



MSU COMMUNITY CLUB NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Friday, September 18, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Welcome Meeting. "MSUCC Interest Groups: Your Key to Fun, Friends and Education."** Join in via a Zoom meeting. See details below.
 - **Friday, October 16, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. "Age Alive: A Program on Aging."** Join in via a Zoom meeting.
 - **Friday, November 20 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. "Home of the Free, Because of the Brave."** Quilts of Valor Presentation by MSUCC Spartan Quilters. Join in via a Zoom meeting.
 - **Friday, December 4, 1 to 3 pm. "Celebrate the Season with Music."** Performers to be announced. Join in via Zoom.
 - **Friday, February 19. 1 - 3 pm. Annual Meeting. "Save Native Plants and Animals by Planting a Home-Grown Park."** Dr. Elizabeth Seagull, MSU Psychology Department. Join in via a Zoom meeting.
 - **Thursday, March 19, 1 to 3 pm. "Diversity at MSU."** Details to be announced. Join in via a Zoom meeting.
 - **Thursday, April 15, 11:30 to 2 pm. Annual Spring Luncheon.** The University Club of MSU Heritage Room, 3435 Forest Road, Lansing.
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WELCOME MSUCC MEMBERS



We hope that you have had a wonderful summer and that you are staying healthy and safe! We regret that we could not gather together for our March "Quilts of Valor" Program and our Annual Spring Luncheon due to COVID-19. However, we have exciting news about the upcoming 2020 - 2021 MSU Community Club year! As we adjust to our new life in the midst of the pandemic, we have moved all of our programming and most interest group meetings to a virtual platform. Please join us for our first membership-wide virtual meeting via Zoom for our annual Welcome Meeting on September 18, 2020, from 1 to 3 p.m. You will receive a link to the Zoom meeting by email.

During the Welcome Meeting, you will hear from each of our Interest Group leaders. They will discuss the activities of the group, how they are staying connected during COVID-19, and the meeting dates and times. We will also provide information about how to sign up for Interest Groups and how to pay your 2020-2021 dues. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us all to reconnect safely from our own homes.

We are very excited about our programming for this year. Please remember to save the dates for the programs listed in the calendar at the top of this newsletter.

If you cannot join the Welcome Meeting, please see the item below about dues payment, or visit our website, where you can download the membership form. Please remember that your dues must be paid by September 30 to be included in the 2020-2021 MSUCC membership directory.

Please stay healthy and safe!

Joanne & Amanda

Co-Presidents



Marty Simonds (left), with Jan Reagen and friend.

MARTY SIMONDS WILL BE MISSED

Long time member Marty Simonds passed away on June 25 after a short battle with cancer. Marty joined Faculty Folk in 1974 and has been a very active member ever since. She has served as 1st VP, Co-Pres, and Treasurer (many times). She participated in many interest groups including Newcomers, Couples Gourmet (45 years with the same group), Couples Bridge, Dollars for Scholars Bridge, Bowling, Golf, Out to Lunch Bunch, International and Taste of the Town Committee.

Her cheerful smile and readiness to help out in any way she could will be greatly missed. We are sorry to lose Marty so soon but Thank You, Marty, for all of your contributions to help make MSUCC the club it is today.

INTEREST GROUPS ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Are you looking for things to do when the weather changes and we're still trying to Social Distance? We're happy to report that many of the MSUCC Interest Groups have found ways to function virtually. Let's pause for a silent Thank You to our smartphones, pc's, tablets, Zoom, Skype and all other devices and on-line services. Then, a big **Thank You** to the Interest Group leaders who have found ways to use these services to keep their groups functioning.

Watch for the invitation to join us via Zoom on Friday, September 18 for our virtual Welcome Reception. Someone from each group will talk about what their group does under 'normal' circumstances – and if they're functioning during the pandemic, they'll describe what they're doing now that keeps members involved even while distanced.

Just a sample of what you can do now, without in-person contact: If you're a creative sort, you can discuss your Quilting projects with other quilters, or join the Creative Writers and share the things you have written. We have two Book Groups. With more time to read right now, you might want to belong to both. Joining the discussions of the Family Links group is sure to pique your interest in learning about some of your ancestors – and maybe find a few surprises. We even have a group that meets to converse in the German language – what a way to keep your language skills sharp! Tennis and Golf are outside, so they've continued. We have an afternoon group playing Bridge online, and online Mahjong is possible. If we start a Mahjong group, it needs someone to help people who are new to the game. Any volunteers??

Take a look at the attached list of Interest Groups. Each group leader's name and email are shown. Click the highlighted email to send a message indicating that you would like to join, or if that group isn't meeting currently, to keep your name on hold for when the group resumes. That way you can also be advised of any special activities that may take place during the pandemic.

[The Interest Group list is easily accessed by clicking on this link.](#)

Kay Hillberg & Kathy Jacobs

Membership Co-Chairs



TIME TO PAY YOUR MSUCC DUES FOR 2020 - 2021

It's time to pay your membership dues for 2020 - 2021. You may download the attached membership form, print it, and mail it with your check to the address on the form.

An individual membership is \$30 and a household membership is \$40. Checks should be payable to the MSU Community Club.

Don't forget that a paid membership is required for Interest Group participation.

DOWNLOAD THE FORM HERE

DID YOU MISPLACE YOUR TRI-FOLD?

Did you misplace your MSUCC tri-fold, that important pamphlet that arrived in late August full information about the upcoming year? It has details about Interest Groups and MSUCC leadership, plus a list of programs.

If you need another copy just click on this **LINK** to download the pamphlet.

MSUCC 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS



Just in case you missed this news about MSUCC Scholarship awards that was published in the April newsletter, here's the list of scholarship recipients.

The Scholarship Committee met remotely this year and selected eleven highly qualified recipients. Each student will receive a scholarship for \$2,500 for the academic school year, 2020-2021. There are two recipients in Integrative Biology, one in Packaging and eight are Social Science Scholars. Their names are as follows:

- Matthew Doyle, Integrative Biology- Karen L. Harsh Endowed Scholarship
- Christina Liu, Integrative Biology- MSUCC Endowed Scholarship
- Sophia Mariani, Packaging-MSUCC Endowed Scholarship
- Janet Ibarra, Social Science Scholar-Irene Arens Faculty Folk (MSUCC) Endowed Scholarship
- Leonardo Vallejo, Social Science Scholar- MSUCC Endowed Scholarship
- Jasmine Jordan, Social Science Scholar- MSUCC Endowed Scholarship
- Faith Foster, Social Science Scholar-MSUCC Endowed Scholarship
- Erykah Benson, Social Science Scholar-MSUCC Endowed Scholarship
- Christopher Wentworth, Social Science Scholar-MSUCC Endowed Scholarship
- Gabrielle Kindig, Social Science Scholar-MSUCC Endowed Scholarship
- Haley Hinzmann, Social Science Scholar-MSUCC Endowed Scholarship

Jackie Holecek & Maryellen Stevenson

Endowed Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

CARE and CONCERN

Condolences to the family of Mary Guyer

Condolences to the family of Thelma Hansen

Condolences to the family of Carol Holm

**Condolences to the family of Marty Simonds,
past Co-President and Treasurer**

**Condolences to Annette Whims on the passing of her husband
Fred**

ASSISTANT TREASURER NEEDED

MSU Community Club is in need of an Assistant Treasurer. If you're interested, please contact Helen LeBlanc at helen_48895@yahoo.com.