

You'll Want to Know...



The President's Pen

President, Nancy Bierenga



Dear Club Members,

This is my last President's Pen as your president. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be president and to do so for two consecutive years.

We couldn't have ever imagined how this term of office would end with month upon month of not being able to share our building—either for our club or for the community in rentals and events! I hope that the ongoing work we've done will put us in a good place for Hannah to take over as president and for us all to move into the active part of the roof project and other needed upgrades as well as an just plain club year! Thank you also to the board that was a dream to work with and that accomplished so much. Working together there are no limits!

And now, with my term being over it is also time for membership renewals. With the May and June meetings canceled, dues letters can't be handed out. To save money there is a dues letter from the Member Care Committee included here in the newsletter on page 2. Please use that as a first reminder. We will be emailing out a letter if we don't get a check from you in the next couple weeks. Checks aren't cashed until July.

The roof work will begin soon—hopefully—by mid-summer. We're getting close on money, and we have a pledged matching gift that we will announce as soon as we have a couple details worked out. That will match May and June gifts if everything works as hoped (the state is taking their time with a renewal we've filed—probably due to the recent Covid staff furloughs). Please consider making a gift before the end of this fiscal year if possible so it will be essentially double the amount you give.

As I mentioned, we won't be having the June installation evening. At our May board meeting we discussed trying to do a Zoom meeting, but it really just lacked the impact and importance of our usual lovely installation. The decision was made that the new board would take office on June 3 as originally scheduled, but the formal installation will happen at the September luncheon meeting. I'm still hoping we can have the August evening picnic as we've done the last couple years, but time will tell on that! If we are able to have a gathering of up to 50 like the governor is allowing in the UP now, we will probably have the picnic catered by Dave and Cindy. I feel bad for them that they have been out of business for so long. The cost will be about \$10 if we do have it catered.

So, in closing out my term, once again Thank You for this opportunity. I hope to see you all in person in a couple months!

Nancy



Inside this issue:

The President's Pen	1
Calendar of Events	
Board of Directors	
Letter to Members	2
A Look Back in Time	3
Philanthropy	
LifeStyles	4
Community Enrichment	
Book Talk	
And Another Thing	5
Birthdays	6

Club Calendar

June

- 4 Zoom Book Talk 6 PM
- 17 Board of Directors Meeting/Retreat 9-3
- 20 Newsletter Articles Due 5PM

July

- (No club meeting)
- 15 BOD Meeting

2020/2021 Board of Directors

- Hannah Olechnowicz, President
- Pat Camp, President-Elect
- Pam Caris, Vice President
- Nancy Bierenga, Imm. Past President
- Staci Geiger, Treasurer
- Linda Traylor, Recording Secretary
- Sharon Beck, Corresponding Secretary
- Kay Ostrom, Member at Large
- BOD, Activities Chair
- Hannah O., Communications Chair
- Dorothy Brink, House and Grounds Chair
- Dolores Brondyke, Parliamentarian
- Karin Carlson, Membership Chair



Greater Muskegon Woman's Club
CONTINUING THE LEGACY—BUILDING THE FUTURE

Dear Member,

It is that time of year again. Membership dues of \$100.00 are payable for the 2020--2021 club year. You may also pay half of your dues now and the remainder in January.

Dues may be paid beginning with our May meeting, and checks should be made out to GMWC. As we have done in the past, your checks will be deposited on July 1st so that they correspond to the new fiscal year.

All dues should be remitted by July 15, 2020 in order to continue as a member in good standing and to be included in the 2020-2021 yearbook.

*Checks may be placed in the Member Care mailbox in the office or mailed to:
GMWC, 280 W. Webster Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49440 Attention: Membership*

Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. I will be happy to hear from you.

With kindest regards,

Karin Carlson

Member Care Committee Chair
karinc1146@yahoo.com

231.788.3050

In Their Words

Continued from last month . . .

Before these plans and specifications were completed, the Club received another gift. This was from Mr. A.V. Mann and read in part as follows: "In consideration of your giving back to the original donors and releasing claim to Lot 7 block 69, original plat of the city, now owned by you, I will place in your hands the sum of \$5,000 to be used in connection with the \$8,000 given by Mrs. Smith in the erection of the clubhouse."



An extra session of the Club was called on May 29th to consider this offer. After some discussion of the conditions connected with Mr. Mann's gift, the following motions were made and carried.

- 1st That if the donors of Lot 7 Block 69 requested it to be relinquished, we comply.
- 2nd That we accept the \$5,000, provided it is given without conditions.
- 3rd That we build (our club house) on Lot 12 Block 70 owned by us.
- 4th That the Building Committee be asked to have their architects prepare new plans, which will more nearly embody ideas of the Club generally.
- 5th The Building Committee were instructed to draw on the \$5,000, as they should see fit, to expend on the clubhouse.

