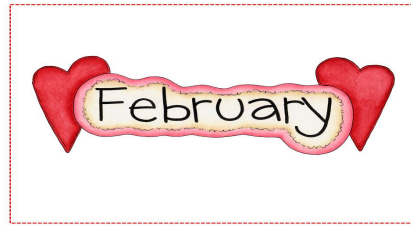




Michigan State University Community Club 2022-2023 Newsletter



A Message from Your Co-Presidents

Kathy is holding down the MSUCC fort while I'm on an 18-day ocean cruise down the coast of Chile to the tip of South America and up the coast of Argentina to Buenos Aires. My plan is to send the newsletter from the ship, and hopefully that will work!

The Nominating Committee members (Chair Lyn Farquhar, Cele Friestater, Dottie West, Kathy Esselman and Kathy Jacobs) have worked diligently to find members who will serve our Club on the 2023-2024 Board. Many thanks to current Board members who have agreed to repeat in their positions or to move to other positions, and to the MSUCC members who will be new to the Board. By now you will have received an email with the slate of officers being nominated. This message to all members, per our By-Laws, was to be sent at least 20 days before our annual meeting (February 17). Plan to attend this general membership meeting at which we will elect the new Board and enjoy a tasty program about chocolate!

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

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Dates to Remember

Monday, February 13

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

Friday, February 17

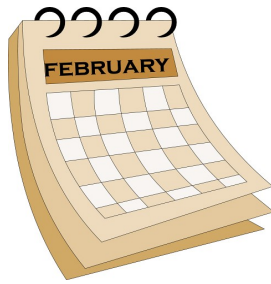
Annual Meeting, General Membership Meeting, and Program, 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Community Room, MSUFCU, corner of Mount Hope and Farm Lane
Program by Konstantin Zsigo, Master Chocolatier, Owner of Park Lake Creamery

Monday, March 13

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

Friday, March 17

General Membership Meeting and Program, 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Community Room, MSUFCU, corner of Mount Hope and Farm Lane
Program by Jason Rountree, Associate Professor, College of Agriculture



General Membership and Annual Meeting Friday, February 17

Election of 2023-2024 MSUCC Board

The annual meeting of MSUCC will be held at 1:00 PM, February 17 in the Community Room of the MSU Federal Credit Union at the corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane. The main purpose of the annual meeting is to elect the Executive Board of the Club: President, Co-First Vice Presidents, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. The slate of nominations for these positions has already been sent to the membership, and the people on that list will be elected at the annual meeting. The rest of the Board members are appointed by the incoming President or Co-Presidents, and will also be introduced at that meeting. It is important to the Club that members participate in the important task of electing and recognizing those who will steer us through the 2023-2024 Club year, so please plan to attend this meeting.

ALSO at the February 17 General Membership and Annual Meeting

Konstantin J. Zsigo, Chocolatier



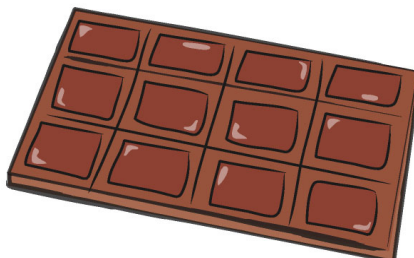
Master Chocolatier designation from
Callebaut Academy & Ecole Professional
School of Chocolate, Belgium, 2019 &
Bowen Island, Canada 2017



After the election, we will enjoy a presentation and demonstration by Konstantin Zsigo, Master Chocolatier, who owns and operates the Park Lake Creamery in Bath, Michigan.

He began his career in chocolate in 2012 as a hobby to share with his son. His passion and ambition grew over the years and he eventually formalized his training. He and his wife Nikki started the Park Lake Creamery, a gourmet dessert shop and chocolate factory, in 2017. He also publishes an audio podcast for professional chocolatiers.

Konstantin will review the four types of chocolate (dark, milk, white and ruby), and will explain what is meant by the percentage numbers we see on chocolate products. He will briefly discuss the making of truffles and will explain some popular truffle fillings. He will then demonstrate preparation of a peppermint cream ganache. A combination of cream and chocolate, ganache is the filling of the confections we call "truffles" here in the US. He will fill small chocolate cups with his peppermint cream ganache and offer everyone a taste of his creations. YUM!!



The Annual Spring Luncheon - April 20, 2023



We will mark the occasion of the end of the 2022-2023 Club year with a luncheon on April 20, at 12:00 noon, at the University Club. The outgoing Board and our interest group chairpersons will be recognized and thanked, and our new Board will be installed.

