30 days left** to get in your Reservations and Money – You **do not** have to play a game, **join a talking table**. Our theme is **"Come Fly with Us."** It is a wonderful opportunity to socialize, play games, and support our charity, **Carole's House of Hope**.

Location: Arbor Hall - March 10th - Time: 10:30 am - 2:30pm - **Lunch 11:30 (new time)**

Reservations: **Must be paid in advance by February 28th**. Reserve your table or individual spot soon! Forms are available in this newsletter (as an attachment in your email) and at luncheons.

Cost of Admission: \$25— Includes a Taco Bar (beef and chicken) lunch, coffee, tea, and dessert.

Raffle Tickets: 1 for \$10, or 3 for \$25. All proceeds will go to **Carole's House of Hope**.

Raffle Donations: We are seeking donations for raffle items! If you have a **NEW**, decorative item, gift basket, gift certificates, or contributions for our Money Tree, please consider donating. Donations will be accepted at all MWC functions until March 2nd. Make sure to put your name on your donation. If you need assistance, feel free to call a chairperson for pick-up.

Business Donations: If you know of a business that might be willing to donate an item or gift certificate, a request/solicitation form is included in this newsletter (an email attachment) and will also be available at luncheons.

Thank you for your generous support through donations and business contributions—your kindness helps us grow together in friendship and community!

-Chairperson Jean Cully, Co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson, Geri Backora, Rosemary Bliss, Karlene Currier, Barb Fazzini, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Kay Prater, and Tricia Weathers.

Extend the Hand of
Friendship

PRESIDENTS

Rosemary Bliss
LouAnn Norton

FIRST VICE PRESIDENTS

Patricia Thompson
Julie Dunn
Cella Best

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

DINE AND DONATE

Ladies, A big thank you to all who were able to bless Carol's House of Hope at our Dine and Donate event at Texas Roadhouse last Thursday. It's too late for the newsletter, but we will be happy to give an oral report at the February luncheon of the amount raised. Again our thanks, and stay safe and warm.

DIRECTORY

Ladies it's that time of the year again that Membership Renewal will be starting, please take a moment and check the directory to be sure your information is correct, if not please fill out the change of address, etc on our website.

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.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2026—2027

Our Club will be selecting new Officers and Chairpersons for the next fiscal year which begins in June. Soon the Nominating Committee (Dorris Heaston, Deborah Merritt-Jones and Jean Welsh) will begin contacting our Officers and Committee Chairs to identify open positions. Every club member will have the opportunity to serve on a committee or to be an officer. Additional communications will include which positions are open and the duties of the position. Serving on the board or as a committee chair is a great way to get to know more club members and make a positive impact on the club.

MERIT AWARD

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 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 Cella Best, Julie Dunn or Patricia Thompson. A list of past recipients is available in the membership directory.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday - February 10, 2026 at 11:30 AM social

At: **Villa Aletta, 4714 N 120th St, Omaha**

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

Mangia Menu:

Dish 1: Penne Meatball Marinara

Dish 2: Cheese Tortellini Alfredo

Dinner Salad with Ranch and Italian Dressing

Dinner Roll

Dietary Restriction Meals: Family pan *Gluten Free Penne Marinara for 6*

Bar Package: Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, & Water— Guests can purchase glasses of wine during the event

Cost: \$28.00 per person which includes lunch, taxes and service 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 **February 2nd** and wish to attend, please call Patricia, Julie, or Cella. Final guest count is needed by the event center by the afternoon of **February 3rd**. 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.

Cancellations: Any cancellations must be made by noon on **February 2nd**, or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon. NO EXCEPTIONS

Callers: Please have your attendees choices to Cella, Julie or Patricia by noon on **February 6th**.

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

Program: Our speaker is Susan Baron. Susan is the President of the Omaha Westerners. A local chapter of Westerners International. Susan will speak about the history of the Omaha Westerners and invite you to join this group, if you love history!!!

