

Metro Women's Club

Just Between Friends

NEWSLETTER

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Friendship

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Greetings Fellow MWC Members!

The weather has been pretty stifling lately. But the last couple of days have been very refreshing! That's the Midwest for you - always changing. Which brings me to our ever changing plans within the MWC due to Covid-19. During the Board Meeting today it was voted to cancel monthly luncheons held in an inside venue through December, then we will evaluate. However, we will have the Picnic and Garage Sale at Chalco Hills on August 11th. It is held in a covered shelter, and plenty big. Look for details in this Newsletter.

Also, we plan to postpone the Silent Auction from October to March 2021. We are hoping things look a little brighter then!

We are trying to move forward as safely and slowly as we can without putting people in jeopardy. Please consider going to the Picnic & Garage Sale. Dig out some usable used items for the sale. Mark the price on it - all monies go to our charity which will be voted on during that day. Remember to bring a mask!

Stay well!

-Chris

CHARITY SELECTION

2020 is a strange year! Since we are not meeting as often as a club the board changed the format for choosing our new charity. These are the three finalists for this coming year. The full membership will have the opportunity to vote on these three at our August picnic. This is giving you a chance to preview and checkout your favorite charity online before the vote. Description of organizations on center page

1. Heartland Hope, 2021 "U" Street, Omaha, NE 402-733-2077
2. P.A.C.E. (Police Athletics for Community Engagement)
3. Santa Monica House

SPRING SOCIAL AND GAME DAY CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

We still have the Social and Game Day position open. Please consider volunteering with a friend and fellow member, for this event which is held in March. It's a worthwhile activity to be involved in, and is a big fundraiser for our charity. As Chairperson/s, you get together a committee that helps with soliciting items from mainly businesses for donation that are raffled off; organizing the luncheon, usually at Arbor Hall; table decorations, etc. You will not be alone in this! If interested, please call Chris Sagenbrecht.

CALLERS NEEDED

If you would like to do a simple job for the Club that is not too time consuming .. We need callers for our Lunch-eons. You will get 5 or so members to call each month to find out if they will be attending our Social Noon Luncheons. Easy! Call Darlene Gaeta or Lori Briggs to volunteer.

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.

SODA CAN TABS

Please save your soda and beer can tabs. The tabs go to The Ronald McDonald House which supports families with children that are hospitalized. Margi Vice is our contact and you may give your saved tabs to her. Thank you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GARGE SALE / PICNIC - 2nd TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th 10:30AM SOCIAL, 12:00 PM BOX LUNCH PROVIDED BY EDDIE'S CATERING

At: **Chalco Hills NRD Outdoor Recreation Center, Main Picnic Shelter, 8901 South 154th Street,**
Take a right onto Chalco Hills Recreation Center (154th & Giles Road) Road #2. Follow the balloons. Make a left to the main picnic shelter. Our Garage Sale kicks off our charity fundraising efforts for 2020-2021. We will be located under a covered picnic shelter, no steps and smooth walking surface, so this event will continue **Rain or Shine. Please be generous in donating as many pre-priced garage sale items you wish to bring.**

Café style Box Lunch Menu – Choice of:

1. Monterey Club – Turkey, bacon, avocado, lettuce, tomato, Gouda cheese and mayo on a croissant. Pasta salad, dill pickle & cookie included.
2. Classic Slow Roasted Beef – Sliced roast beef, baby Swiss, tomato, lettuce, shaved red onion on wheat bread. Pasta salad, dill pickle & cookie included.
3. Turkey Wrap – Turkey breast, bacon, avocado, lettuce, shredded cheese, and sliced tomato. Pasta salad, dill pickle & cookie included.

Cost: \$15.00

Please bring your own beverage of choice.

Callers: Please have your attendees' choices to either Darlene Gaeta or Lori Briggs by August 6th

Cancellations : Must be made by August 6th or you will be expected to pay for your meal.

BOARD MEETING - 3rd TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th, 10:00 AM

At: **Chalco Hills NRD Outdoor Recreation Center, Main Picnic Shelter, 8901 South 154th Street,**
Those that should attend: All Board Members, all Committee Chairpersons, all Socials and Special Event Chairpersons and all Special Interest Activities Chairpersons are expected to attend the Board Meeting or send their reports with someone. You may also call or email your information prior to the Board Meeting to Marcelene Lewis, our Newsletter Editor. All information needed for the Newsletter **must** be submitted at or before the Board Meeting in order for the Newsletter to go to print. Thank you, Ladies.

BIRTHDAY BASH - 3rd TUESDAY, AUGUST 18th, 11:45 AM

At: **ON HOLD**

Any suggestions for a great dine out place, please forward your suggestions to Rosemary Bliss or LouAnn Norton at our Chair Persons.

