



OMWC NEWS

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Old Mission Women's Club
A charitable and educational organization since 1931

Dear Members,

Welcome to the first issue of our Club newsletter! Our purpose is: to provide you with times and dates of Club projects and events; to pass along health concerns; to introduce our new members with brief comments; telephone and email address changes; committee and project reports and anything else that you feel would be helpful. This issue is extra long because of including photos from our summer projects.

I welcome your opinions as we set off on this new venture. With your input, this will be a success!

Melinda Downey, President

HEALTH CONCERNS - Martha Myers has undergone very serious cancer surgery this week and needs our thoughts, prayers, and cards to her home.

Nancy Hayward wants us to know she will be unable to attend meetings but she is thinking of us. We need to keep her in our thoughts and prayers, she welcomes cards and phone calls. With the help of friends, Nancy is proudly sponsoring her daughter as a new Club member this year.

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE - Mary Shultz, Chairman

As you remember, in April our members suggested 40 non-profit organizations and in May we voted and reduced that list to 20. Over the summer, our committee contacted each of those groups and 19 applications have been received. At our **October 4th** Club meeting, the membership will **review** these organizations and the information we have been given. Members will **vote** for their 8 choices at the **October 18th** Club meeting. If any member is unable to attend either of these meetings and would like to learn more and/or would like to vote, contact me and I will get the information and a ballot to you.

* October 4 - review

* October 18 - vote

LEGISLATIVE - Donna Hornberger

On Thursday, **October 4**, at 5:30 p.m. the President of the League of Women Voters of Michigan will discuss the pros and cons of the six state ballot issues which will be on the November ballot. The program will be at the TADL Library on Woodmere. There will be time for questions during the program. This is an educational program.

For full information on the League of Women Voters Grand Traverse Area go to:
<http://www.lwvgta.org/>

*The program is on the same day as our next OMWC meeting. So plan a late afternoon trip into town to attend this informative event.

PARADE OF HOMES - Nancy Davy, Chairman 2012 Showcase of Remodeled Homes

The Home Builders Association of Grand Traverse Area hosts an annual event in the fall touring remodeled homes. Information is provided about local contractors and businesses related to home improvement.

We have acquired a house for this event at 2209 Timberline Drive. The Showcase will be held on Saturday and Sunday, **October 6 and 7**, from noon to 6 pm.

We currently have some members assigned to slots in the work schedule but could use a few more. Because of the brief time requirement, this is a relatively easy project for which OMWC will receive \$100.

If you are interested in helping with the Showcase, contact Nancy Davy.

MEMBERSHIP - Judy Pohl, Chairman New Member Orientation Meeting

The Membership Committee has invited the eight sponsors whose names were drawn at our September luncheon and the prospective new members to an orientation meeting at Denay Hall **October 11** at 10:30 A.M. Members and guests will introduce themselves, Melinda will present an overview of OMWC and Carolyn Burns will review the history of our Club.

This splendid gathering has been done for the last few years and is informative and helpful to our new members and their sponsors.

LIGHTHOUSE HALF MARATHON - Anita Klein, Chairman

(A correction - it is not called the Bayshore Half Marathon.)

The Lighthouse Half Marathon will be held at 7 A.M. on Sunday, October 14th. We have agreed to provide 500 cookies (42 dozen) and will be paid \$270.

Cookies should be delivered to me on Friday, **October 12** between 11 am and 3 pm at 14997 Center Road.

Sign up sheets will be at the next meeting along with the pans for pickup.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT from Melinda

I want to include information here about business that will be coming up at our next meeting. Sometimes it is best to see things in print and also to have time to think about them.

We voted last spring to no longer do a Christmas Cookie Sale nor a Garage Sale this year. These two projects produced approximately \$8,000 last year. We have five Fund Raisers listed in our Booklet. However, the Parade of Homes depends on us getting a house. The Cherry Festival Parade is on July 4 this year and I don't know if members will agree to work on that day.

Should we reconsider the Christmas Cookie Sale? Several members have contacted me over the summer and they are willing to take part. They feel it is a tradition on the Peninsula that we have created and they would like to continue. Perhaps another Garage Sale this year?