As the Club had ratified the plan with the auditorium on the first floor, Messrs Wier and Perry were instructed to make new plans embodying that idea, and not to exceed \$10,000 in cost. It was the committee's plan not to exceed \$3,000 of the additional money provided.

The new plans, having arrived on June 30th, the Board of the Woman's Club met with the Building Committee and Mr. Perry of Messrs Wier and Perry to study them and then decided to bring them before the Club. Accordingly a special session was called for July 3rd when the plans were submitted, and some slight alterations unanimously approved. At this meeting also the Club appointed Mrs. Francis Smith chairman of the Building Committee, in place of Mrs. Chaddock who had resigned. From this time the work was pushed on the clubhouse. The contract for the basement was let to Mr. Thomas Haw, price being \$1,600, and the work to be finished by July 25th. It now seemed that a few alterations in the plan of the clubhouse would be desirable.

The committee had received an offer from Ludowici Roofing Tile Company of Chicago to furnish completed, a tile roof for the clubhouse for \$950, the bare cost of tile and metal work.

A change in windows was spoken of, making them fewer in number but of plate glass with leaded transoms.

A handsome colonial fire place in the reception room and a balcony from the tearoom into the auditorium were suggested

When these alterations had been made in the plans, the committee called for bids, but the changes, with the rise in the price of material and labor, made the bids far above what they felt they were warranted in expending.

To be continued

LIFESTYLES

Lorie Hawkins, chair

Until Governor Whitmer declares restaurants open, we won't be able to have Dine Out. Hopefully by the end of June we will be able to eat together—at least where outdoor/deck dining is possible. Once any dates have been put forth for opening, Lorie will call the outdoor dining places and pick a date. Watch for emails.



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 ??? 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 meeting on June 4.

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

Future books will be:

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



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 September 25 and 26.



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



The Princess Party has been canceled for 2020 and is planned for May 1 or 2, 2021.



Congratulations to Gavonnie Williams whose children “forced” her into getting a smart phone. Her phone number has changed to 231.286.5621. Please make that change in your Yearbook.



Welcome back to former club member, Ashley Schnatola.
3154 Griesbach St., Muskegon 49441 231.670.1188 ajschnatola@comcast.net



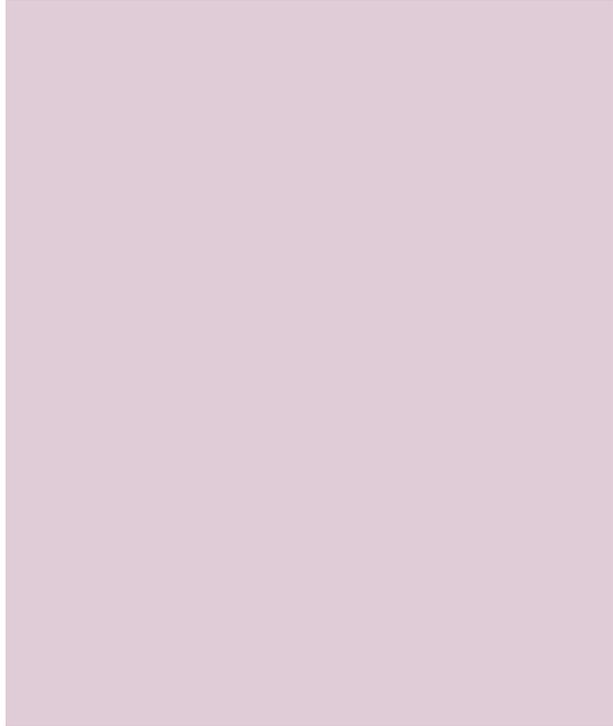
Please take a minute to review your information that was in the last Yearbook. If anything has changed, please be sure it is corrected by sending a note with your membership check or you may contact Karin Carlson or Nancy Bierenga with new information. We will be working on the new directory in July and hope to have it to the printer by the end of the first week of August so they can print it before they get really busy with Back to School printing.





Greater Muskegon Woman's Club
280 West Webster Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49440

We're on the Web!
www.MuskegonWomansClub.org



Follow us on Facebook!
[https://www.facebook.com/
GreaterMuskegonWomansClub](https://www.facebook.com/GreaterMuskegonWomansClub)

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 Sharon Beck
Michelle Fox
Barbara Wagenmaker
- 2 Jean Pataky
- 4 Roberta Tetzlaff
- 14 Katherine Gietzen
Claudia Bryant
- 23 Cindi Stefl
- 28 Lorie Hawkins