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“Clothes aren't going to change the world. The women who wear them will.” —Anne Klein • Join us for “Brunch ‘n Style” July 13

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Empower, Enrich, Preserve

Scan to Register*

*Service fee applies.

Brunch'n Style

July 13, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

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Brunch: \$30
By Reservation Only

Reservation Deadline: July 9
740-387-1366 or scan QR code

Fashion Show
Paula's Posh Picks
+
'Then & Now' fashions on display
highlighting trends through the years

Delicious Brunch by Sue Schwamberger
Piano Music by Merrill Bender

Please support OSUM and MTC students by bringing
a donation of new job-appropriate shoes and/or
Voice of Hope with new items for newborns-2T

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Featuring fashions then & now... Brunch returns 'in style'

Join us for a fashion-forward Brunch *Saturday, July 13* at the historic Women's Club Home— *and help newborns and college students at the same time!*

"It's a way to honor our Club's longtime tradition of serving our community," explains Pam DeGood, Club Secretary and Brunch co-chair. "We're inviting guests to bring new newborn clothing to 2T and/or new shoes appropriate for interviews. They'll be donated to *Voice of Hope* and to the *OSUM/MTC clothing locker.*"

Period fashions will be on display and on the runway, with a fashion show hosted by *Paula's Posh Picks.*

Catered by WCH's Sue Schwamberger, the full Brunch is \$30. Use the QR code (left), send your check to WCH, or call (740)387-1366 to charge. *Deadline: July 9.*

Say 'I do'? We want You!

Were you married — or did you host your reception — at the Marion Women's Club? If so, *we want YOU...and your photos to display* at "Ohio Open Doors," a free open house Sept. 8 featuring wedding celebrations at the Marion Women's Club. Our program? "*Marion's 'OTHER' Power Couple,*" Ida & Shauck Barlow, who would be celebrating their 137th wedding anniversary Sept. 8.

Scan your wedding photo and email to:
WomensClubHome@gmail.com
And be sure to join us Sept. 8, 2 - 4pm!

Club Treasurer Nancy E. Hafer and husband Tom slice their wedding cake at WCH in 1978.

“Close your eyes...can't you imagine Ida & Shauck Barlow sitting on this very Front Porch, enjoying the beauty of the fields around them, taking a respite from a long day, Ida gathering with Clubwomen to discuss how they can improve their community... It happened right here, on this hallowed front porch...”

—Valerie Wigton, WCH president, at the Front Porch Dedication Ceremony



APPLAUSE FOR THE PORCH— Valerie Wigton (top) lifts the address plaque that now adorns the restored Front Porch. Dean Jacob (above, left), Marion Community Foundation President & CEO, highlights the importance of preserving history, while Club members and sisters Deb Stark and Diana Hanigan (above, right) speak on behalf of their mother Peggy Caserta, who participated in the “Front Porch & Foundation” fundraising campaign.

MAKING HISTORY—Clubwomen and guests gather May 23 to celebrate the \$133,000 restoration (its largest project to date) of the historic home's Front Porch, completed by MidState Contractors, Inc., Marion.

—photos by Amy Roston



HOME Sweet HOME

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Women WOW'd at Wellness Wednesday

48 lives saved ... a roomful of women breathing with purpose and intention ... finding Zen through Zentangle ... 100 drumsticks — and hearts — pounding with cardio drumming...stretching with chair yoga... free mammograms and more — at the third **“Women's Wellness Wednesday”** June 5 at the historic Women's Club Home.

“Each session offered hands-on techniques for a healthier lifestyle,” explains Nancy E. Hafer, Club Treasurer and event co-chair. “Participants said they *appreciated the opportunity to gather with other women to nurture the body, mind and spirit.* It goes to show that women who are empowered want to take steps to prioritize their well-being.”

“This is just a great event,” added cancer survivor and blood donor Linda Mills. “Women are often the caretakers—but *we* need to prioritize our own health, too.”



‘Radiant Pause’ with Tecca Thompson (right)



Free mammograms on the OhioHealth bus



Cardio Drumming with S&S Nutrition



Dianne Krumnow teaching Zentangle



Blood Donor Linda Mills with Jae-lynn Butler, Red Cross phlebotomist



Dana Booker (right) and Shelly Hafer practice Zentangle

Valerie's Views...

Fun + Games = Creativity

It's a fact: ***Having fun spurs creativity.*** Creativity spurs emotional development, builds resilience, confidence and self-esteem.

It's why we try to ***build a bit of fun into everything we do.*** Like inviting members to build their own version of our historic Front Porch from a bag of Legos (*photo, below*)... why Tecca Thompson shared Laughter Yoga at Women's Wellness Wednesday ... ***why a dose of fun will be included at our July 13 Brunch (over)***... and why I just had to laugh (*or cry*) after recent rains flooded the historic home for the third time (*you'll be hearing more about a planned stormwater solution soon — and why we need your help!*).

As they say, ***laughter soothes the soul.*** This summer, I invite you to share a joke at your family picnic, laugh at the squirrel invading your bird feeder yet again, or simply smile because it's a sunny day — and your tomato plant is growing! In fact, I'm smiling right now because I'm thinking how grateful we are to have each of you as part of our community, providing impact for the greater good. ***Now that's something to smile about!***

With thanks — and a smile,

Valerie

**Valerie Wigton, President
Marion Women's Club**



MILES of SMILES—Valerie Wigton (standing, left) and State Rep. Tracy Richardson cheer on Club Members Doris Schwartz (front, left) and Lori Stevenson as they ***build a “historic front porch” with Legos blocks.*** The annual meeting preceded the Club's Dedication ceremony commemorating the restoration of the Home's historic Front Porch (over).

**Ida
Barlow
Brilliance
Award**



**Applications for
\$1,000 award open
Sept. 1 - Oct. 31.
Google 'Ida Barlow
Award' for details.**



A “PRESIDENTIAL” TRIBUTE

Members and friends of Marion's Presidential Gardeners Club encircle the Brandywine maple tree they planted on the grounds of the Women's Club Home as a “living memorial” to honor fellow member ***Diana Carroll***, who died in 2023.

Described as “uplifting and positive with a vibrant laugh,” ***Diana was also a Marion Women's Club member,*** a local realtor, and served on numerous nonprofit boards. ***“We are blessed that she was a part of so many lives,”*** lovingly spoken during the tribute by Kristi Apt (*front left*), president of Presidential Gardeners.