There are some considerations: SOMEONE needs to bring this up as New Business at our next meeting; SOMEONE needs to Chair the event; MEMBERS need to sign up for the committee; MEMBERS need to agree to contribute and support the project.

With fewer Fund Raisers we will have less Philanthropic money to give next year.

What are your thoughts?

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Continued

Judy Arnold and Sue Burke are Co-Chairman of the Christmas Stockings project this year. They have received further requests for our beautiful stockings. Phoenix House can use 10 for women; Dakoske Hall can use 26 for men. Last year Dakoske and Phoenix were run as one entity due to budget constraints and we gifted both. They are now under separate roofs beneath the umbrella of the Alcohol Treatment Services. A newly suggested group, Goodwill Inn, can use 15 for women and 35 for men. This all totals 86 stockings with any remaining stockings going to Women's Resource Center. The Committee is suggesting that Women's Resource Center receive 64 stockings for women. That brings the total number to be filled to 150, 89 for women and 61 for men. These considerations will be presented to our membership at our next meeting for discussion and vote.

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Melinda's overall theme for this year is FRIENDSHIP. A line from her "Thought For the Year" on page one in our Club Booklet - "This is my wish for you....Friendships to brighten your being." To that end, she is encouraging something new called "Small Groups." Happily, with 150 members, we have many hands to accomplish many things. But it can be difficult to visit with everyone at our meetings. She is suggesting that we be creative and come up with ideas and projects that will gather our members into small social groups...just for fun!

At our Fall Luncheon a few Small Groups were mentioned:

Carolyn Wentworth will teach us to wax leaves and to make Fall placemats

**Carolyn adds: "Start collecting colorful leaves *now* and press them in a magazine or book. We will do the project at my house October 25, Thursday, at 1:00 PM. There will be a sign up sheet at the next meeting."

Mahjong (a Chinese game played with tiles) - Depending on the level of interest, Nancy Davy tells that a group of ladies will provide more information with the possibility of in-depth instruction and potentially an organized group of players. Contact Nancy for further information.

Any member wishing to play bridge just for fun is invited to play once a month at various locations. Arlene Dean has planned the first gathering September 27 at Peninsula Grill. Players will meet on Thursdays, the next date being October 25, 11:30 am with Maryhelen Dumon hostessing. Please contact her October 22 or 23 if you plan to attend. (She will be out of town earlier.)

A book club? A sewing group?

Catherine Davidson suggests: "Community Cinema" is available every month at Denos Museum at no cost to us. Interested? More information later.

All members are asked to pass along suggestions to Melinda and to participate in groups that interest you and that you can fit into your busy days. Remember - that these groups are "just for fun" and provide an opportunity to get better acquainted with other OMWC members.

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CLUB BOOKLET CHANGES

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"The paper I read at the September luncheon, 'My Garden Tour,' is included in this newsletter, page 9. Thank you for requesting copies. It was fun to write including our 142 names and I'm glad you enjoyed it." -Carolyn B.

NEW MEMBERS 2012

In January and May of 2012 we welcomed eleven new members. Their photos and brief “pictures” of them in future issues will help us get acquainted. Interviews are done by Kathleen Cole.



Welcome Kathy DesErnia

Kathy and her husband moved to Traverse City 13 years ago from Rochester Hills. After leaving the rigors of a career that included jobs as a probation officer, counselor at a maximum security facility, hospital administrator, social worker, and even real estate agent, she focused her energies on renovating their home. What Kathy feeds on creatively these days, besides her family, which includes a “fabulous” husband, two grown sons, “the best” daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren, is buttons. “I originally bought a collection to sell when I had a small antique business, and the interest grew,” she said. Her enthusiasm inspires her to attend button shows, study details and materials, research history, and write articles.



Sponsored by Shirley Baylis, she will be working with our Thanksgiving Baskets. We are happy to have her join us!



