



## Michigan State University Community Club 2022-2023 Newsletter



### A Message from Your Co-Presidents

The MSUCC Holiday Reception was WONDERFUL, as we met with our CC friends and guests in an interesting and beautifully decorated venue. Many thanks to Jean Friend and Roberta Staton, Co-Second Vice Presidents, for planning and executing the reception. Photos on the next page.

There are so many ways to meet new friends, find new interests, grow new talents, and thrive through MSUCC! The Club has so much to offer, and the Holiday Reception was a wonderful example. Feel free to bring a friend to any event, and encourage their membership.

As we move into the busiest time of year for our families, the Board and most of our interest groups will take a break, although many groups will resume meeting in January. Enjoy this holiday time with your loved ones! We happily anticipate the general membership meeting on February 17 when we will again gather with our MSUCC friends and guests. The presenter will be Master Chocolatier Konstantin Zsigo, owner of the Park Lake Creamery in Bath, MI, who will include a chocolate demonstration and make a special treat for us. Don't miss it!

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



### Dates to Remember

***December*** - no meetings

***Monday, January 9***

Board Meeting, 10:30 AM to 12 noon - tentatively scheduled for the Community Room, MSUFCU, corner of Mount Hope and Farm Lane

***Monday, February 13***

Board Meeting, 10:30 AM to 12 noon - tentatively scheduled for the Community Room, MSUFCU, corner of Mount Hope and Farm Lane

***Friday, February 17***

General Membership Meeting and Program, 1:00 to 3:00 PM - tentatively scheduled for the Community Room, MSUFCU, corner of Mount Hope and Farm Lane  
Program by Konstantin Zsigo, Master Chocolatier, Owner of Park Lake Creamery



## ***Photos from the Holiday Reception***



The Holiday Reception on Friday, December 2, was so much fun! Nearly 50 members joined together in the conservatory (a 2-story greenhouse) in the Crop & Soil Sciences building on campus. Light refreshments were served, the Quilters group displayed and sold many beautiful items, the Spartan Dischords (MSU men's a capella group) entertained us by singing several selections, and we were amused by Horticulture Department Gardens & Greenhouse Manager Dan Bulkowski, who could be a stand-up comic in his spare time. He explained the structure and assembly of the poinsettia tree and how the plants are watered.

Below and on the next page are some of the photos taken at the reception by MSUCC Photographer Kathy Esselman and Co-President Jou Jacobs.



Dan, the Gardens & Greenhouse Manager, explaining the structure and assembly of the poinsettia tree.



The poinsettia tree frame holds 350 plants, and there are 50 more arranged around it on the floor.



Overview of the event, during the Spartan Dischords' performance.



Harold Mondol, husband of MSUCC member Dottie West, spoke about his YouTube videotape of last year's Chico's style show.



The Spartan Dischords closed their performance with "MSU Shadows" and the fight song.

## Recap of the “Tailgate” Membership Meeting on November 18

About 25 MSUCC members braved the snowy weather and attended the tailgate meeting with MSU women’s golf coach Stacy Slobodnik-Stoll. Coach Stacy was a vivacious and entertaining presenter, and we were all impressed with her candor and humor. This is her 27<sup>th</sup> year of coaching at MSU, and she commented that she and men’s basketball coach Tom Izzo are the oldest and longest-serving coaches in the Athletics Department. She joked that she and Coach Izzo are tied with the same number of Big Ten Championships, but that she is still seeking an NCAA title.

Coach Stacy is a competitive, driven, outgoing, and enthusiastic example of all the good things a coach should be. Her teams have won the Athletic Director’s Award for the highest combined GPA of all athletic teams nine times; have been Big Ten Champions 14 times, and have appeared in the NCAA tournament 16 times. She commented that, as a non-revenue sport, the golf program must fundraise constantly, and last year they raised \$100,000 in support of the team’s travel, equipment, and incidental expenses.

Below is a photo of last year’s team with their Big Ten Championship trophy. Coach Stacy is at the top left.



## Report from the MSUCC Scholarship Committee

Our committee is working with the Office of Financial Aid to determine the Club’s scholarship recipients for 2022-2023. Unfortunately, one of our committee members has decided to resign, and we are in need of one or two more MSUCC members to join us in this endeavor. If you are interested or can suggest another member who might help, please contact one of us.

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## Corrections and additions to your directory

Add on page 20

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Change on page 13

Nancy Cibulka - delete h in her email address - [nancyhibulka@hotmail.com](mailto:nancyhibulka@hotmail.com)

Change on page 28

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It should be [zwierjlme@gmail.com](mailto:zwierjlme@gmail.com)



## Report on the Big Ten Women's Clubs Conference

After the new year, the planning committee for next June's conference will shift into high gear. We have already determined the schedule, tentatively chosen menus, predicted expenses, booked a bus for the campus tour, and scheduled Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha to speak to the delegates Saturday morning. We also plan that, as we move closer to the dates of the conference, MSUCC members and guests will be able to reserve a seat for Dr. Mona's program. Dr. Mona is the Flint pediatrician who first alerted the public to the dangers of the lead in Flint's water after the appointed city emergency manager ordered a switch from the more expensive Detroit River and Lake Huron water source to the Flint River.

Copy and paste this link to see a short summation of the water crisis:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flint\\_water\\_crisis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flint_water_crisis)

In the Spring, MSUCC members will also be able to make reservations to attend the breakfast with conference delegates Saturday morning. More information will be in future newsletters.

