

# Metro Women's Club

Just Between Friends

## NEWSLETTER

January 2021  
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Friendship

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### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Dear Ladies!

None of us on the Board have forgotten about you! We really wish we were back to our usual activities, but it looks like awhile yet. Good news is that the vaccine is here, and for those who are going to have it, our turn is not too terribly far away. My husband and I can't wait to get ours.

The Board attempted a Zoom meeting today, and the internet went out about 4 minutes into it! Trying again tomorrow. We're trying our best to stay connected!

In the meantime, please have a safe and blessed Christmas and New Year. The end of 2020 can't come soon enough! We'll look forward to rising out of this pandemic at some point in 2021, and hopefully life will be back to as normal as we can get it.

Looking forward to seeing many of you next year, at some time, at some activity, and have fun again!

-Chris

### TREASURY REPORT

Merry Christmas MWC members. We wanted to share with you the total you have donated so far for our charity P.A.C.E. (Police Athletics for Community Engagement) - \$7,067.50.

Thank You Everyone

- Jean Cully

### SILENT AUCTION

We will have a Silent Auction, we are just not sure when. COVID has put all our plans on hold, including our Silent Auction. **Included in your Newsletter are "Donation Slips"**. Now is the time for all those wonderful sales and maybe a few items that you will receive for the holidays that are great, but not useful to you. Both make great Silent Auction donations. Just fill out the donation slip and attach to your donated items - new items, please. You can call Mary Ellen Anderson to make arrangements for pick up or drop off or you can leave your items at Marcelene Lewis' home (which is Silent Auction Central). Just please call first so your donations are not sitting outside for porch pirates to grab. We will try and make drop offs as contactless as possible.

Mary Ellen Anderson or Marcelene Lewis,

### CARDS

If any of our members need a card of Cheer, Get Well, Congratulations or Sympathy sent, please contact Linda Nelson so a card can be sent out to them.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2021

Normally this section of your Newsletter would list our Luncheons and Activities for the month. Unfortunately, as you well know, all of our activities are canceled until it is safe for our members to meet. Hopefully that will be very soon. We do miss our luncheons, activities and especially you.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### ***The Sandalwood Tree***

Historical novels and books set in India have always been among my favorites so when I discovered ***The Sandalwood Tree*** by Elle Newmark, I read it eagerly. The story is based upon two very important events in Indian history... the ending of the British Raj in 1947 and the Sepoy Rebellion in 1856-57. Evie and Martin move to India in 1947 for Martin to do doctoral research into the ending of the Raj. Evie discovers letters from the eighteenth century and sets out to find out more about the women who wrote them. The book is very well written with descriptions of life in India and an intriguing story line to solve the mystery of the letter writers. Newmark's character development is delightful, e.g. in describing women in the exclusive British Club she wrote "her voice could have grated carrots" and "her laughter sounded like glass shattering".

This story examines the Caste system, sexual orientation, religious differences, the idiosyncrasies of the Victorian period especially as it pertains to women, and the effects of war on a person's psyche. And there are poignant and moving love stories too!

***The Sandalwood Tree*** is Newmark's first book but, unfortunately, she died in 2011. Her second and final book is ***The Book of Unholy Mischief***, which is one that I will look forward to reading.

- Anna Nelson

## CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

A lot has happened in Metro Women's Club over the past 10 months. Due to the Corona Virus, the word "CANCELLED" has donned nearly every activity we all enjoyed so very much! But, it is through our beloved Newsletter that we have stayed connected and want to continue these messages amid our members. It is with this thought in mind that we want to have a special feature page each month until our groups can reconvene. The topic for January's Newsletter is going to be "Recalling Special Christmas Traditions". Below you will find several of these great memories shared by none other, than MWC members. We have ideas for February's Newsletter as well as other months, as they arrive. Our plan is to talk about remembering New Year's Celebrations and Resolutions. Do reach out to Marcelene if you have a great story to tell!

