MIWC 2023-24 ACTIVITIES	Yellow denotes active participation and regular attendance required	UPDATED 4/23/23	
<u>Activity</u>	Day/Time/ Location	<u>Description</u>	<u>Chair</u>
DAYTIME			
Afternoon Books	3rd Mon. 12:45 at 77 Central	Group members select a range of books to read and discuss.	Lucy Vedrich, Jackie Wells
Field Trip Trekkers	Monthly	Monthly field trips to interesting businesses, museums and locations/activities in the Greater Seattle area. Become a tourist in your own city! Suggestions for good trips or tours welcome	Kim York, Grace Hamada
Games, Games, Games	3rd Thursday from 1-3 pm	We will learn some new, fun games that everyone will want to share with their friends. All levels welcome.	Sue Samuelson
Garden Tours, Speakers and	Varies	This club is for those who just love viewing beautiful gardens or who are active gardeners. We will provide information on a variety of gardening topics and visit gorgeous gardens in our community. Dates and times TBD. "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow"- Audrey Hepburn	Dana Rodman, Sue Reichert
Genealogy	Varies	Do you have an interest in your family tree and its history? Looking for ways to capture and record it for your children and future generations? Experienced and novice digital genealogists desired! This new group will discuss online platform options, how best to set up family trees and DNA data. Let's gather to discuss sources, interesting family insights and share resources to scan and upload photos and documents at add to your digital family tree. Identify resources to leverage, like the Seattle Genealogocal Society.	Martha Weiss

Impromptu Movies	Varies	SPOUSE/PARTNER INVITED! Come and enjoy a movie.  Members suggest movies, theatres & times to see an impromptu movie with friends. The group also meets monthly over Zoom to discuss movies that are viewed at home over streaming services.	Nancy LaVallee Kim York
Interior Design	Monthly at the Mercer Island Library small meeting room, members' homes and Field Trips	This group meets once a month to discuss kitchen, bath and other small interior design projects, work on designing a space in your own home, specific member home issues or show and tell, and occasional interior design related field trips. Each meeting is open to suggestions from the participating members.	Helen Torris
Literary Awards Book Group	4th Tuesday of the month 9:30- 12:00 in members' homes (when health conditions permit)	Book choices will be literary fiction from various award winning lists National Book Awards, the Booker Prize, Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, and many more!	Roberta Lewandowski. Saralee Kane
Mah Jongg Day	Mondays 10-12 and 1-3 at the Community Center at Mercer View, Also continue to play online on various days depending on player availability	Meet with others to play Mah Jongg, the traditional tile game. We play according to the National Mah Jongg League rulesalso called "American." This group is for experienced as well as new players. Lessons begin late September or early October, and then again in April, depending on demand. Please contact chair so that she can send you more detailed info about the meeting time and place.	Michelle Goldberg
Mexican Train Dominoes	4th Tues 10-12 Rotates homes	Join us for fun and friendship for this easy to learn game. All levels welcome.	Carolyn Holm
Morning Books 1st Friday	1st Fri 9:30-12:00 Rotates homes	Groups join together in September to select the books for discussion for the year (primarily fiction). Groups meet in members' homes and rotate hosting and leading the book discussions. Both morning book clubs read the same book. Please note that this is not a "drop in group".  Members commit to attending most months and leading/hosting during the year.	Sandi Lindstrom

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Needle Arts	Monday 10:00-12:00. Meets all year at Aljoya's. Online available too.	The Needle Arts group meets every Monday, including most holidays, to work on a variety of needle projects including: knitting, crocheting, embroidery, crewel, needlepoint, cross stitch, Hardanger, etc.	Denise Forsyth
New Members (also see under evening activities)	1st Wednesday 10am at Met Market Cafe. Dates and times vary for Evening Socials	The morning coffees are once a month for prospective members, new members or members who still feel they are new! Come meet new friends and learn about Mercer Island.	Cindy Kott Candace Dempsey
Non-Fiction Book Group	Meets on the 2nd Friday, social time begins at 9:30 and discussion at 10:00.	Explore and discuss a wide range of non-fiction titles to introduce new ideas and spark discussion. Group meets in members' homes and rotates hosting and leading the book discussions.	Rachel Baumgarten, Bonnie Godfred,
Real Reads	Monthly, 2nd Thursday at 10 am in members' homes	Second nonfiction book group to explore great non-fiction books	Lynne Wilson
Salad & Socializing	Members' Homes:T- W- Th- F	Small groups meet once a month for lunch in one another's homes. Bring a salad to share. This is a wonderful way to get to know more club members. Groups pick their meeting dates.	Lisa Casterella
Scrabble Day	1st Thursday from 1-3pm at the home of Nancy LaVallee	Come and join us for easy, relaxed, social afternoon over a board of tiles with friends - all levels welcome and we'll provide the dictionaries so don't feel intimidated. It's all in fun. We play two games, the first at 1pm and another at 2pm - we are usually finished by 3pm. It is OK to leave early-come as you are!	Nancy LaVallee