Program co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson & Peggy Christ

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

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

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

BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, February 20th 11:30 am

At: Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha 402-330-1444

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

GAD-A-BOUTS — Last Tuesday, February 24th 11:15 am.

February is Black History Month so what better time to visit the fledgling ***Great Plains Black History Museum***, 2221 N. 24th Street. Our tour begins at 11 am on Tuesday February 24th. Parking is available in the North Omaha Economic Development Association lot on 24th Street, south and adjacent to the building. The special exhibit will be the "Nebraska Green Book" in conjunction with the Durham Museum's "Green Book" traveling exhibit. ***Great Plains*** is opening especially to accommodate Gad-a-bouts' Tuesday's schedule so please consider a minimum donation of \$5 per person. Lunch details to be provided later. Carpoolers meet at Family Fare south/central parking lot 144th and Center 10:20 am.

RSVP or for more information: Dorris Heaston

FASHION SHOW— "Garden Tea Party" Tuesday, April 14th—See page 8 for additional details

The Little Black Dress Fashion Show Committee is needing your help! If you have a favorite scone or tea bread recipe, please share it with Sue Mehl. Thank you!

GREETERS

Greeters would like Metro Women to know that we appreciate your cooperation with you getting your name tags, and having your checks written for the Treasurer. If the board members need a clip-on rather than magnet, please let Margi Vice know, we have them available. Margi and Jean say **Thank you** to all the greeters for doing a great job.

LET'S GO PLACES

Chairperson: Barb Bures

⇒ **CANADIAN ROCKIES--- August 2026.** 9 day excursion with Caravan travel. Visit Jasper, Lake Louise, Columbia Icefield, Banff National Park, and more. Approx cost is \$3,300 dependent on airfare plus lunch and dinner most days. Breakfast included as are most tips! For more information contact Barb Bures. Let's Go Places!!!

LET'S GO PLACES (DAY TRIPS)

No day trips planned yet

Travel Club Chairperson: Cindy Carlson

FACEBOOK

Remember to take pictures of your events and submit them to Margi Vice, Sue Pieper or Jean Welsh for our private Facebook page. We would like pictures from ALL activities of Metro Women's Club no matter how small .

CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Ladies, Pop can tabs are slowing down but summer is just getting started please continue to save your tabs, anything aluminum, for the Ronald McDonald House. Margi Vice is collecting them.

THE PERSONALS

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Lorraine Kilker	Hip Surgery
Darlene Gaeta	Back Surgery
Lois Lentz	Husbands Passing
Carolyn Sliva	TMJ Problems
Pat Goodyear	ER Visit
Mary Beth Manninger	Brother In Law Passing

THANK YOU

Thank you for Memorial—Karen Lidstrand family

DIRECTORY UPDATES

MEMBERS	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
Dee Bigge		m: Updated	
Jan Johnson	Updated		
Vicki Riley			Updated
Margi Vice			Updated

MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST FOR 2026

Hello Ladies. We started a new year. Wow, that went by fast. We did not add any new ladies to our waiting list last month, so I am just listing the ladies that we had from last month. 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. Note: We can only add new members to fill our membership rolls back to 200 members. If you have any questions please email Marcelene Lewis.

Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By	Wait List	Date Added	Sponsored By
Shawn McCarville	05/13/2025	Project Pink'd	Becky Stephanie	10/09/2025	Website
Jeanette Bonaventura	06/08/2025	Deann Zens	Sandy Hite	10/09/2025	Cindy Popp
Denise Tharp	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Connie Davis	10/14/2025	Website
Chris Gilmore	06/16/2025	Sandy Major	Cheril Comiser	10/17/2025	Sue Chavalier
Colleen Haack	06/20/2025	Jaunita Hammen	Pam Epstein	10/24/2025	Barb Bures
Dianne Armandus	07/15/2025	Sharon Price	Kathy Yakas	10/29/2025	Janet Mohring
Cheryl Henkenius	07/18/2025	Linda Flora	Deb Kinzer	10/30/2025	Lou Ann Norton
Jill Reisch	07/18/2025	Linda Flora	Sue Philbin	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Jane Hagebush	08/06/2025	Darlene Palmer	Kathy Powers	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Ellen Lake	08/15/2025	Past Member	Mary Sporcic	11/18/2025	Lou Ann Norton
Joan Miller	08/30/2025	Darlene Palmer	Shayne Fili	12/01/2025	Denise Shroyer
Gale Spatz	08/30/2025	Website	Dayle Keller	12/17/2025	Dorris Heaston

