

LADIES CHOICE

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Club members:

We had a wonderful Christmas Luncheon to welcome in our holiday festivities. The room at the Wamsutta Club was warm and inviting, the Christmas Carols played by Don Farwell on the piano were delightful, the food was delicious, but best of all there were no dishes! The Mattapoissett Trivia game should become a tradition for our Holiday luncheon. As I've said before, Ladies, we really know how to throw a party!!

As we welcome in 2017 I have asked you to think of what you would like our Club to get involved in. I would like to suggest that we design a web site for our Club. We have had a few instances last year that people had difficulty contacting us and one person resorted to calling the Town Hall to locate someone to talk to. If anyone is interested in participating in this project or knows someone who has some expertise in the field I will have a signup sheet at the meeting and also a suggestion sheet for future Club activities.

Our next Luncheon Meeting will be on January 19th at 11:30 to socialize before lunch at 12 noon. Katrina Beneker is the hostess for January. Our speaker will be Ross Martin and his topic will be on the Allen Haskell Public Gardens located in the heart of New Bedford, the former nursery of Allen C. Haskell. They feature 6 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens, historic buildings and more than half an acre of greenhouse space. A slide show will tour us through the gardens and the property. It should be a delightful presentation and the timing couldn't be better as we cope with our winter blues and inspires us to think about our upcoming Spring gardens. Remember that guests are always welcome at our meetings so please bring a friend!

Happy New Year!
Kathy McAuliffe
President of the M.W.C.

BOARD MEETING

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Mattapoissett Free Public Library Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the lower level meeting room.

JANUARY MEETING

The next general meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 12 noon.

As already noted in the President's Letter, the program will be presented by Ross Martin of the Trustees of the Reservations featuring the Allen C. Haskell Public Gardens in New Bedford.

HOSTESS: Katrina Beneker

Tea Committee: Carol Atkinson, Carole Clifford, Sandra Dawson, Nancy Fletcher, Lynn Haugen, Libby Klim, Lorraine Rodrigues, Alice Williams

GREAT DECISIONS

Ellen Flynn

REMINDER: The Great Decisions discussion group begins Wednesday, January 18, 2017. The series highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans each year. We meet on Wednesday's for eight consecutive weeks from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Free Public Library's lower meeting room at 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. A snow date would extend the meetings to March 15th. For more information contact chair: Ellen P. Flynn at 508-758-1312

Discussion topics for this year are:

The Future of Europe, Trade and Politics, Conflict in the South China Sea, Saudi Arabia in Transition, U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum, Latin America's Political Pendulum, Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Nuclear Security.

GARDEN GROUP

Mary O'Keefe

The first meeting of the new year will be on Wednesday, January 4. We have been invited to attend the meeting of the Greater New Bedford Garden Club which meets that same day at 1:00 PM. We will meet at the Mattapoisett library downstairs meeting room at **11:00 AM** to discuss necessary business and then carpool to the meeting at the Acushnet COA. If you would like something to eat before we leave, bring your own sandwich. Please contact Mary if you are coming so that she can tell the GNBGC how many to expect.

LITERATURE GROUP

The January meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at the home of Carole Clifford, 87 North Street.. Our discussion book for January is "The Killer Angels" by Michael Shaara. The group would like to have some new members so please come and join us even if you haven't read the book. Upcoming books are: "What She Left Behind" by Ellen Marie Wiseman for February and "Before the Fall" by Noah Howley for March.

KNITTING, CROCHETING, NEEDLEWORK, CRAFTS

The Knitting, Crocheting, Needlework &/or Craft members of the club are invited to meet at Sandy Hering's house on January 26th from 2-4 PM. Bring your current projects and any that you wish to show the group, to 10 Mechanic Street. Please call or email Sandy if you are attending, and all are welcome. (508 758-3008 or hering.sandra@gmail.com)

SOCIAL COCKTAIL GROUP

Roxanne Bungert

For those of you who were able to attend the December 4th gathering at our home I believe we can all agree that it was a great time had by all and a nice beginning to the holiday season. I have had lots of positive feedback and now we should think about the next gathering in 2017. I know several of you will be away during this BEAUTIFUL time of the year and will be unable to attend a gathering. However, we that remain, need to keep this group alive. We need a host for the next event, either in January or February. Myra Hart has volunteered to host in April, but, I think it would be nice to have one during this "slow" season. You may choose your date (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) and time. Please contact Roxanne 508-758-6636.

BRIDGE I

There will be no bridge in January. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, 12:30 PM at the home of Betty Parker.

CALENDAR.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
January			
4	Garden Group	Mattapoissett Library	11:00 AM
10	Bridge II	Home of Alice Williams	12:00 PM
11	Literature Group	Home of Carole Clifford	9:30 AM
12	Executive Board	Mattapoissett Library	1:00 PM
18	Great Decisions	Mattapoissett Library	1:00 PM
19	Monthly Meeting	Mattapoissett Cong. Church	Noon
24	Bridge II	Home of Lois Murray	12:00 PM
25	Great Decisions	Mattapoissett Library	1:00 PM
26	Knitting Group	Home of Sandy Hering	2:00 PM
February			
7	Bridge I	Home of Betty Parker	12:30 PM

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