

Lansing Woman's Club

Lifting Our Skyline

Celebrating Our Sesquicentennial

1874-2024

Dear LWC Members,

PHENOMENAL! FABULOUS! AMAZING! CREATIVE! ASTOUNDING!
EXCEPTIONAL! FANTASTIC! REMARKABLE! MARVELOUS! TREMENDOUS!

This week I am devoting the weekly newsletter to recapping our Sesquicentennial kick-off on Friday, January 5, 2024. I'm anticipating a lot of SMILES as you see and read about the event.

I can't tell you how much this afternoon's program meant to me. I've been a member for over 20 years and still learned so much about our beloved Club's founders and history that I hadn't heard before. The script was quite amazing - oodles of research combined with great imagination and creativity and a wink, wink nod, nod to a great sense of humor! Everyone played their parts - even people I had no idea could "act" - so convincingly I could imagine what the original members you portrayed actually went through.- Lee Griffin

The women who preceded us for 150 years were SO brave, so intelligent & futuristic in their thinking that I am humbled to be following in their footsteps now. I hope the women portrayed today WERE watching us "from above" and (wink, wink) were gratified that the Club's ideals have continued.- Betty Moore

"The entire cast is to be applauded as well as the writers."- Val Nilson

What a delightful afternoon. We had 59 members in attendance and 4 guests. Thank you to everyone who played a part in it's success!

Julie

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."

Spirits of Our First Fifty Years: A Sesquicentennial Prelude

Compiled by Mary Kwas, Jan Reed and Penny Swartz
Lansing Woman's Club, January 5, 2024

THE THEMES

Club Beginnings
Paper Topics
Generosity of Members
First Clubhouse
Federation
50th Anniversary

THE SPIRITS

THE PLAYERS

Madam Heliotrope, a medium.....	Barb Roth
Harriet Tenney, 1st president.....	Valerie Marvin
Frances Bagley, honorary member.....	Bernadette Bartlett
Celia Longyear, charter member.....	Cambray Sampson
Matilda Howard, 2nd president.....	Carolyn Boger
Emily Barnard, 50-year member.....	Penny Swartz
Irma Jones, 5th president.....	Mary Kwas
Cornelia Wardwell, president at clubhouse construction.....	Patty Robbins
Ella Shank, pianist.....	Martie Repaskey
Carrie Hyatt, pianist.....	Marg Liedholm
Katherine Norton, president at 50th anniversary.....	Betty Moore

⇒ The text for this script is taken from the writings of Harriet Tenney, Frances Bagley, Matilda Howard, Irma Jones, and Emily Barnard.



"We like to look back at the past not to escape the present, but to find faith for the future." Jean Chamberlain from 1962 annual report.



January 12

*Ague and Angst:
Colleagues and
Community: Early
Women Pioneers in
Michigan*

*Presentation by Jenifer
Banks*

February 6

Board Meeting

January 12

Business Meeting

1:00 pm

**Committee Consent
Agendas for Board
Meeting**

Due to Julie
Buckberry by
Sunday, February 4.

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

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Sesquicentennial Calendar

February 2, 2024	Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Guest Speaker Program
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





Say Cheese.....

It looks like we have many members who are willing to take pictures of our sesquicentennial celebration this year. What we are in need of is someone who would be interested in taking these pictures and compiling a small book of memories through Shutterfly, Snapfish, etc., that would be kept in the archives. If you have skills in this area, please let Julie Buckberry know. The cost will be covered by LWC.



Happy Birthday to those LWC women celebrating this week. Double click on the picture for your special song.