

Metro Women's Club

Just Between Friends

NEWSLETTER

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Friendship

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New Membership
Director

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Metro Women's Club Ladies!

I hope you all had a nice, safe holiday season! The new year has a lot of wonderful potential to it - including getting back to activities. Stay tuned!

The Board had it's first Zoom meeting last month, and it went very well. We will do meetings on Zoom until further notice.

In the meantime, the Nominating Committee has been established, and they will start working hard on filling any open positions on the Board. Please consider saying "Yes" if you are contacted to serve on a committee. Also, we are getting the budget together for the 2021-2022 year. I will speak more to expenditures of monies next month.

We will hope and pray in getting our Club back on track sooner than later!

-Chris

MERIT AWARD NOMINEES

Even though this year has been like no other, there are women in our Club that go above and beyond what duties call for. You are all so appreciated, and I'm sure there is someone (or two) who you feel deserves this. Our 1st Vice-Presidents (Darlene Gaeta and Lori Briggs) will be accepting nominations soon. Look for more information in the next Newsletter.

You can email or send/give a written note to Darlene Gaeta at legacydgaeta@gmail.com or Lori Briggs at Ldbriggs0330@gmail.com. Below is a list of past members who received the Merit Award: 2008 - Celeste Giery, 2010 - Karen Jackson, 2011 - Mary Johnson, 2012 - Monica Clark & Diane Hart, 2013 - Karen Lidstrand, 2014 - Diane Dobrinska & Melody Rowley, 2015 - Rosemary Bliss & Marcelene Lewis, 2016 - Linda Nelson & Lois Lentz, 2017 - Pat Bond & Dolores Hughes, 2018 - Mary Ellen Anderson & Carolyn Will & Bobbie Montequin, 2019 - Shirley Raleigh, 2020 Juanita Hammen.

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. 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,

BETH STEWART

We are sad to announce that Beth's husband, Tom passed away on December 27, 2020 of Covid 19. A "Celebration of Life" is planned for this summer. More details later. Beth, we are so sorry for your loss.

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. Staying connected is extremely important for us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2021

No activities yet ! 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.

MEMORIES

Last month during the construction of the Newsletter - with all the cut, paste and assembly - one wonderful "Christmas Memory" story was omitted. Even though all the ornaments and lights have been packed away, this delightful family memory must be shared with you. So sorry it was omitted.

Anyone who knows our family knows we are into traditions and with my husband Christmas started in July. No trip was complete without some Christmas memory to be brought back. Our special tree was complete with \$ hand blown ornaments only...except five very special ornaments. First each of our Radko ornaments were placed just so (the grandkids learned early on these break) and then someone checked the Sports Page that day. Somehow in our own way of letting each child choose his own school and career, we ended up with schools in Ohio, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska. Back to the Sports Page on Tree Trimming Day, who is in First place in Football???? This ornament is on top, the further down the team, the further down the ornament. Our Son's ornament got special treatment because they didn't have football...he was stuck in the middle. Most mornings during the season, there was an elf who had moved his team to the top. Those ornaments moved more during the holiday season than most of the elves....come January they are carefully packed together to rest for another Season.

- Pat Bond

BOOK REVIEWS

One thing I have enjoyed during this time of Covid isolation is that I have been able to read much more than usual. Here are two that I have greatly enjoyed:

The Spy and the Traitor by Ben MacIntyre is a spy thriller that is based on actual events. Oleg Gordievsky was a Russian spy who was active during the Reagan/Thatcher era. Through his work with the British he provided information that foiled many plots, exposed Russian spies in the West, and ultimately helped to prevent nuclear escalation. The CIA worked very hard to discover his identity (which the British tenaciously concealed) unaware that Aldrich Ames, the head of U.S. counterintelligence, was secretly spying for the Russians. Gordievsky's work as a spy and his escape from Russia is a real "nail-biter" of a read.

A less intense but very interesting and enjoyable book is **I Have Always Loved You** by Robin Oliviera. Set in Paris in the late 1800s this novel centers on Mary Cassatt, an impressionist painter and her relationship with Edgar Degas as well as a number of other impressionist painters. As the name of the book implies there is a love story here, and it is very poignant and touching. Well worth reading

- Anna Nelson

Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele

The book is a poignant novel based on the real life "blue people" of Kentucky and the bravery and perseverance of the Packhorse Librarians. The Packhorse Librarians were developed by the WPA program and existed between 1935 and 1943. Our main character Cussy is one of the "blue people" ostracized by most of the population; she becomes a Book Woman. This is a story of prejudice, tragedy, and grief but also of love and determination. In spite of the biases against her, Cussy manages to bring the influence of the written word to many inhabitants of Kentucky. The work of the Book Women aided the fight against the prejudice, narrow-mindedness and bigotry of the region. The book was on the bestseller list of the New York Times and USA Today, it earned a 2019 Library Reads Best Book Award, plus winning a Forbes Best Historical Novel, a Book-A-Million Best Fiction and was on Oprah's Buzziest Book pick.

- Jean Cully

The Alice Network by Kate Quinn

If you have not ever read any of Kate Quinn's books, you're in for a real good reading time between the pages of The Alice Network.

It's about a group of daring female spies during the Great War (true). I loves the cast of characters (fictional). The adventures go from 1915 London to May 1947 England and France. She has brilliantly woven the two storylines together through decades and continents.

Quinn grabs you at the beginning and keeps your interest until the explosive ending.

