



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



A Message from the MSUCC 2023-2024 President

The MSUCC held its General Membership Meeting on February 16th. In addition to approving the slate of elected officers for 2024-2025, we accepted the end-of-year 2022-2023 Budget Report. Business concluded, we listened to a lovely presentation by Grace Nicodemus, who talked about her book, "Eating with Grace." As it was Valentine's Day week, she offered copies of her book as a gift to the members. Anyone who wanted a copy could make a contribution to the MSUCC Scholarship Fund.

The Board will have its regular meeting in March, with our main concentration being preparations for our Spring Luncheon on April 18, 2024, at the University Club.

Lyn Farquhar
MSUCC President 2023-2024



IMPORTANT MARCH AND APRIL DATES

Friday, March 15

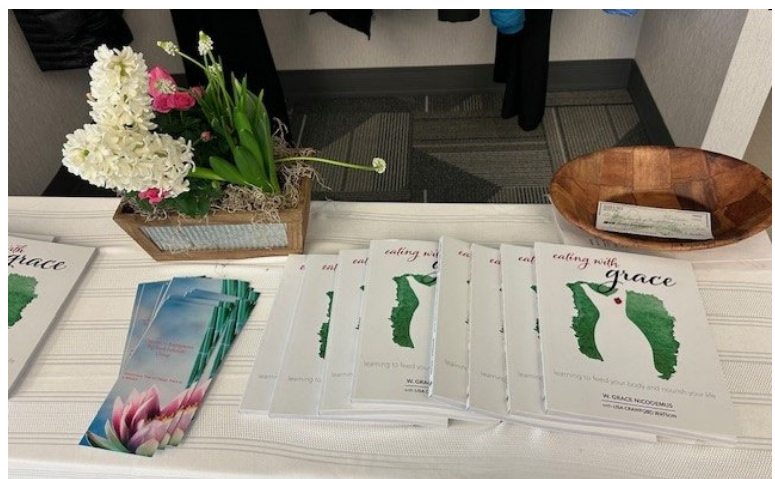
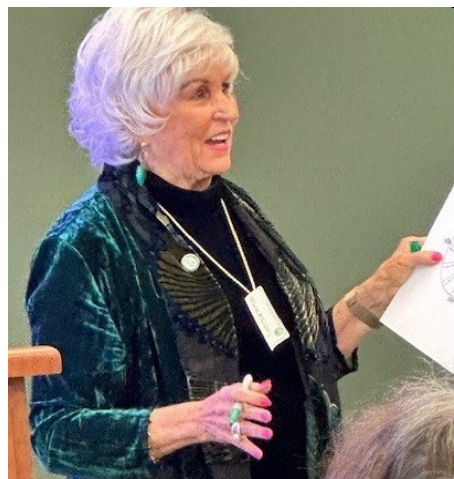
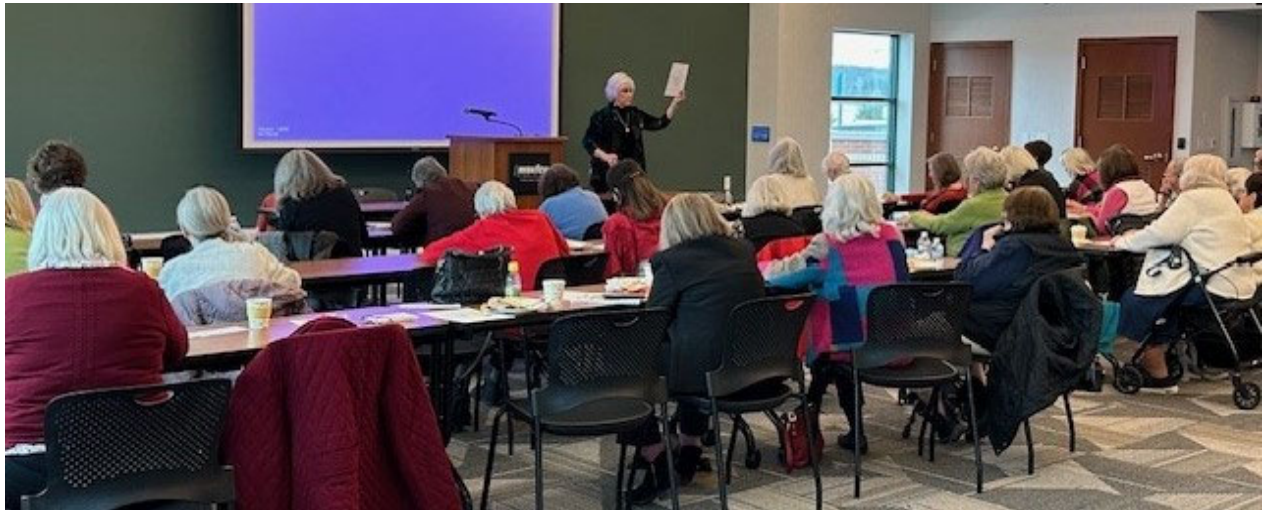
General Membership Meeting, 1 to 3 PM
in the Community Room at the MSUFCU, corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane
Program by MSUCC Spartan Quilters
"Quilts of Valor - Home of the Free Because of the Brave" by the Spartan Quilters interest group, who will introduce several veterans and give them each a quilt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

