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

The President's Pen

President, **Hannah Olechnowicz**

Dear Club Members,

Well - we made it through May! As most of you know May has been a wild ride this year because of events being pushed back and changed and changed again. Our board of directors and event chairs have been working tirelessly at the club for days on end to make all our events a success, cleaning, organizing and repeating that process over again. Make sure to tell the board members what a nice job they've been doing and all the work they've done certainly doesn't go unnoticed. Nancy sent out a lovely video of the Woman of Accomplishment event, and I encourage each of you to watch it. It was quite spectacular this year!

The construction crews from West Michigan Roofing should be starting soon. I don't have an exact date from them yet, but we are certainly on their schedule.

Also happening in June is our strategic board retreat. I will be hosting the board at my house and here we will create our plan for the upcoming year. The annual calendar gets determined, committees are formed, and adjustments are made to make improvements.

The June membership meeting will take place on June 2 at 6:30pm and it is all desserts! I'm so excited to have a plate full of desserts! We offer this meeting time a couple times a year to encourage those who work full time to include it in their schedules. This will also be our installation meeting where the board for the upcoming year is installed. I hope to see you all there!

And on a personal note, I'm now 5 months pregnant, and someone said to me the other day "oh you are halfway there" and hearing it being said like that made me a little nervous! But, I feel great and you can definitely see a little bump showing now!

XOXO, *Hannah O.*



Club Calendar

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June

2	Installation Evening Meeting	6:30PM
3	Book Talk	6PM
16	BOD Meeting/Retreat	9AM-?
18	Newsletter Articles Due	5PM

July

8	Book Talk	6PM
20	Dine Out The Deck	6PM
21	BOD Meeting	12N
23	Newsletter Articles Due	5PM

2021/2022 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
BOD, Activities Chair
??, Communications Chair
Dorothy Brink, House and Grounds Chair
Nancy Bierenga, Parliamentarian
Karin Carlson, Membership Chair

MEMBER CARE

Karin Carlson, Chair/ Holly Nolan, new members

Please help us welcome new members!

First is Susan Tufts. Susan is a Docent for the Muskegon Museum of Art, a member of the Red Hat Ladies of Ottawa County, loves to travel, explore, read, finish furniture, make friends and life-long learning. She heard about our Club online. She and her husband Charles live in Muskegon.

She is a nurse and a military wife, she joined a health club and finds news and politics interesting. She loves history and Muskegon's history especially. She lived in Southern California and Hawaii for 50 years and returning home to cold Michigan was quite an adjustment! While in Hawaii she learned about different cultures and was lucky to study at the University of Hawaii about cultures and religions.

Susan Tufts, 1502 Wildwood Drive, Muskegon 49445 231-375-8047. Birthday is October 18 STufts9725@aol.com

Next is Mariana Murillo VanDam. She has two children and enjoys reading and yoga. She was born and raised in Holland and formerly lived in the Hudsonville-Jenison area.

Mariana Murillo VanDam, 255 W Western Ave, Muskegon, 49440 616-366-2459. Birthday is December 15 Mariana@westurbanrealtymi.com

Reminder from the Membership Committee, your 2021-2022 dues are payable during the month of June and, in order to be included in the yearbook, they are due by July 15. If you joined during the last 3 months, you are paid through the next club year.

*Please Join Us for our
Annual Installation Dessert
Evening*

June 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Please be sure to RSVP to Karin (231.788.3050 or karinc1146@yahoo.com) by 5 PM on Monday, May 31, so we can be sure to have seats and food for everyone.

You do not need a mask if you are fully vaccinated, but you may wear one if you prefer. If you need to cancel at the last minute due to a cough or other Covid-19 symptoms, please call Karin. We will continue to provide room for social distancing.

There will be a 50/50 drawing for our scholarship fund.
Philanthropy offerings this year are to benefit Every Woman's Place.

We will install our next board of directors and enjoy a dessert bar provided by members of the club. If you'd like to provide a dessert but haven't been asked, please contact Nancy at nancy.f.b2020@gmail.com.
Our décor will be black, white, and gold. You may dress in black and white to fit the theme if you'd like, but that is not required.

There must have been a collective sigh of relief among the ladies of the club following the grand dedication ceremonies. Their long-awaited clubhouse was finally a reality, truly a testament to their dedication and determination. Imagine their delight exploring every nook and cranny of the elegant, yet empty, edifice as their footsteps echoed across the beautiful new hardwood floors. Now, to furnish the clubhouse and make it truly their home. Not to worry, the generosity of both club members and the community was soon on full display as gifts of period furniture and priceless artworks found a home in the new clubhouse.

