



The President's Pen

President, **Melissa Slorf**

Dear Ladies of the Club,

I am reflecting on the last year and I can't believe that it has been a year! Time has flown by and it has been a busy time. We had such a special year being our 125th anniversary year; it has been a time of honoring our past and building towards the future. I am so thankful for all of you that have put so much of your time and energy into the club. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president this year. I am so grateful for all of your encouragement and kind words over the year. To our amazing board, I could not have done this job without their wisdom and grace, thank you!

We have had some changes this year, one of them being our philanthropy program. Thank you to those of you that had participated in going to The Boys and Girls Club, Catholic Charities Baby Panty and, The Hope Project. This was a great way for us to make our presence known in the community and I am excited to see how this grows in the future!

Please join our last meeting of this club year on June 1st at 1pm. We will be installing our new board and having a tea. Come and show your support for them! This is a great time to think about how you will be involved in this new club year. What are your passions? What can you bring to the table? Are you interested in the up keep of the clubhouse? Do you like to interact with the community? Do you like helping with events? Maybe you like working with children at the gingerbread house building, or maybe you like to work behind the scenes.

Whatever the gifts and talents you have, we all have something. I would encourage you to take ownership of your part in the club this upcoming year. It belongs to us all!

Please stay connected to the club through our website and newsletter. We of course do not have any regular club meetings during the summer months. If I do not see you at the tea, I hope you all have a great summer and enjoy the simple things. West Michigan is a great place to be especially in the summer. Take advantage of living in this beautiful state that we get to call home! See you in September!

"Continuing the Legacy",

Melissa



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June

1	Membership Tea	1PM
9	Scholarship Awards Reception	6:30PM
15	BOD	12N
24	Newsletter Articles Due	5PM
29	Book Club	7PM

July

	Summer Break—no club meeting	
20	BOD Meeting	12N
22	Newsletter Articles Due	5PM
27	Book Club	9:30AM

2015/2016 Board of Directors

Melissa Slorf, President
Loribeth Clark, Immediate Past President
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Laurel Sass, President-Elect
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Katherine Gietzen, Corresp. Secretary
Sandra Sain, Member at Large
Sharon Beck, Activities Chair
Loribeth Clark, Communications Chair
Karen Andrie, Finance Chair
Dorothy Brink, House and Grounds Chair
Tatiana Schultz, Parliamentarian
Dolores Brondyke, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**Dolores Brondyke, Chair**

Congratulations to Sandy Wellington who won the free membership for next year. She says she volunteered at Gingerbread, Green Eggs & Ham, Women of Accomplishment, and Junk to Jewels. Sandy can always be found helping with one event or another behind the scenes, so she was certainly at work more than this short list details. Thanks for all your service, and again, a sincere and heart-deep Congratulations!

Membership invoices will be sent out in the near future. Please be sure to either pay in full or for half-year as soon as possible so you will be included in the 2016-2017 Yearbook which will be assembled during the summer. If you have moved, changed your phone number, or changed or added an email address, please be sure that's on your invitation so the new handbook can have up-to-date information.

Prayers and happy healing thoughts for our Club member, Jilly Barnes, following surgery. Jilly will be undergoing chemotherapy in the near future. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers during the coming weeks.

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

June	1	12N-2PM
	9	5:00PM-7 PM
	15	12N-2PM
	29	7PM-8:30PM

Philanthropy**Hannah Rogers and Melissa Slorf**

Every Woman's Place and Webster House Youth Services strengthen families in Muskegon, Newaygo and Oceana Counties. Every Woman's Place provides services for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. They provide a safe place for housing and counseling for abused women and their children. They also help to provide the items needed to begin in a new home after graduating from the shelter = like personal care and household items. Diapers are always in great need.

Our philanthropy offering at our June tea will be for Every Woman's Place.





Days Gone By son

Karin Carl-

History of the Junior Department

The year was 1912 . . .

. . . when on a visit to Chicago, Mrs. Walter Curtis Foote was invited to a meeting of the *Chicago Woman's Club* and was amazed to discover the existence of their Junior Department made up of the daughters of club members.

