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Dear Metro Women's Club Ladies,

What a wonderful event we had last month benefiting Least of My Brethren. Our Spring Social and Game Day was a tremendous success. The Committee did a fabulous job coordinating the event from the room decorations and layout to the baskets and donations, and the flow of the day. Thank you also to those that donated to make this day successful and to those that attended. Metro Women's Club women are awesome!

Our next Noon Social Luncheon will be our Spring Fashion Show. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, April 9th.

Again, thank you ladies for all you do for our community and all you do for each other. "Friends are like flowers; they bring joy and happiness to our hearts." *Mary Beth Manninger, President*

FASHION SHOW

Fashion Show and Luncheon coming up this month. Please see detailed information under our April 9th Luncheon. Fashions by Chico's, Soma and White House/Black Market will be shown. We look forward to seeing you! Carolyn Will and Celeste Giery, Co-chairs for this event.

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY

Our theme for **Spring Social and Game Day was Chick Chick Hooray, and Hooray** it was for all 129 members and guests who came to make it a spectacular day. The committee would like to thank everyone who helped make Metro Women's Club Spring Social and Game Day a huge success.

Thank you – you are more than the beautiful flowers that make our world brighter, you provide all the beauty of flowers with your gifts of participation, service and monetary donations for our charity. Lady Bird Johnson said, "Where flowers bloom so does hope." All of you have provided hope for many of our city's homeless helped by **Least of my Brethren. Thank you**

42 members and friends, plus 29 businesses donated all 136 raffle items and 3 bid choices provided for the event. **\$4,910** was made from your raffle ticket purchases, bid items and monetary donations. Member Nanci Neal was the lucky winner of the spa basket containing the \$100 which stretched across the front of the room as she unrolled the \$1 bills. **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, to help at the planning meetings, they came up with great ideas and took time to gather and make prizes, plus they setup and decorated for the event. Jean Cully says **Thank You** to the committee members, true flowers in our club: Mary Ellen Anderson, Rosemary Bliss, Connie Gibb, Doris Helfrich, Judy Mumm, Judy Petersen, Kay Porter, Doris Toole and Tricia Weathers.

Plans are in the works for 2025's Spring Social and Game Day – join us on Tuesday, March 11, 2025

EARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BEGINS

We will be accepting your membership dues at our Fashion Show, Tuesday, April 9th. Dues will be \$30.00. There will be a table setup where you can pay your dues and we will also be verifying your contact information for our Directory. Checks should only be for your dues to avoid confusion. You have until May 31st to pay your membership. Payments **received** on or after June 1st will be denied and your name will be put on a waitlist. No exceptions. So let's get those dues paid and enjoy the rest of the year without worry. If you will not be attending the Fashion Show you may also mail a check to: Marcelene Lewis

MERIT AWARD

We appreciate the special things that each and every one of you bring to our club. Once a year we recognize a current member of our club for their dedication and leadership with the Merit Award. Now we ask for your help in recognizing a member who you find deserving of this year's Merit Award. A list of past recipients is found in the Membership Directory. Please give this some thought and send your nomination along with a description of her contributions to Cindy Carlson or Karen Saunders by April 23rd. A team will review the candidates and the award will be given at the May luncheon.

For more information
regarding
Metro Women's Club
please call:
Marcelene Lewis
New Membership/
Renewals Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2024

COFFEE AND CHAT 1st Tuesday April 2nd 10:00 am ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

Hostess: Sarah Chvala Co-hostesses: Sue O'Dell and Betty Delavan

Chairperson: Bert Harrifeld

FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON 2nd Tuesday, April 9th 11:30 am SOCIAL 12:00 pm LUNCH

At: **The Players Club at Deer Creek 12101 Deer Creek Drive, Omaha**

(lots of parking by the front entrance, a drop-off semi-circle right up to the entrance and no stairs)

DO NOT call The Players Club to make or cancel reservations. Call Karen or Cindy listed below.

Choices for our Luncheon are:

1. Herb Crusted Chicken with a Creamy Rosemary Sauce
2. Baked Salmon in Lemon-Lime Butter Sauce
3. Sliced Sirloin with a Red Wine Demi Sauce

All entrees served with Classic Caesar Salad with Garlic Croutons, Warm Rolls and Butter, Potatoes Au Gratin, Vegetable Medley and Chocolate Layer Cake. Coffee and Iced Tea Station located at Small Bar. Main Bar is available for purchasing Wine, Beer or Mixed Drinks (Cash or Credit Card)

Luncheon and Fashion Show Cost: \$35.00 per person admission includes lunch, taxes, tip and fashion show (cash or check only)

Members: If you do not receive a call by **Thursday, March 28th** and wish to attend, please call Karen Saunders or Cindy Carlson. If you are bringing a guest, please give your caller your guest's name and luncheon choice.

