



Metro Women's Club

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NEWSLETTER

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April 2022

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear MWC Ladies,

I hope those who attended the Spring Social & Game Day enjoyed themselves, and received some wonderful raffle prizes. It was truly a beautiful setting! Congrats Doris & crew!

Our next big event is the Fashion Show and Social Luncheon April 12TH at The Players Club. Please plan on attending – it's fun to see the fashions that our own members model!

Spring is the time for renewals, rebirth and new beginnings! "Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is." Quote by Jessica Harrelson. So enjoy a Spring that we haven't had for 2 years.

-Chris Sagenbrecht, President

HATS OFF TO YOU – WE LOVE WHAT YOU DO!

Chairman Doris Helfrich and Co-Chairs Rosemary Bliss, Jean Cully, Connie Gibb, Kay Porter and Pat Tonar would like to thank all our members and guests who helped make Metro Women's Club Spring Social and Game Day a huge success. A total of 38 local businesses provided raffle items including Gift Certificates plus 32 members donated raffle items, gift cards and money. 107 were in attendance which included 84 members, 23 guests and one special guest from YES. Through reservations, bid items, raffle tickets and donations **Metro Women's Club made \$5,481.30 for our charity**, Youth Emergency Services (YES).

Cindy Carlson was the lucky winner of the mystery box of 100 one-dollar bills, the money was donated by Connie Gibb who created this special prize for our fun and enjoyment. Thank you, Connie, for an unexpected surprise!

Thank you for donating money and prizes, buying raffle tickets and of course coming to eat, socialize and play games. But especially "thanks to you" for all you do in our club. We had a fantastic committee who made things fun. They worked well together to gather prizes, help at the planning meetings, come up with great ideas and taking time to help set-up and decorate. Thank you very much to the Game Day Committee: Chairman Doris Helfrich, Co-Chairs: Jean Cully, Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb, Kay Porter and Pat Tonar. Can't wait until March 14, 2023 when we can again participate in – Metro Women's Club's Spring Social and Game Day.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership! The Fashion Show would be a perfect time to pay your 2022-2023 dues. Jean Cully, our treasurer, will have a table set-up and ready for you to pay your \$25.00 dues quickly so you can join your friends for lunch and a fabulous Fashion Show. PS If you have corrections to make on your contact information in the Directory please contact Margi Vice, she will be printing the new Directories shortly after June 1st.

FASHION SHOW

A wonderful spring fashion show will be held April 12th at the Players Club. Just what we need to shake off our cold Nebraska winter. The Fashion Committee has assembled beautiful Spring fashions and our 1st Vice Presidents' has arranged a fabulous gourmet luncheon. **An additional note: you will be voting on the charity we will sponsor for 2022-2023.** Plan to attend. The afternoon will WOW you!

PELLA IOWA FOR TULIP SEASON— APRIL 29TH

Let's Go Places Travel Committee invites you to join us on April 28th for a one-day trip to Pella IA to see the tulips! This is a week before their weekend festival so there won't be massive crowds but we're sure the tulips will be beautiful!

We will carpool there so looking for anyone interested in driving. The plan is to leave at 8:00 AM and return by 10:00 PM. Estimated cost of \$80-100 includes \$23 for entrance to 2 museums, the historic village and windmill, lunch, dinner, and gas money for our drivers. There are many shops and bakeries, so plan accordingly. Please contact Barb Bures if you are interested **before April 25th.**

MERIT AWARD NOMINEES

Wow! This has been a great year. After shutting down our activities in 2020 and early 2021 due to COVID, we came roaring back! We were eager to get going again and this has been demonstrated by the extraordinary work of our members.

We appreciate the special things that each and every one of you bring to our Club and now ask your **help in recognizing members who you feel are deserving of this year's Merit Award.** Please give this some thought and send the name of the member and a brief description of their accomplishments to Lori Briggs or Shirley Raleigh. You may nominate more than one member. Please submit your nominations **by April 24, 2022.**

Members who have previously received the Merit Award are: 2008 - Celeste Giery 2010 - Karen Jackson 2011 - Mary Johnson 2012 - Monica Clark and Diane Hart 2013 - Karen Lidstrand 2014 - Diane Dobrinska and Melody Rowley 2015 - Rosemary Bliss and Marcelene Lewis 2016 - Linda Nelson and Lois Lentz 2017 - Pat Bond and Dolores Hughes 2018 - Mary Ellen Anderson, Carolyn Will and Bobbie Montequin, 2019 - Shirley Raleigh 2020 - Juanita Hammen 2021 Jean Cully