We will also be celebrating 100 years since the founding of our Club, which was known as the "Faculty Folk Club" until 2006 when the name "Michigan State University Community Club" was adopted. Through our 100 years, members of this Club have a remarkable history of supporting MSU and joining together in friendship.

More information and a reservation form for the luncheon on April 20 will be in the next newsletter.

Lyn Farquhar, First Vice President



From the Endowed Scholarship Committee

Sincere thanks to the Golf and Quilters groups whose charitable gifts to our Endowment, which continues to grow, allows us to award more scholarships to MSU students with financial need, high GPAs and promising futures.



Jackie Holecek and Mariellyn Stevenson, Co-Chairs

Interest Group News for February

Afternoon Bridge - Chair Kay Hillberg

hillbergk@hotmail.com 881-42980

We will play February 13 and 27, also the same dates in March. If you are on the current list, I will send you 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; however, I'm asking for input about your preference going forward – Do you prefer on-line or in-person, or do you not have a preference?

Kay



Creative Writers - Chairs Kathy Esselman

esselmank@comcast.net 974-1834

Lyn Farquhar

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We met at Lyn Farquhar's sumptuously decorated home on December 7th, and enjoyed her three Christmas trees, hundreds of ornaments and multiple small displays.

The Creative Writer's pick a topic each December on which we each write a one-pager. This year, we chose "a moment of courage" and "favorite recipes." Writing short pieces allows all of us to read our work aloud. Normally we do a reaction or critique to each reading, but in December we ordinarily just appreciate.



Jill Campbell-Mason wrote about piloting a high level aircraft and the fears she conquered to land the plane. Lyn Farquhar wrote about a time she rescued an unsupervised toddler from the middle of four lanes of traffic. Carol Johnson wrote about a twenty-year odyssey during which she and her husband did an historic renovation on a one-room schoolhouse. Jackie Foss wrote about standing up to a bully in a parking lot. Linda Nuttal wrote about her favorite Christmas recipes for apple pie and sugar cookies. Joanne Keith wrote about multiple incidents of courage starting from when she was a little girl. Jo Brown wrote about a time when her husband was dying. He didn't want people to come for the funeral and instead asked for a party. She called it an "above ground funeral." Although her husband had slipped into a coma by the day of the party, the event was an amazing success, with 121 friends attending. The Marine Corps played "Amazing Grace." The group discussed this as a wonderful idea, an alternative to the usual funeral or memorial.

Kathy and Lyn

Dinner & Bridge - Chair Joy Jacobs

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. Arlene Brophy Reeves will host our February 3 gathering and will be sending the reminder email to the group.



Please contact me via email or get in touch with Arlene at abrophysmsu@yahoo.com for more information.

jj

Evening Novel Discussion - Chair Janet Brock

jpbrock@mac.com 292-7873

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
Sandy Gebber

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sanrosgeb@gmail.com 351-9318

We will meet on February 21st at 1:00 PM. This will be a Zoom meeting since the speaker, Derek Blount, is from Ann Arbor. The topic is "Connecting the Dots on Your Family Map". We will send information and the Zoom link before our meeting.

Sandy and Candy



German Conversation - Chair Helen LeBlanc

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, 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 323-8286

The golf league finished its 2022 season last 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 - Jean Friend

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This group is being re-organized and will begin meeting again. Please get in touch with me if you are interested in joining.

Jean



MahJong - Contact Kathy Jacobs

khjacobs@hotmail.com 332-2737

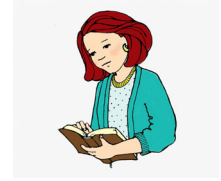
Vivian Dwyer recently taught another group of four members how to play. She hosts her classes at Arty Party in Okemos, and will give more lessons this winter when there are more applicants. Dates and times of lessons will be determined with learners. To sign up, contact Vivian at

Paintviv@comcast.net or 881-4203.

Kathy



Morning Eclectic Readers - Chair Babs Krause 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 February 24th book is Killers of the Flower **Moin** by David Grann.
Babs



Out-to-Lunch Bunch - Chair Kathy Esselman esselmank@comcast.net 974-1834
We will meet on Friday, February 10, at 11:30 AM. Sheila Fink has made reservations at Lucky's Steakhouse at 3554 Okemos Rd, Okemos. The menu is available at <https://luckyssteakhouse.com>. If you would like to join us for lunch, please call Sheila at 517-339-8705 or email her at sheilafink@hotmail.com. Thank you, Sheila for organizing this luncheon.
Kathy



Social Outings - Contact Kay Hillberg hillbergk@hotmail.com 881-42980
(formerly Social Singles)
This group hasn't met during or since the pandemic, and we are working to re-start 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 mmschwab17@gmail.com 676-7011
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.