Thursday, April 18

Annual Spring Luncheon, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM
at the University Club, 3435 Forest Road, Lansing
(See more information and the luncheon registration form on pages 4 and 5)
Thanks to the 2023-2024 Board and Interest Group Chairpersons, and introduction of the 2024-2025 Board

Report on the General Membership Meeting February 16, 2023

On the third Friday in February, more than 30 members gathered in the Community Room of the MSU Federal Credit Union at Mt. Hope and Farm Lane for our annual meeting and a thought-provoking presentation by our own Grace Nicodemus, longtime member and former MSUCC President. Grace's book "Eating with Grace" has been published, and she supplied copies for members to purchase by "love offerings". All money collected will be donated to the MSUCC Scholarship Fund. Her book is as much an autobiography and self-help book as it is a cookbook, and those of us who have read it have been impressed. Grace led us through an exercise of evaluation of the different areas of our lives, and we enjoyed the chance to consider the different ways we think about ourselves.



Refreshments for the meeting were supplied by the Creative Writers' interest group, chaired by Kathy Esselman and Lyn Farquhar. The beautifully decorated table reminded us that Spring is coming!

The annual meeting part of the afternoon included a report of the last full Club year's finances (2022-2023), and was given by Helen LeBlanc, Assistant Treasurer. We also elected the 2024-2025 Board members for the positions of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The complete list of Board members, both elected and appointed, follows:

2024-2025 MSUCC Board	
President	Nancy Craig
First Vice President	Joy Jacobs
Second Vice President	Sandy Gebber
Recording Secretary	Kay Hillberg
Corresponding Secretary	Joanne Keith
Treasurer	Gretchen Forsyth
Assistant Treasurer	Helen LeBlanc
Board Advisor	Lyn Farquhar
Membership Chair	Dottie West
Interest Groups Chair	Jacquie Foss
Endowed Scholarship Co-Chairs	Jacqueline Holecek and Joanne Schutz
Co-Greeters	Candy Boldrey and Jean Christensen
Program Co-Chairs	Jean Friend and Jo Brown
Registrar	Janet Brock
Parliamentarian	Cele Friestater
Historian/Photographer	Kathy Esselman
Publicity Chair	Phylis Floyd
Webmaster	Ruth Ann Stump
Newsletter Editor	Joy Jacobs

The 2024-2025 Board members will be congratulated at the April 18 Spring Luncheon at the University Club, and will assume their new positions at the May Board meeting, which is a joint meeting of outgoing and incoming Board members.



We are saddened to report that three long-time members died in February. Cards have been sent to their families from the Club.

Eleanor “Ellie” Chapin passed away on February 1, at the age of 98. You may wish to send your own condolences to her family (two sons and a daughter) in care of
Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home
1730 East Grand River
East Lansing, MI 48823

Leslie Houang passed away on February 23. Cards or notes may be sent to her husband Richard, their daughter Meagan, and her husband Henry Kaplan at
1070 Lilac Lane
East Lansing, MI 48823-5121

Donna Anderson, longtime MSUCC member and 2004-2005 President, died February 24. You may write to her daughter Jill Shaberg at
3226 Sugar Maple Lane
Okemos, MI 48864

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.

Corresponding Secretary - Joanne Keith keith@msu.edu
Newsletter Editor - Joy Jacobs jacobsj@msu.edu



Annual Spring Luncheon - April 18, 2024

The MSU Community Club invites you (and your guest if you choose) to celebrate the completion of our 2023-2024 Club year at our Spring Luncheon, which will be held in the University Club Ballroom on Thursday, April 18. Cost is \$30/person.

This is our opportunity to recognize and thank the outgoing Board members and our Interest Group Chairpersons, and to introduce you to the 2024-2025 Board and Chairs for the upcoming year.

