



**A Message from Your Co-Presidents**

There have been recent days when it seems as if Spring is coming, and then we'll have a day with snowflakes or freezing temperatures. Sooner or later, Spring WILL arrive and we can be comfortable outside in our gardens.

As our 2022-2023 Club year draws to a close, we both thank you for belonging to MSUCC, for participating in interest groups and activities, and for attending our general membership meetings. We've had really interesting programs and wonderful "individually and professionally packaged" snacks (to meet MSU Credit Union Covid directives). We sincerely appreciate the meeting and program planners, the interest group chairs, and especially the Board members who have supported, encouraged, and kindly corrected us; have attended Board meetings; and have worked tirelessly in so many different ways to the benefit of our club. Because of the efforts of so many of our members, the 2022-2023 Club year was a success. Thank you all for a wonderful year!

*Kathy Jacobs and Joy Jacobs  
MSUCC Co-Presidents 2022-2023*

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**Important Dates**

***Monday, April 10***

Board Meeting, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon  
Community Room, MSUFCU, corner of Mount Hope and Farm Lane

 ***Thursday, April 13***  
***EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SPRING LUNCHEON***  
*See reservation form on last page* 

***Saturday, April 15***

Deadline for May newsletter articles

***Thursday, April 20***

"Daffodils" Spring Luncheon, 12:00 to 2:00 PM (doors open at 11:30 AM)  
University Club Ballroom (lower level), 3435 Forest Road, East Lansing

***Monday, May 8***

Board Meeting for combined outgoing and incoming Boards, 10:30 AM  
Community Room, MSUFCU, corner of Mount Hope and Farm Lane



A publication that went out to the MSU community shortly after the February 13 shooting contained the photo above, which shows one of the quilted hearts Mary Andrews and other members of our Quilting Interest Group made to hang all over campus. Unfortunately, there was no accompanying story about who made the heart and why, but WE know. Our quilters are to be commended for sharing their talents to help students and staff on campus feel our love and start to heal from this terrible tragedy.

Also, FYI – officers and members of some of the Big Ten Women’s Clubs have reached out to our Club to express their sympathy and compassion in thoughtful email messages. We have responded with our sincere thanks.



**We have lost another dear member of our MSUCC family. Long-time member and quilter Marilyn Washington passed away on February 10. Her sister-in-law, Marti Ricks, is also a faithful member of the quilters group.**

**A sympathy card has been sent to Marti and the family from the Club, but if you wish to send your own card or note, please send it in care of**

**Marti Ricks  
6100 Peachtree  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837-8967**



## Report of our General Membership Meeting on March 17



**Professor Jason Rowntree**

Our general membership meeting and program on March 17 was attended by over 30 members and guests. Our speaker was Jason Rowntree, PhD, who is an associate professor in the Department of Animal Science, in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He was introduced by Program Co-Chair Cheryl Nelson, and started his presentation by saying he had been on the faculty since 2009. He also mentioned having worked closely with several current and former professors in his department. A number of our members recognized those names.

Jason explained “What is Regenerative Agriculture?” with an excellent Power Point presentation, and he answered many questions. He was funny, informative, and very personable, and we enjoyed his program very much.

Many thanks to Kathy Jacobs and her husband Fred who were able to record Jason’s presentation. You can listen to the program by clicking on the link below (you will first hear some of the noise of the meeting, then Cheryl Nelson introducing Professor Rowntree, and then the presentation). Click here:

[https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/REC004/1\\_yga0qfyz](https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/REC004/1_yga0qfyz)

A wonderful selection of different types of snacks were supplied by the Family Links interest group, with coffee supplied by the Credit Union and made by Co-Second Vice President Jean Friend.

## Interest Group News for April

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

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We will play on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. If you are on the current list, I will send an eMail reminder early in the week before our playdate. If you are not on the list but would like to play, we would love to have you join us; please contact me. We continue to play online using Bridge Base.  
Kay



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

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We met on March 1 via Zoom, and two members read aloud from their writings. Kate O'Neill read a piece about "The Ballet Hispanico". She had interviewed artistic director Eduardo Vilaro about the company's "celebratory program that reflects the company's fifty years..." and his joy at being able to connect with an audience and at the Wharton Center after so many months of darkness imposed by the Covid pandemic. Dee Williams read her piece entitled "Something Courageous I Have Done", which was about her applying to teach in Turkey right after college. She made her way from Detroit to New Jersey to Manhattan, but soon realized she was sick. She had ten days to recover before sailing the Atlantic while taking Turkish lessons. She fell in love with Turkey while teaching there.



