



# GREATER MUSKEGON WOMAN'S CLUB

*continuing the legacy*

## The President's Pen

President, **Lindy Olechnowicz**

Greetings Fellow Members of the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club -

Fall is quickly upon us and summer is fading away. I hope you had a great time making memories with family and friends over the last couple of months! We have been programmed since childhood that September is the time to get "back on track", to get organized and plan for the months ahead. The Board of Directors, Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs have had an opportunity to meet, brainstorm and set some objectives for the club year. It is a wonderful time to be part of the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club!! And, we are excited to share our plans with you!!

Please join us at the clubhouse on Wednesday, September 4th, 2013 at 1:00 pm for our annual Membership Tea. We will celebrate our clubhouse and our friendships! It is our time to get to know our newest members and to honor all of our members for their commitment to our legacy within our community. We will enjoy appetizers and desserts - and of course, have some tea. We will be starting the club year with entertainment by Studio France - School of Dance. We are anxious to share with you this year's Club Calendar, which offers many, many fun activities to be involved with the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Tea.

Affectionately,  
*Lindy*

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### Upcoming Events

#### September

4	Membership Tea	1PM
10	Book Talk	7PM
18	BOD Meeting	12N
19	LifeStyles	5:30PM
20	Newsletter Articles Due	5PM
22	Club House Tour	2-4PM

#### October

1	Book Talk	7PM
2	General Club Luncheon	12N
8	Glass Class with Jilly	5:30PM
16	BOD	12N
17	LifeStyles	5:30PM
18	Newsletter/Website Articles due	
19	LifeStyles Bus Trip	8:30AM

### 2013/2014 Board of Directors

**Lindy Olechnowicz**, President  
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**Dolores Brondyke**, Activities Chair  
**Dorothy Brink**, Member at Large  
**Nancy Bierenga**, Parliamentarian

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE****Julie Haines, Chair**

The BOD decided that, rather than once again printing a yearbook that needs immediate correction, members will have an opportunity at the September Membership Tea to review the roster information and make any necessary corrections. The new Yearbooks will be available at the October luncheon.

If you would like to advertise your business in the Yearbook and on the Website, we are offering a combined rate of \$200. You may also choose to have an ad in the yearbook only for \$100 or on the website only for \$120. Please contact Nancy Bierenga for more information.

Our September 7 Membership Tea is coming up very soon! We will have a special presentation of all 2012-2013 fiscal year new members. They will each receive a gift.

**Welcome to our Newest Members**

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**About Town**

- ◇ Rah! Rah! Is a fund raiser for Read Muskegon held annually at the Hampton Green Farms. It will be on Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 5:30-8:00 PM Tickets are \$35 each. Contact Read Muskegon at 903-0888 for reservations.
- ◇ Read Muskegon is also looking for more reading tutors for the coming school year. Their mission is to help adults learn to read. If you are available to spend an hour or so per week helping someone with this very important skill, please call 903-0888 for more information.

**Wish List**

- ◇ We're wishing for more donations to help replace the curtains in the ballroom. We are planning an emergency roof repair followed by repainting the ballroom. What a great time that would be to replace our rotting drapes and curtains. We have \$200 saved and need about \$150 more as the price of curtains has gone up.

**September Office Hours** You will be able to access the club during the following times:

September 4 11:30-3:30  
18 12N-2PM



## Days Gone By

One more month of “vacation” for Karin for this column

Karin Carlson

### Manners and Morals

con't. from the book *Manners and Morals of Victorian America* by Wayne Erbsen

#### Hand Shaking

- ◇ It is always the lady's privilege to extend the hand first. (1883)
- ◇ People who extend you one or two fingers or part of the hand only when they attempt to shake hands with you, expose unbounded egotism, ignorance, foolishness and serpentine hypocrisy...A man who shakes a lady's hand with a tight squeeze and holds it unusually long will bear watching. (1889)
- ◇ Offer the whole hand. It is an insult, and indicates snobbery, to present two fingers. (1883)
- ◇ When shaking hands, it is also insulting to return a warm, cordial greeting with a lifeless hand. (1883)

#### Health

- ◇ Tobacco lulls and dulls the sensibilities, blunts the moral nature. It is the next door neighbor to rum-drinking. It injures and disarranges the nervous system, makes those who use it cross, peevish, snappish and snarling, often paralyzing some part of the body, weakens energy of mind, and, in some cases, predisposes to softening of the brain. (1894)
- ◇ Three castor beans, strung on a silk thread and hung around your neck, will prevent cholera—if you draw the thread tight enough. (1878)

