

GREATER MUSKEGON WOMAN'S CLUB

continuing the legacy



The President's Pen

President, Melissa Slorf

Dear Ladies of the Club,

Summer will be winding down soon and I can hardly believe it. We have just a month before the kids go back to school and it only feels like the end of June. Summer is fleeting but, I am looking forward to our regular routine of luncheons and teas. Aren't you? =)

With the new club year ahead of us please consider volunteering for a club event or serving on a committee. It takes all of us to make our club successful and to be a presence in our community. We are looking forward to our traditions like Gingerbread, Dr. Seuss Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast, Women of Accomplishment etc., and making new ones too. Our Board Retreat will be talking about this and how we can improve ourselves and perfect what we already do. I love seeing the Watch Muskegon signs around town. This is my hometown and I am so proud of how we are improving the city. Let's "Go" too! What an exciting time in our history as a community and our club. The downtown area is taking off, we are in such a great position to showcase our best. If you ever have ideas or thoughts about anything to do with the club I would love to hear them. With our 125th anniversary year, if you have some memories of the club or remember a time we were at our finest please let Karin Carlson know. Or better yet join our 125th year celebration committee!

Watch out for the new year book currently under construction, at the September meeting. You can always follow us on our website and on Facebook. Don't forget about our September tea on the 2nd at 1p.m.!

Enjoy the beautiful weather we are having and see you in September!



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August

4	Book Talk	
	No General Club Meeting	
9	Club History Tour	2-4 PM
19	BOD Retreat	9AM-5PM
21	Newsletter Articles Due	5PM

September

1	Book Talk	7PM
2	Membership Tea	1PM
13	Club History Tour	2-4PM
16	BOD Meeting	12N
18	Newsletter Articles Due	5PM

2015/2016 Board of Directors

Melissa Slorf, President
 Loribeth Clark, Immediate Past President
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 Laurel Sass, President-Elect
 Ashley Schnotala, Treasurer
 Karin Carlson, Recording Secretary
 Katherine Gietzen, Corres. Secretary
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 Loribeth Clark, Communications Chair
 Karen Andrie, Finance Chair
 Dorothy Brink, House and Grounds Chair
 Tatiana Schultz, Parliamentarian
 Lindy Olechnowicz, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

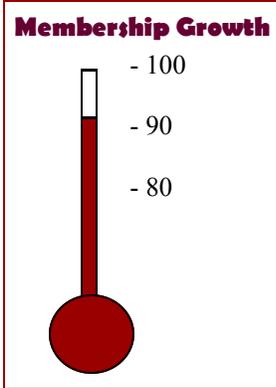
Lindy Olechnowicz, Chair

If you know someone who may be interested in membership, please contact Karin Carlson or Barbara Scott who will promptly contact them!

Remember that this our 125th Anniversary as a club. We will be having special speakers each meeting plus a special meeting in October. Be sure to fill out the form on page 7 about your memories of the club.

Getting to Know You

Please be sure to fill out the form on page 6, print it, and mail it to Karin Carlson so she can write an article about you.



The new yearbook is under construction. Please be sure that if you intend to renew your membership you mail a check to the club as soon as possible so you can be included in the new Yearbook. They will be distributed at the September Membership Tea.

If you are interested in helping to underwrite the cost of having the yearbook printed or for the website and advertise for your business at the same time, we once again have a sponsorship package. The cost is \$50 for the newsletter or the yearbook ad or \$75 for both. A check, payable to GMWC, may be mailed to the club. Please notify Loribeth Clark at 231-288-6404 or LoribethClark4@gmail.com that you sent the check. She will need your logo if this is a new ad.



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

- August 4 7-8 PM
- 9 2-4PM
- 19 12N-2PM

Philanthropy

Carolyn Bowen

White Dinner Event

I would like to thank Laurel Sass, Melissa Slorf, and Pam Caris for all their help, input, and their delicious desserts to make this event a success. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the committee members from Pound Buddies for all their help: Lynn Jazdyk, Cathy Brubaker-Clarke, and Lana Carson. A special thank you goes our to Sandy Wellington and her husband David, to my sister Barb, and my niece Sarah, for all their help the evening of the event. I could not have done this wonderful event without the help of all involved. Thank you. Carolyn

Please keep saving Boxtops for Education and Labels for education. This is an ongoing project.



***Manners and Morals of Victorian America* by Wayne Erbsen**

Woman Suffrage

- ◇ A large part of the suffrage movement at present, in its fervor and fury, represents the acme of hysterical feminine thoughtlessness and unrest. (1913)
- ◇ It must be remembered that twenty-six states in the Union have today some form of limited female suffrage, which, however is of so little interest to the women concerned that the voting right is very rarely used. It is estimated that less than 2per cent of the New England women who are entitled and urged to vote upon school matters, ever take advantage of their opportunity. (1913)
- ◇ It will be an irreparable calamity to extend further the suffrage to woman. It is important that woman should be aware of that fact, and equally so that man should see clearly how to vindicate himself from the charge of oppression and tyranny. (1909)
- ◇ The average woman has as much brains as the average man, and average persons are going to do the greater part of the voting, but the woman lacks endurance in things mental; her fortitudes are physical and spiritual. She lacks nervous stability. The suffragists who dismay England are nerve-sick women. (1913)
- ◇ What will happen when the polling place is located in a millenary shop? (1909)

Since Karin is taking a month off, we're going to finish up the book of *Manners and Morals*.