- Mary Johnson

NEW MEMBERS (139 members)

No new members

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Beth Stewart - Sympathy plus Memorial, husband passed away.

Marcie Wills - Thinking of You, broken hip. She is at Brookstone Meadows, 600 Brookstone Meadows Plaza, Elkhorn NE, 68022-4401,

Melody Rowley (past member) - Sympathy, daughter-in-law passed away.

Cheryl Sodoro (past member) - Sympathy, husband, Mickey was murdered.

CHANGES / CORRECTION (DIRECTORY)

YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Dear Friends, I appreciate all the cards, prayers and phone calls that followed my repeat surgery. I am so blessed by your kindness.

- Monica Clark

We would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and words of caring in the death of our brother, Jerry Gau. You are all a great group of ladies and we value your friendship.

- Jackie Berdine and Monica Clark

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

NIGHT BUNCO - ON HOLD

1st Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 PM

All Bunco games will be on hold until it will be safe to gather again.

Any questions or to sign up as a member or a sub, please contact Diane Dobrinska

DAY BUNCO - ON HOLD

3rd Wednesday, February 17, 9:30 AM

All Bunco games will be on hold until it will be safe to gather again.

Any questions or to sign up as a member or a sub, please contact Diane Dobrinska

GOLF

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

BRIDGE

2nd Wednesday, February 10, 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

Results:

High:

2nd:

3rd:

Low:

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

ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE

1st Tuesday, February 2, 11:30AM

Red Lobster, Oakview

2707 South 140th Street (Oakview Dr)

ON HOLD

Results:

1st:

2nd:

3rd:

Celeste Giery

BOOK CLUB

Zoom Meeting

3rd Friday, February 19, 9:30 AM

Book : *The Giver of Stars*

Author: Jojo Moyes

Juanita will contact members to give instructions

STITCH & CHAT - ON HOLD

Last Wednesday, February 24,

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hostess:

Any question, call

Pat Bond or Dolores Hughes

CINEMA CHICKS - ON HOLD

2nd Thursday, February 11

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 call **Betty Delavan**

DINING INN - ON HOLD

THE LUNCH BUNCH - A Gourmet Dinning Club

1st Wednesday, February 3, 12:00 Noon

Hostess:

NOON DELIGHTS - A Gourmet Dinning Club

1st Monday, February 1, 12:00 Noon

Hostess:

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

NEW YEAR'S MEMORIES

RESOLUTION

I don't do resolutions—nope, never did!
 My thinking goes you see.....
 I already know just what to do.
 So the goal is to lose some weight, they say
 then I must eat less and start to move
 My piece of pie with morning coffee
 doesn't fit that groove!

I don't do resolutions—nope never have!
 Pondering how to curb my bills and
 increase my bottom line.....
 Tells me I must stay out of stores
 and except that what I have is just fine.
 Save, volunteer, donate more
 This gift of time is all I really have!

I don't do resolutions—nope never will!
 Work on yourself they say—
 Search for confidence, expand personal
 boundaries, learn new skills
 High school Spanish served me well
 Family and friends begat cornerstones of my life
 Suffering builds character.

I don't do resolutions—nope never will!
 You see—I already know well
 just what to do
 So now I just need to do it.

And may you do it too!

A happy and prosperous 2021 to all my Metro sisters...
 - Cindy Popp

THE LUCKY DIME -

What fun the Toole Family enjoyed during the holidays! During our younger years we would join Mom and Dad to dance the night away in celebration of the beginning of a New Year. In other years we had a large family gathering and played "old Hell" at the dining room table. We stayed up celebrating until the wee hours of the morning, but that didn't stop us from getting up to prepare the feast to enjoy on New Year's Day. It was the Toole tradition to always have ham and cabbage which also included a shiny silver dime. The "Lucky Dime" was sought after by each attendee at the holiday gathering. You were only allowed 2 clean scoops, no digging permitted. The person to get the "Lucky Dime" cherished it and inserted it in their wallet for safe keeping. This tradition was established before I joined the family and continued for over forty more years.

- Doris Toole

UNL CLASSES ON ZOOM

During this pandemic I have become acquainted with an opportunity for lifelong learning through OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at UNL. My husband and I registered for several classes in the fall and really enjoyed them. We are currently enrolled in several more for this semester. The classes are held on ZOOM. There is a great variety of possibilities and enrollment is open now. Here is the link if anyone is interested in checking this out: <https://olli.unl.edu/>

- Anna Nelson

PHOTO MEMORIES

We hope you enjoy some of the photos we placed in your Newsletter. We are happy together with all our Picnics, Luncheons, Fashion Shows and more hopefully we can enjoy each other's company again very soon.

NOTE: If you like taking photos (using your phone) you may want to volunteer to be MWC photographer. No artsy talents needed. Just taking photos of our gals at our gatherings and submitting them to our Website Manager. Think about it! Contact Chris Sagenbrecht if you are interested.



BIRTHDAY GALS

Peggy Reibold	February 2	Karlene Currier	February 10	Linda Pauli	February 13
Sharon Dulgnan	February 6	Sandra Randell	February 10	Carole Janes	February 16
Pat Goodyear	February 6	Pat Tonar	February 11	JoAn Johns	February 18
Paula Kettler	February 7	Bobbie Montequin	February 12	Marcie Wills	February 23
Laura Ratliff	February 7	Pat Bird	February 13	Janet Mohring	February 27

Happy Birthday Ladies

February 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Ground Hog Day</i>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Chinese New Year</i>	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>President's Day</i>	16	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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