GADABOUTS - 4th TUESDAY, AUGUST 25th, BUTTERFLY BENCH TOUR 10:30 AM, LUNCH 12:00 AM

Meet at: **Papillion City Park, NW Corner of West Lincoln Street & North of Washington Street (84th = Washington Street)**

Tour: Walking tour of City Benches in Papillion.

Lunch: Ollie & Hobbes Craft Kitchen, 310 East Gold Coast Road, #101, 402-884-3338

Put on your comfortable walking shoes, this tour is about a mile.

Questions, contact Doris Helfrich.

THE PERSONALS

August 2020

NEW MEMBERS (134 members)

No new members this month.

THINKING ABOUT YOU

Sharon Duignan - Thinking of You, hip surgery
Lorraine Mines - Thinking of You, knee surgery.
Pat Tonar - Thinking of You, surgery
Diane Dobrinska - Thinking of You, surgery.
Mary Lou Jambor - Sympathy, sister's death

CHANGES / CORRECTION

Mary Ellen Anderson - email address,
YOU'VE GOT MAIL

I want to send a THANK YOU out to the wonderful ladies of the MWC for their warm and thoughtful birthday cards and birthday wishes. I am so grateful for all of you. Take care. Thank you once again

- Linda Cisar

Thank you for selecting me for the Merit Award . I am truly humbled by this honor bestowed upon me. I am grateful to serve with such wonderful women.

- Juanita Hammen

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

NIGHT BUNCO

1st Wednesday, August 5th, 6:30 PM

Hostess: **ON HOLD**

Results:

Most Wins:
Most Buncos:
Most Losses:
Door Prize:

If you are interested in being a sub please call Diane Dobrinska.

DAY BUNCO

3rd Wednesday, August 19th, 9:30 AM

Hostess: **ON HOLD**

Results:

Most Wins:
Most Buncos:
Most Losses:
Door Prize:

If interested in being a sub in this group, please call Diane Dobrinska.

GOLF

The Golfers have been playing. Contact **Pat Bird** at for questions about the Golf League and signing-up for next Spring.

BRIDGE

2nd Wednesday, August 12th, 11:00AM

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: **ON HOLD**

High:

2nd:

3rd:

Low:

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

ROUND ROBIN MARATHON BRIDGE

1st Tuesday, August 4th, 11:30AM

Red Lobster, Oakview

2707 South 140th Street (Oakview Dr)

Results: **ON HOLD**

1st:

2nd:

3rd:

Celeste Giery

BOOK CLUB

3rd Friday, August 14th, 9:30 AM

The Garden Café - Rockbrook Village

108th & West Center Road

ON HOLD

Questions: **Juanita Hammen** at

STITCH & CHAT

Last Wednesday, August 26th

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Hostess: **ON HOLD**

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

Any question, call

Pat Bond or **Dolores Hughes**

CINEMA CHICKS - **ON HOLD**

2nd Thursday, August 13th

Hopefully we will start in September .

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**

DINNING INN

THE LUNCH BUNCH - A Gourmet Dinning Club

1st Wednesday, August 5th, 12:00 Noon

Hostess: **Connie Gibb**

NOON DELIGHTS - A Gourmet Dinning Club

1st Monday, August 3rd, 12:00 Noon

Hostess: **Pat Goodyear**

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

BIRTHDAY GALS

Barbara Schlutz	August 4	Connie Konecny	August 12	Beth Stewart	August 19
Cindy Elwood	August 7	Mimi Dryden	August 14	Barbara Thompson	August 25
Carol Bauer	August 9	Betty Verch	August 15	Phyllis Weckerlin	August 26
Sharon Ramsey	August 10	Mary Beideck	August 18	Happy Birthday Ladies	

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 12:00 PM Noon Delights Luncheon	4 11:30 AM Round Robin CANCELLED	5 6:30 PM Evening Bunco CANCELLED	6	7 Golf	8
9	10	11 11:30 AM Social Noon Luncheon	12 11:00 AM Bridge	13 Cinema Chicks CANCELLED	14 Golf	15
16	17	18 10:00 AM Board Meeting 11:45 AM Birthday Bash Bash - CANCELLED	19 9:30 AM Morning Bunco CANCELLED	20	21 Golf 9:30 AM Book Club Book - CANCELLED	22
23	24	25 Gadabouts	26 1:00 PM Stitch & Chat CANCELLED	27	28 Golf	29
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Omaha, NE 68122-5014

Here is your
Metro Women's Club
Newsletter

CHARITY CHOICES FOR 2020-2021

Heartland Hope Mission

2021 "U" Street
Omaha, NE 68107
402-733-2077

Heartland Hope is more than a food pantry! Heartland Hope's mission supplies hope to struggling families helping them gain self-sufficiency. To meet this goal Heartland Hope gives a week's supply of food, household items, clothing, employment resources and other program referrals to anyone that comes through their doors. The two most sought after items are food and rent. Pastor Chelsea Salifou is the CEO of Heartland Hope and plants a seed of faith. This is a non-denominational charity with 95% of all donations going directly toward helping those in need. This charity appears organized, efficient and welcomes any and all donations, volunteers or interest to continue their mission.

