

Our Purpose:

Establish cross-cultural friendships.

Help immigrants and refugees assimilate.

Help with and encourage English language learning.

Educate on health, climate, safety, education and recreation issues.

Have fun together.



COUNTRIES REPRESENTED OVER THE 30 YEARS:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Benin, Bosnia, Brazil, Canada, China, Columbia, Denmark, Egypt, England, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Mexico, Nazareth Israel, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Somalia, South Korea, Sudan, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, USA.

Activities we enjoy: Cooking demos, cultural discussions and demonstrations, field trips, English idioms, educational opportunities, craft projects, picnics and celebrations of citizenship, birthdays, and Christmas.

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Omaha International Women's Club Celebrates THIRTY years!

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You are invited to be a part of this lively and supportive group. We meet twice a month on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am.

Community Bible Church
Children are welcome.
Transportation is available

STRANGERS BECOME

"Miz Sue, I need help! My wife is using all our rent and food money to phone her family in Africa. She is lonely; she cries all the time and she is not eating. What can I do? I have to come to school; I can't stay with her all day."

Sue Linehan, International Student Advisor at UNO, quickly realized she had to help the wives of International students if the husbands were to continue their education at UNO.

And this is how the International Women's Club was born in 1992. Sue Linehan, Tess Pinkerton, Margie Trembly, Diane Pauls and Barbara Entz met together and began the "Spouses' Program" under the auspices of the local Universities' FISS organization—Friends of International Students and Scholars.

We met each week at UNO's Religious Centre. We acquired new cooking skills, went to the Zoo, coached in English conversations, gave instructions on driving regulations, gained understanding

FRIENDS & FRIENDS

about each other's cultures and just had a good time visiting together. And that is still the favorite activity!



At some point we changed the name to "Omaha International Women's Club" when our parent organization, FISS, was unable to continue because there were not enough volunteers to keep it going. We were now on our own and welcomed all International women and local women, not just student wives.

We've also changed venue several times. The UNO Religious Center was centrally located, but not convenient in other ways—no nursery and a small, inconvenient kitchen.

BECOME FAMILY

Tess Pinkerton graciously invited us to her lovely home. And then her family moved.

Pleasantview Bible Church kindly allowed us to meet in their basement for a number of years.

For the last twenty years we have enjoyed the more central location of Community Bible Church at 90th & Q. We appreciate the church's generosity in letting us use the facilities for our twice a month meetings. Yes, we now meet every other week rather than weekly as in the beginning.

We love to welcome new ladies, but we are always sad to say goodbye when our friends move elsewhere in the U.S. or back to their homelands. But Facebook allows us to keep in touch with these friends who had an impact on our hearts and lives.

We welcome any and all International and local women who want to enjoy friendships with women from different cultures and can help newcomers adjust to Omaha and the U.S.