

# You'll Want to Know...



## The President's Pen      President, Hannah Olechnowicz

Dear Club Members,

I want to start by first saying thank you all for electing me into this position. I am honored, excited, nervous and grateful for this opportunity. Never did I think we'd be experiencing a pandemic in the midst of my leadership role, but here we are! I hope you are all doing well and have had a chance to kick-start your summer.

I would also like to thank Nancy Bierenga for her years of service, dedication, hard work and just overall positive nature during her time leading us as a club. I've learned so much from her and she has done so many great things for the club, I've got BIG shoes to fill.

The board hosted their strategic planning day last week to look at the year ahead. Like many organizations, the urge to want to plan ahead and act "normal" is what we'd like to do, but unfortunately we can't, based on the ever changing guidance provided by the Governor. We've chosen dates for all of our events, but know that they could change or even be cancelled. We are doing our best to come up with scenarios for our events to ensure that we raise the money we need to raise. We are also working on the yearbook and need any corrections/changes/additions from you by July 20.

The Board of Directors accepted with regret the resignation of Kay Ostrom as Member at Large. Kay has been diagnosed with serious health concerns. Please join us in thoughts and prayers on Kay's behalf. We then appointed Lorie Hawkins to stay in that position for another year on behalf of the membership. We appreciated that Lorie is willing to step in!

As for Raise the Roof – Karen and Stan Andrie have so graciously provided us with a matching \$20,000 grant towards the campaign! We are beyond excited for their continued support in such impactful ways and we have about \$3,000 raised towards that match. It will run through July, I hopes that we can meet their match! We've been in constant contact with West Michigan Roofing regarding their schedule and the timing of our project. We also felt it was our responsibility to be

completely transparent with the fact that we have MOST of the funds raised to complete the project. We will not begin any work until we have enough funds raised to cover the \$130,000 bid. We need to raise more than \$130,000 to cover any additional work that might need to be done once we see what is underneath the existing roof. I don't mean to sound like a broken record, but we're getting close, I promise!

Again – THANK YOU for this opportunity. I'm thrilled to be here and hope that I can do great things just like all the President's ahead of me! If you have any concerns, questions or would just like to chat, please feel free to call me anytime!

*Hannah*



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### Club Calendar

#### July

(No club meeting)

15	BOD Meeting	12 N
24	Newsletter Articles Due	5 PM

#### August

5	Membership summer picnic	6 PM
19	BOD Meeting	12 N
21	Newsletter Articles Due	5 PM

### 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
- Lorie Hawkins, Member at Large
- Hannah and Nancy, Activities Chair
- Hannah O., Communications Chair
- Dorothy Brink, House and Grounds Chair
- Dolores Brondyke, Parliamentarian
- Karin Carlson, Membership Chair

**MEMBER CARE****Karin Carlson, Chair**

A Reminder from your Member Care Committee that your dues for the 2020/2021 fiscal year are due by the end of July. We would appreciate having them paid by the 15th of July if possible so the new yearbook can be printed accurately and in time for distribution at the August 5 picnic.

If you have phone, address, or email corrections to make, please send them to Karin Carlson at [karinc1146@yahoo.com](mailto:karinc1146@yahoo.com) by July 15.

**New Members****Holy Nolan**

Please help us welcome new member Jill Mathews. Jill is from Muskegon and has proudly served our great country for 32 years as a member of the U.S. Army. She participated in Operation Enduring Freedom from 2001-2014 and held many positions during that time.

She has served on the Muskegon County Veteran Advisory Committee, been and appointed by the governor to the State of Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Board of Trustees. She has served in many other volunteer organizations, has been a substitute teacher for Muskegon Heights schools, and mentored many young men and women during her career. She received the Presidential Award for Outstanding Dedication and Support of Veterans.

She holds a Master of Science in Business Administration from Columbia Southern University. She has two children and her birthday is 7-23-66.

Please help us welcome Jill to our club!

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**PHILANTHROPY****Board of Directors**

The Board decided that the Philanthropy offerings for 2020/2021 will go to Every Woman's Place for their general fund. Our member, Elisa Hopper, who is employed at EWP will speak about their work at our September luncheon.

We are currently exploring whether there are any items that we could donate in addition to money. More about that later.

## In Their Words

*Conclusion*

Many consultations were held both with and without Architect Perry and the contractors endeavoring to see what might best be omitted. Our Architect figured cuts to bring the building within the estimated cost but as this cheapened the building, the Committee was loathe to do it, and were overjoyed when Mrs. Smith said she would add \$2000 to her original gift and thus enable us to include all of the improvements. The Committee now felt at liberty to close contracts for the various parts of the work as follows:

Mr. Blais for carpenter work at \$4,430

Mr. Haw for mason work for \$3,234

Messrs Taylor and Conroy for heating, plumbing, and lighting for \$1,300

Each contractor furnished good bondsmen and the work proceeded as rapidly as possible, considering the many unavoidable delays. The first of these was caused the nonarrival of the cut stone for the water table. Then the tile was several weeks late thus delaying the plastering. By the burning of the Lakeside Iron Company the patterns for the furnaces were destroyed whereupon another wait ensued. But since the building has been under cover the work has proceeded well.

