



# New Sociables

## Bloom where you are transplanted

January 2024

### President's Message



Greetings, New Sociables members!

In my tenure as president, we've held four meetings. Your feedback on new or possible policy changes has been duly noted by the Board. Here are some key points to address:

1. **New Location** – We're exploring options for a more spacious location, addressing concerns about crowding in certain months. The Board has authorized the formation of a committee to explore potential new venues. If interested or if you have suggestions, please contact me.

**Venue Considerations:**

- o **Accessibility:** Considering venues on a single level to eliminate concerns about stairs. Peace Church is making improvements to the elevator for enhanced reliability.
- o **Desired Features:** We aim to find a location with similar benefits to Peace Church, such as a central location, parking, portico, early access, kitchen facilities, supplying our own food and beverages, private Board room, use of their audio/visual equipment, a raised stage, approachable staff, and a monthly fee of \$125.
- o **Stay Where We're At:** Several members at the December meeting expressed a desire to remain at Peace Church. A head count of 118 taken at the December meeting indicates that we're well within the Fire Code capacity of 240 people using tables and chairs. In speaking with the church staff, they are willing to break down tables for the well-attended fall meetings and put out extra chairs auditorium style. Members also offered to help rearrange tables and chairs for better flow. Your suggestions and feedback are valuable.

2. **Budget Update:** The 2023/2024 Budget spreadsheet is attached to this email. Despite raising dues, the accepted budget dipped into the reserves garnered during the two COVID years. The current Board has decided to retain the bulk of the COVID reserves for any future unexpected costs.

3. **Membership Directory:** The larger paper format aims to lessen the difficulty of transferring from Excel to Word, ensuring ease for future Membership Chairmen. Updated electronic directories are issued monthly and can be saved to your laptop. Instructions for installing the directory on your iPhone are available on our website under Board Position/Membership.

4. **Board Restructuring:** We are exploring a reduction in voting positions on the Board to enhance efficiency. A total of 10 Board positions is under consideration – down from seventeen. Once the number is reduced, we will consider sending out Board meeting minutes to the General membership for continued transparency. Open Board Meetings: Board meetings, held at 8:15 AM before the General meeting, are open to all members. Your input is welcomed and encouraged.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's anticipate a year of positive changes!

Lori Martz

### Speaker Spotlight

## Preserving Dakota Language and Culture



Paul was born and raised on a dairy farm south of Red Wing Mn, graduated from Red Wing High school in 1979 , and attended Southeast Technical College graduating with a degree in metal fabrication with an emphasis in welding. He then went to work at Myers Industries welding high line poles until he decided to make a career change . This led him to the Island of Barinoff in southeast Alaska where he attended Sheldon Jackson College . Graduating with a degree in fisheries biology with a focus on salmon, he then worked for four years at the Valdez Solomon Gulch Salmon Hatchery during the spawning season and returned to work at the college as an admissions counselor. That is where Paul met his significant other half, Vera, from the village of Utqiagvik, Alaska. Paul and Vera have two sons , Broderick and Cody . Returning from Alaska he started working for the Prairie Island Dakota community in 1989 as the home-school liaison and 34 years later he is the Director of Education, Dakota Language and Culture for the tribal nation . He is a member of the Tribal Nations Education Committee, a lifetime elder board member on the Minnesota Indian Education Association and also serves on the Elder Council for Research on Dementia at UMD Duluth



# Outdoors

## SOLE SISTERS

Indoor winter walks

- 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday
- 2-mile distance
- Urban locations
- Explore historical areas, hidden gems, neighborhoods, and parks of the metro
- Learn historical background and amazing facts
- Indoors if inclement weather
- No pre-registration
- Email 2-4 days prior: location, date and time

Lori Martz

612 366 2243

## TREKKERS

Tues Jan 9  
 Lake Elmo Park Reserve  
 1515 Keats Ave N  
 Lake Elmo

*Trails by Candlelight*  
 Fri, Jan 19 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
 Spring Lake Park Reserve  
 8395 East 127 St Hastings  
 Register at [Trails by Candlelight](#)

- Twice a month: dates vary
- Metro area and region
- Hike in spring/summer/fall
- Snowshoe or hike in winter as long as weather cooperates

