



# Michigan State University Community Club

## September 2022 Newsletter



### ***A Message from Your Co-Presidents:***

Welcome back to what we hope will be a “new normal” after our two pandemic years! Many of our interest groups were able to continue meeting by using Zoom, which we also used for Board meetings, so we haven’t been totally disconnected.

Program Co-Chairs Cheryl Nelson and Karen Kogut have arranged for exciting speakers for our general membership meetings. Three of the meetings will be in the Community Room of the MSU Federal Credit Union at the corner of Farm Lane and Mt. Hope Road. A meeting has also been arranged at MSU’s new STEM facility, located next to the stadium on the site of the old power plant.

The Club’s annual green tri-fold document has been sent via the U.S. Postal Service by Registrar Martha Schwab to all 2021-2022 members. It’s a very handy document to post on your refrigerator door! Tucked into the tri-fold was a 2022-2023 membership form – fill it out and bring it and your check to the Welcome Reception to save time for yourself and our Membership Chair and Treasurer.

As we move through our Club year, we will have our regular interest group and Club meetings, but we will also celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Club’s founding (in February, 1923) and will host the Big Ten Women’s Club Conference in June, 2023. This will be a busy and exciting year!

We look forward to seeing you at the Welcome Reception on September 16 at the Hannah Community Center Ballroom! More information about the reception is on the next page.

*Kathy Jacobs and Joy Jacobs*

(we aren’t related, but we’re fast becoming “immediate family” as we work together so closely!)



### ***Important upcoming dates:***

September 12

Board Meeting, 10:30 AM  
MSUFCU Community Room

September 16

Welcome Reception and Interest Group  
Sign-ups, 1:00 to 3:00 PM  
Hannah Community Center Ballroom



### ***Message from the New MSUCC Newsletter Editor:***

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions for the newsletter, please email me at [jacobsj@msu.edu](mailto:jacobsj@msu.edu) Future editions will be shorter than this one, which has so much Interest Group news. The Board and I hope the newsletter and a few email “news blasts” between monthly newsletters will help us all stay connected between our general membership and interest group meetings and programs. Have a good September!

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**MSUCC Welcome Reception**  
**September 16, 2022**  
**Hannah Community Center Ballroom**  
**1:00 to 3:00 PM**



**You will be able to pay your dues and pick up your membership card for 2022-2023, and to enjoy time catching up with MSUCC friends you haven't seen for a long time.**

**Representatives from all of our Interest Groups will be present to explain their groups' activities, answer questions and help you sign up for their groups if you are interested.**



**Light refreshments will be served, and there will be a short program around 1:45 PM. Co-Presidents Kathy Jacobs and Joy Jacobs will welcome all and introduce the Board members, and then each Interest Group Chair or representative will have a few minutes to talk about her group's activities and plans for the 2022-2023 Club year.**

***We inform you with sadness that since our last newsletter we have had three deaths within the MSUCC family. We have sent cards from the Club to the grieving families, but you may wish to send a card on your own.***

Walter (Jack) Thompson, husband of long-time member and former MSUCC Co-President Clarice Thompson, passed away in April. Clarice has moved to be with her daughter in Walla Walla, Washington. I will send a quick email when I'm able to get her new address.

John (Jack) Brick, husband of long-time member Marty Brick, passed away March 14. Marty's address is 6370 Island Lake Drive, East Lansing 48823-9707

E. James (Jim) Potchen, husband of former MSUCC Co-President and long-time member Geri Potchen, passed away on August 19. Geri's address is 4233 Rain Forest Circle, Okemos 48864-2861



### **Update on the MSUCC Endowed Scholarships for 2022-2023**

During the summer, the Scholarship Committee (Co-Chairs Mariellyn Stevenson and Jackie Holecek; and committee members Mary Ann Dunn, Karen Harsh, Anneliese Wood and Grace Nicodemus), selected seven students for scholarships. The students represent the areas of Nursing, Public Health, and Animal Science, and each will receive \$2,500 for the 2022-2023 academic year.

The five students receiving the MSUCC Endowed Scholarship are: McKenna Adams, Hazel von Mauer, Grace Caldwell, Eleanor Hoss and Loveleen Kaur.

Riley Fackler will receive the MSUCC Karen Harsh Endowed Scholarship and Hilda Amoah will be the recipient of the MSUCC Irene Arens Endowed Scholarship.

If you would like to make a contribution to our Endowed Scholarship Fund, please write your check payable to Michigan State University, and on the memo line, please write account number "AB2602". Send your check to: University Development, 535 Chestnut Road, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Jackie Holecek, Co-Chair, MSUCC Endowed Scholarship Committee

## Our Interest Groups are also starting a new Club year!

*You will see a representative of each of these interest groups at the September 16 Fall Reception, however, these articles will give you more information about each group, including contact information for the chair or contact person.*

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

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This bridge group meets the second and fourth Mondays at 1:00 PM – our next play will be Sept 12 and 26. Currently we're playing online using Bridge Base. Each table also makes a 'conference call' for bridge talk or general conversation while we're playing. I send reminder eMails 6 or 7 days ahead, and I need to know you want to play a few days before the playing date. If you're new to Bridge Base, we have a How-To sheet; and we know that once you've used BridgeBase a few times you may prefer on-line to in-person. We're a social group, which means the fun of the game and the conversation are as important as how well we bid or play a hand. If you are interested, be sure to sign up so I will include you in the reminder eMail. Contact me even if you are interested in playing only after we return to in-person play.