#### Home and Family

- ◇ Memories of Home            There is one vision that never fades from the soul, and that is the vision of mother and of home. No man in all his weary wanderings ever goes out beyond the overshadowing arch of home. (1916)
- ◇ Not to Strangers            Never give all all your pleasant words and smiles to strangers. The kindest words and the sweetest smiles should be reserved for home. Home should be our heaven. (1883)
- ◇ No Home for a Bachelor    There cannot be a home where there is no wife. To talk of a home without love, we might as well expect to find a New England fireside in one of the pyramids of Egypt. (1894)

## Literature and Drama

Toni Seyferth, chair

### Book Talk ~Let's Get Together!!!!



Meetings at 7pm Location to be determined each month. Attendees are asked to bring a snack or beverage to pass.

At our July meeting we took a few minutes to choose books for the rest of 2013. Please feel free to join us at any meeting if you're interested in that book. Location for each meeting will be determined at the meeting prior.

Sept. 10 *Second Glance* by Jodi Picoult at Ruth Lofton's home

Oct. 1 *A Dirty Job* by Christopher Moore

Nov. 5 *Gap Creek* by Robert Morgan

Dec. 3 *If You Could See What I See* by Cathy Lamb

## LIFESTYLES

Nancy Bierenga, chair

At our September 19 meeting, we will be talking about healthy eating. If you have any healthy recipes that you really enjoy, please bring a copy along so we can share these (additional copies can be made at the club for everyone in attendance). Also, if you would be able to bring the healthy food that evening for our potluck, it would be fun to try the foods. If you aren't able to bring something you prepare because you come right after work, that's fine, too. Please join us anyway! We will also try to save some time to change the décor at the club from summer to fall.

In the future, there are some months when I will prepare a light supper and will pass the cost along to everyone who attends at \$5 per person. Any extra money we will use for additional seasonal decorations.

We are also planning three fun bus trips for the 2013-2014 club year. These trips are "Revenue Neutral" which means the club doesn't make money from the trip—actual costs are passed on to attendees. Because we aren't making money, we also can't pass extra costs on to the club. We want to encourage our members to attend, but we'll also be using the trips to try to get new members for the club. If you have friends who might enjoy the trip, please invite them. The bus we use has 44 seats. We hope to sell out each trip. Reservations will begin on the date announced. Our first trip is October 19 when we'll Go North! Go South! will be held on April 26. We will also have an overnight trip June 13-14 to the Old Mission Peninsula and Wine Divas Uncorked.



**Plan Now to join us for our Bus Trip on October 19.  
\$25.00 covers the bus only.**

**We will leave from the parking lot behind the Chamber of Commerce building (across from the Holiday Inn) at 8:30 AM.  
1st stop: Breakfast at 750 Grill on Whitehall Rd.  
Then our tour will take us on north to Claybanks Pottery, the Cherry Point Market, Foxtail Winery, and lunch and shopping in Pentwater.**

**On the way home we'll stop at Country Dairy and Lewis Farm Market on the way back to Muskegon by 5PM.**

**Whether or not there are colored leaves on the trees, we will have a great time together!  
We have 40 seats available. Reservations will be held with full payment only. Plan to pay at the September Tea if you'd like to go with us.**

**If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact Nancy Bierenga  
(nancy@housesbynancy.com or 231.730.0887) by Oct.15.**

**Baked Zucchini Chips**

1 zucchini                      canola cooking spray                      seasoned salt, or other seasoning of your choice

Preheat oven to 225 degrees Fahrenheit. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or nonstick foil, and spray with canola oil. Set aside.

Slice zucchini into thin medallions, about the thickness of a quarter. (You can either use a knife & a very steady hand, or a mandoline slicer.)

Lay out slices on prepared baking sheet, and spray tops lightly with additional cooking spray. Sprinkle with seasonings of your choice. (A note on seasoning, however - use LESS than what seems appropriate. These shrink considerably in the oven, and if you use too much it gets very concentrated. It's better to end up under-seasoning and add more later.)