## Interest Group News for December and January

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

[hillbergk@hotmail.com](mailto:hillbergk@hotmail.com) 881-42980

We will be playing December 12, January 9 and January 23 at 1:00 PM, but will not play the fourth Monday in December. I will be out of the country but Joy Jacobs will arrange the games. Please contact her at [jacobsj@msu.edu](mailto:jacobsj@msu.edu) If you have questions. We play online, using Bridge Base. As you know, we need 4 or 8 to play, so Joy needs a response to her reminder message to know that you want to play.

Kay



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

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We met in the home of Jo Brown in the first week in November, and our two readers were Joyce Benvenuto and Jo Brown. Joyce read a prose piece followed by three poems. Jo read two pieces, and after her reading she served tea to our members.

The December meeting of the group will take place at the home of Lyn Farquhar. If you are interested in observing a meeting or joining us, please contact one of us.

Kathy and Lyn



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

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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. If you are interested, please contact me. December 2 will be our next dinner and bridge evening. We do not meet in January (the University Club closes for a while after New Year's Eve), but we will resume on February 3.

jj



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

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We meet the second Wednesday of the month 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

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The Family Links Genealogy Group has no meeting in December. Our January meeting will have Julie and some other members of her team speak to us about self-publishing through the use of MSU's Espresso Book Machine. We are now meeting at the East Lansing Public Library, located at 950 Abbot Road, in Room # 2 which is the history research room.

Sandy and Candy



**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. The meeting on the first Thursday is by Zoom, and 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 finished its season in September, with perfect weather, a nine hole scramble, a luncheon, and prizes. We hope to see all of our 36 member golfers back in Spring 2023, and we encourage members who golf to consider joining us then. You'll see news from us again in the Spring!  
Kristi



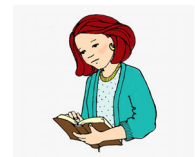
**International** - Contact Barbara Tana [balyoggol@gmail.com](mailto:balyoggol@gmail.com) 899-5835  
This group is not currently active, however we will meet with former members to restart the program.  
Barbara



**MahJong** - Contact Kathy Jacobs [khjacobs@hotmail.com](mailto:khjacobs@hotmail.com) 332-2737  
We have a group starting in December that will meet for three weeks of lessons. They may extend into January if they want. We will start another lesson group with new players in the Spring. Several people who were interested have left Michigan to go South for the winter.  
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. In November, December, and May we meet on the third Friday. Our December book is Waiting for the Morning Train by Bruce Catton.  
Babs



**Out-to-Lunch Bunch** - Chair Kathy Esselman [esselmank@comcast.net](mailto:esselmank@comcast.net) 974-1834  
We do not meet in December, but will meet on Friday, January 15, 2023, at 11:30 AM. Helen LeBlanc has made reservations at Cancun Mexican Grill at 1754 Central Park Dr., Okemos, across from the MSU Credit Union.

If you would like to join us in January, please call Helen (517-655-6454) or email her at [helen\\_48895@yahoo.com](mailto:helen_48895@yahoo.com). If you would like to organize a luncheon, there are still openings in 2023 for March 10, April 14, and May 12. To join our group, please contact me.  
Kathy



**Social Outings** - Contact Kay Hillberg  
(formerly Social Singles)

[hillbergk@hotmail.com](mailto:hillbergk@hotmail.com) 881-42980

This group hasn't met during or since the pandemic, and we are working on re-starting the group, brainstorming ideas such as eating at local restaurants or having a holiday potluck; attending concerts, plays, special events; doing craft projects; or visiting interesting places in or near the Lansing area. Please contact me if you'd like to join us or if you have suggestions for our outings.

Kay



**Spartan Quilters** - Chair Martha Schwab

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This group has been meeting since the early 1980s, and has progressed as quilting technology has evolved. We meet on the first and third Wednesdays at Country Stitches Quilt Shop on Lake Lansing Road, starting at 9:30 AM and ending before noon. We do not do any sewing at the meetings (no need to bring your sewing machine) but we demonstrate and learn new and traditional quilting techniques and share ideas.

Our only activity in December will be our annual holiday party and gift exchange at my home on December 7. We will reconvene the first week in January.

Martha



**Tennis** - Chair Phylis Floyd

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

As long as we have four players, we meet, although there will be **no drills on December 26 or 30** because of the holidays. 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** - Chair Ellen Dohr [dohrlove@comcast.net](mailto:dohrlove@comcast.net) 927-8809 (c) 349-9423 (h)

During the year, we eat at various restaurants on varying days of the week due to recurrent scheduling conflicts of several members. Gabi Mayer will be coordinating most dinners this year as my schedule is overbooked recently.

Please contact Gabi at [g57mayer@gmail.com](mailto:g57mayer@gmail.com) to reserve for our December 14<sup>th</sup> night out. We will plan our January dinner then.

Ellen



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

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The volleyball team has finished their season with a rather disappointing record, but high enthusiasm for their improvement as the season went on. The team had only 4 upperclassmen, and was the youngest team in the NCAA this year. Coach Leah Johnson's baby is due early in January, so she was ready for her busy coaching load to ease a bit!



The MSU women's basketball season is moving along very well – they are undefeated, and have scored as many as 109 points in games! Several newcomers (transfer students and freshmen) are making big contributions to the team.



The soccer team finished their season as Big Ten Champions for the first time in program history. They won their first game in the NCAA tournament, but lost their second.



Let me know if you want to be on our email list, and I'll send you the women's sports schedules as they are available.

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**Message from the MSUCC Newsletter Editor**

If you have questions or suggestions for the newsletter, please email me at [jacobsj@msu.edu](mailto:jacobsj@msu.edu). The Board and I hope the monthly newsletters and limited email "news blasts" in between will help us all stay connected between our general membership programs and our interest group meetings. Enjoy the holidays!

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