

# GREATER MUSKEGON WOMAN'S CLUB

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## The President's Pen

President, Laurel Sass

Hello Fellow Members!

Here we are in August already! Summer is almost done but that means our monthly luncheons will start soon! Looking forward to seeing everyone in September!

At our September luncheon, we will be kicking off the year with the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce. Carla Flanders and CeCe Reily will be attending our luncheon and updating us on the "happenings" around Muskegon. I look forward to hearing what they have to speak about including current and future projects.

Also at our September luncheon, we will be kicking off our new Philanthropy program! We received submissions from local non-profits to be included in this special program. First up we will be recognizing Mission for Area People. MAP is faith-based organization providing Muskegon county residents with resources to meet basic needs, promote self-sufficiency and improve quality of life. I have helped host their annual fundraiser, Music for Meds, in the past and have learned so much about this organization. MAP believes in a "hand-up" versus a "hand-out" approach, providing emergency services with dignity, and education to help community neighbors become self-sufficient. They listen compassionately and discern client's needs in the context of their family situation, as opposed to looking at a single factor for qualification. Our next philanthropy organization is Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lakeshore.

The board has finalized dates for all of our events and we hope you consider volunteering for at least one event! Holiday Evening by Candlelight is back this year! The event will feature festive tables, desserts, holiday spirit and more. And, the always successful Gingerbread House making, Green Eggs and Ham, and Women of Accomplishment events will return. Our club depends on these events so always consider being a sponsor, sharing with your friends or volunteering.

As always, keep inviting your friends to attend a luncheon or tea and keep spreading the word of our historical and philanthropic club!

*Laurel*

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### September

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

### October

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

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**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Dolores Brondyke, Chair**

Best wishes for a speedy recovery for Pam Caris—she broke her foot and has been off it for well over a month. Healing is slow and she still cannot bear any weight on that leg, so keep her in mind and in prayer.

Dolores is having surgery on August 30. She is having circulation problems and the surgery will hopefully clean out calcification in her leg arteries. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as well.

**HELP NEEDED**

The finance committee and BOD would like someone who would be willing to coordinate the Younker’s Day coupon book sales. This is a relatively easy fund raiser, has specific start and end dates, and requires only someone who can communicate by email. The event is in November. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Karen Andrie.



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

September	6	7-8:30 PM
	7	12N-3PM
	21	12N-2PM

**Philanthropy**

**Hannah Rogers and Melissa Slorf**

Please see the President’s Pen article for a good description of the organization we are supporting for the first quarter, Mission for Area People.

Second Quarter—Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Lakeshore

August 2016

The last column of Days Gone By focused on a pivotal year in the history of the club, 1961, ushering in the end of Muskegon Woman's Club and Muskegon Heights Woman Club, as the two combined to create Greater Muskegon Woman's Club. Much to my delight, my research uncovered a poem written by member, Marguerite Jones, summarizing the work of the Literature and Drama Department that year, which gives us a glimpse into the activities of the club at that time.

Listen, dear member, and I will relate  
The story of meetings we've held up to date.  
The first was last May when for planning we met  
And ate the nice luncheon the 'Y' girls had set.

In August friend Katherine opened her home  
To plan a joint meeting with Ruth's metronome.  
Our Ways and Means chairman dreamed up a span  
To give us a project our budget to plan.

Our good Program Chairman, the able Irene,  
Prepared a fine paper for October's theme.  
My old classmate, Ebba, reviewed the new books  
While capable Frances despoiled our good looks. (too much food!)

November saw Katherine in praise of the State  
And our Eva Rode scanned the magazines fate.  
On K.P. were Mesdames Wilcox and Knapp –  
They surely were helpful with goodies on tap.

The Happy New Year brought daydreams to light,  
The theme correlation with talent so bright.  
Correlators were Katherine with Faith at her right hand  
And Sally the singer, D. Sheets was the band.

Ruth was the hostess, invocation was mine,  
Marie in the kitchen, Ginny's soufflé was fine.  
The music department served everything, but  
Cornelia took dollars – she's good at that spot.