P.A.C.E. (Police Athletics for Community Engagement)

Richard Gonzales
5105 S. 37th
Omaha, NE 68107
402-699-8140

The primary goal is to build stronger relationships between neighborhoods and the officers patrolling them. At a time of "pay to play" athletics, inner city and at risk youth are left out of these character building activities. P.A.C.E. is dedicated to offering athletics opportunities to at risk youth free of charge. No one is turned away. Core values are R.E.S.P.E.C.T. (Reliability, Enthusiasm, Sportsmanship, Positive Attitude, Education, Commitment, and Teamwork). In 2005 Latino Officer Tony, concerned about S Omaha youth, organized 6 soccer teams. By 2016 over 1000 kids participated and in 2019 over 5800. Officers and teams are all over Omaha. By 2016 when P.A.C.E. was officially organized South Omaha graffiti had decreased 97%, gangs decreased 77%, and shootings down over 70%. Programs have expanded to girls soccer, girls and baseball, CrossFit training, KOPS law enforcement educational training camps, ACT prep classes, flag football, and cooperation with after school programs. 98.5% of their budget comes from fundraising. They expected to reach over 6000 kids in 2020 but the pandemic has interfered. Cost have increased in hiring college students for disinfecting and assisting with social distancing.

Metro Women are invited to attend PACEs Championship Day Aug 1 from 10 - 7 (36th & P) where all teams will play, pictures taken, and awards given

Santa Monica House

401 S. 39th Street
Omaha, NE 68131
402-558-7088

Santa Monica House has delivered a comprehensive women's only addiction treatment program in Omaha since 1972. This program utilizes a holistic individualized treatment plan that includes therapy, individual and group meetings, job training, and housing. Often children are allowed to live with their mother during their treatment. Women are encouraged to improve their mental, physical, and spiritual lives to break the cycle of addiction and live full and productive lives. If selected as our charity our donations would be given to the women and children for personal care items, bus passes for job hunting or to jobs, and setting up apartments within their facilities. A third housing unit is being added to supply Omaha's growing need for women only recovery

THIS & THAT TIDBITS

Hi Everyone,

Miss seeing your smiling faces when we collect your lunch money. My favorite part of being treasurer is getting to see and greet each one of you when you come in the door. Other parts of my job I like are: One, the fine job you all did getting your dues in so Sue Odell could get the Directory ready. Two, getting to tally up all the money you all made for our charity last year. Wow! Kudos to all who worked so hard to get the \$12,500 for our charity Angels Among us. Three, knowing I'm a part of a club who cares about one another. Whatever this year brings we will all keep working to stay safe, check on one another, and be together when we can. I am available by phone and email if any of you have questions about the money or just want to talk about anything.

- Virtual Hugs Jean, your treasurer.

After 4-1/2 months, my husband and I were allowed to be with our 4 yr old granddaughter on Saturday! Oh, we FaceTime a lot, but what a blessing to be with her in person. No physical hugs, and we all wore masks even though we were outside. My son and daughter-in-law have been teaching her about social distancing, and Ava did great! So we plan to be extra careful not to do anything that would change that. We've stayed well, thank God.

There is a saying that the thing that matters is usually not the thing itself - it is what we make of it. My husband, Len, and I made use of any FaceTime we had with them by reading books, having virtual tea parties or having lunch at the same time. Love being a nana!

- Chris Sagenbrecht

Hi – this is Bobbie and Connie – 2nd Vice Presidents – in charge of arranging programs for our Lunch-eons. We thought we were being clever by not announcing our program for July, but that fell through.

Our program “Headliner” was Ablan Roblin, the writer, director, “funnyman”, and all around Entertainer. He was going to make us laugh and feel better than we had in a long time. Remember he was our Auctioneer for our Game Day the last years? We thought it was a real coup, since he and his wife were moving to Sacramento, CA, and this would be the last time he would be available.

Oh Well, the best laid plans of mice and “women”! For August, we had scheduled the Director from the Jun Kaneko Organization, Stephen Grot, to talk to us and give us a program on the arts and the work being done down at the Kaneko and Bemis Centers down in the “Old Market”. AGAIN, not happening – for safety reasons and concerns for our club. But we will have the opportunity to reschedule him.

Remember – we are continuing to work on your behalf. We think about our Club Members, often. So we will keep in touch. Please if you have any suggestions for future programs let Bobbie or Connie know. WE would love to hear from you.

Thank you,

- Bobbie Montequin and Connie Gibb