Original pieces include a baby grand piano from the *Chase Hammond Piano Company* donated on behalf of Mrs. Charles H. Hackley. (The original piano was replaced by a newer model in 1915.)

A Partial Parlor Set consisting of a rocking chair and a settee donated by Mrs. C. L. Thompson remains in the clubhouse today, the rocker in the parlor and the settee in the entry way.

The triple walnut bookcase with glass doors (c.1870) gracing the tea room today was a gift of Mrs. Newcomb McGraft.

Other original pieces include the andirons and log holder of the fireplace in the parlor, a silver tea service from charter member, Mrs. C. L. Dearborn, and an orange wood gavel, a gift of Mrs. C.A. Crandall.

Last, but not least, a monetary bequest of \$1500 was donated by the Messrs. Hackley, Erwin, and Mann to furnish the new clubhouse resulting in the purchase of 500 wooden chairs. Photographs of these early furnishings are on display in the tea room upstairs. Come, take a peek at the early clubhouse.

Member Care Committee

Karin Carlson, Sharon Beck, Pam Caris, and Holly Nolan

Our annual Member Recognition Program was held at our luncheon in May. Because of the Pandemic shutdown, members from club years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 were honored.

We welcomed 14 new members in 2019-2020 and 9 new members in 2020-2021 before the Pandemic shutdown.

Certificates of Membership were awarded as follows:

2019-2020: Five Years: Jeanine Ober, Pat Camp, and Ann Caris

Ten Years: Carolyn Bowen, Kitty Gietzen, Ruth Lofton, Connie Navarro, Karen Panozzo, Bob Scolnik, and Toni Seyferth

2020-2021: Five Years: Zaneta Adams, Suzanne Hayes, and Holly Nolan

Ten Years: Pam Caris, Karin Carlson, Marlene Dykstra, Doug Hughes, and Bonnie Kellogg

Fifteen Years: Florence Stahl and Deb Roest

Twenty Years: Ruth Hillman, Martha McKinney, and Carol Thompson

If you were unable to attend the luncheon and did not receive your certificate, you may contact Karin Carlson to make arrangements.

Fittingly, a memorial tribute was held in honor of members, Dolores Brondyke and Kay Ostrom. In attendance were Carrie Brondyke, Dolores's only daughter-in-law and Carol Moore, Kay's only daughter.

Members and guests received packages of wildflower seeds symbolizing the beauty we create by working together. Thank you one and all for your dedication and support of the club.

LIFESTYLES

Nancy Bierenga, *chair pro temp*

It is now looking like July 1 will allow restaurants to reopen fully. Since our June meeting is an evening meeting anyway, we will plan to restart Dine Out on July 20 at The Deck at 6:00 PM. Please contact Nancy (nancy.f.b2020@gmail.com) if you'd like to join us! How exciting is this!?!

Did You Know?

That Harding's Market in North Muskegon will donate a portion of what you spend to your favorite non-profit?

All you need to do is enter your phone number in the payment machine each time you shop and the more you spend, the higher the reward (up to 4%!). Go to Hardings.com, click on Community Rewards, fill out your information, and choose the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club from the drop down list! Harding's does the rest.

BOARD ACTIONS

At our May board meeting the Board decided that in the interest of keeping the club in better condition with the acknowledgement that many of us have been doing the physical work of the club for the last 10 years it is time to contract for some additional help.

- We will have a landscape company mow and edge the lawn and remove weeds as needed at a cost of \$45 per time (probably every two weeks during the summer).
- We will ask one of our rental site supervisors to check the bathrooms and ballroom floor after each event held by members—whether it is a club event or a rental. \$50 will be added to the cost for every event (including luncheons) to pay for this service. If we do not have enough money from luncheon costs, it could possibly become necessary to charge an extra \$1 per attendee to cover this cost. For member rentals, \$50 will be added to the cost of each rental to cover the cost. Members will still be responsible for returning tables and chairs and all other furniture to their original position as well as mopping the floors and cleaning the kitchen as needed., or they can contract for the site supervisors to do those tasks as well, at \$15 per hour additional.

Arts and Entertainment

Pat Camp, *chair*



Book Talk will return in June! You should have received an email from Pat. If you didn't get one but would like to be included on Pat's email list, please let her know. Pat's email address is patcamp930@gmail.com. Hope to see you on June 3!

June	Opposite of Everyone by Joshilyn Jackson
July	The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgate
August	The Storied Life of AJ Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin



ALL HOLIDAY REVUE

Hello Members,

We would like to report on our first ever All Holiday Revue Event. The event was hosted by Deb Roest and Carolyn Bowen on May 12th. This idea was suggested by Carolyn and we would have not done it without her. We had 12 ladies (all club members) host a table for a specific holiday. It was so beautiful to see. It was so festive. We have had a rough year with COVID and many people could not get together for holidays, so we thought we would bring the holidays to everyone that evening.

