



# Metro Women's Club

*Just Between Friends*

## NEWSLETTER

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August 2026

### *Extend the Hand of Friendship*

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If you are like me I'm sure that you are ready for some cooler weather after this hot and humid weather. The weatherman says that cooler weather is on the way so I am thankful for that. I have been missing some golfing days because of the heat so anxious for cooler weather to come. Guess this is just a typical July Nebraska summer.

We have had a busy July so far. The horse races at Horseman's Park were really fun. The people who attended enjoyed watching the horses race live and learning to read a racing form. In my case, that did not help me to win lots of money. Darn! Thank you Mary Beth Manninger and Diane Scheppers for planning a fun day.

Our luncheon at Johnny's was very nice. The food was delicious and our speaker, Ron Hug, told us about the renovating of the Fred Astaire home. This makes me want to check out the house. Thank you ladies for all the planning for this great day.

NOTE: I just wanted to remind everyone that Metro Women Club has to pay the venue for the number of people turned in from the callers. If you have said that you are attending the luncheon, you are responsible to pay for your meal. If you cannot attend you must call and cancel before the cancel date in the newsletter or you must pay.

#### **DINE AND DONATE**

Thank you to all who were able to support our Dine and Donate event at Legacy Chophouse this month. Not only did we enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship, but we were able to open this year's charity account with \$114. It only goes up from here.

#### **SILENT AUCTION**

MWC ladies, as summer heats up, so does your faithful Silent Auction Team. Our first organizational meeting is set for Monday July 27th at work central. Ideas are flowing and hands are ready to work. How quickly we harness this energy depends a lot on you all. As you travel or browse this summer, pick up an item you think would spark this creative thinking. Need ideas? Think vacations, pets, guys, pampering, food, books, arts and crafts, sports, etc. We will have a table at each luncheon to receive any donations. Or call Sarah Chvala to arrange pickup if necessary. Do any of you know an artist or business who would donate an item for raffle? Again, alert your Team to these possibilities and we will follow up. Wishing you fun summer days!

#### **DIRECTORY**

2026-2027 Directories will be distributed at the August & September Luncheons. Sorry for the delay, the printer was slow in getting back to me with pricing. Thank you for your patience.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Listed below are our last three new members. Please welcome them when you meet them at our Club functions

| New Member     | Address | City, State, Zip     | email | Mobile Phone |
|----------------|---------|----------------------|-------|--------------|
| Pamela Epstein |         | Omaha, NE 38154-2329 |       |              |
| Deb Kinzer     |         | Omaha, NE 68136-1520 |       |              |
| Kathy Yakus    |         | Omaha, NE 68144-1024 |       |              |

#### **WELCOMING COFFEE: Tuesday, August 4th**

**Location:** Home of Connie Gibb

**Time:** Drop in anytime between 10:00 am and noon

**Hostesses:** Dorris Heaston and Lou Ann Norton

**RSVP:** Bert Harrifeld **by July 24th**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## **LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday - August 11th 11:30 Social 12:00 Buffet Lunch**

**AT:** MILLARD Social Hall, 10508 South 144th Street, Omaha, NE  
DO NOT call Social Hall to make or cancel reservations. Call Patricia, Julie, or Cella listed below.

**MENU:** Grilled Chicken breast served with rice, mixed vegetables, pasta salad, rolls, and pineapple upside down cake. Coffee, tea, and water. Cash Bar Available

**LUNCHEON COST:** \$25.00 per person all inclusive (cash or check only please)

**MEMBERS:** All members will be contacted by their caller. If you are not called by Tuesday, August 3rd please call Cella Best, Julie Dunn, or Patricia Thompson. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller the guest's name.

**CALLERS:** Please have your attendees' count in by **5:00 pm on August 3rd**. — Reservation deadline to social hall is Tuesday morning, August 4th. If you make a reservation, you will be responsible for payment in full, **no cancellation will be accepted after 5:00 pm August 3rd. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Luncheon Co-chairpersons:** Patricia Thompson, Julie Dunn, and Cella Best

**Program:** Rita Clark with Saving Grace will speak to us about bridging the gap between food waste and hunger in the Greater Omaha area. They do not run a food pantry, but try to secure healthy food from the excess of others and put it in the hands of those who can distribute it properly.

