

# You'll Want to Know...



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

## The President's Pen

President, Hannah Olechnowicz

Dear Club Members,

Thank you to all that joined us for our September luncheon at Hackley Park! It was a bit windy, but we made it work and the sunshine was great! We officially installed our new Board of Directors for this year and enjoyed a lovely boxed lunch from Wayne's Deli. Our guest speaker with one of our very own members, Elisa Hopper who is the Director of Development with Every Woman's Place. This organization is what we'll be dedicating our Philanthropy to this year and what an amazing organization with such huge impact. Elisa spoke about what it means to be a victim of any kind of abuse and how Every Woman's Place lifts up these women and children. Cash donations are most critical, but sometimes they can use donated things as well, but you would need to check before just bringing any items to them.

We are going to storm ahead with our October Luncheon, which is a brunch, on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10AM. Please continue to RSVP to Karin Carlson and avoid any "walk-ins" the day of. We will have someone checking temperatures before you enter the building, face masks are required at all times except for when you are seated. We will have the 50/50 and philanthropy baskets located in the middle of the ballroom, we won't be passing those around just to avoid germs. We will have a reduced number of people at each table to social distance. If you are comfortable with this setting then I will see you there, otherwise I'll hope to see you soon! Thank you for understanding and for your cooperation!

Regarding the Roof, West Michigan Roofing has suggested that we wait until March 2021 to start the project. One reason behind this is because the price of lumber more than doubling, but also his own schedule. This does feel like I'm taking the wind out of your sails, but it does give us more time to continue raising funds. We also plan to ask West Michigan Roofing to "weather-proof" our roof to ensure we can survive one last winter. We've budgeted for about \$15,000 worth of extra surprises for our roof goal, so that being said we are still in need of \$27,881.00. Since we're taking a pause until March, we won't be pursuing the line of credit just yet. We will go that route only if necessary. Until then I'll continue to raise funds for this project.

Our yearbooks are here and will be passed out at the October brunch.

In the meantime, I hope you are enjoying the dine-outs which are back in action again as well as our book talks which both are taking place in a socially-distanced and safe way. Looking forward to seeing you all in October.

XOXO,  
*Hannah O.*



## Club Calendar

### October

- 3 General Membership Meeting 10 AM
- 6 Book Talk 6 PM
- 10 Club Brunch / Meeting 10 AM
- 21 Board of Directors Meeting 12 N
- 23 Newsletter Articles Due 5 PM

### November

- 4 Club Luncheon 12 N
- 5 Book Talk 6 PM
- 18 BOD 12 N
- 19-22 Gingerbread House Event TBD
- 23 Newsletter Articles Due 5 PM
- 27-28 Artisan Market set up and event TBA

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### 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
- Holly Nolan, 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

We welcome two more new members to our club this month!

First is Stephanie Chappel-Couser. Stephanie lives in Muskegon and heard about our club from friends and family. Her hobbies are ministry, singing, philanthropy, and event coordination. She is a native of Muskegon, a US Army Combat Medic, an Oncology Certified Registered Nurse, a mother and grandmother, and a doctoral candidate.

Stephanie Chappel-Couser, 2825 Jefferson St., Muskegon 49444  
Email [stephanie.couser@yahoo.com](mailto:stephanie.couser@yahoo.com), phone 951-961-0446. Birthday Dec 2

Next is Linda Crane. Linda lives in Muskegon and has three step-children, 3 grandchildren and 7 step-grandchildren. She has belonged to the Fremont HOG group, the Trail-dusters camper club, and played on a golf league. Her hobbies are golfing, reading, playing cards, bike riding and crafts. She heard of our club through our dear friend who recently passed away, Kay Ostrom. She is originally from Mears but has lived in Muskegon since 1968, and retired from work in 2005.

Please help us welcome these lovely ladies to our Club!

Member Care ~ we need your help!

