



The President's Pen President, Nancy Bierenga

Dear Club Members,

First, thank you for all your kind comments and well-wishes as I take over as president. I'm grateful for all who went before me, though they left big shoes to fill. I do want to encourage you to talk with me (phone, email, text, or at a meeting) if you have ideas or suggestions. Together we can continue this great club—and asset to our community—as we look to the future.

The new board met in a planning retreat on June 25 and spent the day getting ready for our new club year. You will see some changes as we work at Building the Future—a new focus for our club. We do want to Continue the Legacy by Honoring the Past, but, like I said at the installation meeting, you can't drive forward looking in your rear view mirror. So to move us on, we want to Build the Future. Thanks to Loribeth Clark for making this new logo that you see up above.

One of the biggest changes is in meeting times. We have many newer members who are still working, so noon meetings are very difficult. Teas at 1 PM are even more difficult. As a result of the survey, we are going to add a couple evening meetings and a couple Saturday brunches to the schedule. We will also add at least one Salad Luncheon. Our first evening meeting will be on Wednesday, August 1 at 6 PM at Kruse Park. This will be a salad potluck. If you need transportation, please tell your caller or note that on your RSVP to Karin. If you are available to provide transportation, please tell the same people or me—assisting with transportation will qualify you for the free membership drawing for next year—one entry per time you transport someone else to a meeting.

It is the goal of Membership and the BOD to have the Yearbooks available for distribution at the August picnic. As a result, our deadline for membership renewal is no later than July 10 this year to be included in the book. If you have not yet paid, please do get that check in to the club quickly so you can join us in the excitement of a new club year!

We have committed to holding the club open for tours from 1-3 pm on the days when there is a cruise ship docked here. Members are welcome to stop by to see what's happening.

Nancy



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Club Calendar

July

- 4 No Meeting
- 18 BOD Meeting 1:00 pm
- 20 Newsletter Articles Due 5:00pm

August


- 1 Picnic at Kruse Park 6:00pm
- 2 Book Talk 7:00pm
- 15 BOD Meeting 1:00pm
- 24 Newsletter Articles Due 5:00pm

2018/2019 Board of Directors

- Nancy Bierenga, President
- Hannah Olechnowicz, President-Elect
- Pam Caris, Vice President
- Gavonnie Williams, Imm Past President
- Paula Martin, Treasurer
- Karin Carlson, Recording Secretary
- Sharon Beck, Corresponding Secretary
- Julie Smith, Member at Large
- Ruth Lofton, Activities Chair (Open), Communications Chair
- Dorothy Brink, House and Grounds Chair
- Dolores Brondyke, Parliamentarian
- Karin Carlson, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Karin Carlson, Chair

This is a reminder that membership dues for 2018/2019 are due by the end of June. All renewals must be received by July 10 to be sure your name is listed in the new Yearbook. We hope to have the yearbooks  ready for distribution beginning at the August 1 picnic this year, so please help us do that.

A New Member

Introducing new member, *Stacey Cornell*, whom some of you had the pleasure of meeting at our June luncheon. Stacey was introduced to the Woman's Club through a Rotary Club presentation by none other than Nancy Bierenga and Pat Camp.

A native of Muskegon and graduate of Reeths Puffer High School, Stacey received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology with a minor in English from Grand Valley State University and returned to Muskegon to work and raise her family. She is mom to 16-year-old Lauren and 14-year-old Trip, both of whom attend Mona Shores Public Schools.

In her professional life, she has been a social worker, a tax auditor, a business owner, and currently a new retiree. A member of the Rotary Club and Mona Lake Boat Club, she also enjoys traveling and learning new things. Having lived in Muskegon all of her life, she would now like to use her free time to give back to her community.

Welcome Stacey!

July Club Hours

3	1-3 PM	25	1-3 PM
6	1-3PM	28	1-3 PM
18	12 PM-2 PM		



PHILANTHROPY

Hannah Olechnowicz, Chair

This year we will again assist with the United Way *Fill the Truck* Campaign. They aren't sure yet what each quarter's collection item will be as the staff is in the process of polling their agencies to find out what is most needed. We do know that the first collection will be school supplies in August. We will collect school supplies and cash for purchasing school supplies at our August 1 picnic.

Thank you to Deborah Roest and Dianne Buck for doing our purchasing this past year and for your willingness to continue that for next year!