Claudia Miller 952 237 8174  
 Bev O'Connor 612 309 1665



## Women on Wheels WOW

Out for the winter  
 Hit the trails in the spring

- Every Wednesday
- 15-20 miles round-trip
- Twin Cities area
- All abilities are welcome
- Standard and e-bikes
- Fall excursion
- Route/details in Sunday email

Lunch after biking  
 Dee Petersen

612 709 0892  
 Sonia Aamodt-Schulz  
 612 710 3003

## GOLF

Waiting for spring...  
 golf season has ended

- Every Thursday at 9:00 am
- Summer League:  
 May - August
- Spring and Fall play also available
- Weather permitting

Jeri Ganz 612 710 4900



# Hobbies & Crafts

## BOOK GROUP

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*  
by Rebecca Skloot  
Discussion leader: Joanie Rockvov

11:00 Social  
Rascal's  
7721 West 147 St  
Apple Valley

12:30 Discussion  
Galaxie Library  
14955 Galaxie Av  
Apple Valley

- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday
- Choose books as a group
- Whether you've read the book or not, please come for our lively discussion

Judy Rau 651 600 5813  
Deb Lingen 952 239 2275



## SHARE A RECIPE

Linda Neubauer: Hostess  
Brunch Using Leftovers  
12:00 noon

8205 Upper 145 St Apple Valley

- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday
- "Foodies" sample and share a recipe
- Hostess selects a theme
- Bring to cover costs of mailing recipes
  - \* SASE (legal size)
  - \* copy of recipe
  - \* \$1.00 for copying costs
- Volunteer to host at your home
- Good food, good conversation, good friendship

RuthAnn Miller 507 461 0074  
Joanie Rockvov 651 485 7778

## CRAFTY LADIES

Joan Rockvov  
695 Brentwood Ln Eagan

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday
- Work on current art or craft
- Share your project, technique or skill
- Members are great for roadblocks, ideas, and questions
- All are welcome

Lisa Boerboom 651 262 6892  
Sonia Aamodt-Schulz 612 366 2243

## GIRLFRIEND GETAWAYS

Watch for upcoming trips

- Travel is an amazing experience!
- Visit destinations, near and far
- Multiple days
- Fill your life with memories, fun, and friendship

Lori Martz 612 366 2243



# Cards & Games

## PARTY BRIDGE

Casper's Cherokee Restaurant  
4625 Nicols Rd. Eagan  
10:00 - 2:30 pm

- 3rd Monday
- Lunch break
- Signup required

Mary Gerenz 952 261 4614  
Fran Laufle 651 699 5042

## CRIBBAGE

Starbucks at Kowalski's Market  
1646 Diffley Rd Eagan  
10:00 - 12:00

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday (Sep - May)
- Bring a cribbage board if possible
- Easy game to play

Judy Rau 651 600 5813  
Cindy Manwarren 612-201-5784

## HAND and FOOT

Ole Piper Restaurant  
16604 Cedar Ave S. Lakeville  
11:15 am

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday
- Come and watch to learn
- \$1.00 to kitty: winner at each table
- Organize tables at 11:15; please be prompt
- Lunch midway
- 4 rounds
- No reservation required

Jan Petermann 952 994 1879

## BUNCO

Ole Piper Restaurant  
16604 Cedar Ave S Lakeville  
11:30 am

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (Sep - May)
- Easy dice game, no skill needed
- Break for lunch
- Refrain from wearing scent due to allergies

Linda Neubauer 952 432 8516

## 500

Rascal's Bar & Grill  
7721 West 147 St. Apple Valley  
11:20 - 3:00 pm

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (Sep - May)
- \$1.00 for prizes
- Lunch first
- Email sent week before play

Pat Lynam 218 839 7789  
Pat Steigerwald 612 518 9952

## MAH JONGG

Ole Piper Restaurant  
16604 Cedar Ave S. Lakeville  
11:00 - 3:00 pm

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
- Enjoy lunch
- No reservation required
- All levels welcome

Betsy Nurmela 906 475 9569  
Dee Goetzke 612 702 5900

## DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Casper's Cherokee Restaurant  
4625 Nichols Rd. Eagan  
10:00 - 2:30 pm

- 4th Monday
- \$1.00 for the kitty
- Lunch at restaurant
- Signup at monthly meeting

Lynda Freund 952 201 6589



# Urban Views

## HAPPY HOUR

Mediterranean Cruise  
12500 Nicollet Av Burnsville  
Jan 15 3:00 pm

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday
- Spend time with friends, old and new
- Gather at various sites in metro
- Watch for email invitation & RSVP!

