

LADIES CHOICE

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Peggy Olney, Editor

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Club Members:

Winter is here. The arctic cold winds challenge us to bundle up with the warmest clothing and run into the gym for exercise. We prepare our favorite winter soups, casseroles and teas to warm us; and a good book and /or craft is perfect for long winter days.

December wasn't that cold, so we only have January, February and March to endure winter. Actually, I love the crisp air, bright blue sky, fluffy snow, as the Earth is covered in a soft, white blanket. It's so enjoyable to watch the birds at the feeders. Their colored feathers are dominant amidst a white background. There are no insects biting me or devouring my plants. The fall bulbs, including garlic, are nestled in the earth getting established.

As I ponder looking at my garden beds, I am visualizing what new flowering plants and shrubs I will add to the existing gardens. When we bought this home in 2005, there was one lonely hydrangea in front yard, a pin cherry by the road and old apple tree in backyard. Each year, I love adding more to our landscaping for pleasure and something ever blooming. Now, I am pondering what else will I add to this palette.

My expectation as President of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club is even more than I had originally envisioned. Our 2014 Garden Tour gained the most money for our scholarships than any previous one. Last year's Taste of the Town and our Pie Sales provided us the best profit ever. So, we are able to generously give four \$1,000 scholarships these past years. That's because of all your hard work for our Club. Many hands made this work light. We have been bolstered by new members who have joined us these last few years. We are always welcoming new friends to join us.

For a year, a few determined Ladies of the 75th Committee have been gathering and sifting through 75 years of information, photos and clippings from albums, scrapbooks, and articles of our Club. From our research of the seven and half decades, we comprised summaries of each of the rays on our logo--educational, civic, social and philanthropic. Now, Kay Smith is assembling all the photos and writings into a DVD presentation. Also, Kathy McAuliffe, Kay Smith and I have hosted two videotapings of some of our long-standing members at Old Rochester Community Television (ORCTV). Lois Murray, Roxanne Bungert, Ruth Souza, Lois Ennis, Kay Levine, Lee Yeaton and Alison Henderson graciously participated in this video history. This has been a tremendous undertaking. ORCTV has been so helpful in scanning our photos, videotaping, editing and assisting us in designing our DVD.

Once completed, our Club will present the DVD to our Club members, to the public at the Library, at the Garden Tour luncheon, and finally at our actual 75th Anniversary Tea on October 20, 2016.

While I am away in Florida from the end of January until April 1st, Kathy McAuliffe will be the Acting President. She will do a fine job in my absence.

I hope you will attend the Valentine Tea invitation by the Sippican Woman's Club on February 12th, at 12:30 pm at St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, corner of Front & South Street, Marion, MA. Please RSVP by February 8th to Info@SippicanWomansClub.org or call

508-748-1262. This invitation will be sent thru our Club's email from Lois Ennis. Wish I were here to join you all for this Tea by our neighbor, Sippican Woman's Club.

Our January speaker, Gerry Rooney was just fascinating sharing the story of his travels around the world.

The luncheon was most delicious. Thank you, Katrina Beneker and her Hostesses, Carol Atkinson, Sandra Dawson, Nancy Fletcher, Lynn Haugen, Elizabeth Klim, Lorraine Rodrigues, and Alice Williams.

Great Decisions, a Foreign Policy Association discussion group, will begin on January 27th at the Library for eight weeks, meeting on Wednesdays, from 1 to 3pm. Contact Ellen Flynn at 508-758-1312 for further information. The Mattapoissett Woman's Club has sponsored Great Decisions in town for over 40 years and has been so well received.

The February Luncheon's program on February 18th will be the Assistant Outreach Coordinator, Field Service Division "Plymouth County Corrections Then and Now".

Thank you all for all you do for our Club. God bless you all. May you and your Family stay warm, healthy and safe. Our friendships are invaluable.

Warmly,
Elaine Botelho, President
Mattapoissett Woman's Club

BOARD MEETING

The February Executive Board Meeting will be held at the Mattapoissett Library on February 11, 2016 from 1:00-3 pm in the downstairs meeting room. All committee chairs are invited to attend.

FEBRUARY MEETING

The February luncheon meeting will be held at Reynard Hall, Mattapoissett Congregational Church on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at Noon.

