Lansing Woman's Club

Celebrating Our Sesquicentennial

1874-2024

Dear LWC Members,

This month we celebrate Legacy With Color through the color red with examples from Literature. Gertrude Stein once wrote, "A rose is a rose is a rose" meaning things are what they are. As Juliet stood on her balcony, Shakespeare wrote for his character, "That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." The red rose was a well known symbol of love even before Shakespeare's works. In fact, the flower has represented love, war, and everything in between. Roses are thought to be over 35 million years old and grow in over 150 different species. Red roses are commonly known to show love and passion.

And then there's red wine. Author, Arthur Conan Doyle first introduced his characters Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in the book, *A Study in Scarlet*. It becomes well known to the reader that Sherlock is a connoisseur of cigars, music and wine. In *The Sign of the Four*, Dr. Watson offers Sherlock a glass of Burgundy from France. Sherlock was also known to have more than once enjoyed three glasses of after dinner port. We all know that Andy Williams was famous for singing *The Days of Wine and Roses*. Click <u>here</u> to hear his song.

And remember...Louis Pasteur once said, "Wine is the most healthful and most hygienic of beverages."

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



Julie

"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

- The Presenter's Workshop is this afternoon, February 7. It starts at 3:30 pm. If you'd like to learn more about the paper writing process, whether you're a new member or not, you're invited to attend.
- There is a business meeting this Friday, February 9, at 1:00 pm.
- Melanie Baker gave a most enjoyable and informative presentation on Reading Is Fundamental (RIF.) If you would like to donate to RIF, Karen Jurgensen has put addressed envelopes on the back table in the main room. The Sesquicentennial Committee has designated a \$1000 contribution from their funds for this project.
- Carolyn Boger has printed off information stickers for DeDe Coy and Giovanna Lammers that you can use to update your LWC directory.
- Lee Wolford has a new address: Provision Living at St. Joseph, 3351 Niles Rd., Apt. 137, St. Joseph, MI 49085. She would love to hear from club members.



Sesquicentennial Calendar

| March 15, 2024 | History of Women's Literary Clubs |
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| 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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My love is like a red, red rose That's newly sprung in June : My love is like the melody That's sweetly played in tune.

As fair art thou, my bonnie lass, So deep in love am I : And I will love thee still, my dear, Till a' the seas gang dry

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear, And the rocks melt wi' the sun : And I will love thee still, my dear, While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only love, And fare thee weel a while! And I will come again, my love, Thou' it were ten thousand mile.

Robert Burns, 1794







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Happy Birthday to all LWC members celebrating this week. Click <u>here</u> for your birthday greeting.



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Upcoming Lectures:

February 6: Bodyguards of the Cumberland: The Story of the 9th Michigan Infantry

February 14: Klansmen and "Thugs": Rationalizing Violence in the Arsenal of Democracy

February 20: An Auto Disaster: The 1927 Briggs Manufacturing Tragedy

February 28: Glory: Col. Shaw and the 54th Massachusetts

And More!







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