The diaper drive was a huge success from our club donations and from the whole community with over 10,000 diapers donated! The diapers were sorted at the club with the help of four of our club members and UW staff. Thank you for your support of that effort!

A Seed is Planted

October 19, 1890

Isn't it amazing how quickly news traveled before the advent of the telephone? It must have been the proverbial 'grape vine'. The same year that Mrs. Croley organized the first Woman's Club, others soon sprang up across the country. And so it was that a handful of friends were invited to tea at the home of Mrs. Maud McMillan to meet her guest and share her exciting news. On a recent trip to Kalamazoo, Mrs. Jones was introduced to a literary society for ladies that proved to be very popular with its members and wondered how such an organization might be received here. After much discussion, the Mesdames Dana, Hume, Magoon, McMillan, and Munroe decided to test the idea by inviting their friends to attend a meeting the following week and discuss such a possibility.

October 24, 1890

The following Friday afternoon twenty ladies gathered in Mrs. McMillan's parlor and enthusiastically embraced the idea of establishing a literary society for the purpose of "strengthening their minds, testing their capabilities, and broadening the scope of their influence," noble goals indeed at a time when women were considered to be the weaker sex subject always to the will of their fathers or spouses and raised to be good wives, mothers, and caregivers with little need of formal education.

Emboldened, the ladies immediately set out to accomplish their goals by adopting a constitution of bylaws and electing leaders: Mrs. Antha Gray was elected president of the *Ladies Literary Society* and Mrs. Thomas (Margaret) Hume vice-president. Another meeting was planned the following week and each pledged to encourage others to join their new society.

October 31, 1890

As their number had increased, the next meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Martha Keating on Houston Avenue. The thirty charter members of the fledgling group embarked on a course of action including limiting membership in the society to forty-eight members, to be divided into four divisions, each with its own leader. Duly elected leaders were the Mesdames William Carpenter (Barbara Boucher's grandmother), C. Dickerman, J.M. Cook, and G.C. Butterfield. Hungry for knowledge, they chose as their course of study for 1890-1891 "An Outline of the History of the World".

And so it was, a seed was planted long yeas ago bearing fruit yet today.

ASPARAGUS RICE SALAD Serves 6

2 cups cooked rice - cooled

Dressing:

1/4 cup French dressing

1 cup mayonnaise

2 Tablespoons minced onion (optional)

1 teaspoon curry powder

3/4 teaspoon salt

3/4 teaspoon dry mustard

3/4-1cup diced celery

3 cups blanched asparagus cut into 1-2" pieces (it needs to remain crisp)

Mix all ingredients

Let set 8 hours or overnight

May also add cooked chicken

This recipe is from new member Kay Olthoff that she brought to the May Salad Luncheon.

If you have a favorite recipe you'd be willing to share please mail it to the club or email it to Nancy. When we have future salad luncheon if you bring the recipe along and give it to me, I will put them in future newsletters. This includes the August picnic.

Finding the Hidden Object

Thanks for reading. A US Flag is hidden this month.

LIFESTYLES

Ann Caris, chair

Our next Dine-Out will be on June 28 at Se4sons Gastropub at 6PM. Thank you to Ann Caris for taking charge of this fun group/activity for the coming year. Everyone is invited to join us. RSVP to Ann at ann.caris@yahoo.com or leave a message at 231.740.5764 by noon that day. July Dine-out date will be determined at the June dinner. We will be at The Deck later in the month.

REPEAT OPPORTUNITY

If you missed the May showing or would like to attend again, Roger Rappaport's new film, *Coming Up for Air*, will be excerpted again, this time at First Presbyterian Church on the northwest corner of Sherman and Wickham, on July 24 at 7 PM. This is another free event with previews of the film to spark conversation. There will be someone from Health West who will answer questions.

With so many mental health issues and suicide threats in our society, it is important to have community conversations about how we can intervene and how we can support effected families.

The greater Muskegon community is invited to come to talk or just to listen.

Arts and Entertainment

Pat Camp, 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.

Meeting place: Hennessey's (purchase dinner, snack, dessert, and/or beverage).

Meeting Time: 7PM



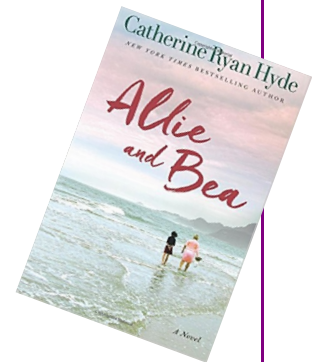
Book Review: We enjoyed a nice evening at Hennessey's for our June meeting. We didn't have a book to discuss, so we visited, heard about some good books read by members, and talked about summer meetings. It was decided to continue during the summer with everyone who is available to meet.