Callers: Please have your attendees' choices to Karen or Cindy by **Thursday, March 28th.**

Cancellations: Any cancellations must be made by noon March 28th or you will be expected to pay for your luncheon. No exceptions.

Program: Fashions provided by Chico's, Soma and White House/Black Market

Luncheon Co-chairpersons: Karen Saunders and Cindy Carlson

Your Fashion Show Co-chairpersons: Carolyn Will and Celeste Giery

BOARD MEETING 3rd Tuesday April 16th 10:00am

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

Board Members, Committee Chairpersons, Socials and Special Events Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairperson are expected to attend the Board Meeting. If unable to attend, you may call or email your information **prior** to the Board Meeting to:

Denise Shroyer and Linda Cisar.

BIRTHDAY BASH 3rd Tuesday April 16th 11:45am ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

At: PF Chang's, 10150 California Street, Omaha

Call or text Rosemary or LouAnn to make reservations or sign up at Social Noon Luncheon

BirthDay Bash Co-Chairs: Rosemary Bliss & LouAnn Norton

GAD-A-BOUTS 4th Tuesday April 23rd

This month we are heading to check out The Big Garden. This small non-profit has a pretty neat setup and a unique mission to teach the next generation how to have food sovereignty. We will eat at 11:00 a.m. at Sgt Peppers on Saddlecreek, 1501 N Saddle Creek Rd, Omaha, NE 68104. Then have the tour at The Big Garden at 12:15 p.m. 5602 Read St, Omaha, NE 68152.

Chairperson: Tricia Weathers

DINE AND DONATE

Ladies, the next Dine and Donate event is scheduled for **Thursday, April 25th**, at **Zio's Pizza**, 129th and West Center Road. They will donate 10% of receipts from those identifying with Metro Women's Club all day, so no restriction on hours of attending. Better yet, last year we had enough attending to reach the 25% mark. Let's do that again this year! Mark your calendars now for Thursday, April 25th. See you all there!

FUTURE EVENTS

MWC GARAGE SALE Thursday, Friday and Saturday May 9th-10th, 8am-5pm and May 11th, 8am-3pm

Diane Scheppers The Garage Sale will be on May 9th, 10th and 11th in conjunction with the Stone Creek Garage Sale. This will be a Thursday,

Friday and Saturday. Garage Sale items can be dropped off between April 29th and May 4th at any of three locations:

Please call before dropping off at any of the locations, do not just drop your items on the doorstep of any of the locations.

We will accept any garage sale donations that are useable. Clothing should be clean. Large items must be dropped off at 6318 N. 165th Street, Omaha location between April 29th-May 4th. All items that are not sold will be donated to a charitable organization. We are asking for volunteers to help set up, bring the Garage Sale committee lunch, and many other positions,

please contact Pat Goodyear to get signed up. We will be staging, pricing, and setting up on May 5th-May 8th from

9:00 am to 5:00pm (or later if need be), your help with this is greatly appreciated. Please call Pat Goodyear

if you would like to volunteer and what hours you are available. The success of this Garage Sale is a joint

effect with the committee and MWC members. All proceeds will be given to **LEAST OF MY BRETHEN** at a future luncheon.

Committee Members: Pat Goodyear, Tricia Weathers, Diane Scheppers, Darlene Gaeta, Marcelene Lewis and Denise Shroyer

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, MERIT AWARD, SERVICE PINS—MAY 2024 (See page one for more details)

FUTURE EVENTS

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SILENT AUCTION: pre-planning stage for October 8, 2024 at Arbor Hall.

With the hugely successful Game Day on the books, we are now ready to concentrate on our fall fundraiser, Silent Auction. Think fun, fashionable, fantasy, faraway, and even useful things you might want to donate to our creative preparation team. We'll begin May 13th to meet each Monday morning in preparation for the October 8th Silent Auction. All are welcome to join the team fun. Watch your May newsletter for more details. Our first meeting is Monday, May 13th, 10:00 a.m. at Marcelene Lewis's home. This meeting is for organizing and checking supplies.

LET'S GO PLACES

Travel Committee has secured **September 12-13, 2024** for a **Mississippi riverboat cruise**. This was well received in June, so decided to offer it again. Reservation of \$50 per person to CeCe Carlson to hold your space. The total cost of \$399 includes 2 days on the river, all meals, and overnight accommodations in Dubuque IA. Questions to CeCe.