Tea Trekkers	Monthly	We get together several times a year to enjoy afternoon tea. We alternate potluck teas in our homes and going out to tea rooms in the area, incorporating local activities that may be of interest, like antique shop browsing or tulip fields on occasion.	Carolyn Holm Betty Laughlin
Women's Discussion Forum	Monthly	This group meets once a month. It provides a forum for members to meet in private homes to discuss ideas and different topics of interest. Discussion topics are generated by the members, who are also encouraged to host, as well as help facilitate the chosen topics.	Rachel Baumgarten, Sara Page, Miriam Beck
SPORTS			
City Walks	Fall and Spring walks in neighborhoods every 2 weeks, with monthly walks in the winter months	Explores interesting neighborhoods in the Seattle area. All levels are welcome on our 3–5 mile walks. Heavy rain cancels. No dogs please. Carpool meets 9:30am at MIPC. Back 2:45'ish. RSVP required.	Roberta Lewandowski, Jayne Carlin
Golf	Varies, generally once or twice a month	9-hole golfing group to play at Mount Si or Snoqualmie Falls course, generally 11-3 with lunch	Sue Samuelson
Hikes	Fall hikes SeptNov.; spring hikes April-June. Hikes are twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday.	Fall hikes will start in September and go until the snow flies. Spring hikes are generally April-June	Lisa Casterella
Walkie-Talkies	Every Monday morning at 10 am for approximately an hour. Meet at SE Starbucks	Are you looking for another opportunity to walk on a regular basis? Our expectations are to accomplish an an hourly walk of 2-3 miles on the island. The group will meet every Monday at 10 am at the SE Starbucks.	Rachel Baumgarten, Paneen Davidson
EVENING ACTIVITIES			
Bunco	2nd Thurs 7pm Location varies	Bunco meets the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in member's homes. Join us for socializing, dice rolling, friendly competition and celebrating in a spirit of fun and friendship. No skills required.	Jeanne Bayley

		but do require active participation and the ability to host.	
Supper Clubs	Members' Homes: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings	This is a new activity, a variation of the popular Salad and Socials, starting October 2023. We will form small groups (10-12 women) to dine together one evening a month (T-W-TH) in each other's homes. Meals can be potluck or arranged around a menu or a theme, where each participant brings part of the meal. Groups decide their meeting date and format. Supper Clubs can be a great way to meet and socialize with fellow club members	Mar Plomp
Sip & Savor	Meets in members' homes, typically once a month	SPOUSE/PARTNER INVITED. Get together with old friends as well as new ones. Bring your beverage of choice and a hearty appetizer to share. Co-Chair needed.	Vivian Chan, Co- Chair Needed
New Members (also see under daytime activities)	Evening Socials will recommence in 2023. Dates and times TBD. Location varies.	The morning coffees are once a month for prospective members, new members or members who still feel they are new! We meet at Met Market café. Meeting time/location vary for the Evening Socials. Come meet new friends and learn about Mercer Island.	Cindy Kott Candace Dempsey
Ladies Potluck	Typically 3rd Mon. 5:30 Rotates homes	This informal, fun group, meets each month. Enjoy great company and food! Watch the newsletter for details.	Debbi Conger Leslie Meserole
Happy Hour	Monthly, generally 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm	Join us for Happy Hour at various locations in the surrounding areas. Due to traffic considerations, most of the venues will be on Mercer Island or the Eastside. Join us to meet new friends while enjoying your favorite glass of wine, cocktail or soft drink!	Eliana Caputo Malaguzzi, Molly B. Kenny
Girls Night Out	Varies	This is a new group primarily targeting working women and moms who want to have a little fun and make local friends. Days/times for activities may vary but will likely target week day evenings or weekends. Potential activities: Happy hour, movie night out / at someone's house, brunch, live performances, walks, discussion groups on relevant topics (managing dual career households, childcare, etc.).	Alexandra Slikva

"All Hands on Deck"	As needed	Would you like to be involved without a year-long commitment? This group is for you! Miscellaneous tasks arise during the year and we would love your help at anytime.	Kim York
Civic Service Projects	Varies	Promote sociability in activities that promote quality of life in the Greater Seattle area through established programs.  Activities may include a variety of environmental, homeless, education and elderly. If you belong to a community group that would like volunteers to assist in projects, please contact Chairs.	Kathryn Mahony, Regina DiJulio
December Fundraiser Event	December	This is the MIWC holiday traditional fundraiser event and luncheon managed by Civic Projects. Volunteers of all skills are needed to help make this a success	Kathry Mahony, Regina DiJulio
Monthly Luncheon Help	Approx. 5-7 luncheons a year	Co-Chair and hostesses needed to help with planning and implementation of 5-7 luncheons/general meetings SeptMay. Volunteer for one or all luncheons, depending on your availability.	Anni Zilz
Program speakers for luncheons	Approx. 4-5 luncheons a year	We try to get incredible speakers for our luncheons. Please help us find these people. We need volunteers who can supply ideas and inspiration for the speakers.	Michelle Goldberg
Sunshine Group	As needed	The Sunshine Group is ready to give a helping hand to members who are coping with illness, death of a family member, or any other crisis causing them to need a helping, caring, sharing hand. Join the list and you will be contacted as needed throughout the year.	Sharon Setzler