Our February program will feature Becky Lee who has been a part of the Community Outreach division of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department for several years, and as such, assists with speaking programs, works with each of Plymouth County's Councils on Aging and other committees, as well as helping to coordinate special events for seniors.

She will give a talk on the history of the Plymouth County Jail.

FEBRUARY MEETING HOSTESS: Claire Keene

Tea Committee: Ann Butler, Betty Dawson, Alison Henderson, Pat McCarthy, Peg Olney, Lou Reade, Anne Shepley

THANK YOU

I have good news I would like to share with the members of the MWC. I have been okayed by the Neurosurgeon that I am ready to resume my normal life and I want to thank you for your support while I recovered. I truly appreciated it.

Thank you, Barbara Ketchel

DINNER GROUP

We have had three successful gatherings in the newly formed Dinner Group. We had a "Meet and Greet" cocktail party in October, one dinner in November and two dinners in January. From all reports, everyone had an enjoyable evening, getting to know each other better and sharing dinner provided by everyone present. Unlike the former Gourmet Group of years ago, we are following a more casual format. The emphasis on our group is friendship so you do not need to have fine silver, crystal or fine china - just a desire to spend a pleasant evening with congenial people!

If there is anyone in the Club who enjoys cooking and spending an evening socializing with people that they might not have the opportunity of getting to know better, please consider joining our group. It is a proven fact that socializing contributes to longevity!

Call Roxanne Bungert @ 508 758-6636 or email me @ roz65@verizon.net for more information if you are considering joining our group.

GREAT DECISIONS

Ellen Flynn

Great Decisions is meeting every Wednesday in February at the Mattapoisett Public Library at 1:30 PM. If schools have a snow day we do not meet.

GARDEN GROUP

Mary O'Keefe

The next Garden Group meeting will be on Wednesday, February 3rd at the Mattapoisett Library downstairs meeting room. During the Meeting we will be working on an approved display project for the Childrens Library. We will be decorating the tops of the shelves, first with a winter theme and later on, gardening. The library will feature appropriate books. Also, we plan to prepare little winter projects for the children to do at home which will be given out on request during school vacation.

As always, there will be time for informal conversation along with coffee and snacks.

LITERATURE GROUP

The February meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 10th at the home of Carole Clifford, 87 North Street. The discussion book for this meeting is "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline. For the March meeting, "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee. New members are always welcome and you are welcome to come even if you haven't read the book.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING

The Knitting/Crocheting Group will be meeting on Thursday, February 25th from 2-4 PM at the home of Leda Kim, 16 LeBaron Way. We welcome all to come with your current project and enjoy one another's company while we work on whatever item we each are currently doing. All skill levels are included!

POT LUCK RECIPES

Crusty Bread

Leda Kim

3 c unbleached flour
1 3/4 tsp salt
1/2 tsp yeast
1 1/2 c water

Mix dry ingredients, add water and mix until a shaggy dough results. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and set aside 12-18 hrs. Heat oven to 450. Place an empty cast iron pot with lid (I use a Le Creuset pot) in oven and heat for 30 min. Pour dough on a floured surface and shape in a ball. Cover while pot heats. Remove pot from oven and drop in dough. Cover and bake at 450 for 30 min. Remove cover and bake 15 min. Put on cooling rack.

Even people who don't bake can do this one!

Remember: This is your newsletter. Please share your favorite recipe or any items of interest to club members

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
February			
2	Bridge I	Home of Betty Parker	1:00 PM
3	Garden Group	Mattapoissett Library	10:00 AM
3	Great Decisions	Mattapoissett Library	1:30 PM
9	Bridge II	Home of Lois Murray	12:00 PM
10	Literature Group	Home of Carole Clifford	9:30 AM
10	Great Decisions	Mattapoissett Library	1:30 PM
11	Executive Board	Mattapoissett Library	1:00 PM
17	Great Decisions	Mattapoissett Library	1:30 PM
18	Monthly Meeting	Mattapoissett Cong. Church	Noon
23	Bridge II	Home of Elaine Grant	12:00 PM
24	Great Decisions	Mattapoissett Library	1:30 PM
25	Knitting	Home of Leda Kim	2:00 PM

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