Also in March, Lyn Farquhar spoke at the Williamston Senior Center about "Writing and Publishing" and then had a book signing. The weather decided to give Michigan a winter blast that day, however 25 brave people attended, including a 99 year-old woman who drove herself there! Lyn's contract with Harlequin is for a new cover for her book The Blind Spirit, which will be re-published for the small mass market.

Our April meeting will take place April 5 at the home of Jacquie Foss. Jill Campbell Mason and Grace Nicodemus will be reading.  
Kathy and Lyn

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

[jacobsj@msu.edu](mailto:jacobsj@msu.edu) 675-5590

This couples & singles group meets the first Friday of the month at the University Club for dinner at 5:30 PM, followed by playing bridge in one of their private rooms. Our next get-together will be Friday, April 7. If you and your spouse or partner would like to join us, please contact me.  
jj



### **Evening Novel Discussion** - Chair Janet Brock

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We'll next meet Wednesday April 12, at 7:30 PM on Zoom. If you would like to join us, contact me to find out what we're reading and to get the Zoom link.  
Janet



**Family Links** - Chairs Candy Boldrey  
Sandy Gebber

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We will meet on April 17 at 1:00 at the East Lansing Public Library. The meeting will be a discussion of the book Inheritance by Dani Shapiro. The author writes about taking a DNA test only to find out that the father who raised her was not her biological father. She is faced with understanding who she is, how that happened, and how she goes forward. Sandy and Candy



**German Conversation** - Chair Helen LeBlanc

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We meet at 2:00 PM the first and third Thursdays of the month. The meeting on the first Thursday is 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. We converse only in German, and discuss topics from politics to current movies. Contact me if you are interested.



Helen

**Golf** - Chair Kristi Broessel

[filfour@aol.com](mailto:filfour@aol.com) 323-8286

The golf league starts soon - I will be in touch with past members. If you'd like to join us this Spring, please contact me for details. Kristi



**International** - Jean Friend

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Members interested in this group are invited to tea and a light lunch at my home on Sunday, April 23. We will have a short program on the history of the English tea, and then we will discuss the revitalization of this group. Please RSVP to me by April 20 if you would like to be included. Jean



**MahJong** - Contact Kathy Jacobs

[khjacobs@hotmail.com](mailto:khjacobs@hotmail.com) 332-2737

Vivian Dwyer hosts her classes at Arty Party in Okemos, and has started teaching another group for us. To sign up for future lessons, please contact Vivian at [Paintviv@comcast.net](mailto:Paintviv@comcast.net) or 881-4203. Kathy



**Morning Eclectic Readers** - Chair Babs Krause

[krauseb02@comcast.net](mailto:krauseb02@comcast.net) 337-2713

We meet on the fourth Friday via Zoom at 10:00 AM. Babs



**Out-to-Lunch Bunch** - Chair Kathy Esselman [esselmank@comcast.net](mailto:esselmank@comcast.net) 974-1834

We next meet on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 11:30 AM. Many thanks to Babs Krause, who has made reservations at PF Chang's Asian and Chinese Restaurant at 2425 Lake Lansing Road. There is adequate parking, and guests can be dropped off at the door. If you would like to join us for lunch, please call Babs at 517-337-2713 or email her at [krauseb02@comcast.net](mailto:krauseb02@comcast.net) to make a reservation.

Kathy



**Social Outings** - Contact Kay Hillberg [hillbergk@hotmail.com](mailto:hillbergk@hotmail.com) 881-42980  
**(formerly Social Singles)**

This group hasn't met since the pandemic, and we are working to re-start, brainstorming ideas such as eating at local restaurants; attending concerts, plays or special events; doing craft projects; or visiting interesting places in or near Lansing. Please contact me if you have questions or suggestions.