Our luncheon has a romantic French theme this year - “Pour L’Amour d’Avril” (For the Love of April). Complimenting a delicious lunch, we will feature a brief musical program by the local musical talent Kelly Sandula-Gruner (vocals) and Dan Templin (piano), who are known as “The Clique”. You’ll enjoy a short musical program of love songs from the 1930’s through the ‘50’s, along with some more contemporary numbers!

A registration form for the luncheon is on the next page. The reservation deadline is April 8th.

Nancy Craig and Jan Quiring,
Co-First Vice Presidents, 2023-2024

MSUCC Annual Spring Luncheon

Thursday, April 18, 2024
University Club
3435 Forest Road, Lansing

Registration at 11:30, lunch at 12:00 noon

Please reserve before April 8 by completing this form and mailing it with your check to
Helen LeBlanc
4720 Jadestone Drive
Williamston, MI 48895-0310



Pour L'Amour d'Avril
(For the Love of April)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Special dietary needs _____

(The vegetarian option of a vegetable puff is available)

Cost for the luncheon: \$30 per person - make your check payable to MSU Community Club. Guests are welcome - if you would like to bring a guest, please include their name(s) and payment for their lunch(es).

Guest(s) name(s) _____

MENU

Mixed green salad with almonds and Mandarin orange slices,
served with raspberry vinaigrette dressing
Hot chicken puff with creamy beurre blanc sauce
Asparagus and baby carrots
Rolls and butter
Strawberry shortcake
Coffee, tea, milk, soft drinks

MSUCC Interest Group News

Afternoon Bridge - Chair Kay Hillberg

hillbergk@hotmail.com 881-4298

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 you an eMail reminder early in the week before our next play dates on March 11 (at Schuler's) and March 25 (online).

Kay



Creative Writers - Chairs Kathy Esselman

esselmank@comcast.net 974-1834

Lyn Farquhar

farquha1@msu.edu 349-9569

We met on Zoom February 7th, and welcomed a new member, Marty Liphard.

Our two readers were Jacquie Foss and Cele Friestater, who are both writing short pieces about their lives for family members. Jacquie read a piece about Border Crossings, times when she first traveled to other countries. On one trip to Mexico, she had an out-of-date passport. She thought she could probably get in to Mexico, but getting back to the U.S. might be a problem. She was lucky that the border agent on her re-entry didn't seem to note the date on her passport, but after she passed through, the agent called to her saying she'd better get a new passport before she traveled again. Cele read what we are calling "nuggets" about childhood special events. She included the Macy's Day Parade and sledding on a main street in N.Y. that had been closed due to snow. Lyn shared a one paragraph review of her newest book, "The Family Man."



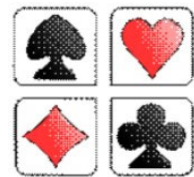
The group meets next on March 6th on Zoom - let me know if you wish to be included. Face-to-face meetings will resume in April.

Lyn

Dinner & Bridge - Chair Joy Jacobs

jacobsj@msu.edu 675-5590

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 married and play with their spouses, or singles 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. If you are interested in joining us, please email me.

jj

Evening Novel Discussion - Chair Janet Brock

jpbrock@mac.com 292-7873

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 are in members' homes, and 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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sanrosgeb@gmail.com 351-9318

At our next meeting we will have Jessica Trotter speak about "Scandalous Ancestors." It should be an interesting meeting. We will be at the East Lansing Public Library on Tuesday, March 19 from 3:00 to 4:30.



We hope you will join us.
Sandy & Candy

German Conversation - Chair Helen LeBlanc

helen_48895@yahoo.com 655-6454

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

filfour@aol.com 323-8286

Our 2023 golf season concluded in September with golf, lunch and prizes. In 2023 we had a member score a hole-in-one and we added several new golfers to our roster. Watch for information in the April newsletter about our Spring 2024 start.
Kristi



International - Chair Jean Friend

friend.jean@att.net 285-5469

Our speaker on February 21 was Nely Stephanie Nasir of Malaysia, who is a Humphrey fellow at MSU. She spoke on "Empowering Youth and Women Toward a Sustainable and Equitable Community", and she explained that the Herbert Humphrey Fellowship was part of the Fullbright program of the US State Department. We enjoyed some traditional Malaysian food, Maggi Goreng food and their traditional bread.



