



Metro Women's Club

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NEWSLETTER

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of Friendship*

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings to you,

I can't believe how fast time flies by. It's fall now and soon we will be enjoying the beautiful fall colors of the trees. We also may be enjoying some cooler temperatures. It has really been a hot summer!

We are excited in October to at last have our silent auction. I have been helping the committee to make all these beautiful baskets. I'm sure you will be able to find one meant just for you. So be sure to come and check them out.

This special day will also be one of our first money makers for our new charity - **Santa Monica House**. We will have guests from the new charity at the silent auction. This charity provides continuum of services that empowers women to live productively drug and alcohol free. These services are available in Omaha, all of Nebraska and Council Bluffs. I'm excited to learn more about the charity and support their mission.

2026 - 2027 CHARITY - \$139 has been raised so far

The Metro Women's Club membership at the September luncheon voted (thank you to members unable to attend who cast their votes beforehand) to support **Santa Monica House** this year.

A charity representative will be invited to attend the October luncheon and give a presentation explaining its mission and how club funds will help Santa Monica House reach its goals.

Our club members' generosity will be on full display through the funds raised with the Silent Auction. Thank you members in advance!

Shirley Fey, Geri Backora, Cyndi Stastny

DINE AND DONATE

MWC ladies, As long as you're looking at your fall calendar, please add the next Dine and Donate event scheduled on **Thursday, October 29th, at Zio's Pizza, 129th and Center**. Stop for lunch or dinner, dine in or carry out, from 11am-8pm. Just tell them that you're with Metro Women's Club, and enjoy some great pizza!

SILENT AUCTION

With the vote now completed, your Silent Auction Team is full throttle preparing to prove that "Love Grows Here" for Santa Monica House at the auction on Tuesday, October 13th. We are thrilled with the donations received at the luncheon last week. Because of the book work and prep time needed, our final donation deadline is Sunday, September 27th! If you still have gifts to provide, please call Sarah Chvala or Marcelene Lewis to set up plans to drop them off. Again, because of book work, we are encouraging those of you who are planning to donate baked goods for auction, to call Bert Harrield as soon as possible!

We are returning to our good friends at Arbor Hall for the Event. Because you ladies are always so excited to eat and get on with the auction, doors will be opening at 10:30 a.m. for browsing and chatting, with **LUNCH SERVED AT 11:30 am this year!!** Please note the change of time! They are preparing a delicious meal of glazed balsamic chicken breast (GF), herb roasted new potatoes (GF), vegetable, salad, roll, cupcake and drink. Cash bar is also available. Cost is just \$26 and cash or check is needed for payment when you arrive. But don't forget a couple of \$\$ for some interesting raffle items.

Your faithful callers will be calling you soon for reservations. Guests are invited and encouraged, so be prepared to give their names to your caller to reserve their meal and chair. As with all luncheons, cancellations must be submitted to Julie or Cella by October 5th, as payment is required for all reservations.

We know from experience how hectic the end of the auction is. We invite you to volunteer yourself or any strong-armed, willing family member to help deliver the ladies treasures to their cars. Let Sarah Chvala know if you can help.

We look forward to greeting you all at Arbor Hall October 13th. Watch for an email blast Oct. 5th with specific information. As they say...happy fall y'all! Sarah for your SA Team

NEW ACTIVITY GROUP - POTLUCK PALS 2

At the Coffee & Chat last week, there was interest in starting a new lunch group. The current **Potluck Pals** (which is closed) meets every other month, and each person contributes to the lunch. The hostess provides the entree and drinks, and others bring salad, vegetable dish, dessert, etc.

The first group loves that not anyone person prepares the entire meal. Getting 6-8 ladies for a new group is ideal; you can make it as casual or stepping it up any way you like. For new members, this is a great way to meet people in a small setting, and a way of getting involved. Please contact **Chris Sagenbrecht** by calling or texting if interested. The many ladies who are already in a lunch group, love it! **There will be a sign up sheet at the October 13th luncheon - Silent Auction.**

DIRECTORY

MWC ladies, 61 have not picked up their directory at the last 2 luncheons. I will have them at the November luncheon. If you want yours before that please make arrangements to pick it up from me either on Monday's at Marcelene's house (during Silent Auction prep) or at my home. Thank you Denise Shroyer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday - October 13th 10:30 Doors Open - 11:30 Lunch Served - SILENT AUCTION

At: Arbor Hall 14040 Arbor St, Omaha

DO NOT call Hall to make or cancel reservations. Call or text Julie or Cella.

MENU: Glazed balsamic chicken breast (GF), herb roasted new potatoes (GF), vegetable, salad, roll, cupcake and drink. Cash bar is also available.

Luncheon Cost: \$26.00 per person all inclusive (cash or check only please)

MEMBERS: All members will be contacted by their caller. If you are not called by October 2nd, please call or text **Julie Dunn or Cella Best**. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller the guest's name. If you make a reservation, you will be responsible for payment in full, no cancellation will be accepted after 5:00 pm October 5th - NO EXCEPTIONS.

CALLERS: Please have your attendees' count in by 5:00 p.m. on October 5th.