Let's Go Places Travel Group is planning a 6 day bus tour to Mackinac Island and Door County Michigan on September 14th with return on September 19th.

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/Mackinac-Island-autumn-tour-4-2024.pdf> This will give you details on daily itinerary, meals included each day, and hotels. You will also see the price of \$1,399 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/wpcontent/uploads/Reservation-Form-AND-General-Tour-Information.pdf> You will need to print out the form to complete, then send to Moostash Joe office in Fremont with your check for \$100 per person down payment. This down payment and registration is due by **JULY 1st**. As you complete this form, be sure to indicate the tour name – Mackinac Island Autumn #4 – as well as who you will be rooming with, if you know. **ALSO IMPORTANT...** To complete the question on "Other passengers I will be travelling with" insert METRO WOMEN'S GROUP. We have 30 seats reserved on this tour so be sure to indicate you are with our group. Spouses and friends are welcome!!! Please send me a quick email letting me know that you have registered, and who you are travelling with. Thanks! If you have any questions at all during the next few months, please call or email Cindy Carlson.

We are again working with Travel Cat Tours to offer several **motorcoach trips**. Planned trips include:

- Amish of Nebraska, May 30th \$120 per person (**Register NOW!**)
- Nebraska Czech Capital, Wilber NE July 15th, \$97 per person
- Loess Hills Fall Foliage, NE Iowa October 17th, \$95 per person
- Holiday Shopping Kansas City November 19-20th Details coming

To register for the Wilber trip, go to https://travelcattours.com/cat_tours/wilber-nebraskas-czech-capital/ This will give you details of the trip and a button at bottom to click to register. This trip will sell out so get reservations in **by June 1st**.

We're considering offering several others.

- Saints and Sinners, Atkinson and Leavenworth KS July 30th \$125 pp
- Sweets and Speed, Lincoln NE August 28th \$110 pp
- Bridges, Blooms and Goats, Madison IA Date tbd \$125 pp

Thank you for the feedback received at the Spring Social and Game Day, and for casting your vote and signing up!

EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2024-2025

Presidents: LouAnn Norton and Rosemary Bliss

1st Co-Vice Presidents: Karen Saunders, Carolyn Will and Sally Itschner

2nd Co-Vice Presidents: Judy Mumm and Vicki Kirchner

Recording Secretary: Linda Cisar

Corresponding Secretary: Linda Nelson

Treasurer: Connie Gibb

Assistant Treasurer: Pat Bond

Advisor: Mary Beth Manninger

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

April 2024

<p>EVENING BUNCO 1st Wednesday, April 3rd 6:30pm Hostess: Sharon Duignan</p> <p>Results from March Most Wins: Juanita Hammen Most Buncos: Doris Helfrich Low Score: Connie Gibbs Door Prize: Diane Dobrinska</p> <p>We have a full roster in this group, new subs are always welcome. If you are interested in being on our sub list call: Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p>BRIDGE 2nd Wednesday, April 10th 11:00 am Zio's Pizzeria 12997 West Center Road, Omaha</p> <p>Results from March 1st: Monica Clark 2nd: Linda Nelson 3rd: Carole Thompson 4th: Pat Bond</p> <p>Questions or to add your name to the sub list, contact Anna Nelson</p>	<p>ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE 1st Tuesday, April 2nd 11:30 am Red Lobster, Oakview (Bar Area) 2702 S. 140th Street, Omaha</p> <p>Results from March</p> <p>1st - Margaret Baier & Luanne Colbert 4290 2nd - Sandy House & Donna Arlt 2560 3rd - Bobbie Montequin & Marilyn Conner 2330</p> <p>If you want to play contact Celeste Giery</p>
<p>MORNING BUNCO 3rd Wednesday, April 17th 9:30 am Hostess: Mary Ellen Anderson</p> <p>Results from March Cancelled</p> <p>We have a full roster in this group, new subs are always welcome. If you are interested in being on our sub list call: Diane Dobrinska</p>	<p>CINEMA CHICKS 4th Friday, April 26th</p> <p>Cinema Chicks will see a movie on Friday, April 26th. Please watch your emails the week of the movie for theater location & time, and for lunch details.</p> <p>Any questions, text or call Chris Sagenbrecht</p>	<p>LUNCH TIME BUNCO 2nd Friday, April 12th 11:00 am Hostess: Margi Vice</p> <p>Results from March Most Wins: Linda Davis Most Buncos: Cindy Carlson Low Score: Julie Dunn Door Prize: Carolyn Sliva</p> <p>If interested in this group, new subs are always welcome. Contact: Linda Davis</p>
<p>BOOK CLUB 3rd Friday, April 19th 9:30 am Abrams Branch Omaha Public Library 5111 N. 90th Street, Omaha</p> <p>Book: A WOMAN IS NO MAN Author: Etaf Rum</p> <p>We are one month behind on our list since one month was cancelled.</p> <p>Questions: Juanita Hammen</p>	<p>AMERICAN MAH JONGG 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:00 pm April 11th & 25th</p> <p>Contact Sue for lessons or game site. Observers are welcome!!</p> <p>Sue Odell or Betty Delavan</p>	<p>STITCH & CHAT Last Wednesday, 1:00—3:00 pm April 24th</p> <p>Hostess: Kathy Yates</p>
<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - NOON DELIGHTS—1st Monday April 8th 12:00 pm Date Change Hostess: Roselyn Stick</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - DINING DIVAS—3rd Monday April 15th 12:00 pm Hostess: Sue O'Dell</p>	<p>DINING INN— GOURMET DINING CLUB - LUNCH BUNCH—3rd Wednesday April 17th 12:30 pm Hostess: Bobbie Montequin</p>
<p>IMAGINE WRITERS GROUP 3rd Thursday—April 18th 10:00 am Hostess: Jean Cully</p> <p>Chairperson: Jean Cully Group is closed, wait list at this time.</p>	<p>NEW WALKING CLUB No Walking Club for April</p> <p>Contact Diane Stein for more information</p>	<p>SOCIAL HOUR 1st Thursday, April 4th 3:00 pm</p> <p>El Vallarta Mexican Restaurant 12405 West Center (Westwood Plaza) Margaritas are \$2.99 at El Vallarta</p> <p>Chairperson: Darlene Palmer</p>
<p>LET'S GO PLACES Look for more information under FUTURE EVENTS in this newsletter</p>	<p>PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTER LOTS OF TIME AND EFFECT IS PUT INTO ALL THE WONDERFUL INFORMATION.</p> <p>DON'T PUT YOUR HEAD IN THE SAND AND MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN STUFF WE DO!</p>	<p>GOLF Please contact Roberta Courter if interested in joining the league. Golf meets each Friday morning Spring to Fall. Golf has ended but if you would like to sign up for Spring please contact Roberta.</p>

THE PERSONALS

April 2024

NEW MEMBERS (220)

There is a waitlist at this time, will refer to after membership renewal in May 2024.

CORRECTIONS/CHANGES

Linda Svatora, address

RAFFLE WINNERS

We were all winners at our Spring Social and Game Day. The Committee did a wonderful job and everyone had a beautiful day filled with laughter, friendship, cards and games.

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Juanita Hammen-Nephew-in-Law's passing
Jackie Bandera-Son's passing
Karen Lidstrand-Brother's passing
Mary Johnson-Brother's passing
Sue Odell-Rehab for knee

THANK YOU

Lois Lentz -Thank you for memorial
Janet Pennington's family-Thank you for Memorial

BIRTHDAY GALS

Cindy Frieling	04/02	Karen Jackson	04/02	Linda Albracht	04/08	Ann Thomson	04/08
Cindy Popp	04/09	Sharon Davison	04/12	Margi Vice	04/16	Linda Etherton	04/20
Marian Pierce	04/20	Jean Cully	04/21	Kathryn Gannon	04/24	Bert Harrifeld	04/25
Pam Ross	04/26	Margaret Bartek	04/28	Margo Juarez	04/30		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY LADIES!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

GARAGE SALE

Ladies, we are in need of light weight rectangle tables preferably 8'. If you do loan the Garage Sale Committee a table, please put your name on it, we'd like to return them to their rightful owners. If you have old hangers just hanging around we'd love for you to donate them to us for the garage sale. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

Please help us keep our membership information up to date! If you have moved, changed your email address or phone number, you can let us know by completing "Change of Address" section of the Metro Women's Club website. The following link will take you directly to the form. [www. Metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address.html](http://www.Metrowomensclub.org/change-of-address.html) If you have any questions, please contact Marcelene Lewis. Thank you!

CALLERS

MWC Ladies, we are in need of callers for our monthly luncheons. Please call either Karen Saunders or Cindy Carlson for more information or to add your name to the list. Thank you.