**Program co-chairs:** Vicki Kirchner & Janice Japp

**Members:** We love to hear you socializing

## **BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday - August 18th 10:00 am**

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

## **BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, August 18th 11:30 am**

**At:** Legacy Chophouse 17070 Wright Plaza, Omaha

**Chairpersons:** Dee Bigge or Donna Pollock

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

## **GAD-A-BOUTS — Tuesday - August 25th**

Tour Omaha's new Central Library at 72nd & Dodge on Tuesday August 25th at 1:30 p.m. **NOTE THE AFTERNOON TOUR TIME.** Start with lunch at Brazen Head Irish Pub, 319 N. 78th Street 68114 at 11:30 am. Lunch time is subject to slight change depending on group size. Tuesday is "Reuben Day" and all Reuben Favorites are \$9.99 at Brazen Head. Carpoolers meet at Family Fare 144th & Center near the donation boxes no later than 11:10 am. There will be an email notice if times change slightly due to a large group. 😊 RSVP Dorris Heaston.

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

It's time to begin your SHOPPING for some of the following:

- ▷ That perfect sweet gift.
- ▷ Any treasure you would like to share
- ▷ The useful gift for the home
- ▷ Some special Holiday decor
- ▷ A thing for Holiday fun & games
- ▷ Remember thinking outside the box is always a hit.

Most important be creative the price is \$20.00 so watch the sales and stretch that dollar.

So go have some fun and don't stress just use all your Holiday Spirit and enjoy the hunt for that perfect gift. It's only 4 months away. More info on the big day will be announced soon. It's a very special day for our members of Metro Women's Club with food and games. YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE COMMITTEE - IS VERY EXCITED TO BEGIN OUR PLANNING. We will be shopping for treasures too!!

## **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. Lou Ann Norton.

## **LET'S GO PLACES: DAY TRIPS - See additional trips on page 5**

To register for tours, contact Travel Cat Tours at 531-777-2124. Or online at [info@travelcattours.com](mailto: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.

### **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

### **CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE**

Pop can tabs are still being collected but this will be the last year. Reach out to Margi Vice who is collecting them.

## **THE PERSONALS**

### **THINKING OF YOU**

Pat Goodyear - Surgery  
Jane Wallish - Son's illness and hospitalization  
Jane Wallish - Daughter's home fire  
Joann Goethe - Broken hip  
Joyce Bluhm - Heart issues  
Carolyn Will - Husband's surgery

### **THANK YOU**

Thanks so much for the kind words and well wishes - Lorraine Mines

## **BIRTHDAY GALS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!!**

| MEMBER          | DATE | MEMBER       | DATE | MEMBER        | DATE | MEMBER            | DATE |
|-----------------|------|--------------|------|---------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Denise Shroyer  |      | Deb Friend   |      | Sally Goff    |      | Barb Thompson     |      |
| Barbara Schlutz |      | Jean Stimson |      | Susan Mehl    |      | Phyllis Weckerlin |      |
| Linda Davis     |      | Mimi Dryden  |      | Donna Pollock |      |                   |      |

## **MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST FOR 2026 - 2027**

We currently have 25 ladies on our waiting list for 2027. They are listed below. If you have a friend that would like to become a member, please contact me and I will place their name on our waiting list. Unfortunately, we will not be adding new members until June of 2028 but at least they have their name on the list. - Marcelene Lewis - Membership and 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   |

| DATE ADDED           | WAIT LIST | SPONSOR        |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Sally Jane Baldridge | 3/2/2026  | Dorris Heaston |
| 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    |
| Tatti Schnittgrund   | 7/13/2026 | Cleo Nienaber  |
| Candy Junior         | 7/14/2026 | Denise Swanson |

# SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

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| <p><b>EVENING BUNCO</b><br/>1st Wednesday, August 5th 6:30 pm<br/><b>Hostess:</b> Tricia Weathers</p> <p><b>Last Month Results:</b><br/>High Score: Janice Japp<br/>Most Buncos: Sharon Duignan</p> <p>Diane Dobrinska</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>LUNCH TIME BUNCO</b><br/>2nd Friday, August 14th 11:00 am<br/><b>Hostess:</b> Julie Dunn</p> <p><b>Last Month Results:</b><br/>Most Wins: Geri Backora<br/>Most Buncos: Ann Thomson<br/>Most Losses: Janice Japp<br/>Door Prize: Shirley Raleigh</p> <p>Linda Davis</p>                                                                                       | <p><b>MORNING BUNCO</b><br/>3rd Wednesday, August 19th 9:30 am<br/><b>Hostess:</b> Cindy Carlson</p> <p><b>Last Month Results</b><br/>High Score: Margi Vice<br/>Most Buncos: Chris Sagenbrecht<br/>Most Losses: Mary Morss<br/>Door Prize: Kay Prater</p> <p>Diane Dobrinska at</p>                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE</b><br/>1st Tuesday 11:30 am</p> <p>Competition is over this year and will resume in Aug/Sept</p> <p>If you would like to play or learn more, please call Celeste Giery</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>AMERICAN MAHJONGG</b><br/>2nd and 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm<br/>August 13th &amp; August 27th<br/><b>Converge Church</b><br/><b>14515 Harvey Oaks Ave, Omaha</b></p> <p>Contact Sandy for lessons.<br/>Observers are welcome!!</p> <p><i><b>We are looking for new players! Come and join the fun, we'd love to have you!</b></i></p> <p>Sandy Simpson</p> | <p><b>BRIDGE</b><br/>2nd Wednesday, August 12th 11:00 am<br/><b>Zio's Pizzeria</b><br/><b>12997 West Center Road, Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Last Month Results</b><br/>First Place: Marilyn Conner<br/>Second Place: Monica Clark<br/>Third Place: Margaret Baier<br/>Fourth Place: Barb Zabel</p> <p><i>If you are a bridge player and want to play, call, text, or email: Anna Nelson</i></p> |
| <p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS</b>—1st Monday<br/>August 3rd 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Sharon Duignan</p> <p>Pat Goodyear</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS</b>—3rd Monday<br/>August 17th 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Cindy Carlson</p> <p>Pat Goodyear</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH</b>—3rd Wednesday<br/>August 19th 12:30 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Anna Nelson</p> <p>Pat Goodyear</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB POTLUCK PALS</b>—3rd Thursday - every other month<br/>August 20th - 12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Hostess:</b> Sue Selde</p> <p>Chris Sagenbrecht</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>BOOK CLUB</b><br/>3rd Friday, August 21st 9:30 am<br/><b>Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library</b><br/><b>5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</b></p> <p><b>Book: THE RIVER IS WAITING</b><br/><b>Author: Wally Lamb</b></p> <p>Juanita Hammen</p>                                                                                                                        | <p><b>SOCIAL HOUR</b><br/>1st Thursday, August 6th, 3:00 - 6:00<br/>Talus Spirits and Sustenance<br/>17235 Evans St, Omaha</p> <p>Delicious assortment of \$8 cocktails and appetizers</p> <p>Sharon Price or Cyndi Frieling</p>                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>Imagine Storytellers</b><br/><b>Imagine Storytellers</b> enjoyed square donuts brought by our Diane. Nancy read her poem “New Normal” about coming out of covid. Carolyn shared a book written by her husband’s grandmother that talked of five generations of family. Our Kathy gave us a cultural look at men’s “Sandals” across the world and Amy regaled her experiences with “Two Mikes.” Janis read a beautiful poem “The Stages of Motherhood” and Mary Lou wrote of being lost in the poem “North or South.” Karen was traveling in Alaska, can’t wait for her stories. Jean read part of a chapter from her book “My Ongoing Journey of Learning.” Our next meeting is August 26, 2026 9:30 am. If you are interested in writing and joining a group call Jean Cully.</p> | <p><b>CINEMA CHICKS</b><br/>4th Friday - August 27th</p> <p>Look for an email on the last Tuesday of the month with the details: location, &amp; time.<br/><b>Suggestions for movies are welcome!</b></p> <p><b>Diane Stein or Angela Stoll</b></p>                                                                                                                 | <p><b>SWEET PEA GARDEN CLUB</b><br/>3rd Thursday, August 20th 9:00 AM</p> <p><b>Sunken Gardens</b><br/><b>2600 D Street, Lincoln</b></p> <p>We will carpool from Family Fare on 144th and Center at 9AM. If you want to drive on your own just meet us at Sunken Gardens at 10 AM. We will then go to the Dairy Store on UNL campus.</p> <p>Doris Helfrich</p>                            |