BIRTHDAY GALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date	Member	Date
Dorris Heaston		Pat Goodyear		Sue Selde		Amy Feidler	
Peggy Reibold		Paula Kettler		Bobbie Montequin		Mary Pellettera	
Pamela Huston		Dianne Young		Jean Welsh		Janet Mohring	
Sharon Duignan		Karlene Currier		Katherine L Benoit-Raynor			

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

<p>EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, February 4th 6:30pm Hostess: Peggy Reibold</p> <p>January Results: Did Not Play High Score: Most Buncos: Low Score: Door Prize:</p> <p>Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p>LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, February 13th 11:00 am Hostess: Deborah Jones</p> <p>December Results: Most Wins: Margi Vice Most Buncos: Cella Best Most Losses: Mary Ellen Anderson Door Prize: Ann Thomson</p> <p>Linda Davis</p>	<p>MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, February 18th 9:30 am Hostess: Juanita Hammen</p> <table> <tr> <th></th><th>December</th><th>January</th></tr> <tr> <td>Most Wins</td><td>Bert Harrifeld</td><td>Cindy Carlson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Most Buncos</td><td>Peggy Reibold</td><td>Deborah Jones</td></tr> <tr> <td>Low Score</td><td>Shirley Raleigh</td><td>Margi Vice</td></tr> <tr> <td>Door Prize</td><td>Marcelene Lewis, Cindy Carlson, Deborah Jones, Juanita Hammen</td><td>Diane Dobrinska</td></tr> </table>		December	January	Most Wins	Bert Harrifeld	Cindy Carlson	Most Buncos	Peggy Reibold	Deborah Jones	Low Score	Shirley Raleigh	Margi Vice	Door Prize	Marcelene Lewis, Cindy Carlson, Deborah Jones, Juanita Hammen	Diane Dobrinska
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<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, February 3rd 11:30 am</p> <p>Oakview Red Lobster 2707 S 140th St, Omaha</p> <p>If you can't come, make sure you find a sub or set up another date when you can play.</p> <p>If you would like to play or learn more, please call Celeste Giery</p>	<p>AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm February 12th & February 26th Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</p> <p>Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p><i>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</i></p> <p>Sandy Simpson</p>	<p>BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, February 11th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha</p> <p>January Results First Place: Rosemary Bliss Second Place: Carole Thompson Third Place: Monica Clark Fourth Place: Marilyn Conner</p> <p><i>If you are a bridge player and want to play, call, text, or email: Anna Nelson</i></p>															
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday February 2nd 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: LouAnn Norton</p> <p>Pat Goodyear</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday February 16th 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Chris Sagenbrecht</p> <p>Pat Goodyear</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday February 18th 12:30 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Pat Goodyear</p> <p>Pat Goodyear</p>															
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB POTLUCK PALS—3rd Thursday February 19th 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Sue Selde</p> <p>Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, February 20th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p>Book: THE BERRY PICKERS Author: Amanda Peters Treats: Karen Saunders</p> <p>Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Patricia Thompson</p>															
<p>IMAGINE STORYTELLERS 4th Wednesday, February 25th Hostess: Jean Cully</p> <p>Imagine <u>Storytellers</u> met on December 17 for four hours (setting a record) to read our stories of Christmas, sample each other's sweet treats, celebrate the Holidays and entertain two guests: David Martin, editor of the published quarterly book Fine Lines, and his wife Yolie (a MWC member). Not only is Yolie one of us, she is on the board of directors and helps edit Fine Lines. David encouraged and gave suggestions for our writing and repeatedly asked all MWC writers to submit work to be included in future editions of Fine Lines. In addition, he related how Fine Lines came into being 33 years ago when he was teaching High School English. He saw that when writers viewed their work in print it could change their lives. As the host of my amazing writers, I am awed by their phenomenal creative writing in prose, poetry and cherish their comradery. Thank You Amy, Carolyn, Diane, Janis, Karen, Kathy, Marly Lou and Nanci - You make my life a brighter dwelling and fill my soul with hope.</p> <p>If anyone is interested in joining a writing group, call Jean Cully.</p>		<p>SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, February 5th</p> <p>Rudy's Bar 8503 Maple St. Omaha A Christmas decorated bar opened year round !!</p> <p>Doris Helfrich</p> <hr/> <p>CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday January 23rd</p> <p>Look for an email the last Tuesday of the month with the details: movie, location, & time.</p> <p><i>Suggestions for movies are welcome!</i></p> <p>Diane Stein or Angela Stoll</p>															



