

# LADIES CHOICE

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Dear Club Members:

I hope your Thanksgiving holidays gave you time with your family, friends midst a festival of turkey and all the trimmings. What a joyous time to remember the beginnings of our country by Pilgrims who braved a long arduous trip over the Atlantic, losing so many lives that first year, but persevering by faith to survive. Our Wampanoags, Samoset, Squanto and Massasoit shared their love of this land of fish, corn, and cranberries and blueberries. The Pilgrims helped them with their firearms against the Narragansett tribes. After a few falls of harvest, Governor Bradford declared the first Thanksgiving proclamation in which the Wampanoags were invited for this festival. You can read this proclamation on Google. And, so this American holiday is still celebrated each year.

Our November luncheon was just wonderful! Even though the road was being paved, over forty of you ventured to attend the luncheon with rain threatening and limited parking nearby. Betty Parker and her Hostesses, Rayna Caplan, Linda Clifford, Elaine Grant, Joan Halter, Myra Hart, Judy Kennedy, Kathy McAuliffe, Mary Roberts and Dorothy Ross prepared such a lovely, colorful and delicious luncheon.

Our guest speaker, Lee Blake presented an interesting, historic slide show sharing so much information on the Underground Railroad in New Bedford. She discussed the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment, homes on the Underground Railroad, and famous folks; Frederick Douglas and Harriet Tubman, who were so influential in the anti-slavery movement providing a safe haven for Blacks as they passed through New Bedford on their way to points further north and to freedom.

In reflection, we are so fortunate to live in an area that is so rich in the great history of our country. New Bedford is certainly one of our pride and joy cities.

Several of our members deserve praise as they placed 3<sup>rd</sup> place in two mansions this month. On November 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> weekend, at "Celebrate the Seasons" at the Rotch Jones Duff Mansion, Kathy McAuliffe, Susan Perkins and Sue Mitchell's display, "Call of the Wild" placed 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of thirty-two competitors. Ellen Flynn and Miyuki Dawson also had a gorgeous display. In the Newport Mantle Contest at the Newport Marble House, Barbara Van Inwegen, Claire Keene, Susan Perkins and Joan Halter placed third out of eight. Several Newport Mansions are open for the holiday after November 21<sup>st</sup> to enjoy the beauty of Christmas splendor. I am so impressed by these ladies' creativity and teamwork. They have truly given our club great recognition. Thank you. Congratulations!

Also, this month several members decorated at one of the Newport Mansions for the holidays. These diligent ladies are Sue Mitchell, Elaine Botelho, Joan Halter, Susan Perkins, Barb Van Inwegen, Roxanne Bungert, Kathy McAuliffe, Mary O'Keefe and Kathleen Damaskos.

What a wonderful way to share our Club's social and civic commitment to Newport. Thank you, Sue, for linking us to Newport Mansions in extending our artistic assistance for the holidays.

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, for "Holiday in the Park" at Shipyard Park, Town Hall's Mel Pacheco has again requested our Club provide homemade cookies and/or brownies for all the children and adults who come to see Santa Claus arrive in the fire truck and enjoy the community holiday event. So, while you're baking cookies for your Christmas holidays, make sure to prepare a couple of dozen more to share for this event. You can deliver these cookies before 3 pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>. If you need someone to deliver your cookies, call me at 4909 by the 9<sup>th</sup> so arrangements can be made. Ricekrispies.com is a great site for adorable, kid loving treats.

Our next luncheon is our Annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon on December 10<sup>th</sup> with Madeline Reed as the head hostess. The Garden Group always makes the most beautiful fresh, cut greenery centerpieces. We look forward to seeing you December 10<sup>th</sup>.

In reflection, during this beautiful season of gratitude with all our blessings of family and friends and our great country, may we join our hearts together to give thanks and praise. May you all stay healthy and safe this season. God bless all our members who are ill and recovering from surgeries. God bless those who have lost loved ones this year.

Merry Christmas!  
With joy, peace and love,  
Elaine Botelho, President, Mattapoisett Woman's Club

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

The Executive Board meeting for December will be Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

#### **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**December 10, 2015 11:30 AM**

Please note the 11:30 am time. We will be serving appetizers and punch. We will then have a buffet lunch prepared by Wok Magic, Jadine Dixon. We know you will be pleasantly surprised!

Reservations (and \$21) should be made to Lois Ennis on or before December 2, 2015.

Jadine has graciously offered a Wok Magic gift certificate toward a take out dinner to be given away at the luncheon. You will be given a ticket when you pick up your name tag. "Mr. Bose" will provide Holiday music. A reservation form is at the end of this Ladies Choice

Hostess: Madeline Reed

Tea Committee: Roxanne Bungert, Lois Ennis, Sue Haley, Hilda Harrop, Barbara Ketchel, Leda Kim, Lois Murray, Kay Smith, Ruth Souza

#### **MATTAPOISETT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club has been asked to bake cookies and/or brownies, as we have done in the past, to be served at the town "Holiday in the Park". The baked goods should be brought to the tent in Shipyard Park on Saturday, December 12, between 2 and 3 PM. The celebration will be from 3 to 5 PM and includes activities for the children, the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus and the Tree Lighting.

