



Michigan State University Community Club Newsletter

May, 2023



A Message from Your Co-Presidents

The Club year is coming to an end. We are so thankful to the members who served with us on the 2022-2023 Board and who worked so diligently to provide our members with wonderful experiences during this first full year after the pandemic. Life as we knew it pre-Covid is no more, but we have been able to form new, vibrant lives with the support of family and friends.

The last meeting for the 2022-2023 Board and the first meeting of the 2023-2024 Board were held on May 8, with a brunch preceding. Some of our interest groups will continue meeting over the Summer, and we are also still planning the Big Ten Women's Clubs Conference on Friday afternoon, June 9, through Sunday noon, June 11. Many members have volunteered to help with the conference, and we sincerely thank them in advance. The planning committee cannot do this on their own - we need hostesses, drivers, registration table helpers and others to make the conference successful. If you would be willing to help but have not yet signed up, please contact Joy at jacobsj@msu.edu

As always, we appreciate the willingness of our members to contribute their enthusiasm and energy to make all of the Club's meetings and activities run smoothly. Your participation makes this Club truly YOUR Club!

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

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Important Dates

Monday, May 8 - 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon

Meeting of 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Boards

Brunch at 9:15 AM

2022-2023 Board meets at 10:00 AM

2023-2024 Board meets immediately after

Community Room, MSUFCU, corner of Mount Hope & Farm Lane



Monday, August 15

Deadline for September newsletter - first of the 2023-2024 Club year

There are no newsletters in June, July and August, although there may be a "News Blast" or two over the Summer.

The April 20 Spring Luncheon

The annual Spring luncheon was a wonderful success! Sixty members and guests gathered at the University Club for a delicious lunch. An interesting and entertaining program by long-time member Karen Harsh followed the luncheon. Karen, in her typically comical style, told us some of the 100-year history of Faculty Folk/MSU Community Club. She displayed two photo boards and also mementos of "Taste of the Town" events. Karen's husband Steve was able to stay for lunch after he set up a constantly running slide show of meeting and activity photos from years past. Our sincere thanks to Karen and Steve for all the work they did to make the program so enjoyable!

Incoming 2023-2024 MSUCC President Lyn Farquhar is to be commended for planning the luncheon and for the lovely Spring flowers that graced our tables. All of those beautiful flowers came from Lyn's yard and garden! She acknowledged and thanked outgoing 2022-2023 Board members and Interest Group Chairpersons, and introduced the incoming 2023-2024 Board members. She also gave special recognition to the **19** former Club Presidents who attended the luncheon.

Before and after the luncheon, members of the Spartan Quilters interest group displayed for sale many small and large projects, showcasing their meticulous workmanship and design talents.



Lyn - arranging her flowers before the luncheon



Karen - in costume, during her program about the history of Faculty Folk/MSUCC

More Spring Luncheon Photos



Members and guests



Dessert - carrot cake and vanilla & chocolate cupcakes



Quilt projects for sale



Karen and Lyn, encouraging quilt project purchases

We have lost two more members of our MSUCC family.

Mary Harpstead passed away on April 5 due to complications of injuries she received in a bad fall in February of 2022 and a long illness. She and her husband Dale celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary in September of 2022. A sympathy card has been sent to the Harpstead family from the Club, but if you wish to send your own card or note, please send it to

**Dale Harpstead and family
2646 Raphael Road
East Lansing, MI 48823**

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**Debbie Albrecht, beloved daughter of the late Marty Simonds and her husband Rick, passed away on April 27. A card has been sent to Rick and family from the Club, but you may wish to send a card also.**

**Rick Simonds and family  
6274 Mereford Court  
East Lansing, MI 48823-9212**



### **MSUCC Spartan Quilters Donate to Endowed Scholarship Fund**

At the Spring Luncheon, the quilters group made a profit of \$183.00 from their sales, all of which will go into the MSUCC Endowed Scholarship Fund. Thank you to the members and guests who purchased some of their projects. Special thanks to Mary Andrews, Joan Gilliland and Martha Schwab for contributing items they had made on their own, separate from the quilt group's projects. Thank you also to Mary Ann Dunn and Pat Hepp who helped Martha Schwab with the setup, sales, and teardown of their booth.

Hopefully, they will be back again at the Holiday Reception with more beautiful items for your holiday shopping pleasure.

Go Green! Spartan Strong!



### **Big Ten Women's Clubs Conference**

We have already received registrations from the women's clubs of several universities, and we know more will follow. Representatives of most of the Big Ten women's clubs have been in contact after receiving the registration form and information about the conference schedule, programs and travel to East Lansing.