Dear Members,

Our committee regularly introduces new members via the newsletter in the *Getting to Know You* column. This year, in an effort to not only update our membership files, but also that all of us may become better acquainted with one another, we would like to highlight all of our club members in future newsletters. With that in mind, you will find an updated GMWC Membership Application in this newsletter on page 5. Even if you have completed one in the past, please complete this one as well so that we may include you in future newsletters.

You may email your completed application to Karin at [karinc1146@yahoo.com](mailto:karinc1146@yahoo.com), mail it to the club, drop it in the mail slot, or bring it to our club meeting.

Thank you so much, and stay tuned.

*Please Join Us for Brunch*



**October 3, 2020 at 10:00 AM**

**Brunch will be catered by Dave's Kountry Katering — cost is \$12 per person. We will meet at the club with Social Distancing.**

**Please be sure to RSVP to Karin (231.788.3050 or [karinc1146@yahoo.com](mailto:karinc1146@yahoo.com)) by 5 PM on Tuesday, September 29 so we can be sure to save you a seat and have enough food!**

**Due to Covid restrictions, no Walk-Ins will be allowed. Masks are requested whenever you're walking around—it may be removed when you are seated. Please be courteous and check your temp before you leave home. If you need to cancel at the last minute due to a cough or other Covid-19 symptoms, you will not be charged. To comply with current policy, we will check your temp when you arrive and hand sanitizer will be available.**

Three Glorious Days

As exciting and momentous as the year 1902 had been, there was yet another *first* for the ladies of the club as the year waned and *Muskegon Woman's Club* welcomed visitors from across the state to the eighth annual convention of *Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs* held in Muskegon. Elegantly clad delegates streamed into the city via the Interurban and were transported on a tour of the city in handsome carriages drawn by magnificent draft horses as Muskegon opened wide its welcoming arms to the lovely visitors.

Arriving guests were warmly welcomed by the greeting committee at the Depot and promptly escorted to Central Methodist Church for registration, whereupon each delegate received a pink badge and a souvenir packet. Among the contents of the packet were an invitation to the convention's Grand Reception, a list of Muskegon's many business enterprises, and a beautiful booklet entitled *Souvenir of Muskegon for the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs*, compliments of Mr. Charles H. Hackley. Inside the booklet were cartes de visites of Hackley Public Library, Hackley Manual Training School, and a fine portrait of Muskegon's first citizen himself, enclosed within an artistic brown cover.

Registration completed, guests were treated to a tour of the soon-to-be completed clubhouse followed by a visit to Hackley Public Library where they were invited to view the bookroom on exhibition for the very first time and again presented with another set of souvenirs – exquisitely reproduced pictures of the library's architectural features enclosed within a delicate white cover festooned with white satin ribbon. Its finest feature, however, was an autographed picture of Mr. Hackley, himself.

*(Please note that Mr. Hackley was a well known figure beyond Muskegon. Numerous newspaper articles across the country covered his largesse to the city.)*

At the conclusion of the day's business, six hundred delegates, clubwomen and their families 'all in glad clothes' gathered at the newly built Hills Masonic Temple for the Grand Reception.

The following day delegates were invited on a tour of the new state-of-the-art Hackley Manual Training School located at Central Campus. One of the first of its kind in the nation, the school offered classes in machine work, mechanical drawing, and woodworking for young men as well as cooking, sewing, and other domestic sciences for young women of the day. On the third floor of the building, the State Federation's traveling art exhibit was on display for the perusal and enjoyment of the assembled guests.

*Other Notes of Interest*

Because the clubhouse was not yet completed, the President's Chair, a gift of Mrs. Ida Crosby, was on display in the store windows of the William D. Hardy Store on Western Avenue. One of the highlights was the singing of local author, Douglas Malloch's, rendition of *Michigan my Michigan* written especially for the convention at the request of Mrs. Martha Keating. The lyrics of the song, originally composed following the devastation of the Civil War, were extremely sad, mournful, and numerous. At Mrs. Keating's request, Mr. Malloch rewrote the lyrics reflecting the beauty of our state. The new rendition made its debut at the 1902 convention and has since been taught to and sung by countless thousands of school children.