We will not meet in March, but will resume in April. Watch for our article in the April newsletter.
Jean

Mah Jong - Contact Kathy Jacobs

khjacobs@hotmail.com 332-2737

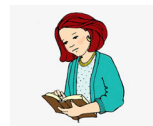
Vivian Dwyer is accepting new students for Beginning Mahjong. Class days and hours will be determined by what works for most. Lessons take place at her Arty Party Studio. 2112 Hamilton Road, Okemos. Please leave your name, phone number and a message on Vivian's phone (517-582-1280) and she will get back 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 are scheduled to meet at Blondie's Barn at 5640 Marsh Rd, Haslett, on Friday, March 8, at 11:30 AM. Co-hosts are Martha Muth and Willa Schwartz, and the menu is available at <https://www.blondiesbarn.com/>. If you would like to come, please call, message, or email me. We need to confirm our reservation at least a week before the luncheon.

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 March 20.

Grace



Social Excursions - Contact Kay Hillberg
(formerly Social Singles)

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 helping to plan.

Kay



Spartan Quilters - Chair Martha Schwab

mmschwab17@gmail.com 676-7011

We are busy preparing for the March 15th MSUCC program "Home of the Free Because of the Brave". Please join us for an inspiring afternoon as we honor seven or eight military veterans by presenting them each with a Quilt of Valor.

We will be holding our Spring day-long quilting retreat on March 20th at which we will be putting together items to sell at the Annual Spring Luncheon. Come join us for the luncheon on Thursday, April 18th for fun and camaraderie, and to purchase our beautiful projects.

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, Sue Selke, a Hall of Fame awardee for her perfect winning record playing tennis at MSU. Contact me if you're interested in joining us!

Phylis



Visual Arts - Chair Gwendolyn Taylor

gmtaylor22@gmail.com 285-6894

In February, we enjoyed a Field Trip to Traction Brands in Lansing, enjoying an Artist Talk with Digital Artist, Gerald Westlund. We are firming up reservations for our June 5-7 field trip to Chicago where we will visit the Art Institute of Chicago, attend a performance of *Six, the Musical*, and enjoy an evening at the Chicago Symphony. We look forward to having a great time!

Gwen



Women's Night Out - Co-Chairs - Sue Bence
Gabi Mayer
Jean Zwier

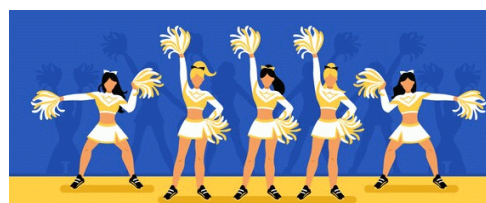
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We will meet on March 14, at a restaurant using the Allen Neighborhood Center Accelerator Kitchen - Tantay Peruvian Cuisine. For up-to-date information, see their FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TantayLansingMI> Tantay is currently open only on Wed - Fri 11 AM - 7:30 PM. If you are able, join us at 5:30 PM instead of our typical 6 PM start, so that we can have a more leisurely meal. Group members, please let Sue know by Thursday night, 3/7/24, if you will join us. Sue, Gabi & Jean



Women's Sports Supporters - Chair Joy Jacobs
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 ticket costs, announcements, and other sports information.

jacobsj@msu.edu 675-5590



On February 24, the women's basketball team set a program record for the most successful three-point shots in one season. By the time you receive this newsletter, this group and our guests will have gathered at the Breslin Center for a behind-the-scenes visit to the women's basketball program. The team's season concludes March 3 at Wisconsin, and then the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis runs from March 6th through 10th. TV coverage of the Wisconsin game and the Big Ten Tournament will be on the Big Ten Network.

Link to **basketball** schedule: <https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-basketball/schedule>

The gymnastics team has won their second straight Big Ten regular season championship and will host the Big Ten Championships at Jenison Fieldhouse on March 23. The Big Ten Network will have TV coverage.

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

The track & field team has only one home meet - the Spartan Invite on Friday, April 5.

Link to **track & field** schedule: <https://msuspartans.com/sports/track-and-field/schedule>

The tennis team hosted several matches early in February and will be back home again March 9.

Link to **tennis** schedule: <https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-tennis/schedule>

The golf and softball teams are still down South, but will eventually be at home.

Link to **golf** schedule: <https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-golf/schedule>

Link to **softball** schedule: <https://msuspartans.com/sports/softball/schedule>

Let me know if you want to be on our mailing list to receive information about MSU women's athletic events!

jj



Message from the MSUCC Newsletter Editor:

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions for the newsletter, please email me at jacobsj@msu.edu Have a great month!

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