CARDS

If any of our members need a card of Cheer, Get Well, Congratulations or Sympathy sent, please contact Linda Nelson. Linda will send a card out to them. Staying connected is extremely important to us.

POP CAN TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Ladies the holidays are coming & the social time is here, please collect the can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Margi Vice is collecting them.

FACEBOOK

Members remember to take pictures of your events and submit them to Darlene Gaeta for our private Facebook page, If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Gaeta

NEWSLETTER CRISIS??

Have you been out and about and needed some information that is in your MWC Newsletter, but you don't have your Newsletter with you??? Did you accidently delete or lose your Newsletter?? Or, did you want to share your Newsletter with a prospective new member but your Newsletter is at home? Maybe you did not receive your monthly Newsletter?? Go to the website on your phone or computer. Yes, go to metrowomensclub.org and click on the tab "Newsletter" then click the current month. Our webmaster normally posts our Newsletters the 3rd Sunday of each month (the Sunday after the Board Meeting). The only change from the Newsletters that are mailed/emailed to you is the absence of personal information, i.e. member's phone numbers and addresses. This is done to protect your privacy because our website is accessible to everyone. There is also a printer icon in the upper right corner where you can also print your Newsletter. So don't panic...Just click!

WANT TO START A NEW ACTIVITY??

Call Mary Beth Manning to discuss starting a new activity, board game, or card game etc. We Love new activity!

Community Garage Sale!



Please Donate

Garage Sale May 9th –May 11th

We need your saleable items

Notice—Your kids don't want your stuff!

We can't have a terrific garage sale without your stuff ...

Not junk .. Stuff that's good, but you just don't use it, need it, want it, and need to get rid of it. How great will it be to be free of it?

Bring your stuff to one of 3 drop off locations, April 29th-May 4th

Diane Scheppers (preferred), Darlene Gaeta or Marcelene Lewis

Please call before making drop off

All proceeds will be donated to Least Of My Brethren

Three charities will be presented at the April Fashion Show on April 9th. Members are requested to review the following list of charities and be ready to vote for one at the Fashion Show.

Lou Ann Norton & Jerry Cone
Charity Selection Committee

Suggested Charities 2024-2025

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

There are more than 100,000 people living in poverty in the Omaha/Council Bluffs metro area. Omaha Bridges was created to solve this problem. Through their 10-week Getting Ahead classes they are on the way to achieving their long-term goals of reducing poverty in the metro area by 50% over the next decade. Their classes teach life skills such as problem solving, goal setting, time management, personal financial management and negotiating skills. They have a 94% graduation rate. The average graduate increases their income by about \$18,000. Families then move from instability to self-sufficiency.

CAROLE'S HOUSE OF HOPE

Provides transitional living for young women and mothers who have aged out of foster care or have become homeless. Their home-like environment, paired with innovative programs and services, encourages self-sufficiency and independence, promotes healing and ultimately restores hope. They are a trauma informed agency that provides support to those who have suffered emotional and mental health trauma due to varied and individual life experiences. Activities and outings promote a sense of community. They're Beyond the House after-care program extends support long after a participant has gained their independence.

PROJECT PINK'D

From the moment of diagnosis through end-of-life Project PINK'D provides tools, resources and a strong network to strengthen and renew the mind, body and spirit of breast cancer survivors in Nebraska and Western Iowa. They offer financial, emotional and physical support. They have a great relationship with health care providers and social workers in the area and this is where they get most of their referrals. They have a Survivor's Unite Facebook group with 1,000 members. In conjunction with Hy-Vee they have a Care to Share program which provides a luncheon and Thanksgiving meals. Their Helping Hand Program has given out \$300,000 to help patients financially. Project PINK'D gifts women with breast cancer beautiful kits worth appropriately \$100 to patients undergoing surgery, chemo and radiation. They are local - 100% of what's raised stays here. All programs are free. Primarily an all-volunteer organization. Empowers survivors to live their best life and are dedicated to helping survivors thrive.

APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>April Fools Day</i>	2 <i>Coffee and Chat Marathon Bridge</i>	6 Evening Bunco	4 Social Hour	5	6
7	8 Noon Delights	9 <i>Fashion Show Luncheon</i>	10 Bridge	11 Mahjongg	12 Lunch Time Bunco	13
14	15 Dining Divas	16 Board Meeting Birthday Bash	17 Morning Bunco Lunch Bunch	18 Imagine Writer's Group	19 Book Club	20
21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23 Gad-a-bouts	24 Stitch-n-Chat	25 Mahjongg <i>Dine & Donate</i>	26 Cinema Chicks	27
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