Place in preheated oven and bake 45 minutes. Rotate baking sheet, and bake an additional 30-50 minutes, until chips are browned and crisped to your liking. These are best eaten within a couple hours of removing from the oven, as they start to get chewy if left out. One zucchini makes one serving (1/4 C. - 1/3 C. of chips depending on the size of your squash)

## Greater Muskegon Woman's Club "Help Wanted" Section

The Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to assist in the success of our club in many ways. What talents can you offer in Continuing the Legacy of our club?? There are so many ways to serve. Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions.



**Membership Committee** - One of the goals for the club year is to increase membership to 80 members. In order to assist the Membership Chair, Julie Haines, the following positions have been created within the committee:

**Administrative** - This position would involve assisting with new member packets, invitations to membership drives and preparing for new member orientations.

**Community Liaison** - This position would involve making contacts with organizations like the Welcome Wagon, Chamber of Commerce, Realtors Promoting Muskegon and others to increase membership awareness.

**Membership Drive** - This position would involve leading a membership drive within our community, at least one time per year, to increase overall membership and awareness of the GMWC within the community.

**Orientation** - This position would involve organizing new member orientations, as needed, within the club year.

**Retention/New Member Involvement** - This position would assist in getting new members involved in club events and activities and focus on the retention of our existing members.



**House and Grounds Committee** - One of the goals for the upcoming club year is to improve our clubhouse through regular maintenance, cleaning and coordinating of supplies.

**House and Grounds Chair** - This board position would involve attending monthly BOD meetings, overseeing and assisting committee members with objectives for rentals, maintenance and supplies.

**Maintenance Coordinator** - This position would involve scheduling of maintenance and custodial services, meeting vendors at the clubhouse and assuring that clubhouse related concerns are being addressed.

**Office/Supplies Coordinator** - This position would involve maintaining an inventory of club office supplies, including printing of blank thank you cards, envelopes and various supplies for correspondence from club activities and gifts.



**Finance Committee** - One of the goals of the club year is to update the Strategic Plan and begin to formulate a long term Major Gifts and Bequests program.

**Strategic Plan** - This position would involve reviewing the Strategic Plan for 2011-2016 and updating our club objectives and plans since its last review in August 2012.

**Major Gifts and Bequests** - This position would involve working with the Finance Chair, Karen Andrie, to develop a long term plan to pursue donations within our community.

Please contact Lindy Olechnowicz for more information on any of these positions at 231-206-0558 or by email at: [lindy@platinumbuilders.net](mailto:lindy@platinumbuilders.net).

## Hampton Green Farm Event Report

Chair, Karen Andrie

Hampton Green Farm was a great success, making a profit of \$9,462.72 for our club! I would like to thank our Sponsors: Platinum Development Builders, Élan Realty, Andrie Inc., Waterstone Insurance Agency, Inc., Axa Insurance/Frank Lewandoski, The VanKampen Boyer Molinari Foundation, and The Staff at Hampton Green Farm. Our silent auction was a big part of our success and I would like to thank the following donors: Debbe Matrone, Lindy Olechnowicz, Andrie, Inc., Loribeth Clark, Sharon Beck, Rae Jean Erickson, Toni Seyferth, and Sarah Andrie. I would like to thank and recognize the committee: Loribeth Clark, Nancy Bierenga, Karen Andrie and Debbe Matrone. And, of course I would like to thank all that came to the event for your support- I hope you had an enjoyable evening!

### Upcoming Events/Save the Date

Some of these events are explained elsewhere in the newsletter. If you'd like more information about any of the events, please contact the chair that is listed by the event.

#### Glass Class with Jilly

Chair Nancy Bierenga 231-730-0887

Last year we had two glass classes with Jill Barnes. In both classes we made pendants. This year we're going to make Christmas ornaments or Sun catchers on October 8.

The event will begin with a soup and salad supper at 5:30.

More details will be announced at the luncheon on Sept. 4.

#### LifeStyles Bus Trip—Go North!

Chair—Nancy Bierenga 231-730-0887

Look for the table at the Membership Tea on Sept. 4 where you will be able to sign up and pay \$25 to reserve your space.

#### Website Updating

Co-Chairs Stacey Bierling and Nancy Bierenga 231-730-0887

Stacey will be updating the website and posting the newsletter monthly on the weekend after the newsletter is published. If you have items to be put on the website, please mail or email Nancy Bierenga by the Friday following the Board Meeting.