We would like to thank all the table hostess which include Peggy Peckham, Helen Alberts, Bonnie Kellogg, Pat Camp, Brenda Rogers, Elizabeth Holden, Jenna Leffring Audrey Link, Staci Cornell and Shirley Green. All holidays were represented very well by these women.

We had a wonderful catered dinner by Dave and Cindy Short of Dave's Kountry Katering and even a dessert bar. The attendees of the event were really wined and dined. We had a jellybean guessing game, 50/50 raffles and many, many raffle baskets. I think everyone was pleasantly surprised with all the raffle prizes. Thank you to all the table hostess and club members for being so generous in giving prizes. We had Fatty Lumpkin's, Muskegon Risers, Wasserman's and East of Eden Spa businesses donate prizes as well. We also had entertainment from Voice of 8.

Thank you to Hannah and Carol Thompson for handling the tickets, programs, and flyers. Thank you to all the helpers that evening which include Paula and Laura Martin, Pam Caris, Cindy Falkowski, Holly Nolan, Pat Green and Dorothy Brink. The evening was such a huge success and we made \$800.00 for our first time doing this event. The event was sold out and the room was full. We heard so many compliments from so many people the night of the event and afterwards from how beautiful the tables were, wonderful food and dessert, entertainment to all the prizes. We really feel everyone enjoyed this event and we will be doing it again. Thanks again to everyone helped us with this event. We could have not done it without you.

Sincerely,

Deb Roest and Carolyn Bowen- Co Chairpersons

PS. We had a videographer at the event and will get a link for members and friends to view the event ASAP. I have had some ladies come forward and want to host another table for next year. Please let us know if you are interested or want to help with the committee.

HELP NEEDED - Contact Hannah!

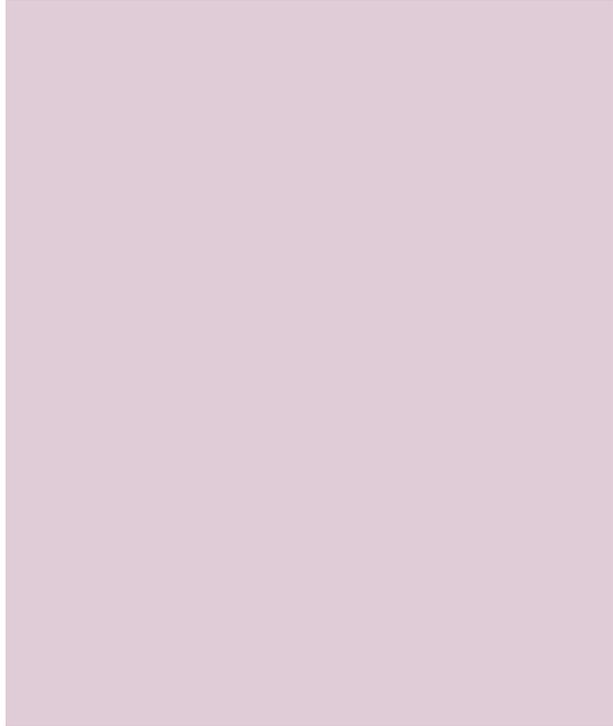
There are two non-elected positions that need to be filled. Hannah is asking first for volunteers before she starts calling people.

- ⇒ Communications Chair—this is a standing committee of the BOD and as such, the chair is a voting member of the BOD. This position can be mostly done from home. Computer skills are needed. The chair (or someone they appoint to assist) creates event flyers, adds events to the Facebook page and community calendars, and if possible keeps the website updated (this could also be assigned to another committee member). This is a perfect and fun way to serve the club even if you have a full-time job!
- ⇒ Purchasing Chair—this is not a standing committee, so the chair is not a voting member of the BOD and doesn't need to attend board meetings. This person would become familiar with the items we need to keep stocked at the club, make purchases to keep items supplied, and make suggestions for larger purchases to the BOD for their budgeting.



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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.

June Birthdays

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| 1 | Sharon Beck | 17 | Sam Prince |
| | Michelle Fox | 19 | Carmen Jeisy |
| | Barbara Wagonmaker | 23 | Cindi Stefl |
| 2 | Jean Patak | 28 | Lori Hawkins |
| 4 | Roberta Tetzlaff | | |
| 14 | Katherine Gietzen | | |
| | Claudia Bryant | | |

Happy Birthday!