GAD-ABOUTS CHAIRPERSON WANTED

The Club is still looking for a member to chair the Gad Abouts job. This is a great event for a member who likes to find and share new and interesting places to tour, shop and have lunch. Please call Bobbie Montequin if you or a couple of members would like to join forces and volunteer together to host this adventure filled position together.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2022

WELCOMING COFFEE 1st TUESDAY, HELD QUARTERLY, APRIL 5TH, 10:00 AM

Hostess: Linda Nelson,

Co-Hostesses: LouAnn Norton and Jean Cully

This is a fun, relaxed event for new and current members. Coffee, treats and conversation. Plan to attend.

FASHION SHOW 2nd TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 11:30 SOCIAL, 12:00 LUNCH,

The Players Club, 12101 Deer Creek Drive, Omaha (Take Interstate 680 to the Fort Street Exit. Take 120th Street North ½ mile past Military Road. Deer Creek Drive is on the west side of 120th Street.) Flat surfaces, no steps, plenty of parking
Please do not call The Players Club to make or cancel reservations - call: Lori Briggs or Shirley Raleigh listed below:

Choices for our Luncheon are:

1. Creamy Rosemary Chicken – seasoned & breaded chicken breast topped with rosemary mushroom cream sauce
 2. Mahi Mahi – tender filet of mahi mahi topped with house made seasonal mango relish
 3. Top Sirloin – 5 oz. hand cut rib eye, seasoned & grilled, topped with a red wine demi glaze
- All entrees served with house garden salad (mixed greens, cheddar cheese, cucumbers, cherry tomato, croutons) served with balsamic vinaigrette or ranch dressing (on table), boursin mashed potatoes, green bean amandine, rolls and butter. Coffee station and iced tea also provided. Cake for dessert will be cut and put on separate table.

Bar will be available for purchasing wine, beer, mixed drinks (cash or credit card)

Cost: \$30.00 per person (cash or check only, we are unable to accept credit cards).

Callers: **Reservation Deadline: By noon April 5th**

Members: If you do not receive a call by noon on **April 5th** and want to attend, please contact Shirley Raleigh or Lori Briggs.

Cancellations: Must be called in to Lori or Shirley no later than **April 5th**

Program: Fashions by J. Jill. Voting on 2022-2023 charity and accepting revised By-Laws.

Fashion Committee Chairpersons: Celeste Giery and Carolyn Will

BOARD MEETING 3rd TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH, 10:00 AM

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

Those that should attend: Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Socials and Special Event Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairpersons are expected to attend the Board Meeting. If unable to attend, you may call or email your information **prior** to the Board Meeting to: Marcelene Lewis, Editor and Karen Saunders, Recording Secretary.

Please come prepared. **All** information needed for the Newsletter, **must** be **submitted in writing at or before the Board Meeting**. The Newsletter goes to the Printers on Wednesday, the day after the Board Meeting. Thank you, Ladies.

BIRTHDAY BASH - 3rd TUESDAY, APRIL 19th, 11:45 AM

At: **Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, 16929 Lakeside Hills Plaza, Omaha**

Please RSVP to either Rosemary Bliss or LouAnn Norton. All Metro Women are welcome and especially "Birthday Gals".

Birthday Bash Co-Chairpersons Rosemary Bliss and LouAnn Norton

GADABOUTS - 4th TUESDAY, APRIL 26th, LUNCH 12:00 NOON, TOUR AFTER LUNCH

Lunch: **Boys Town, Visitor Center Café, 13628 Flanagan Blvd., Boys Town NE, Menu on website**

Tour: We will car pool from the Visitor Center around Boys Town. We will get out of cars and go into the Church, Museum and Father Flanagan's Home. Committee Chairperson: Doris Helfrich

LETS GO PLACES, PELLA IA TULIP SEASON, THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH, LEAVING AT 8:00 AM (RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 25th)

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FUTURE EVENTS

MAY MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues of \$25.00 are payable in May, after June 1st your name will be taken off the membership roles. May is also when we install new Officers and Committee Chairs, present membership pins and the Merit Award at our Social Noon Luncheon on May 10th.