Deb Lingen 952 239 2275  
Elaine Barthelemy  
elaineb@yahoo.com



## LUNCH with the BUNCH

Mason Jar Kitchen  
1565 Cliff Rd Eagan  
Mon Jan 8 (date change)

- After monthly meeting
- Attendees counted at each meeting
- Gather with long-time friends
- Strike up a conversation with somebody new

Chris Johansen 612 396 7512  
Nancy Fossum  
Genevea Meives 952 392

## LUNCH ADVENTURES

Gary's Supper Club  
20790 Keokuk Av S  
11:00 am Lakeville

- Experience various venues in metro
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday (Sep - May)
- Socialize with old and new friends
- Pay driver \$5.00 if carpool
- If form a carpool, inform Judy

Judy Rau 651 600 5813

## OUT & ABOUT

Jazz Showcase  
Big Band era Swing of today  
Hot Latin Samba

East View High School  
6200 West 140 St Apple Valley  
January 29  
7:00 Performance  
FREE

6:30 Meet in school lobby  
Linda Swanson  
612 703 1044  
cas49@aol.com

## LET'S GO !!

Recent events:

- July 14 Tiny Diner Tour & Lunch
- July 30 Transit training/SP Saints game
- Aug 16 Barbie movie
- Sep 14 Mn Zoo Tree Top Trail
- Oct 20/Nov 16 Hocokata Ti Museum
- Oct 23 Life in an American Concentration Camp (SALT talk)

## Boys in the Boat

Thu Dec 28 12:20 pm  
CMX Odyssey Imax  
14401 Burnhaven Dr Burnsville  
Buy ticket at theater or website:  
[cmxcinemas.com](http://cmxcinemas.com)  
Barb Jensen 952 881 0231



## TOURS

Eagan Police Department  
Jan 26 10:15 am  
3830 Pilot Knob Rd  
Lower-level entrance  
[cityofeagan.com/police](http://cityofeagan.com/police)

Lunch: Granite City  
3330 Pilot Knob Rd

Visit landmarks, museums, sites  
Twin Cities area

Lunch after  
Please reimburse driver \$5  
If form a carpool, inform Judy  
Judy Rau 651 600 5813



# Community Service



## Ziggy's ART BUS

March 2024: next packing session  
[ziggysartbus.org](http://ziggysartbus.org)

Pack art activity kits which bring joy to children with medical challenges and life-threatening conditions

### November:

157 art kits

Assisted inventory of supplies

26 member volunteers

Charlene Ostendorf

Mary Preusser

952 994 3912

612 414 4792

## LEWIS HOUSE

Facility for women and children seeking shelter and support to rebuild their lives after leaving abusive situations.

### January requested items:

- Phone charging cords: label Android or Apple

**December:** collected \$545 cash/gift cards to make holidays a bit brighter

**November:** 31 pieces of KitchenAid cookware with Cub stamps

Well done, ladies !

### Ongoing need:

- Gift cards:

Target

Walmart

Gas

Cub

Amazon

→ Bring donations to monthly meeting

Cheryl Lauby 608 446 5142

Sandy Brown 612 418 0755

## SUNSHINE

Let's celebrate joyous moments of life:

- \* 1<sup>st</sup> time grandma/great grandmother
- \* milestone birthday

and...

send comfort during difficult times:

- \* death in the family
- \* illness, injury, or hospitalization

Notify us of members we should reach out to

New volunteers always welcome to run an errand or provide a small meal. Sign up at meetings.

Marvel Thorne 952 913 850

Barb Kloven 315 225 9662



## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

990 Lone Oak Rd Eagan

Fri Jan 12 9:00 - 10:45 am

[fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org)

### December contribution

163 boxes =

35,208 meals =

97 children receive one meal/day/one year

13 volunteers

- Pack specially-formulated meals for malnourished children throughout the world
- Jobs for all capabilities (stand/sit)
- Friends/relatives over 5 years old welcome
- Volunteers will receive email from FMSC

Deb Lingen

992-239-2275

# Monthly Meeting

**Peace Church**  
2180 Glory Drive Eagan  
**Mon January 8**  
**(due to holiday on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>)**