MWC

SPRINGSOCIAL&GAME DAY
A day of **Socializing, Raffles and Games!**



Come Fly with Us

Love without friendship is like a kite, aloft only when the winds are favorable. Friendship is what gives love its wings.

Sherry Thomas

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Arbor Hall, 14040 Arbor Street, Omaha NE

10:30 AM Welcome with Cash Bar – **11:30 Lunch** (new time) – 12:00 Cards/Games

Admission: \$25 for Lunch: Taco bar(chicken/beef) w/ dessert, coffee, tea – tax/tip included.

Raffle Tickets will be available on Game Day - Cost \$10 each or 3 for \$25 - cash/check only.

Proceeds go to **Carole's House of Hope**. **Carole's House of Hope (CHH)** began in 2011, a transitional living program where women and their children could thrive. Their goal was to begin to meet the needs of homeless women and children, particularly the unique needs of young women who found themselves homeless after emancipating from foster care. In 2014, they opened the doors of

CHH and began this new chapter of serving young adults and children.

All reservations are to be paid in advance. Include money for you and your attendees with this form. We will seat you together. Remember to invite friends!

Any individual may sign up on her own, just sign up and send the money prior to the deadline.

We will seat you with other individuals to join in the fun.

The deadline for reservations is February 28, 2026.

Individual Attendee:	Game Likes:
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>>>>>>Make checks payable to MWC or Metro Women's Club<<<<<<

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Metro Women's Club

Serving the Metro Community

Re: 2025/2026 Fundraiser request for **Carole's House of Hope**:

To: _____ . 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 over 50 years ago and are currently a club of 200 members.

Every year, Metro Women's Club sponsors fundraising events in support of a local charity. This year, we have selected **Carole's House of Hope (CHH)**. CHH began in 2011, a transitional living program where women and their children could thrive. Their goal was to begin to meet the needs of homeless women and children, particularly the unique needs of young women who found themselves homeless after emancipating from foster care. In 2014, they opened the doors of **CHH** and began this new chapter of serving young adults and children.

On Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Metro Women's Club will conduct our Annual Spring Social and Game Day. Raffle tickets sold at this event will raise money for **Carole's House of Hope**. All funds raised will be contributed to **Carole's House of Hope**. 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, 2026. Thank you in advance for your donation to help make Spring Social and Game Day a successful fundraiser for **Carole's House of Hope**.

Sincerely,

Jean Cully

Jean Cully, Chairman

Co-chairs: Mary Ellen Anderson, Geri Backora, Rosemary Bliss, Karlene Currier, Barb Fazzini, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Kay Prater, and Tricia Weathers.