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday - October 20th 10:00 am

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

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

At: Firebirds Wood Fired Grill 17415 Chicago St, Omaha

Chairpersons: Dee Bigge or Donna Pollock

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

GAD-A-BOUTS — 4th Tuesday - October 27th

Tuesday, October 27th at 10 am we will tour the KETV Studios in the former Burlington Railroad Station, 1001 S. 10th Street. Lunch follows at The Matt Bar & Grill (The Mattress Factory), 501 N. 13th Street. Carpoolers meet at Family Fare no later than 9:20 am. RSVP Sandy Major.

Have a suggestion for someplace in the Greater Metro area to visit during 2027? Contact Dorris Heaston or Sandy Major

No Gadabouts scheduled in November or December. We will resume in January 2027.

Thanks for your participation and support in 2026. Dorris Heaston & Sandy Major

SAVE THE DATE -DECEMBER 1st - FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE 2026

St Elizabeth Ann Church 5419 N 114th St (114th and Fort), Omaha

Doors will open at 11:00 A.M.

Social and Snacking starts at 11:30 A.M.

Exchange Game at 12:30 P.M. OR TBD

Please **bring a favorite Sweet or Savory Treat** to share with your friends. **THAT'S LUNCH** It's the best part of lunch, the appetizers and the desserts!

Also, please bring your \$20.00 gift to exchange. I hope you are having fun hunting for those good sales right now and stretching that \$20.00. So much is 30-50% off right now. WOW!!!

Watch for our sign up sheets, in October and November, we need a fairly accurate count to buy your supplies and make your beverages. (We had a quick sign up at the Sept. lunch but more will be coming) Watch for October and November.

YOUR COMMITTEE thanks you for your help in getting ready for the fun.

CO-CHAIRS, Shirley Raleigh Deborah Jones

Veteran Staff- LouAnn Norton, Bert Harrifeld, Roselyn Stick

New Additions - Sharon Duignan - Darlene Gaeta

Sr. Advisors - Chris Sagenbracht - Juanita Hammen

The team has been working very hard already and everything is almost ready for you. Additional members are helping in the entryway and for clean-up. Clean up is pretty easy, cleaning your table off and throwing away the tablecloth. You can handle it.

Questions or sign up can be done at the luncheons, or you can call or text the Co-Chairs of the committee. Shirley or Deborah. I am excited already.

LET'S GO PLACES TRAVEL CLUB

Let's Go Places Travel Club will be going to RIU Palace Antilles in Aruba March 1st - March 7th, 2027. This is an all adult, all inclusive beach front resort. If you are interested in more details please call me.

We have had interest in a trip to Vancouver Island. If this interests you please let me know. Lou Ann Norton.

LET'S GO PLACES: DAY TRIPS

To register for tours, contact Travel Cat Tours at 531-777-2124. Or online at info@travelcattours.com. Registration is due no later than a month before the trip. **When you register make sure you let them know that you are with METRO WOMEN'S CLUB.** He tries to sit us all together.

CARDS

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

CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Pop can tabs are still being collected but **will end on October 13, 2026**. Reach out to Margi Vice who is collecting them.

FACEBOOK

Facebook needs more pictures from ALL activities please. Any member in our Facebook group can now post pictures from any Metro Women's Club group or activity. New members can be added to the group by texting Margi Vice.

THE PERSONALS

THINKING OF YOU

Cella Best - Get Well
Becky Stephanie - Hospitalization, low oxygen
Linda Davis - Hospitalization

Sandy Major - New Grand baby - Jasper Jean Major (JJ for short)
Juanita Hammen - Sinus Surgery
Bert Harrifeld - Back Injections

MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST FOR 2026 - 2027

We currently have 27 ladies on our Waiting List. If you would like to add a friend to our list , please text or email me. Marcelene Lewis, Membership & Renewals

WAIT LIST	DATE ADDED	SPONSOR
Sue Phibin	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Kathy Powers	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Mary Sporcic	11/18/2025	LouAnn Norton
Shayne Fili	12/1/2025	Denise Shroyer
Dayle Keller	12/17/2025	Dorris Heaston
Nancy Wilson	1/21/2026	Antonette Lovejoy
Sharon Wehling	1/24/2026	Yvonne Durr
Betty Verch	2/3/2026	Judy Mumm
Kathy Laughlin	2/4/2026	Darlene Palmer
Brenda Hammer	2/5/2026	Mary Ellen Anderson
Kay Hothan	2/8/2026	Mary Flodine
Tara Granville	2/10/2026	Ginny Vomacka
Mary Gonderinger	3/2/2026	Chris Sagenbrecht
Sally Jane Baldridge	3/2/2026	Dorris Heaston