- 8:15 am Board Meeting (open to all members)
- 9:15 am General Meeting with guest speaker

**Bring to each meeting:**

- Nametag
- Coffee mug/water bottle
- Enthusiasm
- Smile

**GREETERS**

Thank you December volunteers:  
Susan Renaud  
Diane Sears

- Welcome everyone at the door
- Yellow daisy sash wearers
- Order nametags for members
- Mingle with attendees

Jeri Ganz 612 710 4900  
Susan Speetzen 612 747 0846

**50/50**

- Ticket sales prior to meeting
- 5 / \$1.00 cash only
- Please bring \$1.00 bills or small denominations
- Winner receives half the pot

**December winner:** Victoria Graff  
Barb Hickman 612 254 5914  
Judy Holmquist 952 457 9724



Some are winners...  
while others go out with the coffee grounds.

**HOSPITALITY**

**January snacks:**  
Karen Rees Robin Yardic  
Carol Deal Diane Sears  
Susan Marlow

Thanks to all who provided treats last month.

- Volunteer to bring snacks
- Sign up at snack table
- Bring 4 dozen goodies
- Beverages provided

Linda Leach 425 444 2613

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

**New Members:**

- Anita Kerssen
- Katie Rekowski
- Terri Thorp
- Wendy Tokarz

**Additions to directory:**

- Audrey Amundson
- Dorothy Goodwin
- Donna Greeno
- Irene Mangan
- Wendy Schmidt

A few directory booklets remain. Contact Karla if you have not received one. Refer to the membership directory (pdf) in email for updated information. All changes from the previous month are marked in red.

Karla Zellmer 651 303 5932

**Corrections to directory:**

- Tricia Nelson (email)
- Cindy Woodward (cell)



## 'Galantines' Makers' Morning

### What?

Prep for Valentines Day open house at Sue Murray's house

### When?

10:00 - 12:00, stay a few minutes, stay a few hours  
Friday January 19.

### Where?

3783 Linden Lane, Eagan, 55123 (it could change)

Note: if numbers dictate we will meet at a library so RSVP to Sue and stay tuned!

This is a co-hosted event and you will meet a few talented and newer members who will have 3 or 4 tables of hands on activities for you to try so you are ready for Valentines Day! Could be paint, or paper, scissors, textiles. Please help defray their supply cost with a free will donation.

I will have coffee, cider, refreshments, so come and celebrate Valentines' Prep with some of your favorite (or soon to be) gals!

### Who?

A big thank you to co-hosts: Georgia Mitchell, Susan Arnold, Pat Steer, Charlene Ostendorf !



RSVP to Sue Murray, text 612-812-3958, or email, [smmurray@aol.com](mailto:smmurray@aol.com). I really need to be able to contact you just in case we need to move to library. Thank you!

## Blended 和 (Harmony): The Kim Loo Sisters

May 9, 2024

History Theatre

30 E. 10th St, St. Paul

9:30 am lobby Play: 10:00 am

\$30.00 Non-refundable



Making their way from Minneapolis to the flashing lights of Broadway in the 1930s, experience the story of the remarkable *Kim Loo Sisters*.

Starting at a young age this quartet gained popularity during the swing era and performed across the country, on the silver screen of Hollywood, and overseas at USO shows. This new musical is an homage to family, love, their Chinese - Polish American heritage, and the bond of these talented sisters through their lives on and off the stage.

Seats will be assigned the day of the performance first come, in no specific order. I will try to keep groups together. Payment due no later than April 1st. You are not guaranteed a seat until payment is received. Make checks payable to Judy Rau. Arrange carpools or if unable to join a carpool please contact me.

Judy Rau

Tours chairperson

[judyarau@yahoo.com](mailto:judyarau@yahoo.com)

651-451-7215(h)

651-600-5813 (c)

**Feb 16: Zen Tangle**, location to be determined. This class is full. Sue will email each. Approximately \$20 and will be held at one of our libraries.

Materials are included. Payment due to Sue by January 19.

**Feb 29: Glass Fusing**, New Prague followed by lunch if you wish. Will waitlist two people. \$25 class fee to Sue by Feb 1. Pay materials fee when you choose your projects.

**Mar 21: Minnesota Orchestra at Orchestra Hall**  
Thursday morning coffee concert:  
**Dvorak Symphony NO. 8**  
More information on next page.

