



## Michigan State University Community Club Newsletter

*Summer 2024  
June, July and August*



### **A Message from the New 2024-2025 MSUCC President**

My first message as the new MSUCC President will be short - I'm having a busy Summer already!

This is a special thank you to all the Interest Group Chairs. It's not an easy job, but it's very necessary to have someone to communicate, make arrangements, and take care of the details. For many of our members, their first start in being involved with MSUCC is belonging to an Interest Group. Your work is very much appreciated!

The Interest Groups will be featured at the Fall Welcome Reception on September 20<sup>th</sup> as members sign up for the groups in which they want to participate this Club year. We look forward to seeing you at the reception!

Enjoy your summer ~

*Nancy Craig*



### **Important Dates**

Tuesday, August 20

Deadline for the September issue of the newsletter, which will be sent out around September 1.

Friday, September 20

MSUCC Welcome Reception, Interest Group Sign-Ups, and *(hopefully)* Scholarship Recipients Recognition at the University Club, 1:00 to 3:00 PM



Longtime member Joy Costar passed away on March 6. A celebration to honor Joy's life will be held on Friday, June 21, from 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the Four Seasons Lounge at the MSU Henry Center. More information is in Joy's obituary. You will need to copy & paste both lines of this link:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/east-lansing-mi/joy-costar-11699709>



## We Care About Our Members

The MSUCC family supports our members through times of joy and sorrow. If you know of a member who would appreciate an appropriate card or note, please contact us.

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## Membership Recruitment

As you know, the MSUCC membership year goes from July to July. The 2024-2025 membership form will be included in the green trifold, which will be sent out in August, and the MSUCC September newsletter will include a page with three additional membership forms.

This year we are **strongly encouraging** our members to reach out to friends, neighbors, and colleagues to invite younger, older and in-betweeners to join us and participate in our wonderful MSUCC activities. We want to grow as a community outreach club, and being a member requires only that the individual appreciates and supports MSU. Remind friends that our interest groups' events offer a wonderful variety of activities, and these smaller groups are a great way to make new friends and enjoy a pleasant break from hectic schedules. Consider inviting an interested person to the Fall Welcome Reception on September 20th. We would be excited to have a high attendance for our Fall kickoff event!

Dottie West, Membership Chairperson

## Special Invitation from the Lansing Women’s Club

We have received an invitation for our members to attend the sesquicentennial (150th) year celebration of the founding of the Lansing Women’s Club. We are invited to their open house on Sunday, June 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at 624 West Ottawa Street, Lansing. A brief presentation will take place at 3:00 PM.



The LWC Constitution, Article III, states “The purpose of Lansing Women’s Club shall be study and improvement of its members in Literature, Sciences, and Fine Arts.” That was a worthy purpose, 150 years ago and still is now.

Please attend if you are so inclined!



## Scholarship News

The MSU Office of Financial Aid and our MSUCC Scholarship Committee are still waiting for the Federal Government to complete the restructuring of the FAFSA form for students applying for financial aid. As yet, our committee has been unable to request information on MSU students who might qualify for our endowed scholarships because students have been unable to complete their applications. We are hopeful that this process will be resolved over the Summer and that we will have scholarship recipients to introduce to you at the Fall Welcome Reception on September 20.



## Free Scam Alert Presentation - For Your Information



**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY  
GENERAL KRISTEN STINEDURF**

**ZOOM PRESENTATION ON  
FRAUD/SCAM AWARENESS**

The Michigan Department of Attorney General Phone, Mail, and e-Scams presentation will provide information on how to learn the telltale signs of scams found through phone calls, mail, email, and texts.

Attendees will also learn how to minimize risk of being scammed.

**JUNE 5, 2024 | 2:00 PM EST**

For more information, please contact  
TCOA’s Assistant Director:  
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**JOIN TCOA’S COMMUNITY PARTNER  
AS WE WATCH ONLINE TOGETHER!**

**Host Site:  
Edgewood United Church**

**Location:  
469 N Hagadorn Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823**

**FREE EVENT**



## MSUCC Interest Group News for Summer 2024

### **Afternoon Bridge** - Chair Kay Hillberg

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We will continue through the summer to play the second and fourth Mondays of the month, alternating between playing at Schuler's in Meridian Mall (second Mondays) and playing online using BridgeBase (fourth Mondays). If you are on our list, I will send you an eMail reminder early in the week before each play date. There is a date change for our first June date, and we will play the first Monday (June 3), NOT the second Monday (June 10), at Schuler's. We will play on schedule June 24 (online). Our other summer dates are July 8 & 22, and August 12 & 26.  
Kay



### **Creative Writers** - Chairs Kathy Esselman

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We met at my home in May. Attending were Kate O'Neill, Linda Nuttal, Jo Brown, Joanne Keith, Cele Friestater, Joyce Benvenuto, Jean Christensen, and I. Our readers for May were Linda Nuttal, who shared a piece about getting her house painted, and Joyce Benvenuto, who read a prose piece from her newest book, "Passage".



