

You'll Want to Know...



Greater Michigan Woman's Club
CONTINUING THE LEGACY - BUILDING THE FUTURE

The President's Pen

President, Nancy Bierenga

Dear Club Members,

Wow—last month I was hoping for an end to the bitter cold. Now I'm hoping for an end to the panic, the isolation, and the virus! How quickly things, especially our priorities, change. It's still cold, though and snow today. It really feels like this month has already had 73 days!

The Board met last week by email and made great progress on what needed to get handled with the crisis. Several changes were made. With deep regret we cancelled the April Brunch meeting. We discussed whether we could move it to May, but that is our election and Salad Luncheon meeting, so that really can't be a brunch. We also rescheduling that Luncheon to later in May so we don't have to have a last-minute reschedule. The Dr. Seuss Green Eggs and Ham event is rescheduled (again) to September 12 so we don't have to do another last minute cancellation. It will be a Back to School Bash and 1/2 Birthday party for Dr. Seuss. We may also reschedule the Princess Party to June. The Junk to Jewels committee decided to reschedule now so they don't have a last-minute decision thrust on them. They will be gathering donations through the rest of this spring and summer and storing them in the upstairs kitchen. Larger items won't be accepted until announced.

We received all three roof bids that we asked for. Lindy is reviewing them now to be sure we're all discussing the same details for the project. Once she finishes, we'll discuss it together as a Roof Committee, and pass a recommendation on to the Board of Directors. When they've made a motion to accept one or the bids, we will email and USPS a letter and recommendation to the membership. We're hopeful that votes can be tallied and the project ready to accept a bid by April 1. We will also update the current amount raised/pledged in that letter next week so you can make an informed decision.

Book Talk and Dine Out are obviously also cancelled for April. Hopefully this will all be a memory by mid-May.

The nominating committee (Barbara Scott and Holly Nolan) put together a great slate of officers for next year. That's included in this newsletter. There will be election at the May meeting and Installation at the June meeting.

Meanwhile, my husband just made some great-smelling beer bread that I'm going to need to cut soon, so it's time for a quick break.

Stay well, wash your hands often, and as Addie (my youngest granddaughter) always adds, Don't Forget Your Thumbs!

Nancy



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Club Calendar

April

No activities

May

16	Women of Accomplishment Brunch	9AM
20	Club Salad Luncheon and Election	12 N
21	BOD Meeting (potential)	2 PM
22	Newsletter deadline	5 PM

2019/2020 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
 Lorie Hawkins, Member at Large
 BOD, Activities Chair
 Nancy Bierenga, Communications Chair
 Dorothy Brink, House and Grounds Chair
 Dolores Brondyke, Parliamentarian
 Karin Carlson, Membership Chair

MEMBER Relations COMMITTEE

Karin Carlson, Chair

Meet our Newer Members!**by Holly Nolan**

Please welcome more new members to our club! First is Karen Lamb. Karen lives in Spring Lake and works as an investigator for the Friend of the Court in Grand Haven. She has a step-daughter and a granddaughter and two dogs.

She enjoys piano, bike riding, reading, cooking, hiking, computers, puppies and church and is involved in elderly care and Comfort Keepers. Please welcome her to our Club!

Karen Lamb, 17555 144th Ave #A, Spring Lake 49456
Phone 616-846-8367 and 231-571-8538. Email KLAMB@miottawa.org
Birthday 2-15

Next is Jenny (Conners) Wilkins. Jenny lives in Muskegon and is married to Leland. She enjoys crocheting, sewing, dog walking and bike riding. She recently moved to Muskegon from Detroit and is so happy to be living by the beach! They were married here at the club.

Jenny Conners, 3070 Sherwood Court, Muskegon 49441
Phone 231-246-5432. Email jenny.conners@gmail.com
Birthday May 20

**Nominating Committee****Barbara Scott and Holly Nolan**

Nominating Committee Report
Slate of Candidates 2020-2021
To: GMWC Membership
From: Nominating Committee
Barbara Scott, Chair
Holly Nolan

We, the Nominating Committee, are pleased to report we have all the available positions for the FY 2020-2021 Board of Directors filled with willing and energetic people. It is encouraging that new members are willing to assume leadership positions in the club.

This Slate of Candidates was presented to the Board at their March meeting for approval and was accepted.

Here is the Slate of Candidates for 2020-2021
Voting Members of the Board of Directors

President-Elect - Pat Camp
Vice President - Pam Caris
Recording Secretary - Linda Traylor
Treasurer - Staci Geiger
Member-at-Large - Kay Ostrom
Non-voting Member
Nominating Committee - Deb Roest
Returning Members:
Hannah Olechnowicz - President
Holly Nolan - Nominating Committee, Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Scott, Chair, Nominating Committee

A Momentous Meeting

Attendance at the first club meeting of 1902 was much larger than usual due to an announcement that business of great importance would be presented that day. Yet no one was quite prepared when Mrs. Sarah Jean Heap, club president, began to read the following missive to assembled guests:

February 25, 1902

To the Muskegon Woman's Club,

I love the women of this club. Their love and sympathy have helped me through many sad hours, and nothing would give me greater delight than providing a club home for us all.