Upon her return to Muskegon, her news was warmly received and quickly implemented when three young ladies, **Fannie Steketee, Martha Towner, and Frazelle Boucher**, daughters of club members, took it upon themselves to organize a meeting.

A total of eight young ladies attended that first meeting at which a name was chosen and basic bylaws set in place, and so it was the *Young Women's Guild* of Muskegon Woman's Club came into being open to unmarried daughters sixteen years or older. It *was* the very first Junior Club of any federated club in the whole state of Michigan!

Like their mothers before them, the young ladies met in the homes of their fellow members and socialized over tea. Their club responsibilities were limited to ushering and serving tea at Senior Club meetings as well as planning an annual program for the club. Their first years were tenuous at best, and the small group languished with little forward movement or progress.

By 1920 there were only fourteen junior members making it difficult to perform the duties required of them. It was at that time that the Senior Club finally approved a bylaw change for the juniors opening its membership to women of non-members, 18-25, and membership soon blossomed to thirty-four young ladies, mainly librarians, teachers, and other young professionals.

In order to accommodate the new members, meeting times were changed to evenings. Another bylaw change made the *Young Women's Guild* a department of the club allowing them to now hold their meetings in the clubhouse instead of individual homes, which was becoming more difficult with so many members. This proved to be an incentive to the young ladies. Newly energized and heady with excitement, they were now ready to attempt bigger and better things.

By far, their most ambitious undertaking that year was the production of a grand play, *The Princess* with a cast of thirty. Costume rental alone was \$90 while a drama coach from *Muskegon High School* was another \$25, a risky adventure for the young club members.

All's well that ends well, however, as they performed two nights to an overflowing clubhouse audience and rave reviews and clearing \$136. A precedent had been set as the juniors went on to perform annual plays for years to come much to the delight of both club members and the community.

Throughout the 1920's the juniors were also renowned for their wonderfully, elaborately themed dances that utterly and magically transformed this very ballroom with hand-made decorations, programs, and table covers. Even the names of the dances are enchanting and give clues as to how the ballroom was magically transformed –

Rainbow Dance, Snowball Dance, Wisteria Ball, Under the Sea Dance, and Jack Frost Dance

Their dances became so popular with the young people of the community that they soon outgrew the ballroom and were moved to the larger Occidental Hotel Ballroom to accommodate in excess of 300 guests.

The *Young Women's Guild* continued to grow and change for over 70 years with a rich and varied history – much too much for just one telling, and so their story will continue next month.

Karin



LIFESTYLES**Nancy Bierenga, chair**

Our next Dine Out is June 27. We're meeting at The Lake House on the patio at 6PM.

Wine Divas Uncorked is June 10. 21 of us will be having a great time together. Watch for a picture next month.

Preliminary plans are being made for a bus trip going north on Oct. 1. The plan is to replicate the trip we took a couple years ago if all the stops are still in business and open at that time of year. We will start with breakfast, go on to Clay Banks Pottery north of Whitehall, then Cherry Point Market, Fox Tail Winery, up to Pentwater for lunch and shopping. In the afternoon we'll stop at Country Dairy for ice cream, Lewis Farm Market for cheese bread and produce, and back to Muskegon. The cost will be about \$30 pp and will cover only the bus and driver's tip. Reservations will be available with the bus cost being non-refundable (but you can find a substitute if you can't go). Space will be limited to 40.

If you would be interested in an oil painting class at the club, please let me know. The cost for the class would be about \$50 and you would go home with the painting.

Arts and Entertainment**Ruth Lofton, chair****Book Talk ~Let's Get Together!!!!**

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 unless otherwise announced. Evening meeting attendees are asked to bring a snack and/or beverage to share. AM meetings, coffecake and coffee are provided.

Next meeting: June 29 7PM

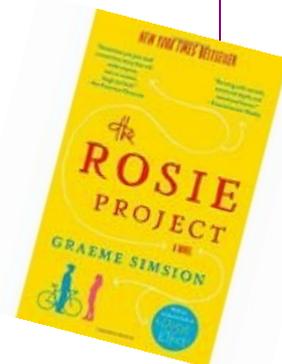
NOTE—Date and time have changed. Alternate months the meetings will be in the morning!