Kay



**Spartan Quilters** - Chair Martha Schwab [mmschwab17@gmail.com](mailto:mmschwab17@gmail.com) 676-7011

After a wonderful day-long retreat at Joanne Fogg's Quilt Center in Leslie where we worked on Quilts of Valor and other items for our next MSUCC sale; the quilters are looking forward to their last few meetings of the year and a year-end brunch to send everyone off for the summer.

Martha



**Tennis** - Chair Phylis Floyd [floyd@msu.edu](mailto:floyd@msu.edu) 980-2526

The tennis drill group is pretty routine - one-hour drill sessions at Court One East on Research Drive off Okemos Road at 9:00 AM Mondays & Fridays. Players can play either/both days, and all skill levels are welcome. Members of Court One pay \$9.00 a session; non-members pay \$10.

Sessions happen when four people sign up! To assure we have enough players and courts each time we meet, please call the club the day before (517-349-1199) and let the receptionist know you are reserving a spot with the MSU Community Club. If you are not currently a member of Court One, the first time you play you will need to complete some safety papers.

Phylis



**Women's Night Out** - Chairs Susan Bence [suebence@gmail.com](mailto:suebence@gmail.com) 420-0018  
Gabriele Mayer [g57mayer@gmail.com](mailto:g57mayer@gmail.com) 655-2161  
Jean Zwier [zwierhmr@gmail.com](mailto:zwierhmr@gmail.com) 381-9534

Our next Women's Night Out will be April 13 at 6 PM at Persis Indian Grill, 3536 Meridian Crossing, Dr., Okemos. Please call Gabriele for more information or to make a reservation for the April night out. Sue, Gabriele, and Jean





The women's **basketball** team lost their second game in the Big Ten tournament to the Lady Hoosiers of Indiana University, and MSU's season was done. Three players were named to the All-Big Ten honorable mention team. The **gymnastics** team earned Co-First Place honors in the Big Ten and are hoping to continue their phenomenal season into the NCAA tournament. The **softball** team will play nine games at home between April 4 and April 16; the **tennis** team plays at home on April 14 and 16 before the Big Ten Tournament at Indiana University on April 26; and the **rowing** team hosts their only at-home races of the year on April 15. Both the **golf** team and the **track & field** team will have several competitions elsewhere to end their seasons in May and June, respectively.

Please let me know me if you want to be on our email list, and you will be sent the Spring sports schedules for MSU's women's teams.

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*If you have an idea for a new interest group, please get in touch with*

*Kay Hillberg at [hillbergk@hotmail.com](mailto:hillbergk@hotmail.com) or*

*Barb Tanaka at [balyoggol@gmail.com](mailto:balyoggol@gmail.com)*

*MSUCC members are eager to join together for good times and fellowship, and they are interested in many different ways to do so. New interest groups give us more opportunities to meet more friends and to have more fun!*



**New Members!** - New household members Joanne and James Olin of Okemos joined the Club recently. Welcome to the Olins!!



**Report from the Endowed Scholarship Committee** - We have selected six students from the College of Education and the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. Each student will receive a scholarship for \$2,500 for the academic year, 2023-2024. There are five MSUCC Endowed Scholarship recipients and one Karen Harsh Endowed Scholarship recipient. The students will be honored at the MSU CC Fall Reception in September.

If you would like to make a donation to our Endowment, please send your checks to: University Development Fund, 535 Chestnut Road, Rm 300, East Lansing, Michigan 48824. Please write the account number "AB2602" on the "for" line of your check.



**MSUCC Annual Spring Luncheon  
Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**EXTENDED RESERVATION DEADLINE**

Please reserve by completing this form and mailing it with your check to  
Kathy Lovell  
6185 Graebear Trail  
East Lansing, MI 48823

***Kathy must receive your check by April 13***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon cost per person - \$30. Please write your check to MSU Community Club.

Guests are welcome and encouraged! Please include guest name(s) and payment for lunches (one check is acceptable).

Guest name \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU**

Mixed greens salad with toasted almonds and Mandarin orange slices  
served with raspberry vinaigrette dressing  
Sauteed chicken breast topped with diced tomato, red onion, basil,  
fresh mozzarella, and a balsamic Blanc sauce  
Redskin potatoes with chive butter      Steamed Broccoli  
Warm rolls and butter



