

# Signature Interest Groups

## Fall 2023

### **Apple Lovers**

Facilitator: Susan Smith

Day: 4th Wednesday of the month

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We have two talented resources in Bill Robb and Bob Gray, who try to answer all of our questions about our Apple devices. Some group members have recently acquired an Apple device and are anxious to learn. Others are quite experienced and willing to share their tricks with us, too. Group members meet for lunch at the Club prior to program. Contact Susan Smith at smithsms@umich.edu for additional information.

### **Art: Medium of Choice**

Facilitator: Pat Fitzgerald

Day: Every Thursday year round

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

All members interested in creating art are invited to join our informal group of artists and would-be artists. We work in a variety of media and welcome any skill level from novice to professional. There is no instruction but helpful feedback is given upon request. The objective of our group is to provide support, friendship and fun in a low-key, no pressure environment as each of us works on our own project. We stay for lunch after class.

### **Bridge: ACBL Sanctioned Duplicate**

Club Manager: Ronnie Meade

Day: Every Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m.

Fee: \$6 regular games / \$7-8 special games

### **Bridge: ACBL Sanctioned Duplicate - Novice**

Club Manager: Julie Grygotis

Day: Every Thursday at 1 p.m.

Fee: \$6 regular games

For players with less than 500 master points

### **Bridge: Social**

Facilitator: Phyllis Kettlewell

Day and Time: 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 1:00 p.m.

This Group is for Club members who wish to play a game of social bridge with other members. Contact Phyllis Kettlewell at pk8798@aol.com for additional information.

### **Evening Book Discussion Group**

Facilitator: Karen Valvo

Day: 2nd Thursday of the month

Time: 5:30 p.m.

The Evening Book Discussion Group meets on the second Thursday of each month, September through June, at 6 p.m. We gather in the Pub for dinner and a lively discussion about the book of the month. Reservations for dinner are appreciated, but if you find that you are free on short notice, we would be delighted to have you join us. Contact Karen Valvo at kqvalvo@kvalvo.com for additional information.

### **Genealogy Group**

Facilitator: Barbara Snow

Day: 4th Friday of the month

Time: 10:00 a.m.

The Genealogy group operates differently than other groups. We don't all meet on the 4th Friday of the month, but instead one or more experienced genealogists will be in the Conference Room from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on that Friday so anyone can come in to get some advice or use one of the several databases that we have subscribed to. Between us we have decades of experience with Family Search, Ancestry, and many other resources. We have access to several newspaper databases. Drop in for however long you want. Stay however long is useful to you. If you sign up for the group you will get an email reminding you of the meeting, sometimes with other information you might find helpful.

### **Great Decisions Group**

Facilitator: Marcella Haghgooie

Day: 3rd Thursday of the month, Jan-May & Sept-Nov

Time: 5:00 p.m. for dinner / 6:30 p.m. program

Fee: \$35 single/ \$40 couples for program materials

Great Decisions is a discussion program of the Foreign Policy Association. It highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing America today, and provides background information, current data, and policy options for each of the eight issues which serve as the focal text for meetings. No prior knowledge is necessary, just an openness to express ideas and opinions. Fee includes a briefing book and video for meetings.

### **History Club**

Facilitators: Ginny Morgan & Joe Spiegel

Day: 1st Thursday of the month, October-June

Time: 5:30 p.m. for dinner / 7:00 p.m. program

Opportunities to learn and share history--from yesterday to anywhere in the deep past. Past programs have included local, world, and national history. Presenters, discussion, videos, and movies can be utilized. Is there a historical subject you are interested in? One you would like to present? One you would like to learn more about? We will explore with you. Come join us and make history!! For more information or to submit ideas or topics, email facilitator Ginny Morgan at virginia.m.morgan@gmail.com

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### **Mah Jongg**

Facilitator: Gwen Handelman

Day: Every Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 1:30 p.m.

You're missing out on a lot of fun if you don't join us for Mah Jongg! We play the American version, which means we use preset hands printed on a Mah Jongg League card. You're also invited to join us for lunch beforehand. For more information, please contact Gwen Handelman at [handelmang@aol.com](mailto:handelmang@aol.com).

### **Morning Book Discussion Group**

Facilitator: Suzanne Powell

Day: 3rd Friday of the month, Sept-Jun (Not Dec)

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Members choose books for the group to read and then meet once-a-month for a lively discussion. Everyone's opinion is heard! Following the discussion, group members enjoy lunch at the Club.

### **Origami+**

Facilitator: Ronnie Meade

Day: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Origami+ originated as a group of members who wanted to learn about origami and have an interest in the many types of fabulous papers that are available on the market. We continue to learn new techniques but have expanded into other projects involving papers such as greeting cards, jewelry, and gift boxes, to name a few. Many of the items are sold to members throughout the year with all proceeds going to the Club. Some members just enjoy creating items to share with their friends. Join our group and come to our monthly meetings and we'll get you started. Contact the Office Manager for additional information.

### **Play Reading Group**

Facilitator: TBD

Day: TBD

Time: TBD

This is your chance to warm up for that Broadway debut you've always dreamed of. We'll choose a play each month to read at our session. Members will enjoy hearing the playwright's words come alive from the page and have the opportunity to discuss the play. The group meets for lunch at noon, prior to reading. Contact the Office Manager for additional information.

### **Poetry Club**

Facilitator: Debbie Ash

Day: 1st Thursday of the month

Time: 5:30 p.m.

The Poetry Club meets for dinner in the Pub. Each month we have a different theme, and members share a poem that sometimes focuses on that theme. Some members write poetry--a very special treat for those of us who don't!

### **Rumi Poetry Club**

Facilitator: Soheyla Marzban

Day: 4th Thursday of the month

Time: 6:00 p.m.

The Rumi Poetry Club meets for dinner and then discusses the life and works of Jalāl ad-Dīn Muhammad Rūmī. Rumi's poems have been translated into many of the world's languages. The Persian world, from Turkey to India, considers Rumi one of the greatest spiritual poets in history. Over the last century, Rumi's poetry has spread from the Islamic world to the Western world where the beauty of his writings has helped make him one of the most popular and best-selling poets in America.

### **Travelers' Club**

Co-Facilitators: Karen Walworth & Marie Laddomada

Day: 2nd Thursday of the month

Time: 11:30 a.m. over lunch in the Pub

Do you like to travel but don't want to travel alone or do the driving? This group is for those who might be interested in getting out of town for a day, a week or even longer. Its mission is to organize trips for members.

### **Writing Group**

Facilitator: Kathy Kelley

Day: Every Thursday

Time: Lunch: Noon Meeting: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Writers and would-be writers of all kinds (memoir, fiction, nonfiction, children's) are invited to join the Writing Group which will meet every Thursday. We read our selections to the group and discussion follows. Not up to writing something just yet? Then feel free to come and just listen.

### **Yarn & Darn**

Facilitator: Kathleen Kubis

Day: Every Tuesday

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Knitters and needlecrafters of any ability are welcome. We gather in the Carrothers Dining Room year-round for camaraderie, spinning yarns, and finishing our projects. A special feature of this group is our connection to several local charities that welcome our donations. Drop-ins are welcome. Knitters who would like to donate but are unable to join us are encouraged to contact Kathleen Kubis at [kubisfamily@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kubisfamily@sbcglobal.net). Please join us and stay for lunch.