



Metro Women's Club

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NEWSLETTER

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of Friendship*

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Greetings to all:

My favorite season is fall and we are now enjoying some cooler temps and beautiful foliage of the trees. My favorite month is October as that is my birthday month. In this time we can usually get in the last golf game of the season before winter sets in.

Our Metro Women Club has been really busy preparing for the Silent Auction. The baskets were carefully put together and displayed very nicely this last Tuesday. Silent Auction was successful and made \$8,125.00 for our new charity, the Santa Monica House. Thank you everyone for your donations and help to make this so successful.

Now I am looking forward to Halloween. All the spooks will be coming out so be careful. I also want to remind everyone to VOTE. I'm sure you all probably have the stacks of political mail that comes just before the election. It is important to check out the candidates and let your voice be heard.

Enjoy the season. Judy

2026 - 2027 CHARITY - The Santa Monica House \$8,264 has been raised so far

Heather Kirk, Executive Director for Santa Monica House, presented a very moving video and gave an overview of the charity's mission and objectives at October's Silent Auction luncheon. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Mission: To provide treatment for women recovering from addiction.

Since 1972, Santa Monica has administered a caring, comprehensive program for women who desire to live without the burdens of addiction.

Santa Monica provides a continuum of care that empowers women to live productively, drug and alcohol free. Through structured programming and multiple approaches, it helps women develop healthier behavior patterns while addressing their physical and psychological traumas.

FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION, HEALING FROM TRAUMA AND HOPE FOR YOUR FUTURE

Shirley Fey, Geri Backora and Cyndi Stastny

DINE AND DONATE

Just a reminder that our second Dine and Donate Event of the year is coming up on **Thursday, October 29th**, at **Zio's Pizza, 12997 W. Center Road**. They will generously give MWC up to a 25% donation for all MWC orders 11am-8pm that day. So let's push their generosity with a great attendance, and enjoy some great pizza while we're at it.

SILENT AUCTION

MWC ladies, A big Thank You is in order for all those who were able to donate to and/or attend this year's Silent Auction on October 13th. Your Silent Auction Team is excited to report to you that we were able to exceed last year's receipts, and will be adding **\$8,125.00** to the growing Santa Monica House charity account!! A big thank you goes to the tireless Team members who met diligently every Monday morning to prepare for the event. Thank you Marcelene Lewis, Mary Ellen Anderson, Doris Helfrich, Kay Porter, Judy Mumm, Juanita Hammen, Dee Bigge, Denise Shroyer, Bert Harrifeld, Geri Backora, Donna Pollack, Karlene Currier, Karla Smith, and Sarah Chvala. You are a blessing to all who will benefit from these efforts.

DIRECTORY

Ladies, please pick up your directory at the November Luncheon, if unable to pick it up then please either ask a friend, or contact Denise Shroyer to pick up at her home. There are over 60 left, way too many to mail.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday - November 10th - 11:30 Social, 12:00 Lunch Served

AT: Metro Community College, Fort Omaha Campus 5300 N 30th, Swanson Conference Center, Bld. 22, 2nd Floor (Elevator available). Campus Map will be sent via email.

Buffet Menu: herb roasted chicken breast, seasonal salad, mashed potatoes w/gravy, elote dip w/pita chips, dinner rolls, iced tea and carrot cupcakes with cream cheese frosting.

Luncheon Cost: \$26 per person all inclusive (cash or check only please).

MEMBERS: All members will be contacted by their caller by November 2nd. Do Not call College to make or cancel reservations. If you are not called by Monday, November 2nd 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 cancellations will be accepted after 5:00 pm November 2nd – NO EXCEPTIONS.

CALLERS: Please have your attendees' count in by 5:00pm on November 2nd, reservations deadline to the venue is Tuesday morning November 3rd.

Luncheon Co-chairpersons: Julie Dunn and Cella Best

PROGRAM: Speaker for the program for November luncheon is Matthew Backora of the Omaha Police Department, topic is The Omaha Police Bloodhound Squad. The Omaha Police Bloodhound Squad was established in January, 2025. It is part of the department's Criminal Investigations Bureau, Operations Unit and consists of a squad coordinator and one K-9 team (bloodhound and handler). The Bloodhound Squad is a regional asset and assists outside agencies when requested.

Program Co-Chairpersons: Janice Japp and Vicki Kirchner

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday - November 17th 10:00 am

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

BIRTHDAY BASH— 3rd Tuesday, November 17th 11:30 am

At: Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Rd, Omaha

Chairpersons: Dee Bigge and Donna Pollock

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

GAD-A-BOUTS — 4th Tuesday

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

Have a suggestion for someplace in the Greater Metro area to visit during 2027?

Contact Dorris Heaston or Sandy Major.

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 everyone **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 awesome!!!

Watch for our sign up sheets, in November, we need a fairly accurate count to buy your supplies and make your beverages. Watch for November sign up sheet

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

CO-CHAIRS, Shirley Raleigh and Deborah Jones

Veteran Staff- LouAnn Norton, Bert Harrifeld, Roselyn Stick

New Additions - Sharon Duignan - Darlene Gaeta

Sr. Advisors - Chris Sagenbracht - Juanita Hammen

They have 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

1. 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 Lou Ann Norton.