We will continue with a small new project or Quilting Tips & Techniques at each meeting for the rest of the year. Please join us for a fun time.
Martha

Tennis - Chair Phylis Floyd floyd@msu.edu 980-2526
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.



Sessions continue as long as 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 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 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.



Our February 21 dinner will be at 6:00 PM at Thai Princess in Okemos. Please let me know if you wish to join us.
Ellen

Women's Sports Supporters - Chair Joy Jacobs jacobsj@msu.edu 675- 5590
As we watched the volleyball team play during the season, we also watched Coach Leah Johnson's pregnancy progress. Some fans were speculating that the baby might arrive before the season was done! Baby Rosalind ("Roz") arrived on January 2; Mom, baby, and the rest of the family are doing well.



The basketball team continues to be up and down - beating some teams that are much higher ranked, and losing to some teams they should have beaten easily. They always play hard, however, and they are fun to watch.

The gymnastics team has started a great season, with a program best team score at Alabama in their opening match, a come- back win versus NC State, and a win over #3 ranked U of M in front of a sellout crowd at Jenison Fieldhouse. Here's a link to their schedule:



<https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-gymnastics/schedule>

Let me know if you want to be on the Women's Sports Supporters email list, and I'll send competition information and the women's Spring sports schedules as they are available.
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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 or at 349-2472 or with
Barb Tanaka at balyoggol@gmail.com or at 899-5835**

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!

MSU Safe Place is Asking for Our Help

January has been Stalking Awareness Month, an annual call to action to recognize and respond to stalking, amplify the voices of survivors, and to hold those who perpetrate stalking accountable. It's also a time to remind our supporters that MSU Safe Place provides services to those experiencing stalking, in addition to serving survivors of relationship violence.



On behalf of the clients we serve, I am reaching out to you during this month of awareness and asking if you would please consider supporting our program.

Stalking is a pattern of behavior directed at a specific person that causes the person to feel fear or substantial distress. It is often a hidden crime. Stalking survivors live in terror as their feelings of safety and security are taken from them. They may not be believed or taken seriously when disclosing experiences with family, friends, or law enforcement. Those victimized by stalking can be of any gender, race, ethnicity, or age. It affects all communities, regardless of educational background, identities, or life experiences.

We are proud that Michigan State University is committed to ensuring that the campus community can obtain resources and support when needed.

Since 1994, MSU Safe Place has provided a wide range of services to students, staff, faculty, and their partners who are experiencing relationship violence or stalking. We are still the only university in the country to offer comprehensive support services for individuals and families.

We would not be able to provide an extensive array of services without the generous support of our donors. Please consider making a gift to support MSU Safe Place.

Sincerely,

Holly Rosen
MSU Safe Place Director
Michigan State University

We have lost several current/former members of MSUCC.

Former longtime member **Margaret Peisner Brattin** died on November 25 at her daughter’s home in Colorado. To read her obituary, go to www.swan-law.com

Former member **Patricia Brogan** died on December 31. You can send your sympathy to her husband David at 6100 West Longview Drive, East Lansing 48823.

Legacy member **Gloria Olson** died on December 23. Condolences can be sent to the Olson family at 2700 Burcham Drive, East Lansing 48823.

Longtime member **Mary Olson** died on December 27. She had been active in the Quilting group for a long time. You can send a note or card to her family at her address: 4592 Ottawa Drive, Okemos 48864.



Report of the Big Ten Women’s Conference

Registration materials have gone out to all of the Big Ten University women’s clubs in preparation for the June 9-11 conference. The planning committee has asked the clubs to estimate the number of delegates they might send so that arrangements for meeting rooms can be more easily made. Within the next two or three months, MSUCC members will be asked to volunteer for the many jobs that will make the conference run smoothly, and the Planning Committee will develop a sign-up system for members to commit to serving the Club in this way. Contact Planning Committee Chair Joy Jacobs at jacobsj@msu.edu for more information.



YouTube Link for Style Show Video

Many thanks to Harold Mondol, husband of MSUCC Board Member Dottie West, who has made available the link to his YouTube video of our members modeling clothing from the Chico’s store at our March 18, 2022, meeting. Harold talked about his video at the Holiday Reception, and members attending asked that he share the link. Click on: <https://youtu.be/9u7ayMavVew>



Message from the MSUCC Newsletter Editor

If you have questions or suggestions for the newsletter, please email me at jacobsj@msu.edu The Board and I hope the monthly newsletters and limited email “news blasts” will help us all stay connected between our general membership programs and our interest group meetings. Have a great February!

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