**Mar 15: Saori Weaving**. Chiaki O'Brien has agreed to do two back-to-back classes. While I can't reserve the room yet I hope for either Galaxie or Burnhaven Library. We have 20 women signed up. Fee will be considerably less than the original \$70. We will do both a morning and afternoon session with 10 ladies in each. There will be no materials fee. Once I get location and fee I will contact participants directly. I will need volunteers for afternoon. I will take 2 people for wait list.

### heART Speaks:

Sue Murray

612 812 3958

3783 Linden Lane, Eagan,  
55123 [smmurray@aol.com](mailto:smmurray@aol.com)



Sue is Checking her List—  
**Check for your name below please**  
 Minnesota Orchestra in Orchestra Hall  
 March 21, 2024, Thursday AM Coffee Concert

These women are on my list for this concert. Have I missed anyone? Please look carefully.

There are 21. I have 2 more tickets, which I will return on Dec 29, unless someone wants to join in. Cost \$42.45.



DVOŘÁK SYMPHONY  
NO. 8

Paid Attendees	Unpaid Attendees
Cheryl L.	Sue A
Barb K	Jan P
Laura K.	Nancy J
Fran L.	Claire R
Carol J	Linda E
Mary Kay G	Nancy Fo
Mary P	Laura K
Karen F	Sandra B
Jacque S	Barb J
Pat S	Mary G
	Sue M

If you think you have paid and your name is not on the paid list or if you don't find your name... text or call me asap.  
 If you haven't paid, I need a check or venmo no later than December 28 for \$42.45.

If you still need to pay for glass fusing, zen tangle or weaving, feel free to write one check. I know you will tell me which it is for.

Many thanks and Merry Christmas!  
 Sue Murray, 612-812-3958, smurray@aol.com



**Christmas with Cantus  
 Memories  
 December 14**



The Holiday Tea Luncheon was a wonderful time for 159 ladies. We on the committee were so pleased you all enjoyed yourself as you reconnected with friends, met new friends, enjoyed music by the Bloomington Jefferson High School string quartet, listened intently as Tom Hegg shared two of his books, had a delicious meal (thanks to Geri and her staff at the Lost Spur), maybe went home with a door prize or a signed book and a bear, met Santa and Mrs. Claus, and gave generously to Toys for Tots (too many to count but we estimated over 200 gifts). And what can we say about those table decorations... we

really have some talent in our New Sociables group! They were beautiful, fun ,and gorgeous.

A HUGE THANKS to Marvel Thorne, Nancy Schroeder, Darlene Moyer, Kathy Zielle, Cathy Rocco, Pat Steer and friends, Jeri Ganz, Diane McBride-Thompson, Sher Simon, Melodee Miller, Jacquie Schroeder, Arylss Pool, Claire Roberts, Sonia Aamodt-Schultz, Patty Egan, Georgia Mitchell, LaDonna Fischer, Bev Beckman, Marsha Zgodava, Cyndia Thimsen, Julie Franzen, Charlene Ostendorf, Linda Swanson, Claudia Casey, and Vickie Richards. Thanks to Elaine Barthelemy who took lots of pictures and will be sharing them with

you. And lastly Jacquie and I couldn't have put it all together without the help of our committee: Charlene Ostendorf, Diane Kouba, Jody Bruss, Mary Kay Glover, and Sue Murray. Let's do it again next December!!



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 6, 2024 when we will come together at the Lost Spur for another event which we're already working on. You don't want to miss it!

Jacquie Schroeder and Joyce Swedan



# January 2024 !

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>		<b>Cribbage</b>	<b>Mah Jongg</b>	<b>Sole Sisters</b>
8	9	10	11	12
<b>*General Meeting *Lunch w/ Bunch</b>	<b>Trekkers Bunco</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>Crafty Ladies</b>	<b>FMSC</b>
15	16	17	18	19
<b>Party Bridge Happy Hour</b>	<b>Mah Jongg</b>	<b>Lunch Adventures</b>	<b>Hand &amp; Foot</b>	<b>Trekkers Galantines</b>
22	23	24	25	26
<b>Duplicate Bridge</b>	<b>Sole Sisters</b>	<b>Share a Recipe</b>	<b>Book Group</b>	<b>Tours</b>
29	30	31		
<b>Out &amp; About</b>				<b>*Date change</b>