Future meetings: July 27 9:30AM

The June 29 book will be *The Rosie Project: A Novel*

This international bestselling romantic comedy is "bursting with warmth, emotional depth, and...humor," (*Entertainment Weekly*) featuring the oddly charming, socially challenged genetics professor, Don, as he seeks true love.

The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner: a sixteen-page, scientifically valid survey to filter out the drinkers, the smokers, the late arrivers.

**High School Scholarship Information**

The Scholarship Committee did receive four applications and is in the process of final interviews and choosing a recipient. There will be a Cake and Punch Reception on the evening of June 9 at 6:30 PM for you to meet the recipient and to award the prize.



Happenings of Note:

Our Membership Recognition Luncheon Included:

Presentation of Anniversary Certificates to:

- ◇ Five Year Members – Carolyn Bowen, Pam Caris, Karin Carlson, Rae Jean Erickson, Doug Hughes, Bonnie Kellogg, Laurel Sass, Sarah Sass, and Sandy Wellington
- ◇ Ten Year Member – Deb Roest
- ◇ Fifteen Year Members – Ruth Hillman, Martha McKinney, Florence Stahl, and Carol Thompson

2016-2017 Election of Officers:

The nominating committee report was presented by Dolores Brondyke

Slate of Candidates presented:

President-elect: Barbara Scott

Vice-president: Gavonnie Williams

Recording Secretary: Karin Carlson

Treasurer: Paula Martin

Member-at-Large: Pam Caris

Nominating Committee: Karen Panozzo

Motion: Moved by Karin Carlson, seconded by Carol Thompson, and carried: That the Nominated Ballot become the Elected Ballot

These members, along with incoming President, Laurel Sass, will be installed at the June 1 tea.



*The Board of Directors invites all members to attend the
Installation Tea on*

June 1, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Philanthropy Offering will benefit Every Woman's Place

Refreshments Compliments of the Board Members

There will be no charge to the club members or guests for this tea

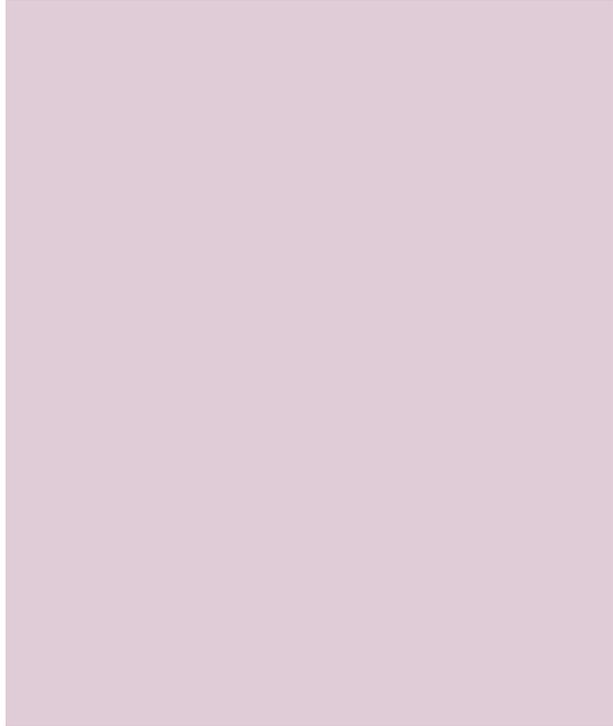
RSVP to your caller or Karen McMahon by May 27, 2016

You may bring a guest but you are asked to add the guest to your RSVP



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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
- Scholarships

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



Birthdays

- 1 Sharon Beck
- 2 Barbara Wagenmaker
- 4 Jean Pataky
- 9 Roberta Tetzlaff
- 13 Tresha Kidder
- 23 Kitty Gietzen



May BOD Notes and Motions:
Motions carried:

- ◇ A Dedicated Fund was established for a Women of Accomplishment Speaker Fund
- ◇ Melissa Slorf was given permission to borrow the Cub's easel board for the weekend
- ◇ Kitty Gietzen's donation of two rose-colored chairs for the clubhouse was accepted