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Dear Bowler,

This month begins our 90th tournament, hope you are joining us for a great event.

We thank the bowlers that have been supporting this tournament, and with your continued entries, we ARE READY FOR ANOTHER 90 years!

A little bit of history

In 1925 a small group of women got together and organized the Michigan Women's Bowling Association. They had several meetings during the season to write the constitution and Bylaws and also to approve them.

Knowing they needed funds to operate, they established membership dues of 50 cents. With their 32 members, the first year, they received operating fees of \$16.00.

Emma Hill started as the first President and served in that capacity until 1962...over 35 years.

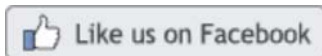
In the 1926-27 season the membership increased to 165 with \$ 82.50 in membership income. It was then that they held their first **state tournament in Detroit with an entry of 5 teams, 62 doubles and 111 singles.** On March 27, 1927 they held their first annual meeting.

Mark your calendars



Relatives of Bacon Van
Lean our BVL pig

Stay Connected



Dates to remember :

February 14- Valentine Day

February 18th- MWBA Tournament opens

January and February - National 600 Mail-O-Graphic tournament

March 1st- Delegate Credentials due

March 1st - Candidate Forms Due

March 12- Daylight savings time starts

In March: Association managers will be sent report forms

April 24-27- USBC Convention in Las Vegas

April 26th- Midwest entries are due

April 23- July 9 - USBC Championship tournament in Baton Rouge, LA

May 4th- State Senior Entries are due and tournament begins

June 9 and 10th - State Annual Meeting- Sterling Heights

MWBA Tournament Honoree

Opening ceremonies will be held February 18, at Bay Lanes, 11:30 am- if you are in the area please join us.

The 2017 tournament is dedicated to Sandra Nyland.

She began bowling in Cadillac back in 1963, and she worked on improving every year

...so in 1993 in her city tournament, she won the Actual and Handicap Singles with a high game of 257 and a 645 series. With her partner, Janet Canine, she won the Handicap Doubles in 2001. Her high average was a 173, and even though it is now down a bit, she still loves the game and the people she bowls with.

She joined the Cadillac board in 1964 and retired in 2015. While on the board, Sandra served as Secretary of the Cadillac WBA, Sergeant-At-Arms, and President.....over 50 years of service.

She was inducted into the Cadillac WBA Hall of Fame in 1993 and was named Secretary of the Year in 1999.



Sandra also bowled numerous times in the Michigan State WBA tournaments, National tournaments and was a member of the 600 Club, bowling those tournaments also.

In 1980 Sandra was elected to the MWBA Board of Directors.

Over the almost 30 years she was on the board, she served on many committees including: Tournament rules, Legislative, Hall of Fame, Awards and Services and others. She was a great ambassador when Chairman of the Membership promotion Committee, planning the activities when visiting local Associations. She was Chair of the Champion Awards Banquet and member of the Finance and Honorarium Committee. She also served as MWBA Recording Secretary, taking "meticulous minutes for many meetings"

After being a Director for 18 years, she moved up to 5th vice president serving just one year before moving up to 4th Vice-President, serving there for four years.

Sandra retired from the board in 2009, to spend more time with family, but she still misses the time

spent helping bowlers and today, still serves on the MWBA Hall of Fame committee and when time permits will even help out at state tournament.

Sandy told us:

"I have had the privilege of going to all 50 States and a lot of this was accomplished from attending National bowling tournaments with my husband and my friends. This was a lifetime goal of mine." "It is truly a humbling experience to be the honoree and to have been a part of this great organization."

The MWBA is proud to dedicate this tournament to Sandra Nyland for her many years of service to bowlers.

Clean Game Pin



The 2017 MWBA State tournament will continue to present our bowlers with a "Clean Game" pin.

This year we have personalized it with "Michigan" on the bowling pin.

So here's hoping you bowl that "clean game" at the tournament to be eligible for this fun pin.

Giving back

Giving back is so important and the following says it in a BIG way!

Nannetta Thomas, mother of Detroit bowler, Novella White, took it upon herself to "Give back" to her church after a recent health scare. This led to her teaching many ladies of the church how to crochet, which led to giving these "creations", (blankets, scarves, and hats), to many deserving people, including the Children's Hospital of Detroit, Beaumont Hospital NICU, Huron Valley Hospital and several other charities.

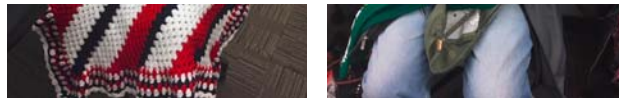
What brought this to our attention, are this year's recipients, **the local Veterans Home**. It was suggested to Nannetta and her group, that these veterans could also use "special" attention.

The pictures with lots of smiles below say it all! It happened because of the hard work and determination of many ladies; but it started with ONE person wanting to help.



So remember: One person CAN make a difference!





Did you know?

Michigan is home to the oldest bowling alley in the country [The Garden Bowl](#), part of the Majestic Entertainment Center, downtown Detroit is the oldest, continuously operating lanes not only in Michigan but also in the United States.

Opened in 1913, the Garden Bowl was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2008



"Future" All City Team

All of these gentlemen are from Grand Rapids, all had daughters and posed for pictures with the them - the ["2042 Women's All City"](#) Team with the men being the ["2042 Men's Senior All City"](#) Team. As you can see, special outfits were made for them. Proud dads with their darling daughters.

We look forward to seeing all of you YOUNG ladies in the State Tournament and the Queens... in the future!



Bowling showcase

The Metro Detroit Bowling Association is producing their [own television show](#) It is available monthly, with various events and tournaments being presented, including upcoming coverage of the Queens tournament in April. If you live in the Detroit area you can turn to WADL- TV -check your local listings

The link below is for you to view some great bowling competition

<https://youtu.be/8gdXS9XOwUY>

Or visit the Detroit website:

<http://www.mdusbc.com>

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