### **Grampa**

Perhaps it's the time of the year or maybe just "aging" sentimentally. I find myself reflecting on memories of Christmas' past. I think my Father was the instigator of the ultimate "White Elephant" gift! For as long as I can remember, when Christmas Eve came around, we ALL anticipated the opening of gifts. But, it was not the big, fancy wrapped ones with beautiful bows that we couldn't wait to get our hands on, it was the oddly shaped gift wrapped in the 'Funnies' from the Sunday newspaper. There was no bow, no name tag-just the scribbled name of the recipient, penned in black marker. These were the cherished, humorous and sometimes sentimental and highly searched for, "gag gifts" (White Elephant) from Dad/Grandpa. The thought that went into these gifts indeed lasted longer than the big, fancy gift!

- Rosemary Bliss

### **Unseen Helpers**

One of the first rules of the road my father taught me was the Good Samaritan law. He said, "That not only should we stop to help people in need but it was the right thing to do." As I plan to celebrate my 74th Christmas I am reminded of all the Good Samaritans I have encountered in my life. I never learned most of their names. If I had known, I would have repeatedly thanked them. I'd like to dedicate this Christmas note to all the Good Samaritans of the world, I've had more than my share. During 2020 we might have all had many unseen helpers, may they be blessed and cared for in 2021. Thank you. Merry Christmas

- Jean Cully

More Christmas Thoughts on Center Page



## CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS (continued)

### **Shaking the gifts, still a family tradition passed down**

When I was growing up I was very fortunate to live close to all my grandparents and cousins. We spent holidays together and the memories are some of my favorites.

One special memory stands out. My Mamaw (my moms mother) loved Christmas, the baking, decorating and especially the shaking and guessing what was in each package under the tree. On her last Christmas with us she was unable to get under the tree so my grandfather handed her every gift to shake. This tradition continued with my mom, she shook every gift and now to my son John who loves shaking each gift and guessing what's inside. This always makes me smile and remember my Mamaw and my mom.

Christmas has always been a special time for my family. With each generation we make new memories and traditions and some live on. I hope you all enjoy your Christmas traditions and memories.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !

- Pam Ross

### **Heroes**

I adore the beauty of the season and as I appreciate the goodness of our world I am reminded by the helpfulness of man. I especially enjoy my nativity scenes in my home and remember that when Mary needed shelter, a citizen of Bethlehem offered a place for the birth of her son, our savior. This unnamed person from our history provided lodging for the birth of Jesus. I am so grateful for all the unnamed heroes in our world, and send a thank you to all people; especially to the ones who have helped me. Thank You. Merry Christmas.

- Jean Cully

### **A Christmas Look . . .**

When I think about Christmas when I was a child, I remember a simpler time. No video games, no laptops, no cell phones. We ended up getting the necessities for Christmas, underwear and socks or maybe some pajamas. The toys we did get were ones we could share, a game or a ball. We didn't expect to get our heart's desire. Looking back, it was a good foundation to appreciate things when they did come along. Now, as I get older I feel fortunate to have what I have. But, again I learned another life lesson that things don't make us who we are. It's who we are inside and for what we do for others. Christmas, to me, is a feeling of joy and happiness we receive from others and hopefully the feeling we give to others. It's not about the things, it never was and never will be. It's about the people in our life.

My wish to everyone is for you get what's important in life . . . joy and love in your heart along with happiness, peace and good health! Wishing everyone a blessed and joyous Christmas! My best to you ALL!

- Celeste Giery



# THE PERSONALS

January 2021

## NEW MEMBERS ( 139 members)

No new members

## THINKING ABOUT YOU

**Kathy Sprague** (past member) - Sympathy, husband, Mike died of COVID.

**Karen Lidstrand** - Thinking of You, two daughters have COVID.

**Monica Clark** - Thinking of You, surgery

**Pat Tonar** - Thinking of You, procedure

**Jackie Berdine and Monica Clark** - Sympathy, brother Jerry Gau passed away

## CHANGES / CORRECTION (DIRECTORY)

**Barbara Zebel**, new address

**Yvonne Durr**, new email

## YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Thank you all Metro Women for your cards, thoughts, prayers, memorials, food, rides, and offers of help in the aftermath of my daughter's death and my foot surgery. I am overwhelmed by your loving outreach. I have a new understanding of how much comfort a simple card can provide. Thank you ladies. You are a blessing!

