



Metro Women's Club

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NEWSLETTER

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December 2024

Extend the Hand of
Friendship

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The holidays are right around the corner. We enjoyed an early Thanksgiving lunch at DC Center and gave our Silent Auction Committee a round of applause. We are getting into the holiday spirit here at MWC with our upcoming events. We kick off with our Holiday Gift Exchange Party on Tuesday, December 3rd. This is always a blast and a way to get to know new people, go home with a cute gift and dare I mention the food!!! Then join us on Tuesday, December 10th at Oak Hills Country Club for our Holiday Luncheon. Wishing y'all a Merry and safe Holiday Season! *Love, LouAnn Norton*

MONTHLY LUNCHEON GREETERS

An opportunity to meet and greet is here. Great opportunity to get to know some of your fellow MWC Members, putting a name with a face is extremely rewarding. Call Jean Cully if you like to help greet at our luncheons .

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. **REMINDER, YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION TO ATTEND THE MONTHLY LUNCHEON!** our Co Chairs, Karen Saunders and Carolyn Will, need exact numbers for the luncheon. If you receive a call from your caller and they leave a message, please be so kind and return the call, or if you receive a text, please respond Yes or No. Thank you for being responsible. Please Silent Cell Phones during the luncheon.

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 "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!

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(s) via Zoom. If weather is a problem, Officers and Chairpersons must email their Newsletter Information to Denise Shroyer. The 2017 Newsletter must still go out no matter the weather.

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY

The Spring Social and Game Day committee met on October 21, 2024 to spearhead the next great fundraiser for **Project Pink'd**. The fun and games will commence on March 11, 2025 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. 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2024

HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE—Tuesday, DECEMBER 3, 2024 1:00pm @ St. Elizabeth Ann Church, 5410 N. 114th Street, Omaha

- \$15.00 Gift to Exchange
- Sweet Treat or Savory Dish to share.
- Time to relax, talk, eat and play a fast fun gift exchange game.
- Still not signed up yet. **CALL Shirley Raleigh or Deborah Jones**
- Special thanks to your other Committee members: Chris Sagenbrecht, LouAnn Norton, Bert Harrifeld, Roselyn Stick, Juanita Hammen and Lori Briggs.
- Please take home or exchange your leftovers.
- Your clean up help is appreciated by your cleaning up your table. If you have the extra time, please stay after and help clean up the facility.

THANK YOU AND HAVE FUN. IT'S SUCH A GREAT WAY TO GET EXCITED FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, December 9th, Noon at Lauritzen Garden—**MERRY AND BRIGHT**. See more information under Special Interest Groups and see the enclosed flyer (email only).

LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday, December 10th 11:30am SOCIAL 12:00pm LUNCH

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

Please do not call Oak Hills to make or cancel reservations. Call Karen Saunders or Carolyn Will listed below.

Menu: Choice of one

1. Pan Seared Salmon, topped with light Raspberry sauce, served with Rice Pilaf and California Medley (Cauliflower, Broccoli, Carrots, & Red/Green Peppers)
2. Fettuccini Alfredo with Broccoli topped with Sliced Grilled chicken
Entrees served with House Salad topped with Balsamic Dressing, Dessert (assortment of bars), Rolls with Whipped Butter, Coffee or Tea. Cash bar available

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

Cost: \$27.00 per person includes taxes and tip. 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 time to socialize before lunch is served.

Members: If you do not receive a call by Monday, December 2nd and wish to attend, please call Karen Saunders or Carolyn Will. 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 noon, December 2nd, or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Callers: Please have the names of your attendees to **Karen or Carolyn by Monday, December 2nd.**

Luncheon Chairs: Karen Saunders and Carolyn Will

Program: VOICES OF BOYSTOWN CHOIR, will help us all get in the mood with special Christmas music, Directed by Firra Moore

Program co-chairs: Vicki Kirchner & Judy Mumm

Salvation Army Donation: We will be passing "The Hat" for our annual Salvation Army donation. It sure beats ringing a bell in the cold. Bring your checkbook or cash, You may write your check directly to "Salvation Army".

Members: We love to hear you socializing, chatting and catching up prior to the Luncheon! Just remember to turn your focus to the podium and to whomever has the microphone when "noon" approaches. Your cooperation is GREATLY appreciated!

