



# Michigan State University Community Club

## October 2023 Newsletter



### ***A Message from Your President:***

It's been my privilege to serve as President of the MSUCC since May, 2023. It's already shaping up to be an amazing year for our Club. Here's some of the highlights:

We started the transition to our new year at the Spring Luncheon in April, hosting over 55 members at the University Club. Since it was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club, our lovely Karen Harsh gave a talk highlighting the activities and history of what began as "Faculty Folk," and with the addition of more community members, is now the MSU Community Club.

June saw the club hosting the Big Ten Community Clubs Conference at the Kellogg Center. We had a visit from Sparty, a luncheon at Cowles house, a bus tour of the campus and an inspiring talk from Dr. Mona Hasha Attisha, the whistle-blower for the Flint water crisis. The committee of Martha Schwab, Helen LeBlanc, Kathy Jacobs, Jean Zwier, and Joy Jacobs as Chair led the planning and the event. The conference would not have been such a success without our MSUCC volunteers who donated time and talents before and during the conference. Our quilters made 45 beautiful tote bags from which each delegate chose her own, and members drove delegates to the Cowles House luncheon, hosted at the conference headquarters table, and facilitated the Round Table discussions.



*Sparty and Lyn*



*Dr. Mona and Joy*



*Dee Williams with tote bags*

After a break in July, Board meetings resumed in August followed by our September Welcome Reception. Sixty people attended the event that annually has members paying dues, signing up for interest groups and renewing friendships. The highlight of the event is the awarding of scholarships to MSU students. The Scholarship committee has the unenviable task of choosing from the multiple talented applicants. Members of the committee are shown in the photo on the next page with the two recipients who were able to attend the reception.



*Left to right: Karen Harsh, Joanne Schutz, recipient Hayleigh Atkin, Scholarship Co-Chairs Mariellyn Stevenson and Jacqueline Holecek, recipient Paige Drob, and Grace Nicodemus.*

Our planned programs this year will be amazing. We welcome Robin Fralick, MSU Women's Basketball Coach in October, hear from Dr. Kevin Leonard, a member of the Chippewa tribe and head of the MSU Native American Institute in November, will be touring the Turner Dodge Mansion at the holidays, hear from member Grace Nicodemus and author of "Eating with Grace" in February, and award Quilts of Valor to nine servicemen and women in the Spring.

Plan to join us for this exciting and informative year!  
*Lyn Farquhar, 2023-2024 MSUCC President*



**Important MSUCC Dates:**

- Monday, October 9 - Board Meeting on ZOOM, 10:30 AM  
(The MSUFCU Community Room is closed due to Indigenous Peoples Day)
- Friday, October 20 - General Membership Meeting and Annual "Tailgate" Program  
Featuring the new MSU Women's Basketball Coach, Robyn Fralick (see Page 3)  
1:00 to 3:00 PM at the MSUFCU Community Room, corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane
- Monday, November 13 - Board Meeting, 10:30 AM  
MSUFCU Community Room, corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane
- Friday, November 10 - General Membership Meeting and Program "Still Here / Native Strong"  
By Kevin P. Leonard, Ph.D. and Interim Director, Native American Institute  
Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center, 5153 Marsh Road, Okemos



***Our sincere sympathy goes to the family of long-time MSUCC member Louise Carlson, who passed away on September 22 due to injuries suffered in an auto accident the previous day. She was an active member of the Afternoon Bridge group and had enjoyed the evening book club. She will certainly be missed.***

***A sympathy card has been sent from the Club, but you may wish to send a note or card of your own to her husband and family.***

***Edward Carlson and family  
3872 Raleigh Drive  
Okemos, MI 48864-1219***



## **MSUCC Endowed Scholarship Report**



Two of our seven scholarship recipients attended the MSUCC fall reception. Hayleigh Atkin (left) was one of the students receiving an MSUCC Endowed Scholarship, and Paige Drob (right) received the Karen Harsh Endowed Scholarship. Hayleigh and Paige are both in the College of Education, and each will receive a \$2,500 scholarship for the 2023-2024 academic year.

## October 20 - “Tailgate” General Membership Meeting

Speaker MSU Women’s Basketball Coach Robyn Fralick



The women’s basketball season starts on Thursday, November 2, against Davenport in the Breslin Center. This game will be the introduction of the new women’s basketball coach, Robyn Fralick, who was hired on March 31, 2023.

Coach Fralick grew up in Okemos, excelling in basketball, soccer and softball. She played collegiate basketball at Davidson College from 2000-2004. Her coaching experiences were at Ashland (NCAA Division II) from 2015 to 2018, and at Bowling Green (NCAA Division I) from 2018 until she came to MSU.

At Ashland, her team won the NCAA Division II National Championship in 2017 (after which she was named NCAA Division II Basketball Bulletin Coach of the Year), and also reached the title game in 2018. Ashland had won the GLIAC Tournament Championship in 2016, 2017 and 2018, accumulating a three-year record for 104 wins and only 3 losses (97.2%), the highest winning percentage in NCAA history at any level, counting a minimum of 100 games played. She was named GLIAC Coach of the year all three years, and was also awarded the C. Vivian Stringer Coaching Award in 2018.

At Bowling Green, her team won the MAC Regular Season Championship in 2021, and she was named the MAC Coach of the Year for the 2020–2021 season.

Coach Fralick and her husband Tim have a son, William, and a daughter, Clara.

***Plan to help the Community Club celebrate MSU athletics at our annual “Tailgate” meeting. Bring a guest! (We expect several members’ husbands and male members of the Club to attend.) Refreshments will be provided by the Women’s Sports Supporters interest group.***

## Interest Group Activities in October

### **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 date.

Please contact me to be included in our mailings.