Kay

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

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Lyn Farquhar

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This group is one of the oldest groups under the auspices of the MSUCC, having begun in either the late 1950's or early 1960's. Doris Paul, author of The Navajo Codetalkers, was an early member. We meet the first Wednesday of the month from October to June (12:30 – 2:30 PM) and support all types of writers and writings from poetry to mysteries to memoir. When we meet, members read their work aloud and are provided with gentle feedback. We are always interested in new members and encourage you to join us for a meeting to see if this group is for you.

Lyn

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

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This couples and singles group meets the first Friday of the month at the University Club. We started our year on August 6, with some members coming for dinner and others joining later for bridge only. Because of a last-minute illness, we had to play with a "roving dummy", which was totally confusing but fun. Keeping score was impossible because some partnerships changed every hand! We look forward to gathering on the

SECOND Friday in September. (The first Friday starts Labor Day weekend.) If you're interested in joining this group on Friday, September 9, email or call me ASAP. If you're interested for October 7 or later, you can sign up at the Welcome Reception.

jj

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

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Our group's next meeting is Wednesday, September 14, starting at 7:30 PM. We continue to meet on Zoom. I will lead the discussion of the book Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me so I can send you the Zoom link. Happy Reading!

Janet



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

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Our genealogy group doesn't meet in September, but we'll start meeting in October on the third Tuesday of each month. On October 18 we'll be in-person at the Okemos Community Church with a meet-and-greet time when we talk about the research we have done over the summer. We will also collect dues and discuss the meetings for the upcoming year.  
Sandy and Candy

**German Conversation** - Chair Helen LeBlanc

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**Golf** - Chair Kristi Broessel

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Our fabulous 2022 season comes to a close on September 22 with our year-end golf scramble and luncheon. The weather has been great this year and we look forward to beginning the 2023 season on the second Thursday of May at 9:00 AM. If you are thinking about joining our league, please contact me. Our camaraderie is wonderful, and we'd love to have you check us out. Our motto is "hit the balls long and straight!"  
Kristi



**International** - Contact Barbara Tanaka

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This group is not currently active, however we will gather names at the September 16 Welcome Reception to see if members are interested in restarting the program.  
Barbara

**MahJong** - Contact Kathy Jacobs

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This group is forming to learn the popular game of Mahjong. Vivian Dwyer, owner of the Arty Party Store (located at 2112 Hamilton Road, near the four corners in old Okemos), will be forming a class this Fall. Class will start the second week of October, meeting in her shop. She has taught many people the American Style of Mahjong, and she also plays on a weekly basis with various groups herself. The class has met previously on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, however she is willing to adjust the hours and time to when it is most available to those interested. The cost of the class is \$25.00 for four to six weeks, depending on how long you would like to practice. Materials and sets are provided. You can contact Vivian at 881-4203 if you have more questions or if you want to sign up. Vivian will be at the September 16 Welcome Reception and you can meet her personally at the Interest Group tables.  
Kathy



**Morning Eclectic Readers** - Chair Babs Krause

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

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This group meets once a month from October through June on the second Friday of the month, unless there is a conflict with MSUCC programs or special events. The chair circulates a list of dates in September and October to the group's members. A member or two members choose a month and make reservations at an area restaurant for the group, which can vary between 9 and 25. This summer, the Out-to-Lunch Bunch went to Thai Princess in June, the University Club in July, and Aloha Cookin' in August.

The members of the group sincerely thank Molly Greene for chairing this group for the last ten years. She has shaped us into a well-organized and resilient group, which has met the challenge of remaining connected during the pandemic and then re-establishing regular luncheons. We appreciate Molly's kindness, consideration, and thoughtfulness. She is a good leader and a great friend.

Kathy



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

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This group hasn't met during or since the pandemic, and we want to learn whether there is enough interest to re-start the group. We will be at the sign-up tables at the September 16 Welcome Reception, and in October we'll schedule a meeting for those who have signed up so we can brainstorm ideas such as eating at local restaurants or having a holiday potluck; attending concerts, plays, or special events; doing craft projects; or visiting interesting places in or near the Lansing area.

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 welcome quilters of all levels and talents. This year we plan to focus on small projects, quilting tools and techniques, and donation quilts. 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 also plan one or two day-long retreats to work on a group project and enjoy camaraderie and great food. Our first meeting this fall will be September 21. Come and try us out!

Martha



**Tennis** - Chair Phylis Floyd

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Drills will continue regularly throughout the fall on Monday and Friday, 9:00 AM, at Court One East, Okemos. The per-session charge is \$9 for Court One members or \$10 for non-members. Contact me if you're interested in joining us!

Phylis

**Women's Night Out** - Chair Ellen Dohr

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

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This group has never met face-to-face, but we connect through our love for MSU women's sports. When a sport begins its season, the schedule is sent to all group members. Athletics Department emails are forwarded throughout the year to inform members of ticket costs, sports announcements, and other information. This year we hope we can have a short meeting with the new volleyball coach and a tour of the VB facilities.

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