Linda's piece was a tongue-in-cheek telling of the multiple issues she faced when she had her house painted by the company "Mutt and Jeff". Their company contracts with the painters who do the work, although they have been known to keep deposits and not do the work. Employee Randy appeared to do prep work on a chilly morning in March, and Linda and her daughter Stephanie got his whole life history including that his utilities had been shut off due to an overdue gas bill, and that his furnace had been "red tagged." Although much work was done, Randy never reappeared to finalize the job. The saga was over.

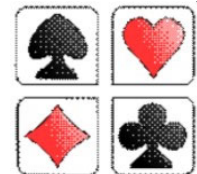
Joyce read a prose piece called "Not Marilyn Monroe," about driving to Canada alone when she was 19 and joining a group who was camping there. The piece beautifully captured both the fears she had (she took an 8" knife with her) and the relief when she reached her destination. "Passage" is Linda's first self-published book, which she did with the help of her granddaughter.

Lyn did a brief tour of her garden before the meeting. The next meeting of the group will be on June 5 at the ELPH. We will write a one-pager on the topic of funny things pets do.  
Lyn

### **Dinner & Bridge** - Chair Joy Jacobs

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We will meet on June 7, will take off July and August, and will resume on September 6. Our group meets September through June on the first Friday of the month at 5:30 PM in the University Club's "Mingle" restaurant for dinner, then we play bridge in a private room until about 10 PM. If you are interested in joining us, please email me or sign up at our interest group table at the MSUCC Fall Welcome Reception on September 20.



This group started over 50 years ago as a group of MSUCC members and their husbands. We have evolved and although we still have couple participants, we also have many MSUCC singles partnered with other members. We enjoy having a meal together and visiting as much as we enjoy playing bridge. What we play is *truly* "party bridge"

jj

**Evening Novel Discussion** - Chair Janet Brock [jbrock@mac.com](mailto:jbrock@mac.com) 292-7873

Our June meeting wraps up an amazing season of reading for our group. We will finish off the year with The Gentleman in Moscow. The other books we read were Demon Copperhead, When We had Wings, The Maid, The Paris Library, Exiles, The Nightwatchman, and Horse.



Special thanks to our hostesses and discussion leaders and to our tech experts for figuring out how to set up Zoom, so we can welcome our members from wherever they are.

We will start again in September with something a little different, Our Town. October will be our selection meeting. Our meetings are the second Wednesday of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Contact me for more details if you are interested in joining us. Happy reading!  
Janet

**Family Links** - Co-Chairs Candy Boldrey [cbold67@gmail.com](mailto:cbold67@gmail.com) 859-421-0014  
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We will not meet during the Summer, but will resume on September 17 with a Zoom meeting featuring a speaker who works for Ancestry.com.  
Candy and Sandy



**German Conversation** - Chair Helen LeBlanc [helen\\_48895@yahoo.com](mailto:helen_48895@yahoo.com) 655-6454

We meet at 2:00 PM the first and third Thursdays of the month, and will continue through the Summer.

On the first Thursday of the month we meet by Zoom, because our membership ranges from California to southern France. On the third Thursday we meet in member's homes and share wonderful desserts, or we meet in a coffeehouse or restaurant. We converse only in German, and discuss all kinds of topics.  
Helen



### **Golf**

The MSUCC golf league decided as a group to discontinue our affiliation with the MSU Community Club as we are no longer playing at MSU's Forest Akers due to changes by Forest Akers management. Players may choose to continue their membership with the MSUCC but it is no longer a condition of participation in our new league, Driving Divas. We thank MSUCC for their ongoing support of MSU student scholarships and wish the Community Club all the best in the future.  
Kristie Broessel, Chair



**Several Board members and Chair of Interest Groups Jacquie Foss are currently discussing the possibility of starting an early evening golf league next year. If you would be interested in participating an evening league, please contact Jacquie at [fossjk@gmail.com](mailto:fossjk@gmail.com) or 517-324-9991.**

**International** - Chair Jean Friend [friend.jean@att.net](mailto:friend.jean@att.net) 285-5469

We have had wonderful speakers and programs, but we are taking a break until next Fall, when we will be focusing on the 2024 election and how this will impact our relations internationally. The September newsletter will have topics and dates.



