

You'll Want to Know...



The President's Pen

President, Hannah Olechnowicz

Dear Club Members,

February is upon us and I am certainly looking forward to going to restaurants again! I think we will also be able to have our March luncheon, which will be so nice. I definitely miss seeing all of your faces.

The last couple of months have been slow without our Holiday events and no meetings during these slower times, but we are gearing up for a busy spring.

May is a full month with a number of activities, something likely to appeal to everyone. Things we have to look forward to are the Woman of Accomplishment, Princess Tea, President's Luncheon, Green Eggs and Ham, Junk to Jewels and maybe even a new event!

We will again be planning these events as we normally would, but in compliance with whatever mandatory guidelines that might be in place at the time. Meaning cooperation, patience and flexibility are key. We will plan for what we know and adjust as we need to.

We are still on West Michigan Roofing's schedule; however we don't have an official start date as of yet. Lumber prices are still in flux, but it is something that Lindy is constantly monitoring for us.

We also gained a new member which is so exciting! We will have more information to share on her in the coming weeks.

Stay Warm!
XOXO,

Hannah O.



Club Calendar

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February

No February Membership Meeting

17 Board of Directors 12N

March

3 Membership Luncheon 12N

15 Club Pride Day 9AM-?

17 Board of Directors 12N

April

7 Membership Luncheon 12N

16-22 Set up for Junk to Jewels TBA

21 Board of Directors 12N

23-24 Junk to Jewels TBA

2020/2021 Board of Directors

Hannah Olechnowicz, President

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Hannah O., Communications Chair

Dorothy Brink, House and Grounds Chair

Nancy Bierenga, Parliamentarian

Karin Carlson, Membership Chair

MEMBER CARE

Karin Carlson, Chair/ Holly Nolan, new members

New Members

Jenna Leffring—email Leffring_06@msn.com—full details next month.

Important Updates: We found out in early January that Eloise Selleck's husband passed away in mid-December. Please keep Eloise in your thoughts and prayers. Her address is in your yearbook if you'd like to send her a card.

Bob Scolnik's wife, Merle, passed away on Sunday, January 24, after a lengthy illness. Please keep Bob and their family in your thoughts and prayers also. His address is also in your yearbook.

Past Member updates and information:

Sylvia Precious was a club member for several years up until about two years ago. Her son, Randy died in early January. Her address is 702 4th St., N Muskegon, 49445 if you'd like to send Sylvia a card.

Many of you remember Mary Jamison who was a club member for many years up until about 2008 and served for several years as Vice President with Roberta Lorenz. Mary was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer about 13 years ago and has had various surgeries and treatment since then. In late Dec. she announced that she now has a brain metastasis and will not be seeking more treatment. She is not expecting to live much longer. The board has made a donation to our roof fund in Mary's honor. If you would like to participate in that, you may mail your check to the club with "in honor of Mary" noted on the check or in a note. We will let Mary know about such donations and will be sure to include her on the Thankful for the Roof Tree that is being planned for the club. Mary's address is 1478 Leahy, 49441 if you would like to send her a card.

CLUB PRIDE DAY

As appears in the calendar Club Pride Day has been rescheduled to March 15. There are a couple rentals in February so we will need to remove the Christmas décor before that. Nancy would like a couple helpers for that and is tentatively planning on Monday, February 8 at 9:30 AM. Two hours should be enough time.

Wish List

The board has determined a few needs that we have. With income down and looking forward to having the roof replaced (hopefully this spring), there are a few items that take a higher priority for work.

- ◆ A new clock for the ballroom (around \$100). Preferable this would be set by the "atomic clock" to prevent the need for frequent readjustment.
- ◆ We're also considering a cart and cover for the chairs in the corner of the ballroom. Cost is unknown at this time as we could also consider a more permanent cupboard where they could be stored. We're open to suggestions on this.
- ◆ Air conditioning. The cost of this is in excess of \$10,000, but the value would be that we could rent out the club all summer long. Since we'll have scaffolding around the building during the roof replacement and in the ballroom to repaint later, this would be the ideal time to get the work done if enough money is raised.