## Door County, Wisconsin & Our Lady of Champion



Tour includes Green Bay's Lambeau Field, Our Lady of Champion Shrine, Cana Lighthouse, Fish Boil dinner, Belgium Heritage Center and much more

**Overnight Tour – Sept. 2026**  
**Call for pricing and registration**

## Custer Buffalo Roundup Rapid City, South Dakota



**Tour Sponsored by YMCA Council Bluffs, IA**  
Tour includes Roundup Arts Festival, Wall Drug, Bear Country USA, Mount Rushmore, Chuckwagon supper & music show & more

**Overnight Tour – Sept. 23-26, 2026**  
Single \$1350 / Double \$1150  
Call Lois to register 712-323-5995

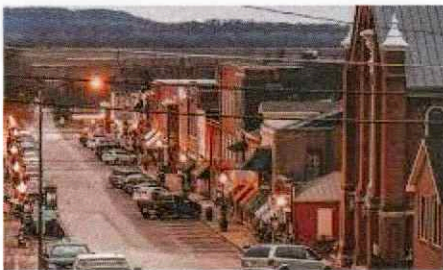
## Wisconsin Cranberry Harvest & Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe



Tour includes private Cranberry bog tour, Field of Dreams movie site, Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe, Mississippi Riverboat luncheon cruise and much more.

**Overnight Tour – Oct. 6-9, 2026**  
**\$899 Single / \$690 Double**

## Weston, Missouri Fall Wine & Shopping Tour



Spend a day exploring the historic Missouri riverboat town of Weston, Missouri. The town is well-known for its wineries, unique shops, scenic views and farmer's markets.

**Day Tour - October 22, 2026**  
**Pricing to come**

## Fall Colors in Loess Hills Of Western Iowa



Visit Preparation Canyon scenic overlook, Hitchcock Nature Center, Sawmill Hollow Aronia Berry Farm, Loess Hills Lavender Farm & 1882 Ingemann Danish Church

**Day Tour - October 29, 2026**  
**\$100 per person**

## Brown Family Christmas Le Mars, Iowa



Celebrate Christmas with the Brown Family in LeMars, Iowa. Enjoy a holiday buffet before the Branson-style show with festive costumes and high-energy songs.

**Day Tour – November 12, 2026**  
**\$149 per person**

## Chicago Christmas & Polish Neighborhood Tour



Tour includes Christkindlmarket, Macy's Department Store, beautiful Polish churches traditional Chicago cuisine and much more.

**Overnight Tour – Nov. 18-21, 2026**  
**Pricing to come**

## Omaha Symphony Christmas Celebration



Enjoy a steak dinner at Cascio's Steakhouse followed by the Omaha Symphony's Christmas show at the Holland Center.

**Day Tour – December 10, 2026**  
**\$155 per person**

To register for tours, contact  
**Travel Cat Tours LLC**  
531-777-2124  
[info@travelcattours.com](mailto:info@travelcattours.com)  
[travelcattour.com](http://travelcattour.com)

Registration deadlines are one month before tour date. A 30-person minimum is required to run tour.



# August 2026

| August 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    | September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 30          | 31 |    |    |    |    |    |                |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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

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