According to the experience of all the builders, the inevitable extras also appeared, among which were extra cut stone on edge of porch at \$55.00, widening frame of windows at \$38.50, taking out brick for doorways, and adding a stairway under the stage that the place might be utilized for store room at \$65.00, putting plate glass in inner front door at \$15.00, alterations to fireplace and hearth from brick to tile at \$5.00, putting plate rail in tearoom and seat in second landing of stairway at \$7.00, difference in finishing floors from original plan at \$128.00, and other minor changes which will be found carefully tabulated in the Treasurer's report, which is in the hands of your Secretary and open for inspection of any club member,

Thus our building has cost including material:

Basement	1,600.00
Mason work	3,234.00
Carpenter	4,430.00
Tile roof	950.00
Light, heat, plumbing	1,300.00
Extras	703.23
Architect commission	<u>601.18</u>
	\$12,818.41

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Francis Smith, Frank H. Smith, Treasurer,

Mary L. Temple, Martha a. Keating, Mary E. McCracken

I was bored with my regular banana bread and ran across this recipe. It's really good so thought I'd share it.

### CHAI BANANA BREAD

1 3/4 C flour	2 eggs
1 T baking powder	3/4 C mashed ripe bananas
1/2 tsp salt	1/4 C brewed Chai tea
3/4 C sugar	1/2 C cream cheese

Preheat oven to 350°. In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt. In a separate bowl, cream together sugar, cream cheese, and eggs, stirring until mixture is light and fluffy. Mix in mashed bananas and Chai tea. Add flour mixture and stir until well combined. Pour batter into a greased loaf pan. Bake for 60 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool on a wire rack before removing loaf from pan.

**LIFESTYLES****Lorie Hawkins, chair**

We are exploring a dine out in July—on either Monday, the 20th, or Thursday, the 23rd. Lorie is caring for her mother currently, so she won't be able to go with us—please respond to Nancy if you are interested in going out with us. This will be for outdoor dining. If there aren't at least 5 people who are comfortable doing this, we will cancel and wait until August or this fall.

Our afternoon craft group will go back to making items to sell at the Artisan Market in September following the luncheon on the 2nd and the BOD meeting on the 16th. We will then meet on the first and third Wednesdays of October and November also. So far we've made a lot of little snowmen tree ornaments and have started block stacks of Santa, Snowmen, and Christmas trees. We have a great time visiting while we paint. There is a lot for everyone to do, no special talent needed. Please consider joining us.

**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: July 2 at the club at 6PM. Since the library has been closed, we will discuss the last book each person read.

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

Future books will be:

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



Our First meeting of the 2020/2021 Membership Year will be our picnic on August 5 at 6PM. The board decided that, due to Covid concerns, we will have this picnic catered by Dave's Kountry Katering. The cost will be \$10. RSVPs are needed by July 29. We hope to have the new Yearbooks available for distribution beginning at this meeting. Due to the city's new parking fee, the picnic will be held at Snug Harbor Park—the State Park pass on your license plate is the only cost for this park.



Junk to Jewels— will be held on September 25 and 26.



Green Eggs and Ham will be held on March 13, 2021



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



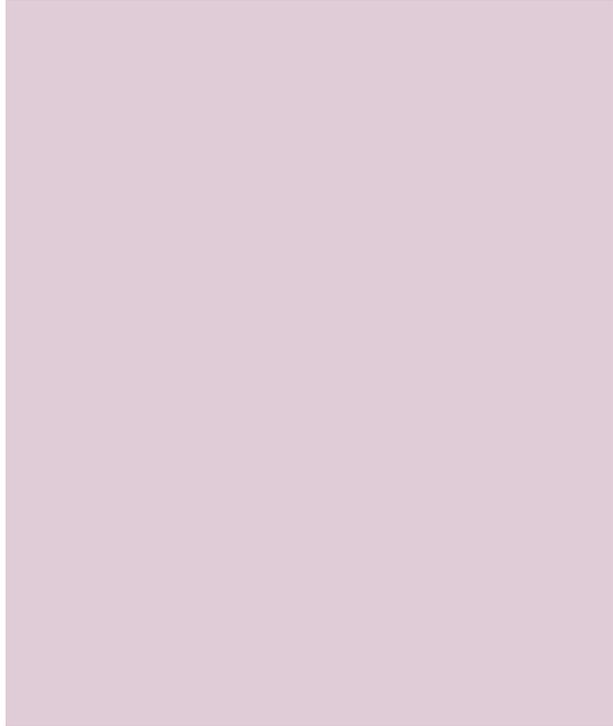
Please take a minute to review your information that was in the last Yearbook. If anything has changed, please be sure it is corrected by sending a note with your membership check or you may contact Karin Carlson or Nancy Bierenga with new information. We will be working on the new directory in July 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.





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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 Peggy Peckham
- 2 Laura Martin
- 7 Marian Michalski
- 14 Suzanne Hayes
- 16 Mary Rop
- 17 Melissa Slorf
- 23 Jill Matthews
- 24 Kay Meyers
- 26 Kay Olthoff
- Karen Bednarek
- 27 Carolyn Bowen
- 31 Joan Schmitt