#### Antique Event

We have a fun opportunity to have a joint event with a local chapter of Questers. It is a group of antique lovers who gather monthly to learn about "old stuff", visit old buildings, do a project, etc. They have an auction the 2nd Wednesday of November each year. The members all bring things and resell them. The funds they raise go toward a project. The meeting will begin with a soup and salad potluck dinner and then the sale. They have offered to split the proceeds of the evening with the Woman's Club.

The date for the event is Wednesday, November 13.

A Save the Date card will be distributed at the Sept. 4 Membership Tea. Be sure to put the dates that interest you on your calendar!

**Philanthropy**

Carolyn Bowen

These are the groups that will benefit from our monthly offerings for this club year:

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| <b>September - Pound Buddies</b>              | <b>February - Local Chapter American Red Cross</b> |
| <b>October - Baby Pantry/Books for Babies</b> | <b>March - Mission for Area People Meds</b>        |
| <b>November - Rescue Mission</b>              | <b>April - Meals on Wheels/Books for Babies</b>    |
| <b>December - Lake Woods Nursing Home</b>     | <b>May - Everywoman's Place</b>                    |
| <b>January - No Meeting</b>                   | <b>June - Sacred Suds</b>                          |

Our September Philanthropy offering is for Pound Buddies. They need a lot of “stuff” to keep the Shelter going and care for the dogs. Here is the list of items for you to consider for purchase for the offering. If you would prefer you can make a monetary donation.

**Pet Supplies**

- ◇ Dry puppy and kitten food
- ◇ Dry dog and cat food
- ◇ Canned puppy and dog food
- ◇ Small dog treats, small dog biscuits, flat rawhides
- ◇ Frontline Flea Preventative
- ◇ Frontline Plus
- ◇ Martingale dog collars
- ◇ Hard dog toys (Kongs, boomer balls, tug-a-jugs, and cuz-balls)



**Laundry & Cleaning Supplies**

- ◇ Bleach
- ◇ HE Laundry Detergent
- ◇ Paper towels
- ◇ Dryer sheets
- ◇ Liquid dishwasher detergent
- ◇ Antibacterial hand soap
- ◇ Long handled scrub brushes and squeegees
- ◇ Stainless steel pooper-scoopers
- ◇ Large and small garbage bags

**Office Supplies**

- ◇ White-Out
- ◇ Scotch Tape
- ◇ Postage Stamps
- ◇ AA batteries
- ◇ 20# white copy paper, printer cartridges—call 231-724-6500 for details

**Miscellaneous**

- ◇ Gift cards (Meijer, PetCo, PetSmart, Pet Supplies Plus, Office Depot, etc.)
- ◇ Large size live traps



**Big Wishes**

- ◇ New van for animal transport
- ◇ Tablet PC for previewing our Web-based “Adoptable Pets” at Adopt-a-Dog events



**October Philanthropy**

We will again be having a baby shower for the Baby Pantry. You all made it so successful last year that I am planning it for our 10/2 luncheon. They basically need the same things:

- Clothes to size 5T (can be gently used)
- Diapers (all sizes & Pull-ups too) & diaper wipes
- Baby hygiene products: baby wash, powder, oil, shampoo
- Crib sheets
- Sippy cups & bottles



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**Our Mission Statement:**

To promote a high quality of life in the greater Muskegon community.

**Our Vision Statement:**

The Greater Muskegon Woman's Club serves the community through:

- Education
- The Arts
- Service
- Community Activities
- Scholarship

These aspects are accomplished through a combination of social and philanthropic efforts and by providing an historic meeting place.



*September*

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to this month's celebrating members!

<p>4 Julie Haines</p> <p>7 Kathy Viculis</p> <p>10 Loribeth Clark</p> <p>11 Marlene Dykstra</p> <p>15 Carol Thompson</p> <p>16 Linda Griffith</p> <p>Rebecca Andrie</p>	<p>17 Ruth Lofton</p> <p>21 Deborah Matrone</p> <p>23 Deborah Roest</p> <p>25 Renee Caliendo</p> <p>27 RaeJean Erickson</p> <p>Candy Ashley</p> <p>30 Jennie Naffie</p>	
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**Living Green**

The city of Muskegon has arranged a Paper Shredding Event on Sept. 21 between 10AM and 2PM in the Hall of Justice parking lot (900 Terrace St.).

All paper that includes a social security number or other private information should be shredded. This includes applications for credit cards (junk mail).

They will shred up to 100 lbs. of paper per person. No magazines, glossy paper, or newspapers. All shredded paper will be sold to make more paper! This is truly Living Green!