BOARD MEETING 2nd Tuesday December 10th - FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON-DATE CHANGE

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

Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Socials and Special Events Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairperson are expected to have their information to Denise Shroyer for the newsletter the **Friday prior to the board meeting**. If you are scheduled to report please be at the board meeting, If unable to attend please call LouAnn or Rosemary. Information needs to be to Denise Shroyer and Linda Cisar, the Friday prior to the board meeting.

BIRTHDAY BASH—December

There will not be a Birthday Bash lunch in December. However, we will celebrate December and January birthdays in January.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Birthday Bash Chairperson: Chris Sagenbrecht

FUTURE EVENTS

DINE AND DONATE

Ladies, Be sure that your January calendar includes our Dine and Donate event on January 15th at Porky Butts BBQ, 156th Street just north of Maple St. They will very generously donate back to us 10% of the whole day's proceeds. Bring your friends and family for some excellent BBQ!

COFFEE & CHAT (Quarterly) 1st Tuesday, February 4, 2025 **10:00 am to Noon**

Hostess: Sharon Price, TBD -In need of co-hostesses.

Chairperson: Bert Harrifeld

SPRING SOCIAL—GAME DAY, ARBOR HALL 2nd TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 Chairperson: Jean Cully

Theme: Planting the Seeds of Friendship—Meetings start January 13, 2025. Looking forward to seeing you all then.

Two dates are set for painting glassware January 13th and 20th, 2025. If you have an interest in helping, painting or donating for this wonderful affair, please call Jean Cully

FASHION SHOW— 2nd TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2025 Chairpersons: Cindy Popp, Kay Porter and Sue Mehl

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, MERIT AWARD, SERVICE PINS—MAY

LET'S GO PLACES

1) The Riviera Maya trip for next year has been CANCELLED because there isn't anybody to lead it.

2) We will be choosing more Travel Cat trips in the future. If you desire to go on any of these trips you need to call Travel Cat Tours yourself at 531-777-2124 to register. **PLEASE NOTE:** When you register, you need to tell them you are with Metro Women Club so they can put our group together. You will then send your check directly to Travel Cat Tours. Then they will send you the itinerary for the trip approximately 1 week before the trip. **CeCe Carlson & Cindy Carlson, co-chairpersons for the Travel Club**

Let's Go to HAWAII!! - Yes, we are headed to the Garden Island of Hawaii - Kauai! April 10-17th, 7 wonderful nights at the Outrigger Kauai Hotel and Spa, round-trip airfare, travel insurance, taxes/fees, and a one-day excursion of the island by a guided tour to see movie filming locations. With 2 people per room, total is \$2200 per person. We are arranging ground transportation and other excursions to choose from when we have everyone signed up. Hurry to get your reservation in!

Email **Barb Bures** if you are interested!! Aloha!!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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NEWSLETTER CRISIS??

Have you been out and about and needed some information that is in your MWC Newsletter, but you don't have your Newsletter with you??? Did you accidentally delete or lose your Newsletter?? Or, did you want to share your Newsletter with a prospective new member but your Newsletter is at home? Maybe you did not receive your monthly Newsletter?? Go to the website on your phone or computer. Yes, go to metrowomensclub.org and click on the tab "Newsletter" then click the current month. Our webmaster normally posts our Newsletters the 3rd Sunday of each month (the Sunday after the Board Meeting). The only change from the Newsletters that are mailed/emailed to you is the absence of personal information, i.e. member's phone numbers and addresses. This is done to protect your privacy because our website is accessible to everyone. There is also a printer icon in the upper right corner where you can also print your Newsletter. So don't panic...Just click! **Ladies, do not contact your newsletter editor, either go to the website, or contact the Newsletter Circulation Person if you don't receive your Newsletter via email, she is the one who makes sure your email is correct. If you receive via snail mail, check your mailbox and don't throw it away.**

CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Ladies, please collect the can tabs (beer, pop, canned wine, energy drinks/anything that has a pull tab) for the Ronald McDonald House. Margi Vice is collecting them.