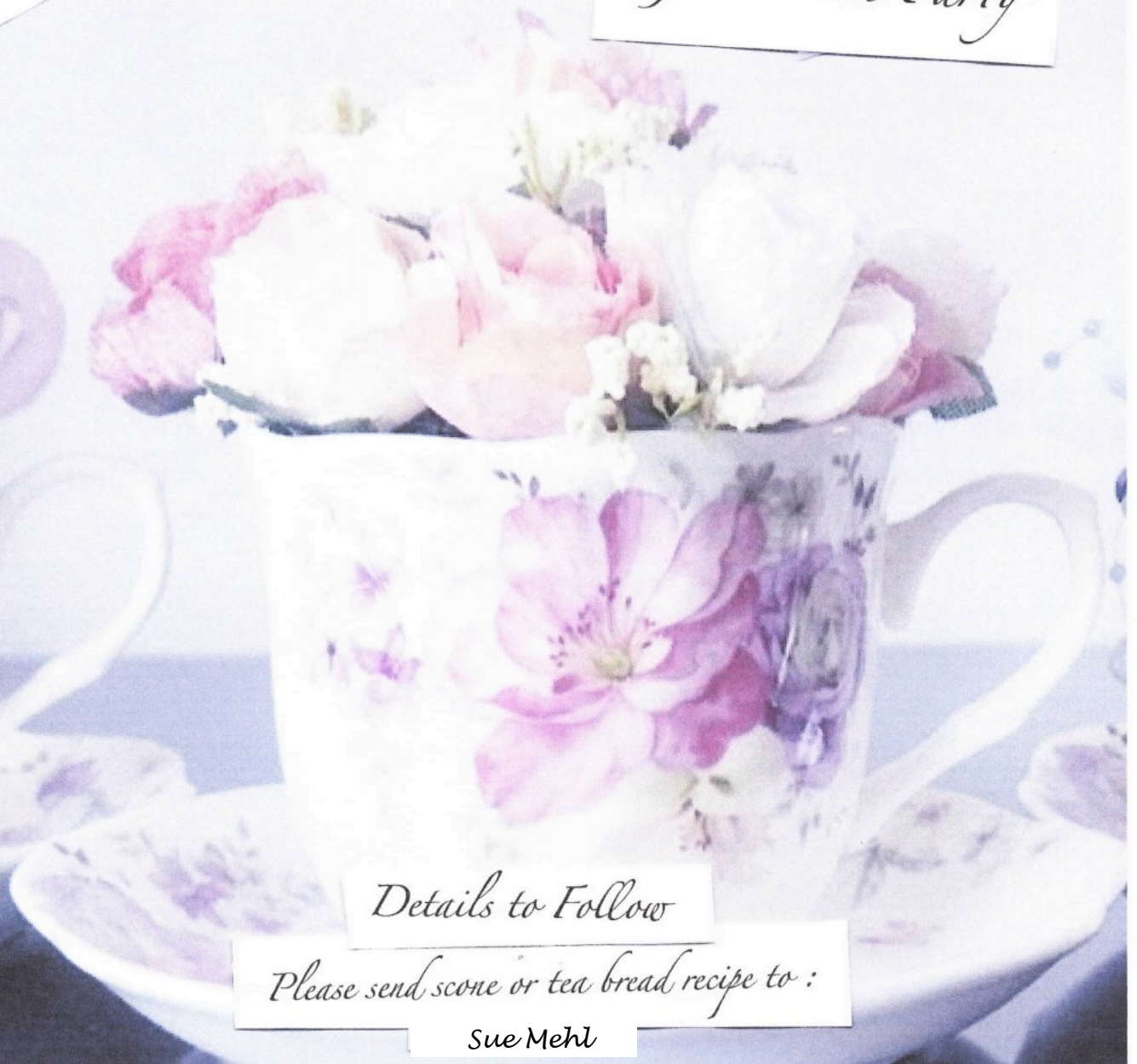
Deliver or Mail to: Jean Cully,

Member soliciting above business: _____

Save the Date!!!

April 14

*MWC Annual Fashion Show
"Garden Tea Party"*



Details to Follow

Please send scone or tea bread recipe to :

Sue Mehl

February 2026

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