Next meeting: July 5 *The Charm Bracelet* by Viola Shipman.

Advance notice for the rest of 2018:

- Aug. 2 *Allie and Bea* by Catherine Ryan Hyde
- Sept. 6 *The Rumor* by Elin Hildbrand
- Oct. 4 *The Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel
- Nov. 1 *The Alice Network* by Kati Quinn
- Dec. 6 *The Christmas Wish* by Nora Roberts

Please join us the first Thursday of each month at Hennessey's. You will have a good time with this group!!!





August 1, 2018 6:00 pm

Please join us for a Picnic!

Rather than take the whole summer off, let's get together for a picnic. Bring a salad or side dish to share. We will reserve a pavilion at Kruse Park so we'll be there, rain or shine.

If you need transportation, please ask your caller or Karin Carlson when you RSVP. You may bring a friend, but please let us know so we'll have enough paper products and beverages for everyone.

We will have time to visit, hear from the committee chairs for the coming year about their plans and their needs, have an opportunity to sign up for activities, and hopefully receive a new yearbook.

No need to wear a long white dress or hat.



Board of Director News and Notes

Your board of directors held their all-day planning retreat at Nancy Bierenga's home on June 25.

We began the meeting with an explanation of what the Collect is and how we use it. It was a good review for all of us and got us discussing the Mission and Vision Statements of the club. We decided that it was time to tweak both. The new Mission statement is *To provide a community touchstone through the arts, education, and philanthropy*. The BOD asked the president to be sure that we read the mission statement together at each meeting so members will have it roll off their tongue when someone might ask them what is the purpose of the club. In the Vision statement all we did is remove the word women so it reads that the club is there for all. This better reflects our inclusivity from the bylaws change several years ago when we began accepting men as members.

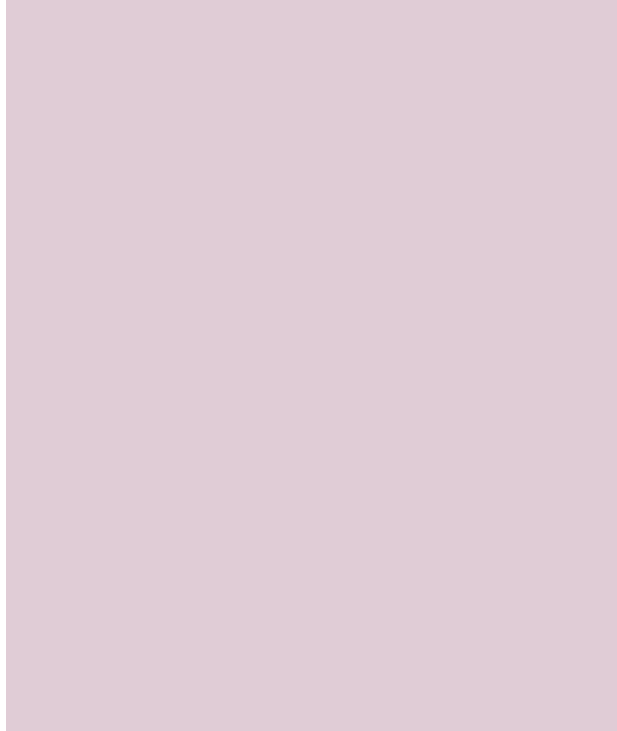
Together the BOD also began work on the budget for next year and planned the calendar of activities and events.

One exciting item that was approved by the BOD is to have extra meetings two or three times a year—a tea to which we will invite residents of an area nursing home. The first of those teas will be held within the first quarter of our fiscal year, probably in early September with residents from Seminole Shores. The BOD will host that event, but we'd like to have a good turn-out of members to attend the tea and visit with our guests. The teas will honor our club's past and allow us to continue the tradition while the changes in our meeting times to include a brunch, two evening meetings, and more luncheons.



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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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| 1 Peggy Peckham | 26 Karen Bednarek |
| 7 Laura Martin | 27 Carolyn Bowen |
| Marian Michalski | 28 Becky Coles |
| 10 Michelle Peterson | |
| 14 Suzanne Hayes | |
| Zabrina Lindsay | |
| 24 Judy Kell | |
| Kay Meyers | |