I would like to suggest the names of Mrs. Chaddock, Mrs. Keating, and my son as a Building Committee, with two others whom you may elect. I wish that steps be taken immediately to obtain plans and engage workmen, that the building may be completed by September. I hope that club interest and membership may never grow less, and that the harmony and good feeling of the past may continue in the future. The Union National Bank has been authorized to honor your checks to the amount of eight thousand dollars.

*Sincerely,
Mrs. Minnie Smith*

No sooner had Mrs. Heap finished reading the letter than a chorus of cheers and handkerchief waving ensued amidst tears of joy. One enthusiastic member, Mrs. Boynton, began marching around the room singing, "We're going to have a clubhouse" to the tune of "As We Go Marching Home". It was several minutes before order could be restored and a Resolution read by Mrs. Bloch:

I move the acceptance of this gift by the Muskegon Woman's Club, and that the corresponding secretary be instructed to forward them to Mrs. Smith, and a copy of the same be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that the corresponding secretary be instructed to telegraph Mrs. Smith our joy and sincere thanks.

An article soon followed in the Muskegon Daily Chronicle recounting the day's exciting events. *The clubhouse will be highly educational as well as an embellishment to the city. Muskegon is the envy of the state. The new temple of the Woman's Club will stand as a monument to the*



PHILANTHROPY

Our philanthropy for this fiscal year will be money or children's books that we'll donate to Read Early, Read Often. This is an effort, through the ISD, to promote early childhood reading. Books are placed in various sites through the county and from there distributed especially to at-risk children to prepare for educational success. Bring cash or gently used books to any meeting this year.

BOD, Chair

LIFESTYLES

Lorie Hawkins, chair

Although I don't have any pictures to prove it, In February we had about 15 at Dine Out at the Glenside Pub.

Our March and April Dine-Outs are cancelled. Our next scheduled event is currently set for May 28 at Henessey's at 6PM. Let Lorie know if you're able to join them.

Community Enrichment

This event will resume—hopefully in May.

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: The Woman's Club

Meeting Time: 6PM

Next meeting: In person will be on June 4 at the club at 6PM. Those who are on Pat's contact list should watch for an email from Pat about using the app Zoom for meetings in the next two months.

Please join us the first Thursday of each month at the club. You will enjoy the stories of this group.

Future books will be:

March "False Pretenses" by Catherine Coulter

April "Almost Sisters" by Joshlyn Jackson

May "City of Girls" by Elizabeth Gilbert

June "The Better Liar" by Tanen Jones

July "Little Women" by Louise May Alcott

August "Hill Women" By Cassie Chambers

September ""Dress your Family in Corduroy and Denim" by David Sedans

October "The Vanishing" By Jayne Ann Krentz

November "Catcher in the Rye" by J D Salinger

December "The Christmas on Tradd Street" by Karen White

And Another Thing...or Two



I emailed our membership late last week to ask them to mail a card or note to Merle Scolnik—Bob's wife. She is living at Heartwood Lodge and they are quarantined. Merle loves to get mail. Her address is:
Merle Scolnik
c/o Heartwood Lodge Room 206—Yellow Neighborhood
18525 Woodland Ridge Dr
Spring Lake, MI 49456



During this enforced quieter lifestyle, it is a good time to think about the needs of those around us. If you have the ability to write a card or send a note to someone who is living alone, please do so. And if you'd like to suggest a name be added to our club list to mail to, send it or call me with it and I'll send it out to everyone.



Junk to Jewels—Sharon and Diane have decided to reschedule the event to fall. Smaller items may be stored at the club in the upstairs kitchen. Larger items will be received closer to the event. Watch for details.



Green Eggs and Ham will be held on September 12 as a Back to School Bash and 1/2 Birthday Party for Dr. Seuss.



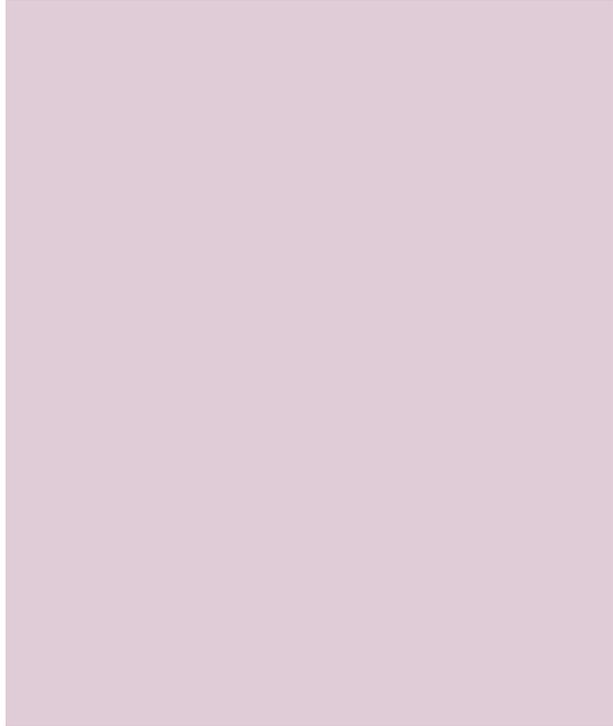
Save the Date! Gather up a princess and join us for a great party!
The Princess Party has been rescheduled to June 6.





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Our Mission Statement:

To provide a community touchstone through the arts, education, and philanthropy

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.



1	Pam Caris
5	Elaine Skinner
10	Jeanine Ober
12	Florence Stahl
25	Connie Bull
29	Nancy Bierenga