



**Michigan State University
Community Club
2023-2024 Newsletter**



A Message from the MSUCC 2023-2024 President

Once the holidays were over, the nominating committee of incoming President Nancy Craig, current Second Vice President Jan Quiring, and I were busy preparing a list of candidates for 2024-2025 Board positions. The members present at the February 16th meeting will vote on the slate, which you should have received via email several days ago. *(Please email jacobsj@msu.edu if you did not receive that email message.)* We have been pleased that so many people already serving on the Board will be continuing in their positions, and it's lovely to hear from members we've approached that they were pleased by our calls asking for their service.

Meanwhile, final planning for the April 18 Spring Luncheon goes on apace. We will be dining at the University Club as we did last year, and we look forward to hearing more about the program as planning continues.



*Lyn Farquhar
MSUCC President 2023-2024*



FEBRUARY AND MARCH HAPPENINGS

Friday, February 16, 2024

General Membership Meeting, 1 to 3 PM
in the Community Room at the MSUFCU, corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane
Program by member and author Grace Nicodemus
"Eating with Grace" Learning to Feed Your Body & Nourish Your Soul
Annual meeting with election of officers

Friday, March 15

General Membership Meeting, 1 to 3 PM
in the Community Room at the MSUFCU, corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane
Program by MSUCC Spartan Quilters
"Quilts of Valor - Home of the Free Because of the Brave" by the MSUCC interest group of Spartan Quilters, who will introduce several veterans and give them each a quilt made by a member of the group



We are saddened to report several deaths among our MSUCC family. Cards have been sent from the Club, but you may wish to send your own condolences.

Linda Nuttall's husband Jim died on December 16, 2023, and Linda's mother Carol Roush died on December 18, 2023. Linda's address is 941 Bedford Road, East Lansing, MI 48823-5408.

Long-time member Lois Walker, former Snack & Chat interest group chair, bowler and golfer, passed away at age 98 on December 28, 2023. Her daughter, Susan Walker Tigner, is a former MSUCC Co-President. Susan's address is 3031 South Washington Avenue E5, Lansing, MI 48910.

Former long-time member Dona Rae Vogel died on January 15, 2024. Cards and notes may be sent to her husband Paul at their home: 5331 East Hidden Lake Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823-7220

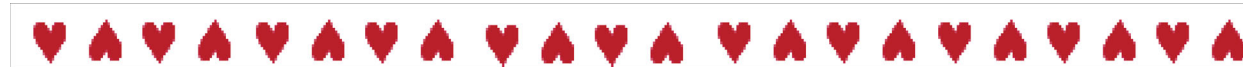
Pauline Adams, Honorary member and widow of former MSU President Walter Adams, died January 16, 2024, at the age of 101. Cards or notes to her son Jim and his family may be sent in care of Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home, 1730 East Grand River, East Lansing, MI 48823.



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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Looking Ahead to the Spring Luncheon

The annual Spring Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, at the University Club. More information will follow in the March and April newsletters. First Vict President Nancy Craig is chairperson of the planning committee, which has met and started to make decisions about menu, entertainment, theme, etc. Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend! The Spring Luncheon is always lovely, and it will mark the official end of our 2023-2024 Club year.

Report on the Holiday Reception Turner-Dodge Mansion December 14, 2023



On Thursday afternoon, December 14, more than 40 members and guests gathered to celebrate the season at the beautiful Turner-Dodge Mansion in Lansing. We enjoyed visiting, tea and cookies, and lovely background music by a couple performing in the parlor. Ms. Barbara Loyer, Event and Program Manager of the mansion, gave a short historical presentation about the 165+ year-old home, inviting us to explore on our own, and many of us took advantage to wander upstairs and down. Supportive friends of the mansion had not yet finished putting up Christmas trees and other holiday decorations, but we could see that the home would be a spectacular showplace within a few days.

Checks and requested items were collected for MSU Safe Place, and Erica Schmittiel of Safe Place was with us to thank the club and members for their generosity. She spoke for a few minutes about their programs and answered several questions. MSUCC has since received two very nice thank you notes from the Director of MSU Safe Place and MSU's Division of University Health & Wellbeing, which oversees Safe Place.

We were blessed with nice weather (especially for Michigan in mid-December!) and we all left with smiles on our faces and happy hearts. Much appreciation goes to Kathy Jacobs and Joanne Schutz, Program Co-Chairs, who arranged for this very special experience.



The husband and wife musicians who entertained during the Turner-Dodge Mansion open house. They were very personable and they played a wide range of music.

They stressed that they particularly enjoy entertaining for non-profits in the area.