Welcome Linda Goode

“We were walking around downtown one winter during a trip to Michigan to visit family and I said, ‘You know, I think I could live here.’” That’s how Linda describes the way she and her husband came to Traverse City in 2009 after they retired from their jobs as Los Angeles police sergeants. Since then a whole world has opened up. “We run, bike, snowshoe, and hike,” she said. Linda’s impressive roster of activities is proof of her energy. She takes water aerobics and an NIS (neuromuscular integrative action) class to stay fit. She has a dog and loves animals. She started a book club, is a member of P.E.O., teaches Sunday school at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, and works at Father Fred. When it comes to stretching herself, Linda claims to be a bit of a daredevil. “I will always try something once,” she says.



Sponsored by Robbie Carmichael, she was Hostess Chairman of our September luncheon, is on the Membership Committee, will work with the Christmas Stockings, Easter Baskets, Thanksgiving Baskets and Township Hall Containerscape. We are happy to have her join us!

GARAGE SALE - MAY 2012



Come on in!!
Mary Jordan and Penny Rosi



Check out here !
Joann Rosi, Kathy Cipko, Jill Byron



Nancy Davy and other shoppers.

Time to clean up -



Can you believe he didn't sell?
Diane Shaffer



Members and helpful husbands loading up the leftovers and *still* smiling!
(And Diane's friend is off to his new home.)



BAYSHORE MARATHON - MAY 2012



Ellen Kerr receiving cookies at Anita Klein's house on Friday.



Can't I taste just one? oops - a camera!!



Ellen and Anita with one car full !!



Delivered: nearly 7,000 cookies on Friday to a storage facility by Central High School.

The happy recipient is Daniel Sideman, Race Director and Manager of Running Fit, Traverse City.

CHERRY FESTIVAL HERITAGE PARADE - JULY 2012



OUR JOB - on a VERY hot day!!!



OMWC Cherry Festival Committee Chairman Shannon Sitek - looking good!!



Are you sure you live in this neighborhood?
Chuck & Melinda Downey



See...nobody comes beyond OUR barricade!!!
Pat Kitchen, Anita Klein and Ellen Kerr



If threatened, Brenda Kelly stopped them with her camera!



Jim Rowlett doing a fine job stopping ALL traffic. Barbara is behind the camera.

Who *wouldn't* stop for these beauties?!
Meredith Erickson, Carol Prucha
and Lois Manigold



"It's not hot, Alan. Just smile for the camera."
"It's not hot, Alan."
Fran and Alan Westerholm
"It's not hot, Alan. We'll soon be done, Alan."



And this is how the job is done - block the street and pull up a chair in the shade.
No problems.
Candy and Jim Brody

MY GARDEN TOUR

I read in the Newton news of a one-day-only tour nearby. My friend, Kelly Kerr, drove her Browne Edson and we went to see what we could see. It was the Parsons garden and it seems his wife was in the Kitchen Downing Herr breakfast and there was a Goode Lock on the gate. She said she would be Quick with the Shoskey to open it.

The garden was a Sweet Space with nary a Thorne or a Weede. Everything looked Rosi. No Butcher had been Rough in this Case. A Brickman had built a Whall that included an interesting object. It was a Schmerhorn that was once used to call in a Wolf.

I found a small grouping of lavender blossoms. The Barber, who was also on the tour, told me they don't often Grow this close to the Bay. He said they were rare and were called 6 Ks or Klein-Kroupa-Kroupa-Krupka-Kuiken-Kustra flowers. They are more often seen in Sobkowski, near the north Pohl, where it is Baylis.

Walking with us was a group of Scandinavians, this tour had been arranged for them by Dean Carroll Denio. There was Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. Solomonson, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Jensen and Mrs. Berthelsen. Mrs. Johnson said with her Swedish brogue, "Sommerville soon be over." I didn't understand how Mrs. Malinowski and Mrs. Murray were included in that group but they Gailey walked along.

Such a beautiful garden. The Rosi Arnold Boursaw mum was in blossom as was the miniature Metzker mum. The white Cipko peony, the deep red Cutler peony and the pretty pink Crampton peony were outstanding. The Manigold marigold was so large I thought it was a sunflower. The little Purdo pansies were lovely. The Cogswell lily was outstanding. The Coulter and Soutear daises lined the walkway. A small Carmichael painting of a Wolff quietly sat near the Dumon dahlias. The many colors of the Maguire zinnias caught my eye.

