

March E-News

“Our mission is to Learn and to Serve

Greetings Members,

A big THANK YOU to the members who completed the 5 question Membership Program Survey. The Program Committee wanted to hear from our members to help us meet the club's needs for planning future programs and luncheons. A total of 201 e-mails were sent (4 members do not have e-mail) and 148 ladies replied. That is a response rate of 74%!!

Since last October we have been receiving suggestions and opinions about speakers via our monthly Feedback Cards or hand given ideas to committee members.

Click here to see the results of the recent survey plus all the program ideas that our committee has received **through January.**

Several comments were identical. Therefore, comments were only listed one time instead of having you read numerous identical comments. Click here to read the results: [Membership Program Survey](#)

Thanks again for your participation and support of the Women's Club.

Isabel Colley, Programs Committee Chair

1. Upcoming March 11 Luncheon at Vernales:

.NEW11:00-11:30 NEWCOMERS GATHERING:** Join the Meet n' Greet specifically geared to our newer

members. Including: NMWC Highlights, Q&A and more

- 12:45-1:30: Kim Wroblewski, author "The Highest Hurdle - An ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) Journey of Faith, Laughter, Love and Friendship [Kim Wroblewski](#)

2. Member Monthly Luncheon Cost Increase: The Program Committee has determined that the monthly luncheon cost must increase by \$5.00 dollars per member. The \$20.00 we are currently paying is not 100% for food. Out of that \$20 we pay tax, gratuity, facility charge, etc. leaving \$11-\$13 for a decent lunch. Many of our restaurants have said they could greatly improve our luncheons if we had more money to allow for planning.

The increase to \$25.00 will improve our lunch menu choices and options. This will take effect **April 2020**. This change was approved at the February Board meeting and was announced at the February luncheon.

3. Art Fair: YARD SIGN - SIGN UP

YARD SIGNS are posted 3 weeks before the Art Fair to help advertise to local and tourists in the area. These signs must be on private property or property that has been granted permission.

We are looking for members who live near or have access to roads that are more highly traveled and visible to street traffic.

Yard signs will be distributed at the June luncheon and collected at the August luncheon. Because these signs are expensive, we ask that you help us keep track and handled carefully, so that they may be reused for years to come.

If you are able to help us advertise, and post a YARD SIGN(S) this summer, please SIGN Up by clicking on this link: [Volunteer for the 2020 Art Fair](#). Indicate how many signs you need and the road(s) that will be posted.

“just a reminder”

- The 2020 “paper” Women’s Club Directories were distributed at the January luncheon. Copies will be available at future luncheons. The “Women’s Club Directory” is also available online under Membership Info: [Northern Michigan Womens Club](#) The password is: WomensClub443
- **Luncheon WAITING LISTS: After the luncheon reservation has closed**, an electronic/date-time stamped “Waiting List” will be started. If you are unable to register, due to a filled restaurant maximum capacity or the sign-up deadline has passed, **send your name to be placed on the wait list (via text/voicemail/email) to carolglad@gmail.com or call/text 502-648-7858**. You are then responsible to pay for the luncheon if you get notified that you have a reservation. Wait listed ladies will know by 5:00 PM on Monday before the luncheon if they have a confirmed reservation.
- **Inclement Weather Luncheon Cancellation:** If the Petoskey and Harbor Springs schools are closed due to weather on the day of a luncheon, then the luncheon will be cancelled. An e-mail will also be sent. Those who have signed up for the luncheon, but do not have an e-mail address, will receive a call from Carol Land.

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