Narrators aplenty, hairdressers too!  
A wonderful program I thought, didn't you?  
Our next winter meeting was surely a treat  
With Faith reading poetry right on the beat.

Katherine's fine program with slides rang a bell,  
Ruth Brandt staged a party with Marie as well.  
In March Phyllis Potter assuaged the spring cold  
With a 'trip' to Hawaii – its glamour she told.

Our gracious guest speaker, Gwendolyn Smith  
Read as well some short stories, Irene giving pith.  
Helen Milioh, M. Paulsen and I dispensed tea,  
An enjoyable meeting, I'm sure you'll agree.

This April we've come to the end of the row.  
Both Frances and Mary have talent in tow.  
Our thanks to Margaret, Irene, and good workers all,  
Officers, Chairmen with much on the ball!  
Our thanks to Leilah for word from the Board  
And 'specially Isabel, our money they hoard

My own part's been small, but straight from the heart.  
May God bless you all is my wish as we part.  
So here's to our Clubs, may the union be sweet,  
And here's to Heights sisters, when in future we meet.



[Editor's Note] I'm guessing our members looked more like the first 1960 fashion pic than the 2nd



**LIFESTYLES**

Nancy Bierenga, chair

Our next Dine Out is Wednesday, September 14. We will meet at *Handsome Hobo's* on Whitehall Rd at 6:00 PM. Contact Nancy by noon on the 14th if you'd like to join us.

We're looking at a car trip to Grand Rapids to the Downtown Farmer's Market some weekday in the near future, possibly followed by a stop at either VanderMill's in Spring Lake or Robbinette's in GR. If you're interested and would like input on what day we choose, please contact Nancy soon.

Upcoming Date: Glass Class with Jilly will be on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the club. We will follow the previous format with a soup and salad supper beginning at 6PM and the glass class following. Please RSVP to Nancy (phone or text 231-730-0887 or email Nancy@HousesByNancy.com) by October 26 to be included. Friends are welcome. You may make a piece of jewelry or a sun catcher/Christmas ornament. This is also a good time to hand-make a Christmas or holiday gift!

**Arts and Entertainment**

, chair

The Chair position for Arts and Entertainment and Coordinator for Book Club are still open positions. Contact Karen Andrie for more information! Please don't be intimidated by being called a "chair" - this is quite an easy position to fill. The only very busy time is in the spring when we award the scholarship. Coordinating Book Club could be done by any one who regularly attends.

**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, coffee and coffee cake are provided.

Next meeting: August 2 at 7PM

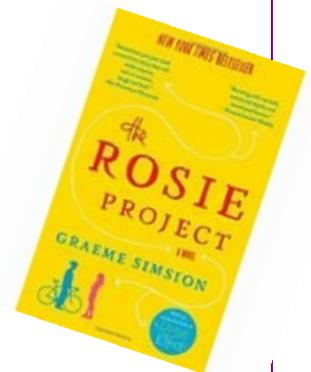
**NOTE—**

Future meetings: Back to the First Tuesday at 7PM Schedule

The September 6 book will be *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

This international bestselling romantic comedy "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. And so it goes as he finds his true love.





Please be sure to RSVP to your caller or to Karen McMahon whether or not you are able to attend. That makes it clear that you got the message and having an accurate number means the hostess will know how many places to set—even if it's just a tea.

Feel free to invite friends—be sure to RSVP for them as well. Teas are a great time to introduce people to the club!



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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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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 6 Mary Jane Wiegink | 17 Ruth Lofton      |
| 10 Loribeth Clark   | 21 Deborah Matrone  |
| 11 Marlene Dykstra  | 23 Deborah Roest    |
| 15 Carol Thompson   | 25 Renee Caliendo   |
| 16 Linda Griffith   | 27 RaeJean Erickson |
| Rebecca Andrie      | 30 Jennie Naffie    |
| Joan Grillo         |                     |

August BOD Notes and Motions:

Motions carried:

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