A small stream, called the Jordan, led to a lovely pond. A Norwegian woman on the tour wore a large hat covered with Bowes and decorated to the Hilt. She liked to tell that she had purchased it in Florence. She said, "I'm sensitive to Sanborn and must protect myself." Unfortunately, she had to Lien over the pond too far and her hat fell into the water. The ladies looked at a gardener, Davy McClatchey. He said, "Harris a problem!" and he started to leave. The ladies asked, "Ahrns you gonna try? Abbott you can reach it!" So Downey went. There was an innertube resting on a rock nearby. He said, "Rowlett over here and I'll Fischer out." He rescued the dripping hat and said, "O'Harra you go."

We heard a Campbell ringing which meant it was time for refreshments. As we were seated, beautiful music by Rogers and Raphael quietly played in the background. We were served a small Hornberger, which had been cooked over Charlton Cole. We enjoyed a Brys beverage called Roosevelt Winegrad. The Gegich and Goodell grapes had been used to make this delicious treat.

Refreshed, we were led to a small secret aviary with beautiful singing, colorful birds. There were Sitek warblers, the rare Hoffman hummers, the Shultz lovebirds and even a few Conard crooners. We had to move Hayward Quick as time was fleeting. As we walked down the Hall, we saw a verse by Byron carved into a beautiful piece of Kelly wood.

We met the distinguished DesErnia Dumon in the garden. He tended a small fireplace that had become a Lundmark. He said he Burns Cole and if they let it Byrne, it prevents the Frost from damaging the dusty Miller. As we were talking, something flew by. He said, "That's a Burke bug, some call it a Burkey bug. It will Zimmer and Zwemer all over the garden." He took a swing at it, he was not very Swift. He said, "Prucha! I didn't even Harmer!"

Another gardener, Paulley Pettyjohn, had an interesting accent. We asked how long he had worked in the garden. He said, "My flowers? DeVol Stegenga." We didn't know what that meant so we waited. He said, "I used to be a Sanger. Arbut... I Bennet dis place Ebert 6 years. No Brody been here longer."

A few men were touring the garden also. Their name tags identified them as Lewis Lewis, Rowland Ruzak, Ryan Ryckman, Scott Shaffer and Arnold Wentworth, all from the Gwinnell Wagner Company in nearby Westerholm. They were very friendly.

Well, our walking tour was over and we were tired. We felt we had visited a miniature Myers garden. It was a day we will never forget.

We read in the paper later that this garden was originally planted by the Old Mission Women's Club in 1931. It has been maintained for over 80 years. The strength of the plantings made it obvious that through the years, this group of caring women had goals and aims of good works and kind deeds. The beauty was breathtaking.

-Carolyn Burns August 2012

KUDOS TO - - -

Linda Kustra - Linda has the honor being this year's Featured Artist at the Leland Fiber Festival held on October 5th and 6th. Linda's beautiful collection of hand knitted women's wearables will be on display at the Leland Old Arts Building.

Great job, Linda !!

Debbie Rough - "Woman has tradition of hosting international students" was the headline on September 24 of an extensive article about Debbie entertaining foreign students from the University of Michigan. If you missed it, go to Traverse City Record-Eagle.com or pick up an issue from their downtown office.

What a generous thing to do, Debbie!!

Christine Zimmer and Fran Krupka - The juried exhibit "Rare Threads: Fibers Fantastic" is sponsored by the East Jordan Arts Council, the Dennon Museum Center and North Central Michigan College and is housed in the East Jordan Arts Council Building.

Fran and Chris each have two entries that were selected into the show!

The showing of 125 pieces of fiber and textile art runs from September 23 to November 3 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Sunday, and features 50 artists from Michigan, New Mexico, Texas, Vermont and North Carolina.

Having seen Chris and Fran's work, we are not surprised!!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Old Mission Post Office - The community is invited to a meeting regarding shorter business hours at the post office. Plan to attend on Monday, October 15 at noon at the American Legion Hall. Representatives from the U. S. Post Office will discuss which 4 hours each day that the Old Mission Post Office will be open.