Ms. Barbara Loyer (holding the microphone and standing at the foot of the stairs) related many historic facts about the Turner-Dodge Mansion and its occupants over the years.

Notice the beautiful woodwork on the bannister, stair post, and around the windows and front door.



MSUCC members in the Turner-Dodge Mansion dining room, with tea and cookies on the table in front of the windows. The plates on the rails of the walls were painted by Mrs. Turner (the original lady of the house), and featured the varieties of flowers that were native to the area.

China painting was a popular pastime for society women in the 1800s.

MSUCC Interest Group News

Afternoon Bridge - Chair Kay Hillberg

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We play the second and fourth Mondays of the month, alternating between Schuler's in Meridian Mall and online using BridgeBase. If you are on our list, I will send an eMail reminder early in the week before our next play dates on February 12 (at Schuler's) and February 26 (online).

Kay



Creative Writers - Chairs Kathy Esselman

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Lyn Farquhar

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Creative Writers met on December 6th at the home of Lyn Farquhar for the usual holiday get-together. We traditionally write one-pagers and this year opened up the topic to anything associated with the holiday season. Jean Christensen read "My Ghetto at Christmastime." Joanne Keith read "Paths to Friendship." Jo Brown read "The Legend of the Dog." Kate O'Neill read "Christmas Story." Linda Nuttall read "Christmas Food Traditions." Lyn Farquhar read "Preparing for Christmas." Grace Nicodemus read "On Being 80" and Jacquie Foss read "Thanksgiving Collage." Members enjoyed Lyn's home which is always fully decorated with three trees and over three hundred blown glass ornaments.



The January 3rd meeting of Creative Writers was on Zoom. Jill Campbell-Mason read a short piece about going to a Hammam (Turkish Bath) in Morocco. There are "women" days at the spa and male days. One group of males, apparently misunderstanding the purpose of the bath, brought prophylactics. We all laughed when they were summarily informed that this type of service was not provided. Lyn read her 3-book proposal which she plans to send to her publisher with short descriptions of the planned books in the Blue Water Mystery series.

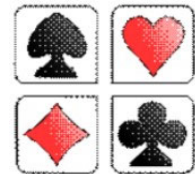
Lyn

Dinner & Bridge - Chair Joy Jacobs

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This group started over 50 years ago as a group of MSUCC members and their husbands. We have evolved and now have participants who are single, coupled, or partnered with other MSUCC members. We meet 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. Our next gathering will be February 2. If you (as a single or with your spouse or a CC member partner) are interested in joining us, please email me.

jj



Evening Novel Discussion - Chair Janet Brock

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Join us for friendly, lively, and provocative opportunities to delve into the world of good literature. We read novels that are available in paperback, in book stores, through the library, online, and as audio recordings. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 7:30 PM, with an opportunity to socialize. Book discussion starts promptly at 8:00 PM. We usually adjourn by 9:30 PM. Fall and Spring meetings will be in members' homes. We are experimenting with having a Zoom link available for those members who want to attend our live meetings online. During the Winter months, we switch to an all Zoom format. Let me know if you'd like to join us.

Janet



Family Links - Co-Chairs Candy Boldrey
Sandy Gebber

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We will meet at the East Lansing Public Library on February 20, from 3 to 4:30 PM. Our speaker is Ginger Ogilvie who will discuss the 1950 census and the information we can garner from it.
Sandy & Candy



German Conversation - Chair Helen LeBlanc

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We meet at 2:00 PM the first and third Thursdays of the month. On the first Thursday 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 - Chair Kristi Broessel

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Our golf season concluded in September with golf, lunch and prizes. We had an exciting 2023 golf season with one member scoring a hole-in-one and with the addition of several new golfers to our roster. Please contact me if you're interested in joining our golf league in the Spring. I know you'll enjoy playing golf with us.
Kristi



International - Chair Jean Friend

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Our speaker on February 21 will be Ms. Nely Stephanie Nasir of Malaysia, who will speak on "Empowering Youth and Women Toward a Sustainable and Equitable Community".



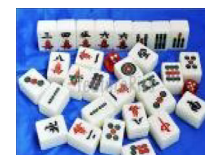
Ms. Nasir is a Herbert Humphrey Fellow and has recently assumed a new role as a Deputy Undersecretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change, and she has degrees from universities in England and Switzerland. Her Humphrey Fellowship program plans include developing her civic engagement skills, enhancing her policy analysis capabilities, and honing her skills in non-profits strategic planning. Her goal is to create greater economic opportunities by bridging poverty and inequality disparities between regions and to empower rural youth and women.