If you have a connection with an international scholar who could do a program for us, please contact me.

Jean

**Mah Jong** - Contact Kathy Jacobs

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Please contact me if you are interested in beginning Mah Jong classes in the Fall. Vivian Dwyer, our teacher, supplies all materials for the classes, which meet once a week for four weeks. The cost of enrolling in a class is \$25, payable to Vivian. Kathy



**Morning Eclectic Readers** - Chair Babs Krause

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This group meets the fourth Friday of the month, and new members are welcome. Contact me to be included. Babs



**Out-to-Lunch Bunch** - Chair Kathy Esselman

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On Friday, June 14, Grace Nicodemus will host the Out to Lunch Bunch in her home at 2824 Kittansett Drive, Okemos. If you are driving South on Hagadorn, turn left onto Kittansett Drive in the College Field subdivision between Bennett and Jolly Roads. Her house is on the left.



Grace will serve a salad bar with lots of choices from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Hot sour dough San Francisco rolls, pineapple lime cream cheese salad/dessert, lemonade and iced tea will also be served.

Please RSVP to Grace by June 12th to make sure she has enough seating for everyone. Call or text her at 831-747-4222 or by email at [RevGrace@cloud.com](mailto:RevGrace@cloud.com).

Kathy

**Sequence** - Chair Grace Nicodemus

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Come join in the fun and excitement of a game of Sequence. You can be a winner even if you have never played before. Play and learn. We can handle up to 16 players at a time. We meet at Coral Gables on the third Wednesday of each month, starting at 11:30 AM for lunch, and playing immediately after. Our Summer play dates will be June 19, July 24 (change to fourth Wednesday), and August 21.

Grace



**Spartan Quilters** - Chair Martha Schwab

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We enjoyed an End of the Year Brunch at my home in May, and we selected a date for our last outing this Spring. We will meet at the Country Stitches parking lot at 8:30 am on Wednesday, June 5 for a Quilting Shop Hop to the Grand Rapids area. Any interested persons are welcome to join us. Please call me to make a reservation.



We will begin our 24-25 activities on Wednesday, October 2.

Martha

**Tennis** - Chair Phylis Floyd

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Drills will continue through the Summer on Mondays only, from June 3 through Labor Day. We meet at 9:00 AM at Court One East, Okemos. The per-session charge is \$9 for members of Court One or \$10 for non-members. Please remember to call Court One (517-349-1199) the day before to assure we have sufficient numbers.

Phylis



**Visual Arts** - Chair Gwendolyn Taylor

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We will end the MSUCC 2023-2024 program year with a train trip to Chicago June 5-7 to visit the Art Institute, to attend a performance of "SIX, The Musical", and to enjoy the symphony.



We have had a most successful program year and are indeed looking forward to you joining us at the MSUCC Fall Welcome Reception and Interest Group Sign-up on September 20.  
Gwen

**Women's Night Out** - Co-Chairs - Sue Bence  
Gabi Mayer  
Jean Zwier

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Our April 16 Women's Night Out was our last meeting in the 23-24 academic year. Six members of WNO enjoyed dinner and conversation at Zynda's Food and Drink in Williamston,



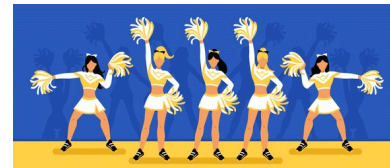
Jean Zwier has graciously stepped forward to take over facilitation of the group starting in the Fall. Thank you Jean!

Watch for information in the September newsletter as we resume in the Fall.  
Sue, Gabi & Jean

**Women's Sports Supporters** - Chair Joy Jacobs

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MSU women's sports have finished their 2023-2024 seasons. Some teams had more wins than others, but all athletes trained and played with strong effort and hope.



Some sports events begin late in August, so I will be sending Fall sport schedules to members of this group early that month.

Email me if you'd like to be on our mailing list!  
jj



## Newsletter News

This June-July-August issue of the newsletter is the last one for the 2023-2024 Club year. We will begin sending the 2024-2025 issues of the newsletter around September 1st.

If you have questions about the newsletter or suggestions for articles or other improvements, please email Editor Joy Jacobs at [jacobsj@msu.edu](mailto:jacobsj@msu.edu)