At convention's end, the *Muskegon Daily Chronicle* reflected on its success with a quote from State President Belle Perri who pronounced it 'one of the finest conventions the state had ever held'.

Historian

Karin Carlson

As your club historian, I am working on collecting and archiving all club records. In doing so, it has come to my attention that there are several yearbooks missing from our archives. If, by chance, you have any of the following years and would be willing to donate them to the club, it would be greatly appreciated.

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| 1941-1942 | 1952-1953 | 1958-1959 |
| 1942-1943 | 1955-1956 | 1970-1971 |
| 1943-1944 | 1956-1957 | 2003-2004 |
| 1944-1945 |           |           |

Please contact Karin Carlson 231.788.3050  
Thank you for your consideration

[karinc1146@yahoo.com](mailto:karinc1146@yahoo.com)

**LIFESTYLES**

**Nancy Bierenga, chair pro temp**

We were so excited about Dine Out picking back up and about The Deck being open during September that we added an evening out together. It was so much fun to spend some time together even if it had to be socially distanced.

Dine Out in October will be on Monday, October 12 so we can enjoy the BYGO burgers at Pints and Quarts if it is still warm. 6:30 PM. Please contact Nancy Bierenga if you are interested in joining us.



Our afternoon craft group will go back to making items to sell at the Artisan Market in October following the BOD meeting on the 21st. We will then meet on the first and third Wednesdays of November. So far we've made a lot of little snowmen tree ornaments and have started block stacks of Santas, 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. There is plenty of room to social distance and you are welcome to wear a mask.

**And Another Thing...or Two**

Once again I have difficult news. As announced at the September meeting, Dolores Brondyke has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. She had surgery on the 21st, but there was little the surgeon could do. Dolores and her family have chosen not to treat the cancer. When I asked Dolores if I could tell you about her news, she told me that she is making a list of things she'll never have to do again. #1 is vacuum. #2 is keep a secret.

If you'd like to send Dolores a card, her new address is: 350 Houston Ave., #309 Muskegon, 49440.

**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: October 1 in the parlor. There is plenty of room to social distance, and masks are encouraged. We will discuss "Dress your Family in Corduroy and Denim" by David Sedans.

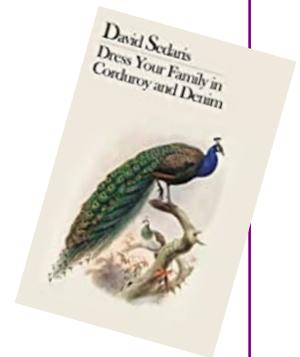
Please join us the first Thursday of each month at the club. You will enjoy the stories of this group.

Future books will be:

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



As Karin mentioned on page 2, The Member Care Committee would like your help to update the information they have on file for all our members. You can print this page, fill it out, and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to the club. There will also be copies at the next couple meetings.



For Member Relations Use:	
Type of Membership:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Full
<input type="checkbox"/>	Associate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Veteran
<input type="checkbox"/>	Seasonal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Children: \_\_\_\_\_ # Grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Month and date): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Clubs/Organizations to which you belong: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies and Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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How did you hear about the GMWC? \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about yourself (information will be used in our newsletter to introduce you to our members):

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I wish to become a member of GMWC and agree to pay annual dues of \$100 payable to Greater Muskegon Woman's Club. I also agree to abide by the bylaws and support the mission of the club.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application with a check for your initial dues to:

Greater Muskegon Woman's Club  
280 W. Webster Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440



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280 West Webster Avenue  
Muskegon, MI 49440



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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.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Shirley Green
- 5 Ann Caris
- 6 Ruth Hillman
- 13 Nancy Kinziger
- 28 Julie Smith
- Joan Grillo