PICNIC AND GARAGE SALE—TUESDAY, JUNE 14th

Our first fund raiser for our newly chosen charity for 2022-2023

LET'S GO PLACES - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

AUTUMN FOLIAGE BUS TRIP – DEADLINE MARCH 31 ST

Let's Go Places Travel Group is planning a 12 day bus tour to New England for fall foliage. The tour begins on September 27 th with return on October 8 th . We will be travelling with the Moostash Joe Tour company, which consistently gets rave reviews. If you want more information on details, click on the following link. <https://www.mjtours.com/wp-content/uploads/Autumn-in-New-England-2022-C.pdf>

This will give you details on daily itinerary, meals included each day, and hotels. You will also see the price of \$2249 per person, after the early discount deposit. You will receive a full refund if you notify the company within 24 hrs of departure. When you are ready to book your trip, click on this link. . <https://www.mjtours.com/wp-content/uploads/Reservation-Form-AND-General-Tour-Information.pdf> Contact Barb if need assistance in booking.

Travel Committee Members: Barb Bures, Cindy Carlson, Darlene Gaeta, LouAnn Norton, Ginny Vomacka.

THE PERSONALS

April 2022

NEW MEMBERS (170 members)

Carolyn Silva, Birthday January 15.

Linda Dawes Birthday March 9.

Susan Mehl August 19..

LUNCHEON RAFFLE WINNERS

Soooooo many raffle winners at our Spring Social and Game Day. What a wonderful job the Spring Social and Game Day Committee did with all the terrific prizes. You gals are the best. Thanks for a wonderful, fun, afternoon.

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Peggy Reibold- Thank You for donating gift cards to MWC
Doris Helfrich-Thank You for organizing the Gad-Abouts to Tri - Faith Initiative

Doris Helfrich and Game Day Committee- Thank You for a great day of friendship, fundraising and socializing.

Phyllis Leaver- Get Well, hospitalized, now home.

Sally Ann Willett- Get Well, hospitalized because of fall, now home.

Karen Lidstrand- Thinking of You, back issues.

Judy Mumm—Sympathy, loss of nephew.

Thank You ladies for attending our Dine & Donate Tuesday March 1st at Texas Roadhouse. They sent a check to MWC for \$100 for 10% of that evening's MWC receipts.

CORRECTION/CHANGES

Jerri Cone—I incorrectly stated Jerri's email address in the March Newsletter. Sorry, please correct email

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

NIGHT BUNCO

1st Wednesday, April 6th, 6:30 PM

Hostess: **Juanita Hammen**

March Results

Most Wins: Monica Clark

Most Buncos: Pat Bond

Most Losses: Connie Gibb

Door Prize: Tina Kirby

We have a full roster in this group. Anyone interested in being a sub call Diane Dobrinska

BRIDGE

2nd Wednesday, April 13th, 11:00 AM

Zio's Pizzeria

12997 West Center Road

\$1.00 to play, Lunch & Tip

March Results

High: Anna Nelson

2nd: Pat Bond

3rd: Celeste Giery

Questions or to add your name to the sub list, contact Anna Nelson

BOOK CLUB

Garden Café, Rockbrook Village
11040 Oak Street (108th & Center)

3rd Friday, April 15th, 9:30 AM

Book: *In An Instant*

Author: Suzanne Redfearn

Juanita Hammen

STITCH & CHAT

Last Wednesday April 27th ,
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Hostess: **Pat Bond**

Everyone invited! Come and enjoy an afternoon with good friends, crafts, lots of goodies and fellowship. Please call hostess to let her know if attending or not.
Questions— call **Pat Bond** or **Dolores Hughes**

DAY BUNCO

3rd Wednesday, April 20th , 9:30 AM

Hostess: **Juanita Hammen**

March Results

Most Wins: Peggy Reibold

Most Buncos: Juanita Hammen

Most Losses: Pat Goodyear

Door Prize: Carole Thompson

We have a full roster in this group. Anyone interested in being a sub call Diane Dobrinska

ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE

1st Tuesday, April 5th , 11:30 AM

Red Lobster, Oakview (Bar Area)

2707 South 140th Street,

Oakview Drive

March Results

No scores. Everyone hasn't played. They will be posted in May's Newsletter.
Thanks, Ladies for all you do for our Club.

If you have any questions, please call Celeste Giery .

CINEMA CHICKS

2nd Friday, April 8th

Sign-up sheet at luncheons or call/text Chris Sagenbrecht
Reminder email will be sent. Any questions call Chris

GOLF

Please contact **Roberta Courter** if interested in joining the league this spring.

AMERICAN MAH JONGG

2nd and 4th Thursday, 1:00 PM

April 14th and April 28th

Contact Betty Delavan for lessons or game site.
Observers are welcome!!