We will meet at 1:00 PM on February 21 at my home, 2374 Sapphire Lane, East Lansing, and we will sample some traditional Malaysian Food. Please let me know if you are coming.
Jean

Mah Jong - Contact Kathy Jacobs

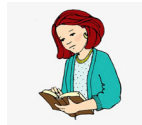
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Vivian Dwyer will be accepting new students for Beginning Mahjong in February. Class days and hours will be determined by what works for most. Lessons take place at her Arty Party Studio. 2112 Hamilton Road, Okemos. Please leave your name, phone number and a message on Vivian's phone (517-582-1280) and she will get back to you.



All materials are supplied for classes, which meet once a week for four weeks, Cost for the lessons is \$25, payable to Vivian.
Kathy

Morning Eclectic Readers - Chair Babs Krause krauseb02@comcast.net 337-2713
This group meets the fourth Friday of the month. New members are welcome.
Contact me to be included.
Babs



Out-to-Lunch Bunch - Chair Kathy Esselman esselmank@comcast.net 974-1834
We will meet on Friday, February 9, at 11:30 a.m. Sheila Fink has made reservations at Lucky's Steakhouse at 3554 Okemos Rd, Okemos, MI 48864. 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 sheilafink@hotmail.com. We want to thank Sheila for organizing this luncheon. If you would like more information or would like to join our group, please contact me.
Kathy

Sequence - Chair Grace Nicodemus revgrace@icloud.com 831-747-4222
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. We next play on February 21.
Grace

Social Excursions (formerly Social Singles) - Contact Kay Hillberg hillbergk@hotmail.com 881-4298
This group hasn't met since the pandemic, and we are hoping 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 are interested in planning.
Kay



Spartan Quilters - Chair Martha Schwab mmschwab17@gmail.com 676-7011
At our Quilters meetings this month of February, we will have Annette Whims and Marti Ricks teaching us two different methods of binding our quilts, wall hangings, and table runners. Any interested MSUCC members are welcome to join us and learn some new skills.
Martha



Tennis - Chair Phylis Floyd floyd@msu.edu 980-2526
Drills continue regularly on Monday and Friday, 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 the day before to assure we have sufficient numbers for our coach.



Contact me if you're interested in joining us!
Phylis

Visual Arts - Chair Gwendolyn Taylor

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In February, we will be off on a Field Trip to Traction Brands, Lansing, MI, where we will participate in an Artist Talk with Digital Artist, Gerald Westlund.



We are also firming up reservations for our June 5-7 Field Trip to Chicago to visit the Art Institute of Chicago and to attend a June 5 performance of *Six, the Musical*. If you would like to join us, please contact me for Field Trip details. The deadline for the Field Trip hotel and tickets for our block is Friday, February 16, 2024.
Gwen

Women's Night Out - Co-Chairs - Sue Bence

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We will meet at Everyday Authentic Chinese Cuisine in East Lansing on Thursday February 15 at 6 PM. You can check out the restaurant menu at <https://www.everydaychinesecuisine.com/>

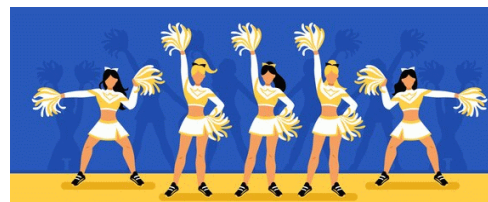


If you are registered with the group, you will get a email about it in early February. Please email Sue at suebence@gmail.com to save a space.
Sue, Gabi & Jean

Women's Sports Supporters - Chair Joy Jacobs

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This group does not meet face-to-face, but we connect through our love for MSU women's sports. Members receive emails throughout the year with links to schedules, ticket costs, announcements, and sports information.



The basketball team has a record of 16-5 at this writing, and will play at home again on Monday, 2/5 (University of Minnesota at 6 PM) and on Sunday, 2/11 (Ohio State at 4 PM). *Link to their schedule:* <https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-basketball/schedule>

The gymnastics team is 5-3 so far and will be at U of M on Sunday, 2/4 at 4 PM (to be televised on BTN). Their next home meet is vs Illinois at 7 PM on Friday, 2/9. *Link to their schedule:* <https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-gymnastics/schedule>

The Track & Field team will be at U of M on Friday, 2/16, which is the closest to home they will be until the Spartan Invite at MSU on Friday, April 5. This is their only home meet. *Link to their schedule:* <https://msuspartans.com/sports/track-and-field/schedule>

The tennis team hosts the University of Toledo on Friday, 2/9 and Western Michigan on Sunday, 2/11. *Link to their schedule:* <https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-tennis/schedule>

The golf and softball teams are down South for a few more weeks, but will eventually be here – hopefully they will bring warmer weather home with them!

Let me know if you want to receive information about MSU women's athletic events!

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