

Lansing Woman's Club

Lifting Our Skyline

Celebrating Our Sesquicentennial

1874-2024

Dear LWC Members,

Happy Valentine's Day. My mother was obsessed with Valentine's Day. She insisted my sister be married on the day. She collected Valentine cards with great enthusiasm and decoupage our kitchen table top with small Valentine cards. Many she framed (of which I am fortunate to have a couple hanging in our cottage), along with covering our kitchen walls with them. But this got me thinking. When were Valentine cards first produced? I learned that Valentines were initially printed, engraved or made from woodcuts in late 18th century England. Occasionally, they were colored by hand. Symbols of love were front and center- flowers, hearts, cupids, and birds. With the onset of the Industrial Revolution the cards became mass-produced. George C. Whitney was one of the first producers of valentines reducing his costs by using printing presses and cheap paper. His Valentines often were heart shaped. In time, he became the biggest producer of the cards.

I've included some pictures from my parent's Valentine filled home. Yes, my mother did have a pink gingham kitchen when, as a local food writer, titled her articles, "From My Pink Gingham Kitchen." But...she also wallpapered the ceiling with blue gingham!

Are you wondering if I grew up in an eclectically decorated home? Take a look at the pictures. They speak for themselves.

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Club Purpose



"The purpose of the corporation shall be the study and improvement of its members in Literature, the Sciences, and Fine Arts."

Constitution Article III



"Securing the future of Lansing Woman's Club is in our hands. We invite open minded and intellectually curious women to join us in our commitment to life-long learning. Keeping pace with our multicultural world compels us to intentionally include women who reflect the diverse community in which we live."

Club Business

- Sue Patterson's phenomenal paper on *Idlewild, the Black Eden* was an amazing story. Singing together *Lift Every Voice and Sing* was a perfect way to end her presentation.
- Thank you to Val Nilson for hosting the lovely afterglow in celebration of Sue's paper. Barb Roth helped with the food and wine.
- Please extend a warm welcome to our two new members:
 - Josephine "Jo" Hartwell, 1752 Chester Road, Lansing, MI 48912, jhart1752@gmail.com, Home 517-487-5982 Cell 517-881-6247, Birthdate: 9/7
 - Gretchen Smith, 4178 W State Road, Lansing, Mi 48906, gretchenoutsidethelines@gmail.com, Phone 517-896-4091, Birthdate: 9/19
- Penny Swartz has developed a Reading is Fundamental (RIF) donation explanation form that may be found on the back table. Karen Jurgensen has provided envelopes if you would like to contribute to the LWC donation that will be presented in June.
- Lee Griffin fell and broke her wrist but she relays that she is in good spirits.
- If you know of a member who needs encouragement through a card, please let Barb Roth know and a card will be sent.



February 16

Women of the Civil Rights Movement

Presentation by
Carol Brownell

March 12

Board Meeting

March 15

Business Meeting

**Committee Consent
Agendas for Board
Meeting**

Due to Julie
Buckberry by
Sunday, March 10.

Please email me if
you have anything
you would like
mentioned in the
newsletter. Thank
you.

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Sesquicentennial Calendar

March 15, 2024	History of Women's Literary Clubs
April 26, 2024	Sesquicentennial Annual Meeting
June 9, 2024	LWC Open House
July 11, 2024	Mt. Hope Cemetery Tour
August 28, 2024	Ladies of LWC'S Downtown Homes
October 4, 2024	President's Day: LWC Photo
November 15, 2024	LWC's First Guest Speaker
December 6, 2024	Holiday Program and Finale



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Enjoy looking at pictures of my parent's home as you listen to my mom's favorite song sung by one of her favorite male vocalists. Click [here](#) to listen.

Top left: The gazebo in my parent's back yard they had built for my wedding. Notice the heart motifs. Top right: Framed Valentines hanging in our pick gingham kitchen with the blue gingham ceiling. Below: Mom setting up for a romantic luncheon. Bottom left: Yes, we had a cupid hanging from the living room ceiling.



Happy Birthday to all LWC members celebrating this week. Click [here](#) to hear your birthday surprise.