#### **THANK YOU**

I have been so pleased to have heard from so many club members. I have always enjoyed the Club and this response has just reinforced my pleasure of being a member of such an outstanding group. I love the fact that when the mail comes it is not just catalogs, but cards and notes from the members. It does make a difference, it really cheers me up. So thank you all.

Bobbie Ketchel

## **GREAT DECISIONS**

Ellen Flynn

Once again this year “Great Decisions” a Foreign Policy Association discussion group sponsored by the Mattapoissett Woman’s club will take place at the Mattapoissett Library. The discussions will begin on **Wednesday January 20, 2016** and meet for eight consecutive weeks on Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. The group will meet in the conference room at the Mattapoissett Library 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett Ma, where there is an accessible entrance and elevator.

The fees for the Foreign Policy Association discussion series booklet and one 2 part DVD for classroom showing, plus refreshments and a donation to the library will be \$30.00. If you are a two people sharing a book your fee is \$40.00 (for fees & one Book). Please make checks payable to: The Mattapoissett Woman’s Club and mail to: The Mattapoissett Woman’s Club P.O. Box 1444, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 by **deadline Wednesday, January 6, 2016**. Please note on check: For Great Decisions. The Class limit is twenty-five, and sign up is first come first serve basis. The books will be handed out at the Library one week prior to the first day of class.

Discussion topics for this year are: Middle East Alliances, the Rise of ISIS, The future of Kurdistan, Migration, The Koreas, The United Nations, Climate Change, Cuba and the U.S.

We are looking forward to sharing ideas with you.

## **GARDEN GROUP**

Suzanne Sylvester and Mary O'Keefe

Wednesday Dec. 2nd is the date for the December Garden Group meeting. The Theme: Making Winter Evergreen Arrangements for the holiday Luncheon on Dec 10<sup>th</sup> as well as mini baskets for shut-ins at Sippican Nursing Home or anybody you would like to bring one to.

We are meeting at Quaker Meeting House. Doors open at 9:30 for set up and the meeting will be 10:00 to 2:00ish. Everyone has been very helpful in filling in all the necessary foods and jobs. We hope to start Lunch by noon. We will need to get volunteers and set a date to do the Town Planters with the extra greens.

We will also need to discuss a January meeting theme. It is open at this time. Looking forward to seeing you all. You of course can take arrangements home after the luncheon to decorate your homes for the Holidays.

## **LITERATURE GROUP**

The December meeting of the Literature Group will be held at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 9th at the home of Myra Hart, 115 North Street. Our book for discussion will be “Cry the Beloved Country” by Alan Paton. Please join us and bring a friend.

### Literature Group Reading List

- January: “The Marriage of Opposites” by Alice Hoffman
- February: “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline
- March: “To Kill a Mockingbird” and “Go Set a Watchman” by Harper Lee

## **KNITTING AND CROCHETTING**

The group will not be meeting in December. The January meeting will be on Thursday, January 28 at the home of Sandy Hering, 10 Mechanic St. from 2-4 PM.

**ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT LADIES CHOICE DUE BY  
DECEMBER 20 TO PEG OLNEY**

**CALENDAR**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
December			
1	Bridge I	Home of Betty Parker	1:00 PM
2	Garden Group	Friends Meeting	10:00 AM
3	Board Meeting	Mattapoissett Library	1:00 PM
9	Literature Group	Home of Myra Hart	9:30AM
10	Christmas Luncheon	Matt. Cong. Church	11:30AM
12	Tree Lighting	Shipyard Park	4:00 PM
15	Bridge II	Waterfront Grille	12 NOON
25	Merry Christmas!		

**MATTAPOISETT WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON  
 REYNARD HALL, MATTAPOISETT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015 – 11:30 \$21.00**

Our Hostess Madeline Reid has arranged a special Christmas Celebration with Jadine Loo Dixon's Wok Magic. We'll start with punch and Hors D'oeuvres at 11:30 a.m. : (Please note Jadine does not use MSG)

**Hors D'oeuvres**

Chinese steamed turkey and ginger dumplings with hoisen dipping sauce  
 2 types of crispy wontons Pork, Lobster curry with a dipping sauce

**Entrée**

Diced chicken with medley of Chinese vegetables  
 Vegetable Lo Mein  
 Jasmine rice

**Dessert**

Fortune Cookies, Sorbet ,  
 Coffee, Tea, or Chrysanthemum Tea

There will be door prizes including a gift certificate for a Take Out Dinner from Wok Magic. Price is \$21.00. Reservations and payment by December 2, 2015

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**RESERVATION BELOW**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

If your info is incorrect in the blue book, correct it here:

Tele \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose check payable to MWC for \$21.00 and mail or give to Lois Ennis, 5 Pine Island Road, Mattapoissett, MA. 02739 Reservations by December 2, 2015

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