2. Karla Smith and Doris Helfrich are planning a trip for next June to Butchard Gardens in Brentwood Bay, British Columbia, Canada, located near Victoria on Vancouver Island. It **won't** be a guided tour. There are a lot of ideas and when we get together we can decide on the choices of what all we want to see. The Garden's are a 2 to 3 hour walk. This trip is limited to only 10 people, so let us know ASAP if you are interested. Tickets will be a better price now!!

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.

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 at 402-676-1828.

THE PERSONALS

THINKING OF YOU

Sarah Chvala - Brother's passing
Vicki Kirchner - Husband knee replacement
Mary Beth Manninger - New grandson, Max
Sally Itschner - She and her husband were in a car accident
Lorraine Mines - Get well
Patricia Thompson - Detached retina surgery
Margi Vice - New grandson, Cooper
Linda Davis - Get well - testing
Cheryl Rueb - Kidney stone surgery
JoAnn Goethe - Broken hip; is in rehab

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Janet Mohring - Passed away October 04, 2026

THANK YOU

"Thank you for the well wishes" - Lorraine Mines

MEMBERSHIP WAITING LIST FOR 2026 - 2027

We currently have 31 ladies on our waiting list for 2027. If you would like to add someone to the list please text or email Marcelene Lewis.

WAIT LIST	DATE ADDED	SPONSOR
Sue Phibin	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Kathy Powers	11/11/2025	Nanci Neal
Mary Sporic	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 Baldrige	3/2/2026	Dorris Heaston
Ruth Gearhart	3/10/2026	Linda Nelson

WAIT LIST	DATE ADDED	SPONSOR
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
Dee Ashworth	9/10/2026	Jean Farrell
Judy Sartin	9/25/2026	Dianna Amandus

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

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

EVENT CALENDAR

NOW INCLUDES BIRTHDAYS

November 2026

November 2026							December 2026						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12	13	14			6	7	8	9	10
15	16	17	18	19	20	21			13	14	15	16	17
22	23	24	25	26	27	28			20	21	22	23	24
29	30								27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 1 Sandra Simpson Birthday Yvonne Durr Birthday	2 Noon Delights	3 Marathon Bridge	4 Evening Bunco	5 Social Hour	6 Walking With the Animals	7
8	9 Debi Hempel Birthday	10 Monthly Luncheon	11 Bridge Sandi Hollenbeck Birthday	12 American MahJong	13 Lunch Bunco Walking With the Animals	14 Chris Sagenbrecht Birthday Janie Pillen Birthday
15	16 Dining Divas	17 Birthday Bash Board Meeting	18 Lunch Bunch Morning Bunco	19 Gale Spatz Birthday Potluck Pals	20 Book Club Walking With the Animals	21
22	23 Celeste Giery Birthday	24 Jan Wallish Birthday	25 Imagine Storytellers	26 Julie Dunn Birthday	27 Laura Jones Birthday Walking With the Animals	28 Diane Scheppers Birthday
29	30 Deborah Merritt Jones Birthday	Dec 1	2	3	4	5

SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, November 4th 6:30 pm Hostess: Monica Clark Last Month Results: High Score: Monica Clark Most Buncos: Connie Gibb Low Score: Carolyn Will Door Prize: Patricia Thompson Diane Dobrinska	LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, November 13th 11:00 am Hostess: Geri Bakora Last Month Results: Most Wins: Margi Vice Most Buncos: Deborah Jones Most Losses: Margo Juarez Door Prize: Geri Bakora Linda Davis	MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, November 18th 9:30 am Hostess: Juanita Hammen Last Month Results Most Wins: Cindy Carlson Most Buncos: Shirley Raleigh Most Losses: Bert Harrifeld Door Prize: Celeste Giery Diane Dobrinska
ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, November 3rd 11:30 am Red Lobster - Oakview (Meeting NE corner of restaurant) Last Month Results Carole Thompson and Celeste Giery - 4800 Marilyn Conner and Barb Zabel - 4210 Call Celeste Giery if you need more information.	AMERICAN MAHJONGG 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:00 pm—4:00 pm November 12th 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, November 11th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha Last Month Results Top Score: Dianne Young Second Place: Carole Thompson Third Place: Margaret Baier Fourth Place: Barb Zabel <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 November 2nd 12:00 pm Hostess: Ann Thomson Pat Goodyear	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday November 16th 12:00 pm Hostess: Judy Mumm Pat Goodyear	DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday November 18th 12:30 pm Hostess: Connie Gibb Pat Goodyear
DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB POTLUCK PALS—3rd Thursday Every other month There will not be a Potluck Pals gathering in November. Chris Sagenbrecht	BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, October 16th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha Book: THE HOME FRONT Author: Kristin Hannah Juanita Hammen	SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, November 5th 3:00 pm 30Hop 114 N 145th St, Omaha No reservations needed Just come and make new friends Sharon Price and Cyndi Frieling
Imagine Storytellers Imagine's Storytellers are writers of prose and poetry. One definition of poetry, anything that is not prose. All writing, no matter its form is written for the desire for authors to share something important. Eight of us gathered to share our prose and poetry: a car pool story, ode to a grandson, words of sorrow that no one "wants our stuff (all those inherited belongings), a story of grief of concern over a bridge friend with dementia, poems of passed down meaningful treasures, and gifts from the universe. We listened to each others stories of joy, sorrow, grief and fears plus we enjoyed eating together in companionship. Our next meeting is October 28, 2026. If you are interested in writing and joining a group call Jean Cully	CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday No further events 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