FACEBOOK

Reminder you must be a paid member of Metro Women's Club. Unpaid members will be removed! No questions asked! Members remember to take pictures of your events and submit them to Darlene Gaeta for our private Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Gaeta or Margi Vice

PROCEDURES FOR FORMING A NEW METRO WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

- Notify President(s)
- Post on Facebook and in the Newsletter with contact information for interested members to call
- Determine place, time, how often, cost and all other relevant information
- Notify President(s) when you are ready to present to the Board and you will be added to the Board Meeting Agenda.

OTHER INFORMATION

December 2024

JANUARY LUNCHEON

Joy from Scatter Joy Acres will be our speaker, this is an incredible organization and is in need of many items. Check out the website <https://scatterjoyacres.org/> prior to the January 2025 Luncheon. If you go to the website and click on DONATE, there is a link for AMAZON that has smaller items, or you can just order and send directly to SCATTER JOY ACRES. All donations are 100% tax deductible. You can always donate financially via the Donate button on the top menu. Thank you so much for your support!

MWC Ladies, If you see something is incorrect in the newsletter, or I forgot something, please bring it to my attention. I can't fix it if I don't know. Thank you, Denise Shroyer your MWC Newsletter Editor

Imagine, the Writer's Club met October 23rd with 5 members present. We hope for better health for Amy Feidler and Mary Lou Jambor. Janis Keim read her newest book *Pete the Invisible Penguin*, such talent. Kathy Benoit Raynor brought samples of her folded paper creations. She volunteered to have some present at Game Day and may teach some of us to fold as well. Karen Saunders read from her *Summer with the Lifers*, her story "picking chicken" of making money for college and new glasses. Kelli is busy developing her characters for her book. Jean Cully read her poem that won second prize at recent poetry contest plus shared two new poems. American novelist Gail Tsukiyama wrote, "Don't ever think that just because you do things differently, you're wrong." A great saying for our writers' group as we accept and celebrate all that is shared. Next Imagine is on Monday November 25, 2024. This group is full but if you are interested in joining another writers' group call Jean Cully

HELP WANTED

GAD-A-BOUTS IS LOOKING FOR TWO CO-CHAIRS STARTING IN JANUARY, 2025. If you are interested please contact LouAnn Norton or Rosemary Bliss, their information is in your MWC directory.

THE PERSONALS

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION OR CORRECTIONS

Sheri Dunbar—corrected phone # 702-416-7864

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Cella Best - Sympathy, Father passing
Donna Arlt - Knee Surgery
Kathryn Gannon - Sympathy, Memorial - Daughter's Passing
Karen Smith - Broken Foot Bone
Denise Swanson - Knee Surgery
Anna Nelson - Husband Surgery

MEMBERS (200) Wait list at this time for new members is 15.

Watch you newsletter in 2025 for more information on renewal of membership.

THANK YOU

BUNCO (Morning & Evening)

A special thank you to both groups for being so diligent about getting subs. And a big thank you to our great sub lists for showing up on time. *Diane Dobrinska*

BIRTHDAY GALS

12/02 Denise Swanson	12/05 Linda Hammes	12/10 Annette Brandl	12/14 Linda Tensow
12/16 Luanne Colbert	12/16 Catherine Yates	12/18 Cleo Nienaber	12/19 Andrea Kruger
12/20 Elaine Sheets	12/21 MaryLou Jamber	12/23 Barbara Bures	12/23 Linda Floro
12/24 Linda Tomasevicz	12/25 Sandy House	12/28 Jane Hedges	12/29 Kathy Lampert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

MWC Ladies, please check the Birthday list in the directory to be sure that your birthday is correct. I can only go off of the list in there, if it's incorrect, I'm so sorry that I missed a shout out to you for your birthday.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