WAIT LIST	DATE ADDED	SPONSOR
Ruth Gearhart	3/10/2026	Linda Nelson
Juli-Ann Gasper	3/12/2026	Anna Nelson
Kathy Lehman	3/26/2026	Kay Prater
Mandy Moran	4/7/2026	Durane Schuetz
Rosella Lally	4/8/2026	Sharon Duignan
Kris Kelly	4/8/2026	Sharon Duignan
Amy Earl	4/20/2026	Website
Susan Gottsch	4/24/2026	Darlene Palmer
Jeanne Veenis-Kline	5/27/2026	Sandy Major
Patti Schnittgrund	7/13/2026	Cleo Nienaber
Candy Junior	7/14/2026	Denise Swanson
Lisa Hendricks	7/22/2026	Sharon Hardage
Mary Goldsberry	8/20/2026	Mary Morss

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

MEMBER	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL
June Schlegelmilch	Updated		
Lorraine Mines			Updated
Pat Goodyear		Updated	
Nanci Neal	Updated		

SILENT AUCTION SNEAK PEAK



There will be 115 baskets to choose from with many of them containing gift certificates. The final day for donations is September 27th. If you plan on donating food/baked goods, be sure to call Bert Harrifeld as soon as possible. The team will be spending the next few weeks organizing the donations and finishing the baskets. The Silent Auction is one of our biggest fundraisers, raising \$7,730 last year.

October 2026

October 2026							November 2026						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 27	28	29	30	Oct 1 Social Hour	2 Walking With the Animals	3
4	5 Noon Delights	6 Marathon Bridge	7 Evening Bunco	8 American MahJong	9 Lunch Bunco Walking With the Animals	10
11	12	13 Monthly Luncheon	14 Bridge	15 Potluck Pals	16 Book Club Walking With the Animals	17
18	19 Dining Divas	20 Birthday Bash Board Meeting	21 Lunch Bunch Morning Bunco	22 American MahJong	23 Cinema Chicks Walking With the Animals	24
25	26	27 Gad-a-bouts	28 Imagine Storytellers	29	30 Walking With the Animals	31

SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, October 7th 6:30 pm Hostess: Sharon Duignan Last Month Results: High Score: Cindy Popp Most Buncos: Connie Gibb Low Score: Diane Dobrinska Door Prize: Denise Shroyer Diane Dobrinska	LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, October 9th 11:00 am Hostess: Nanci Neal Last Month Results: Most Wins: Linda Davis Most Buncos: Julie Dunn Most Losses: Patricia Thompson Door Prize: Cheryl Rueb Linda Davis	MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, October 21st 9:30 am Hostess: Diane Dobrinska Last Month Results High Score: Chris Sagenbrecht Most Buncos: Diane Dobrinska Most Losses: Carole Thompson Door Prize: LouAnn Norton Diane Dobrinska
ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, October 6th 11:30 am Red Lobster - Oakview (Meeting NE corner of restaurant) Last Month Results Marilyn Conner & Barb Zabel 3250 Sandy House & Donna Arlt 2620 Call Celeste Giery if you need more information.	AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm October 8th & October 22nd Converge Church 14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha Contact Sandy for lessons. Observers are welcome!! <i>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</i> Sandy Simpson	BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, October 14th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha Last Month Results First Place: Monica Clark Second Place: Marilyn Conner Third Place: Shirley Puls Fourth Place: Rosemary Bliss <i>If you are a bridge player and want to play, call, text, or email: Anna Nelson</i>
DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday October 5th 12:00 pm Hostess: Patricia Thompson Pat Goodyear	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday October 14th 12:00 pm Hostess: Juanita Hammen Pat Goodyear	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday October 21st 12:30 pm Hostess: Carolyn Will Pat Goodyear
DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB POTLUCK PALS—3rd Thursday - every other month October 15th Hostess: Deann Zens Chris Sagenbrecht	BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, October 16th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha Book: THE KING OF ARMADILLOS Author: Wendy Chin-Tanner Juanita Hammen	SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, October 1st, 3:00 pm Twisted Cork Bistro 10730 Pacific St #110, Omaha No reservations needed Just come and make new friends Sharon Price or Cyndi Frieling
Imagine Storytellers Imagine's Storytellers entertained one another with the age-old verbal practice of storytelling, no previous writing required. Nanci and Jean shared a poem, both took about a minute and a half which meant we had an hour and 57 minutes to talk, to eat, to socialize and share stories from our lives. Another opportunity developed as we learned the meanings of a few idioms plus defined uncommon words and shared other fun information. It was truly a gathering of writers who love to talk as well as share their writing. Next meeting is September 23, 2026 at 10:00 AM. Call Jean Cully if interested in joining a writing group.	CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday - October 23rd This will be the final event in 2026 Look for an email on the last Tuesday of the month with the details: location, & time. Suggestions for movies are welcome! Diane Stein and Angela Stoll	SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB 3rd Thursday There are no other events until December when we will go to Lauritzen Gardens. Doris Helfrich

BIRTHDAY GALS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!!!

MEMBER	MEMBER	MEMBER	MEMBER
Darlene Gaeta	Monica Clark	Kris GrAvelle	Ginny Vomacka
Judy Mumm	Pat Bond	Kay Porter	LouAnn Norton
Bonnie White	Judy Petersen	Peggy Christ	
Deb Kinzer	Mary Sweetman	Cyndi Stastny	
Jan Nielsen	Carole Thompson	Diane Morris	