Kay



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

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We will meet from 12:30 to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 4, at my home at 1125 Portage Path in East Lansing. Carol Johnson will take minutes at this meeting. Lyn Farquhar, MSUCC President who has published 32 mysteries, will read from her upcoming mystery which I set in Charlevoix. I will also read. There will be refreshments, writing updates and conversation after the readings. If you are interested in learning more about this group, please contact me.

Kathy

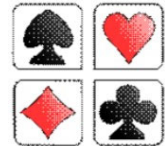


### **Dinner & Bridge** - Chair Joy Jacobs

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We meet the first Friday of the month at 5:30 PM in the University Club "Mingle" restaurant for dinner, then we play bridge in a private room until about 10 PM. Our next gathering will be October 6. I send a reminder email about ten days ahead of our meeting date. If you (as a single or with your spouse) are interested in joining us, please email so we can include you in November.

jj



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

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Members will meet Wednesday, October 11, to select books for the 2023-2024 reading season. The meeting will be at my home at 7:30 PM. There will be a Zoom option. Group members will receive a list of proposed books before the meeting. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact me. Happy reading!

Janet



### **Family Links** - Chairs Candy Boldrey

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Sandy Gebber

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Our genealogy group meets the third Tuesday of the month in the East Lansing Public Library from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. The group is composed of members at various levels of research skill. Not only do we help each other, but we have speakers, watch webinars, and have book discussions. Please let one of us know if you are interested in joining the group, and we will add you to our list.

Sandy and 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 on September 21st with golf, lunch and prizes. It was an exciting golf season with one member scoring a hole-in-one on hole #11 Forest Akers East course 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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"Russia's War Against Ukraine: Historical Context and Present Dilemmas" will be the topic of Matthew D. Pauly, Ph.D., Associate Professor in MSU's Department of History, on October 11. Professor Pauly is a historian of Ukraine, Eastern Europe and Russia, and was a U.S. Department of State Fawcett Fellow at the American Embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine. He reported on human rights and the rule of law. We will meet at 1:00 PM, in the Community Room of the MSU Federal Credit Union on the corner of Farm Lane and Mt. Hope, East Lansing. Please join us for this interesting and informative meeting!  
Jean



**Mah Jong** - Contact Kathy Jacobs

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Vivian Dwyer will be starting her next class on Tuesday, October 3, at 1:00 PM. Classes meet for four consecutive weeks at The Arty Party Studio, 2112 Hamilton Road, Okemos. Please call Vivian with questions at 881-4203. All materials will be provided. Cost \$25. If you are interested in a future class, please contact me.  
Kathy



**Morning Eclectic Readers** - Chair Babs Krause

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

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We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 13, 2023. Sandy Gebber will make reservations at Maru Sushi and Grill at 1500 W. Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing. The menu is available at [toasttab.com](http://toasttab.com) There is excellent parking behind the restaurant, and guests can be dropped off at the back door. If you would like to join us for lunch, call Sandy at 517-351-9318 or email her at [sanrosgeb@gmail.com](mailto:sanrosgeb@gmail.com) If you would like information about the group or would like to be on our list, please contact me.  
Kathy



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

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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 are interested in reorganization planning.  
Kay



**Sequence** - Chairs Jeannie Schoen  
Grace Nicodemus

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**Spartan Quilters** - Chair Martha Schwab

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Come join the MSUCC Spartan Quilters for a year full of Learning, Creating, Sharing, Caring and overall friendship. We will learn new skills, have day-long retreats, and expand our knowledge on what is happening in the world of quilting. We meet at Country Stitches, 2200 Coolidge Rd #7, East Lansing at 9:30 AM on the first and third Wednesday of every month from Sept. to May. This year we will be hosting our "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave" celebration at the March 15 membership meeting, at which we will be giving Quilts of Valor to deserving American Veterans. We hope to see YOU there!  
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 members of Court One or \$10 for non-members. Contact me if you're interested in joining us!  
Phylis



**Visual Arts** - Chair Gwendolyn Taylor

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If you are interested in shared learning, exploration, and inspiring conversation about the endless dimensions of the visual arts, then this is a perfect opportunity to join with fellow *Art Enthusiasts*. If you're interested in exploring the depth and intention of an artist's work; or how or why a particular exhibit is selected; or exactly what is Digital Art, and so much more, then join us in going behind the scenes to experience new ways of looking at the world through the lens of a series of *Visual Art Field Trips*.  
Gwen



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

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We will meet on a weeknight in mid-October at a local restaurant for a 6:00 PM dinner. Contact Sue to be added to our email list.  
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. Athletics Department emails are forwarded throughout the year to inform members of ticket costs, sports announcements, and other information.



The volleyball team started their season in late August. Link to their schedule:  
<https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-volleyball/schedule>

The soccer team is in the middle of their conference season. Link to their schedule:  
<https://spartans.com/sports/womens-soccer/schedule>

The field hockey team next plays at home on Friday, October 13. Link to their schedule:  
<https://msuspartans.com/sports/field-hockey/schedule>

The tennis team hosts the ITA Midwest Regional Championships from Thursday October 12, to Monday, October 16, and a “Green & White” event on Friday, November 3. They don’t play at home again until February 9. Link to their schedule:  
<https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-tennis/schedule/2023-24>

The basketball team’s season starts November 2 with an exhibition game. Link to their schedule:  
<https://msuspartans.com/sports/womens-basketball/schedule>

Let me know if you want to receive more information about MSU women’s athletics!  
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***Message from the MSUCC Newsletter Editor:***

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions for the newsletter, please email me at  
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Have a great October!

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