

GREATER MUSKEGON WOMAN'S CLUB

continuing the legacy



The President's Pen

President, **Laurel Sass**

Hello everyone!

Where did the last month go? Wow! Why does summer go by so quickly? It's unbelievable how fast time flies through the summer months. I hope you are continuing to have a fun-filled summer complete with family, friends, sunshine and lots of activities.

With summer more than half way done, it means our membership tea in September is getting closer! I look forward to seeing everyone, hopefully tan and with summer stories to share!

The board will have its annual Board Retreat in August as well. We look forward to getting together and coming up with some fresh ideas for the club.

We have officially launched our new philanthropy program. Hannah Rogers and Melissa Slorf did a great job of putting this program together so that we may help non-profits and other organizations that are in need for a longer period of time. If you know of an organization that would benefit from our new program, please contact Hannah at hmrog14@gmail.com.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, a cruise ship full of vacationers docked in our wonderful downtown. On July 4, a group of GMWC members took the time to greet passengers as they were exiting the ship! Ladies of the club dressed in Victorian period clothing and our clubhouse was open for tours. A large group of cruise ship goers stopped by for refreshments and enjoyed their time with a few of our members. An extra special "thank you" goes to those members who put this all together.

If you haven't noticed, check out our new curtains in the ballroom! Barbara Scott, Nancy Bierenga and their husbands did a wonderful job of installing the curtains. Check them out at the membership tea in September! See you then!

Laurel



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August

2	Book Club	7PM
	Summer Break—No club meeting	
17	BOD Meeting	12N
19	Newsletter Articles Due	5PM

September

6	Book Club	7PM
7	Membership Tea	1PM
21	BOD Meeting	12N
23	Newsletter Articles Due	5PM

2016/2017 Board of Directors

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 Melissa Slorf, Immediate Past President

It's Dues Time!

You should have received a dues statement by now. If you haven't received one, please contact Dolores.

Dues must be paid by August 1 to be sure that your information will be included in the new Yearbook.

July 1 began the new fiscal year.



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

August	2	7-8:30 PM
	17	12N-2PM

Philanthropy

Hannah Rogers and Melissa Slorf

The GMWC has revamped our philanthropy committee, opening new fund raising opportunities for area non-profits.

Previously with our philanthropic efforts designated a local non-profit organization was chosen for each month for our members to provide donations resulting in effort that have helped more than 6,000 families. Our past efforts gained us the Above and Beyond Impact Award in 2014 from Catholic Charities.

The Board has decided to re-strategize our philanthropy efforts to offer greater impact similar to a granting process. Organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The club's philanthropy committee will select a charity partner whose priorities align with the club's mission, audience, and current programming. A speaking engagement at one of the club's meetings for chosen partners is one of the benefits, along with monthly luncheon donations for three consecutive months.

For complete guidelines and application, please encourage non-profits you know to visit our web site, www.muskegonwomansclub.org/philanthropy.

Please be sure to help spread the word about this opportunity as you see people in the community.

LIFESTYLES

Nancy Bierenga, chair

Our next Dine Out is Thursday, August 25. We will meet at *Seasons Gastropub* at the Muskegon Country Club at 5:30PM. Contact Nancy by noon on the 24th if you'd like to join us.

Plans for the bus trip on Oct. 1 have been cancelled due to lack of interest. Alternate plans for a fall outing will be determined.

Hermits (from 1904 cookbook)

1 1/2 C sugar	3 T sour milk	1 C Butter
1 C raisins	1 tsp soda	1 tsp each cloves, cinnamon, allspice
1/2 C nuts	3 eggs	1 1/2 C flour

The original publication of this recipe did not list any instructions for preparation of these cookies. It also excluded any amount of flour. The next publication committee experiments with the recipe, adding enough flour to make a fairly stiff dough. The dough was then dropped by rounded teaspoon on an ungreased baking sheet and baked at 350° for 10-12 minutes.

From modern recipe we can conclude the following instructions:

Cream sugar and butter until light. Add eggs and mix well. Add 1 tsp soda to sour milk (make with 3T sweet milk and 1/2 tsp vinegar mixed together). Mix spices with 1 1/2 C flour. Add to butter mixture alternately with milk mixture until all incorporated. Add raisins and nuts by hand. Drop dough by rounded teaspoon on ungreased baking sheet and bake at 350 ° for 10-12 minutes. Cool for 1-2 minutes on sheet and remove to wire rack to cool completely.

Arts and Entertainment

, chair

Note that we need a chair for Arts and Entertainment and an organizer for Book Talk. This does not have to be the same person but could be a shared responsibility.

**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, coffeecake and coffee are provided.

Next meeting: August 2 at 7PM

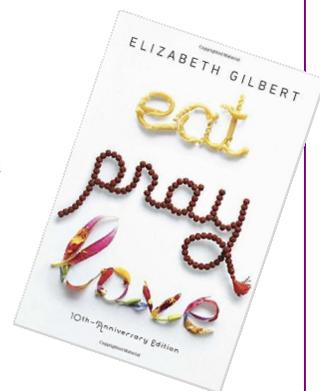
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Future meetings: The August meeting will be used to make future plans for the book club.

The August 2 book will be *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert

Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat Pray Love* touched the world and changed countless lives, inspiring and empowering millions of readers to search for their own best selves. Now, this beloved and iconic book returns in a beautiful 10th anniversary edition, complete with an updated introduction from the author, to launch a whole new generation of fans.

This year is the 10th anniversary of one of the most iconic, beloved, and bestselling books of our time





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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



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| 2 | Barbara Boucher | 15 | Sandra Sain |
| | Karen Panozzo | 21 | Sarah Sass |
| 5 | Jill Barnes | 25 | Sandy Garrett |
| 6 | Gavonnie Williams | 27 | Kendra Andrie |
| | Karen McMahan | 30 | Douglas Hughes |
| | Barbara Scott | | |
| 9 | Toni Seiferth | | |

July BOD Notes and Motions:
Motions carried:

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