We have had a sign-up sheet available at several meetings and events, asking for members who are available to help with the many small jobs necessary to the smooth running of the conference. If you have not yet had the chance to sign up but would like to help, please email [jacobsj@msu.edu](mailto:jacobsj@msu.edu)

On the next page is a registration form for MSUCC members who would like to share in the conference experiences on Saturday. Please look it over carefully and follow the directions if you wish to participate. All are welcome!

The BTWCC Planning Committee  
Helen LeBlanc, Martha Schwab, Kathy Jacobs, Jean Zwier, and Joy Jacobs, Chair

**Reservation for Saturday Breakfast, Luncheon and/or Dinner  
with the Delegates of the Big Ten Women's Clubs Conference  
and/or  
Saturday Morning Speaker Dr. Mona Hanna-Attish**

We look forward to this conference, and we are excited to offer our members the chance to meet leaders of clubs similar to ours. All three meals on Saturday, June 10, are open to you, as is the presentation by Dr. Mona at 9:30 AM. If you are interested in joining the BTWCC delegates at any of these times on Saturday, please register by completing this form and sending it with a check for the total cost of your choices to

Helen LeBlanc  
4720 Jadestone  
Williamston, MI 48895

**Please mark each event for which you are registering.**

***Each cost noted is the actual amount we are paying.***

- \_\_\_\_\_ Continental Breakfast - Kellogg Center - **\$13**  
Assorted pastries & muffins, juices, yogurt, fruit, coffee & tea
- \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker, Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha - Kellogg Center - There is no cost to attend the presentation, however, please make a reservation so we have enough seats.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Mona's book *What the Eyes Don't See* (if extras are available) - **\$10**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Luncheon - Cowles House (home of MSU's Presidents since 1941) - **\$33**  
Roasted corn, pepper & tomato chowder, marinated flank steak, horseradish  
mashed potatoes, asparagus, rolls & butter, apple stuffed crepes with caramel  
sauce
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner - Kellogg Center - ***please choose one*** - talapia or chicken, both will be served with spinach salad, rolls & butter, and a dessert of cheesecake with lemon curd, fresh berries and candied almonds - **\$32**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Talapia with hoisin glaze, coconut & ginger rice, and seasonal vegetables  
**OR**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Marinated chicken breast with cherry demi, roasted red skin potatoes, and steamed broccolini

**Vegetarian options are available - please click here to email > [helen\\_48895@yahoo.com](mailto:helen_48895@yahoo.com)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of your check \_\_\_\_\_

**Helen should receive your reservation by May 20.**

**If you have questions, click here to email Conference Chair Joy Jacobs > [jacobsj@msu.edu](mailto:jacobsj@msu.edu)**

## Interest Group News for May

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

[hillbergk@hotmail.com](mailto:hillbergk@hotmail.com) 881-4298

We will play on May 8th and 22nd. If you are on the current list, I will send 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. In April, we played face-to-face for the first time in several years. What a nice change!

Kay



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

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We met at the home of Lyn Farquhar on April 5. Due to the stormy weather, only five members were present.

Grace Nicodemus passed out her book entitled Cooking with Grace. It is a beautifully designed book with a personal story as well as recipes and gorgeous photography. Due to her ADD, she decided to hire a ghost writer who is given credit as a co-author (Lisa Crawford Watson). Members of the group were impressed by her book.



Jill Campbell Mason read her piece called "Underused Housing Tax." It was a tongue-in-cheek piece making fun of the legislators who wanted to "tax the hell out of those south-of-the-border rich Americans."

Our next meeting will be hosted by Kathy Esselman on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Kathy and Lyn

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

[jacobsj@msu.edu](mailto: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. We had five tables for bridge in April, since our "snowbirds" are back from down South. Our next get-together will be Friday, May 5. If you as a single, or if you and your spouse or MSUCC member partner would like to join us, please contact me.

jj



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

[jpbrock@mac.com](mailto:jpbrock@mac.com) 292-7873

We'll next meet Wednesday May 10, 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](mailto:sanrosgeb@gmail.com) 351-9318

Our group will have our last meeting of the Club year on May 16 in the Coach's Corner at the MAC. We will gather there at 12:30 for lunch and then start our meeting at about 1:00. Our speaker will be Judy Pfaff, who will talk about writing a book and the process one goes through. She will share the book she just finished, which she started when she was still a student. It is a history of the town she lived in.