Resolution of Gratitude

A previous column highlighted the three glorious days of the State Federation Convention sponsored by the indefatigable ladies of the club in the fall of 1902, heralded as ‘the finest convention ever’ by attendees. Perusing the final convention reports, it becomes abundantly clear that not only was the gala event a community-wide endeavor replete with countless volunteers, venues, and donations, but also that it provides us today with a thumbnail sketch of Muskegon at the turn of the century.

In gratitude for the generosity of the city, an extensive Resolution of Gratitude was drafted memorializing early citizens and businesses, as illustrated by the following:

- The Methodist Episcopal Church for the use of their building ‘so admirably adapted for such a gathering’
- The Hills Masonic Temple, ‘an ideal venue for the evening Grand Reception and unrivaled in the state’
- Mr. Charles H. Hackly for the beautiful souvenirs of Muskegon ‘which gratified our pride in the tale of the many beautification to our city’
- Mr. McKenzie, superintendent of Muskegon Public Schools, for the hospitality of the new, state-of-the-art Hackley Manual Training School
- The *Traction and Lighting Company for trolley ride to Lake Michigan and the Hackley Manual
- Mr. McClouth for arranging and operating the lantern for the keynote speaker
- The *Telephone Company for the use of an instrument throughout the week
- The young ladies who ‘by their charm and skills in serving at the reception made an attractive feature of the evening’
- The Ladies’ Societies of St. Paul’s, First Congregational, and Methodist Episcopal churches ‘for serving delectable luncheons’

The list goes on and on as the extensive heartfelt Resolution of Gratitude was hand-written and filled eight full pages of Michigan Federation of Women’s Club’s stationery.

*Obviously, Muskegon was a very different city in 1902. One of the quaint things then is the fact that each public utility was provided by a single company. Hence, paying your bills by check simply involved writing the check and accompanying envelope out to the gas company, the phone company, or the water company, Muskegon, Mich.

LIFESTYLES

Nancy Bierenga, *chair pro temp*

Only two potential students responded with an interest in learning sign language, so that will not be pursued at this time—unless there is response soon.

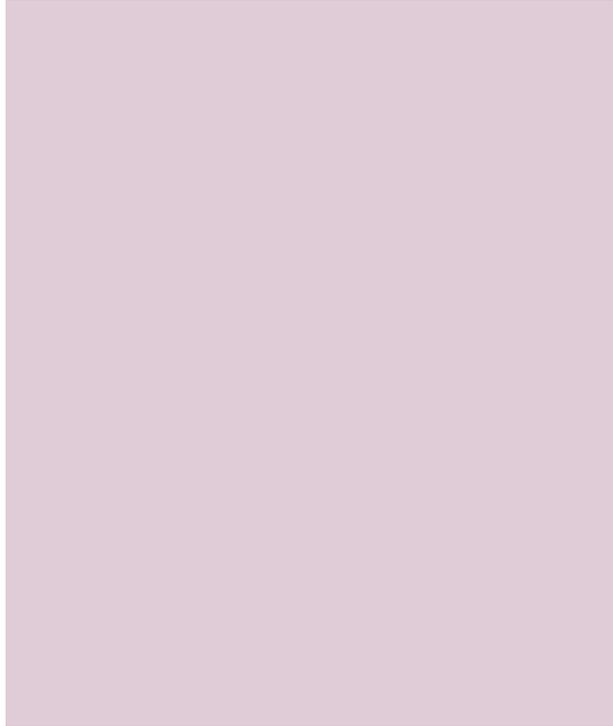
Computer classes! We will meet at the club (socially distanced) at 1PM on February 1, 8, 15 and March 15, 22, and 29 as long as there is interest. I will be teaching the classes, so we don’t need any set number of people to participate. If you have a lap top to bring, it will be helpful or you may just take notes. On Feb. 1 we will cover basic computer skills. Feb. 8 we’ll look at Microsoft Office specific skills. Feb. 15 will be using the Internet. Themes for March will be announced as they are requested. These dates are, of course, weather dependent.

Dine Out will return as soon as we’re allowed in restaurants, hopefully in March.



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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.