Writing & Penmanship

Character and Penmanship

Character is frequently judged by handwriting. Write a good, clear, legible hand, without any flourishes, and always use the best and the blackest of ink. The typewriter is employed only for business correspondence. For social correspondence use only Irish-linen white note paper unruled, with square envelopes to match. Fancy or tinted note paper of any kind is vulgar. (1896)

Writing a Good Hand

To write a good hand is an essential accomplishment which every woman should acquire. (*The Ladies' World*, 1897)

Refinement in Writing

Plain white unruled paper is always the most refined and elegant for note-paper and envelopes, though a delicate gray is not in bad taste. Place the postage stamp in a straight, that is, vertical position, in the upper right hand of the envelope. It argues great carelessness to the stamp on in any sort of a fashion. (1897)

Typewriters

What we should do without the little machine that serves us so faithfully I do not know. The typewriter is limited to business purposes. It cannot be used for personal letters, love-letters, or letters of an intimate, personal, or confidential character. (1910)

Very Bad Penmanship

The boy who would pick up the half-consumed cigar and smoke out the balance of the stump, thinking that thereby he makes a man of himself, will look upon bad penmanship, when executed by distinguished men, as an evidence of genius, and is not unlikely to imagine himself a great man, because he imitates their pot-hooks and scrawls. (1883)

Next month we will begin to fill this space with Victorian recipes from the Downtown Abby cookbook.

LIFESTYLES

Nancy Bierenga, chair

We had ten women gathered at The Deck in July. The weather, food, and company were all terrific. In fact, we've been enjoying this dining out together so much that we have decided to increase our "dates" to monthly. Please try to join us on August 17 at Dockers at 6PM. Contact Nancy by noon that day so we can make a reservation.

If you have a suggestion of a restaurant we should try, please contact Nancy. We try to eat at locally owned restaurants.



Literature and Drama

Toni Seyferth, chair



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

Attendees are asked to bring a snack or beverage to pass. Please feel free to join us at any meeting if you're interested in that book, whether or not you've had time to read the book. All meetings are at the club in the Tearoom at 7 PM unless otherwise announced. At our August meeting we will also be choosing books for the future.

Next meeting,

The Girl on the Train, by Paula Hawkins,
Sharp Objects, by Gillian Flynn

August 4
Sept. 1

Last Month's Book Review

China Dolls by Lisa See

This is an historical fiction starting in the late 1930's that includes WWII. It is a story of three American "Oriental" girls who meet by chance in San Francisco in the late 1930's while trying out as nightclub dancers on the outskirts of Chinatown. Each come from different backgrounds and the story centers around their friendship as they perform at night clubs, become being friends and then turning enemies. We chose it based on loving 3 books we had previously read by Lisa See. ("Shanghai Girls", "Dreams of Joy", and "Snowflower and the Secret Fan". --- All 3 were rated at 5 stars !). We rated this at 3.5 star- Good, but not as enjoyable as her previous reads.



Remember our 50/50 raffles at our general club luncheons, with proceeds to support the annual *Fine Arts Scholarship!*

Yes! I'd like to help provide a Fine Arts Scholarship to an area high school student! Enclosed is my check.

Name

Address

Phone

Committee Chairs 2015-2016

- ◇ Activities: Sharon Beck
- ◇ Arts: Ruth Lofton
- ◇ Communications: Loribeth Clark
- ◇ Community Enrichment: Florence Stahl
- ◇ Finance: Karen Andrie
- ◇ House and Grounds: Dorothy Brink
- ◇ Lifestyles: Nancy Bierenga
- ◇ Membership: Lindy Olechnowicz
- ◇ Philanthropy: Carolyn Bowen
- ◇ Rentals: Sharon Beck

The Board of Directors is looking for a chair for the Gingerbread event in November. Note that this could be a team or an individual. Please contact Melissa Slorf if you are able to fill this important position.

Reminders From the Board of Directors

- ◇ A gentle reminder to all members – please refrain from using the club’s group email list for personal and/or professional requests. Should you have a request you would like to extend to members, you may do so at our General Club meeting as long as your request is in line with our mission and goals. To present such a request, simply contact Melissa Slorf and ask that it be placed on the meeting agenda. If accepted, you may also place your request in the newsletter.
- ◇ The 2015-2016 Yearbook will be printed this summer. To ensure that your contact information is printed correctly, please contact Karin Carlson (231.788.3050 or karinc1146@yahoo.com) by the end of July and verify the following:
 - ◇ Correct listing and spelling of your name
 - ◇ Complete address
 - ◇ Phone numbers
 - ◇ Email address
- ◇ We will be planning a yearlong celebration in honor of our 125th anniversary during the 2015-2016 club year, so every General Club meeting will be special. Please put on your ‘thinking caps’ for special ways to celebrate – all of your suggestions are welcome! Also, please return your ‘Getting to Know You’ and ‘Memories’ sheets distributed at our May meeting (and in the July newsletter), as we would like to include your memories of the club in our 125th Anniversary Booklet.

A gathering place for the community



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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.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to this month's celebrating members!



- 2 Barbara Boucher
- Karen Panozzo
- 4 Claudia Nepley
- 5 Jill Barnes
- 6 Karen McMahan
- Barbara Scott
- 9 Toni Seyferth
- 15 Sandra Sain
- 21 Sarah Rooks
- 25 Sandy Garrett
- 27 Kendra Andrie
- 30 Douglas Hughes