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 of the month. 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](mailto:filfour@aol.com) 323-8286

It's Spring and that means it's golf season! Our 36 member golf league plays at Forest Akers East on Thursday mornings. The league starts with a Kick-off luncheon on May 4th and golf begins on May 11th. The season consists of 20 weeks of golf with weekly games and prizes, monthly luncheons, and a season finale fun day.



If you are interested in joining and would like more details, please contact me.

Kristi

**International** - Jean Friend

[Jean@friend.jean.net](mailto:Jean@friend.jean.net) 285-5469

Fourteen women enjoyed an English tea and light lunch on April 23 at the home of Jean Friend. They met to discuss revitalizing the International interest group and will be working with International Bridges and MSU's Community Volunteers for International Programs. The group will meet several times this coming Club year. Watch for articles about upcoming meetings in this newsletter.

Jean



**Mah Jong** - Contact Kathy Jacobs

[khjacobs@hotmail.com](mailto:khjacobs@hotmail.com) 332-2737

Vivian Dwyer hosts her classes at Arty Party in Okemos, and she has all the game supplies you would need there. The cost for 4-6 weeks of lessons is \$25.



To sign up for a future class, please email Vivian at

[Paintviv@comcast.net](mailto:Paintviv@comcast.net) or call her at 881-4203.

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.  
Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.  
Babs



**Out-to-Lunch Bunch** - Chair Kathy Esselman [esselmank@comcast.net](mailto:esselmank@comcast.net) 974-1834  
We will meet on Friday, May 12, at 12:00 p.m. Grace Nicodemus has made a reservation at Woodlake Ukai Hibachi Grill and Sushi Bar at 2314 Woodlake Drive in Okemos. Turn off Jolly Road on the little street by Taco Bell. Look to your right and there is a big sign for Ukai. We will be on the side where they have tables set up. There is easy parking to drop off someone who can't walk very far. The prices are very reasonable.



If you would like to join us for lunch, please call Grace at 1-831-747-4222 or email her at [revgrace@icloud.com](mailto:revgrace@icloud.com). We want to thank Grace for organizing this luncheon. If you would like more information about this group, please contact me.  
Kathy

**Social Outings** - Contact Kay Hillberg [hillbergk@hotmail.com](mailto:hillbergk@hotmail.com) 881-42980  
**(formerly Social Singles)**

This group hasn't met since the pandemic, and we are working 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 have questions or suggestions.  
Kay



**Spartan Quilters** - Chair Martha Schwab [mmschwab17@gmail.com](mailto:mmschwab17@gmail.com) 676-7011  
Our last function of the 2022-2023 year is a brunch at my home at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 3. We will start up again the week following the Fall Reception. Happy Summer to all of you!  
Martha



**Tennis** - Chair Phylis Floyd [floyd@msu.edu](mailto:floyd@msu.edu) 980-2526  
The tennis drill group is pretty routine - one-hour drill sessions at Court One East on Research Drive off Okemos Road at 9:00 AM Mondays & Fridays. Players can play either/both days, and all skill levels are welcome. Members of Court One pay \$9.00 a session; non-members pay \$10.



Sessions happen when 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 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** - Chairs Susan Bence  
Gabriele Mayer  
Jean Zwier

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[zwierhlmr@gmail.com](mailto:zwierhlmr@gmail.com) 381-9534

We dined at Persis Indian Grill restaurant in Okemos on April 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Sue Bence is scheduling for May - please contact her to be included.  
Sue, Gabriele, and Jean



**Women's Sports Supporters** - Chair Joy Jacobs [jacobsj@msu.edu](mailto:jacobsj@msu.edu) 675-5590  
The MSU women's athletic teams have mostly finished their seasons. Some competitions remain as conference and NCAA tournaments.



The women's golf team had an **11-stroke** lead at the end of the first day of the NCAA tournament Regionals on May 8. Best of luck to them as they play through the tournament !!

The VB team played in four Spring tournaments, most recently in Grand Rapids on Saturday, April 15. MSU's team has many new faces, including a new assistant coach. Their season starts at the end of August when they usually host one or two invitational tournaments. Big Ten games start by the end of September.



Soccer starts in early August with several non-conference games, and the Big Ten season starts toward the end of August.

Field hockey starts with exhibition games in mid-August, and the Big Ten conference season begins by the end of the month.



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*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!*

*If you have an idea for a new interest group, please get in touch with Jacquie Foss, Coordinator of Interest Groups for 2023-2024, at [fossjk@gmail.com](mailto:fossjk@gmail.com)*