- **Sharon Price**

Thank you so much for the Birthday card sent from all the ladies. A special "thank you" to LouAnn Norton for mailing it.

- **Mary Johnson**

# SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

## NIGHT BUNCO - ON HOLD

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

Dear A.M. and P.M. bunco players,  
You will be receiving the 2021 bunco schedule in the mail. Due to unforeseen circumstances it is the same as the 2020 schedule. When we do start back up and we need to make changes we will deal with it when the time comes. Happy holidays to all of you

Diane Dobrinska

## DAY BUNCO - ON HOLD

3rd Wednesday, January 13th, 9:30 AM

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## GOLF

Golf has ended for the winter. If you are interested in joining for next Spring contact **Pat Bird**.

## BRIDGE

2nd Wednesday, January 13th, 1:00AM

**ON HOLD**

Boys Town Cafeteria & Visitor Center

13603 Flanagan Drive

\$1.00 to play, Lunch & Tip

To play or questions call:

**Anna Nelson** or **Carol Fox**

Results:

High:

2nd:

3rd:

Low:

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

## ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE

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

Red Lobster, Oakview

2707 South 140th Street (Oakview Dr)

**ON HOLD**

Results:

1st:

2nd:

3rd:

**Celeste Giery**

## BOOK CLUB - ON HOLD

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

Garden Café, 11040 Oak Street,

Book : *The Giver of Stars*

Author: Jojo Moyes

Everyone welcome with masks

Questions: **Juanita Hammen**

## STITCH & CHAT - ON HOLD

Last Wednesday, January 27th,

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hostess:

Hopefully life will be back to almost normal but lets be cautious. We'll see all of you..

Any question, contact **Pat Bond** or

**Dolores Hughes**

## CINEMA CHICKS - ON HOLD

2nd Thursday, January 14th

Call to get your name put on the list for notification. Chris

## MAH JONGG - ON HOLD

Mah Jongg is on hold until groups are less susceptible to the coronavirus.

Contact Betty Delavan if you are interested in joining or wish to learn how to play.

Questions or to join contact **Betty Delavan**

## DINING INN - ON HOLD

**THE LUNCH BUNCH** - A Gourmet Dinning Club

1st Wednesday, January 6th, 12:00 Noon

Hostess:

**NOON DELIGHTS** - A Gourmet Dinning Club

1st Monday, January 4th, 12:00 Noon

Hostess:

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

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## BIRTHDAY GALS

Marilyn Conner	January 2	Anne Kent	January 11	Lois Lentz	January 23
Barb Zabel	January 3	Toni Ogaz	January 17	Mary Flodine	January 26
Sue Sammin	January 7	Sarah Chvala	January 18	Rena Fox	January 31
Marian Schiemann	January 10	Marcelene Lewis	January 18	Happy Birthday Ladies	

## JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4 12:00 Noon Delights - NO	5 11:30AM Round Robin ROBIN ON HOLD	6 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch - NO 6:30 PM Evening Bunco BUNCO ON HOLD	7	8	9
10	11	12 11:30 AM Social Noon Luncheon - NO	13 11:00 AM Bridge BRIDGE ON HOLD	14 Cinema Chicks CINEMA ON HOLD	15 9:30 AM Book Club - NO	16
17	18	19 10:00 AM Board Meeting -NO 11:45 AM Birthday Bash - NO	20 9:30 AM Morning Bunco BUNCO ON HOLD	21	22	23
24	25	26 Gadabouts - NO	27 1:00 Stitch & Chat STITCH ON HOLD	28	29	30
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