December 2024

<p>EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, December 4th 6:30 pm Hostess: Pat Bond</p> <p>November Results: Most Wins: Doris Helfrich Most Buncos: Sharon Duignan Low Score: Peggy Reibold Door Prize: Pat Bond</p> <p>Bunco schedules for next year will be sent after Dec. 1st. Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p>LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, December 13th 11:00 am Hostess: Deborah Jones</p> <p>November Results: Most Wins: Carolyn Sliva Most Buncos: Cella Best Low Score: Tricia Weathers Door Prize: Sharon Duignan</p> <p><i>Looking for a few permanent players, or if you just wanted to be a sub, please contact Linda Davis</i></p>	<p>MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, December 18th 9:30 am Hostess: Darlene Gaeta</p> <p>November Results: Most Wins: Darlene Gaeta Most Buncos: Juanita Hammen Low Score: Mary Ellen Anderson Door Prize: Marcelene Lewis</p> <p>Next year's morning schedule will be sent after Dec. 1st. Look for them in the mail. Diane Dobrinska</p>
<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE See you in January HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</p> <p>November Results: Marilyn Conner & Barb Zabel 4430 Rosemary Bliss & Monica Clark 4130 Donna Arlt & Sandy House 2300</p> <p>Any questions, please call Celeste Giery</p>	<p>Celebrate the Holidays With "SWEET PEA" GARDEN CLUB EVERYONE IS WELCOMED FOR THIS EVENT 2nd Monday—MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th Noon—See the enclosed Flyer</p> <p>LAURITZEN GARDEN MERRY AND BRIGHT Please email Patricia and let her know if you will be attending.</p> <p>If interested in the Garden Club please email Patricia Thompson</p>	<p>BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, December 11th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha</p> <p>November Results: 1st: Anna Nelson 2nd: Sandy House 3rd: Monica Clark 4th: Barb Zabel</p> <p>If anyone is interested in playing please contact Anna Nelson</p>
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday December 2nd 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Luanne Colbert</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday December 16th 12:00 pm</p> <p>Hostess: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—2nd Thursday December 12th 12:00 pm NOTE DATE CHANGE Hostess: Rosemary Bliss</p>
<p>BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, December 20th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p>Book: MISS BENSON'S BEETLES Author: Rachel Joyce</p> <p><i>Please Bring:</i> a children's book for giving, something for the Foodbank, and an unwrapped book with a bow for a Chinese Gift Exchange Questions: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>WALKING WITH THE ANIMALS Every Friday all year round</p> <p>Morning walk at the Henry Doorly Zoo. Walking club members check in at 7:30 AM during the summer months and 8:30 AM during the winter. Must be a Zoo Member!</p> <p>Contact: Lorraine Mines</p>	<p>SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, December 5th 3:00 pm Stokes-West Restaurant 13615 California Street , Omaha</p> <p>Please no saving seats! Chance to meet and have fun with your fellow members! You never know who you might meet!</p> <p>Chairperson: Darlene Palmer</p>
<p>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP 3rd Monday, December 16th</p> <p>Hostess: Jean Cully Chairperson: Jean Cully Group is closed, wait list at this time.</p> <p>Please contact about the Evening Writers Group</p>	<p>GAD-A-BOUNTS</p> <p>No outing in November or December SEE YOU IN JANUARY! In need of co-chairs. See HELP WANTED</p> <p>HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</p>	<p>PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER. LOTS OF TIME AND EFFORT IS PUT INTO ALL THE WONDERFUL INFORMATION. DON'T PUT YOUR HEAD IN THE SAND AND MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN STUFF WE DO!</p>
<p>CINEMA CHICKS</p> <p>There will not be a Cinema Chicks outing in December due to the holidays.</p> <p>We will resume lunch and a movie in January.</p> <p>HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</p> <p>Cinema Chicks Chairperson: Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm December 12th</p> <p>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>STITCH & CHAT No meeting in November or December</p> <p>HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</p> <p>Other questions, please call: Pat Bond</p>



Celebrate the Holidays



with the Sweet Peas Garden Club

MERRY & BRIGHT

Monday, December 9th

LAURITZEN GARDENS

Meet at the Conagra Cafe

Everyone Welcome!

Enjoy Lunch or a Snack 12 PM

We will visit the 20' poinsettia tree, tour through conservatory to see the holiday express, s'mores (\$) on the garden patio or find the perfect gift in the gift shop

Visit the garden at 1 PM

Admission: \$15

Garden Members Free



HAPPY HOLIDAYS! SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!

DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 NOON DELIGHTS	3 GIFT EXCHANGE <i>GIVING TUESDAY</i>	4 EVENING BUNCO	5 SOCIAL HOUR	6 ZOO WALKING	7
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22	23	24 <i>CHRISTMAS EVE!</i>	25 <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</i> <i>HANAKKAH (begins)</i>	26	27 ZOO WALKING	28
29	30	31 <i>NEW YEAR'S EVE!</i>				

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