Betty Delavan

DINING INN

DINING DIVA'S - A Gourmet Dining Club 1st Monday, April 4th, 12:00 Noon (One space available in this group, call Pat to apply)

Hostess: **Sarah Chvala**,

NOON DELIGHTS - A Gourmet Dining Club, 1st Monday, April 4th, 12:00 Noon

Hostess: **Bert Harrifeld**,

THE LUNCH BUNCH - A Gourmet Dining Club, 3rd Wednesday, April 20th, 12:30 Noon,

Hostess: **Doris Helfrich**

Questions or to sign-up to become a sub, contact Pat Goodyear

BIRTHDAY GALS

Karen Jackson April 2	Cindy Popp April 9	Jean Cully April 21
Cindy Frieling April 2	Margi Vice April 16	Bert Harrifeld April 25
Amy Earl April 5	Ina Schmillen April 17	Pam Ross April 26
Linda Albracht April 8	Marian Pierce April 20	Margaret Bartek April 28
Ann Thomson April 8	Linda Etherton April 20	Happy Birthday Ladies

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>April Fools Day</i>	2
3	4 12:00 Noon Delights 12:00 Dining Diva's	5 10:00 Welcoming Coffee 1:30 Marathon Bridge	6 6:30 Evening Bunco	7	8 Cinema Chicks	9
10 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11	12 11:30 Fashion Show	13 11:00 Bridge	14 1:00 American Mah Jongg	15 9:30 Book Club Good Friday	16 <i>Passover</i>
17 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	18	19 10:00 Board Meeting 11:45 Birthday Bash	20 9:30 Morning Bunco 12:30 Lunch Bunch	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23
24	25	26 Gadabouts	27 1:00 Stitch & Chat	28 1:00 American Mah Jongg 8:00 Pella IA Trip	29 <i>Arbor Day</i>	30

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Here's your
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 Newsletter

Charity Selections for 2022-2023

Dear Members:

You will be voting for one of the charities listed below as the charity that Metro Women's Club will be sponsoring for our 2022-2023 fiscal year. Voting will take place at our Social Noon Luncheon—Fashion Show on April 12, 2022. If you are unable to attend the Luncheon, you may call or email your charity selection to LouAnn Norton or Jerri Cone **prior to April 12th**.

LouAnn Norton or Jerri Cone

Charities listed alphabetically

Bethlehem House

2301 South 15th Street

Omaha NE

402-502-9224

Their mission is to provide pregnant and parenting women in crisis, regardless of their faith preference, with a home, hope and empowerment through life-affirming services rooted in Catholic tradition. Bethlehem House is a place where each woman is shown how to love herself, and helped to find and develop her own unique talents so that upon departing she will be on a path to make the contribution to the world God has planned for her and her child.

Bridges Out Of Poverty

Omaha Home For Boys

Herd Building

4343 North 52nd Street

Omaha Ne

402-884-9665

Their mission is defeating poverty-period! They believe the most empowering and effective way to do this is to not merely give people fish—they teach them to fish! Over the next decade they are committed to helping 25,000 working-age adults lift themselves out of poverty. The program is holistic and empowers the individual. Defeating poverty reduces crime, substance abuse and allows citizens to thrive. The program involves problem solving, goal setting, time management, personal financial management, negotiation/mediation, vocabulary/language and controlling emotions. They have a 94% graduation rate. The average graduate increases their net income by nearly \$1,500 per month (\$18,000/yr), with an average decrease in debt-to-income ratio of 58%. Families are then moving from instability to self-sufficiency

Omaha Street School

3223 North 45th Street

Omaha. NE

402-451-5234

Their mission is to empower at-risk students to discover new hope and success through education, vocation, and love in a Christ-centered environment. They have four programs. High School - Small classes and individual learning allow students to make up past credit deficiencies. They offer core classes needed for graduation and offer electives such as art, marketing, bible and music appreciation. Their goal is to help students graduate high school, find their purpose, and become productive adults. Leadership Academy - is offered to second semester juniors to give them a jump on adulthood. They partner with local businesses to expand student's world through volunteering and entrepreneurialism. Public speaking and writing have been added to the list of important skills. HUDL - HUDL groups not only discuss trauma but also learn coping methods and tools to help them navigate school and life. Parent HUDL is a venue for confidential discussions to learn ways to better parent. Student Ambassadors is a peer-to-peer program which helps students learn and practice leadership skills. Gap U - works with recent graduates. With the guidance and support of this program young people learn skills to help them become excellent employees.