

MATTAPOISETT WOMAN'S CLUB
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Club Members:

Greetings from Port Charlotte, Florida! This is my 5th year to Snowbird in February and March each year. Wish you were here!

Even though I'm in Florida, Kathy McAuliffe as Acting President, the Executive Board members and committee members have shared all the current events.

Compared to last February, I'm glad you could enjoy a wonderful speaker, Liisa Budge-Johnson, Outreach Coordinator, Field Service Division who discussed the history from colonial times to current of the Plymouth County Corrections Agency, including the farm and jail.

Thank you to our Hostess, Claire Keene and her Tea Committee Ann Butler, Alison Henderson, Patricia McCarthy, Peg Olney, Betty Dawson, and Jennifer Shepley.

At the meeting, 2-3 new members joined our Club.

All the donations for 2015-16 were approved at this luncheon. Thank you for supporting several local organizations for worthy causes. The Veteran's Transition Home is a new donation for our Club.

This year is quite busy for our Club. Our Garden Tour is June 25th with seven featured gardens and a fabulous lunch at the Inn at Shipyard Park. May we be blessed with gorgeous weather as in previous years. Volunteers are needed to fill 2 hour slots at one of the homes as a greeter. You can even ask a neighbor or friend to join you while greeting guests to tour each home. You may choose which home and 2 hour time frame you prefer.

In July, the Woman's Club hosts Taste of the Town which is so well-received by all our summer folks and our community. The Garden Group makes such lovely floral centerpieces with fresh cut flowers from their own gardens. The local establishments showcase their foods for this event. Volunteers are also needed. I guarantee you will enjoy this time under the tent and meet so many folks.

Harbor Days on Saturday is our famous Pie Sales. Last year we sold over 35 pies and homemade goodies, including dog biscuits. This year you can join one of the pie parties and make fresh fruit pies. Sign up sheets for various pie parties will be at the March luncheon.

As a group, fresh fruit is cut, pie crusts mixed and all assembled for our yummy, signature pies. Most are prepared ahead of the date, frozen and then baked at the Church previous day of Sale. Even if you can't join a Pie Party, you can make homemade cookies, brownies, and breads for the sale. When you are preparing goodies for your summer company, just make an extra batch for our Club.

All three of these events support our Scholarship donations.

Lastly, on October 20, 2016 we will celebrate our Club's 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary with a Tea at 2 pm.

For almost a year, the 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Committee has been meeting and completing great accomplishments.

Now, the DVD written script is almost at completion with scanned photos featuring so many events these 75 years.

In addition, three videos feature several of our members sharing key events plus their experience as Club members for many years.

We are most indebted to Gary Lawrence at ORCTV for assisting us in scanning over 220 photos and videotaping about ten of our members.

Next month, more information will follow about planning this 75th anniversary event in October. A formal invitation will be designed to be sent closer to the date to some guests, including many dignitaries, many neighboring Women's Clubs and our Town's officials. This is a huge event for our Club's heritage.

Thank you all for simply planning to volunteer in any way you desire.

Many hands make the work light. Plus, we just simply have FUN!

You each make OUR Club successful and friendly! With your support, we are One of a Kind! I truly think we are a signature club for this 75th Year!!

Humbly,

Elaine Lainie Botelho, President

BOARD MEETING

The March MWC Executive Board Meeting will be held at the Mattapoisett Library Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room. All committee chairs are welcome to attend.

NEW MEMBERS – Please add to your Blue Book

Karen Gardener, 10 Winnatuxett Beach Road, Mattapoisett 508.758.6274

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annelayton4@gmail.com

Christine Voss, 30 North Street, Mattapoisett 508.758.3348,

londoncb4@gmail.com

MARCH MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2016, at Noon, Reynard Hall, Mattapoisett Congregational Church

Our speaker for March is Dr. Katharine Parsons who has a Ph.D. in Ecology from Rutgers University and 30 years of experience in coastal waterbird research, management and policy in the northeast. Since 2011, Dr. Parsons has directed Mass Audubon's Coastal Waterbird Program which works with coastal communities throughout Massachusetts to protect rare birds and their habitats. *Her focus for this talk will be on the Roseate Tern.* Mass Audubon's Coastal Waterbird Program is one of the most effective programs working to protect coastal birds and barrier beaches in New England. Launched in 1987 in response to declining populations of Piping Plovers and terns in Massachusetts, the primary objective is protecting these species' nesting areas throughout the state.

Hostess: Sandy Hering

Committee: Kathleen Damaskos, Janet Jenney, Judy Livolsi, Sue Mitchell, Kathleen Saunders, Ellen Schneider, Joan Walsh

ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016, from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM, at the Wamsutta Club, New Bedford. Guests are welcome. Please look at the end of this Ladies Choice for menu choices and a tear-off slip to return your reservation. Reserve early: bring your reservation and check to the March 17 club meeting. Reservations must be received by April 14, 2016.

MATTAPOISETT WOMAN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Mattapoisett Woman's Club is again pleased to offer four \$1,000.00 scholarship awards to Mattapoisett residents who are high school seniors graduating June 2016. Those who are re-entering the academic world after graduating prior to 2016, and are in pursuit of a post secondary degree program, will also be considered for one of these awards.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a Philanthropic organization that plans and executes fund raising events to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. In offering these scholarships the club supports educational leadership and helps to give back to the community that has partnered with the club in its fundraising efforts.

To apply and obtain the scholarship applications contact the Guidance offices at the local high schools or preparatory schools. Both applications will be available. You must be a Mattapoisett resident. Deadline for returning the completed application is April 30, 2016.

The following schools will be participating: ORRHS, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Voc Tech, Tabor Academy and Bristol County Agricultural High School

GARDEN GROUP

Mary O'Keefe

March 2nd is our regular meeting, 10 AM at the Library, and we have Jim Rottler from Scotts coming to give us a talk on trees, shrubs, lawns and basic tips on planting and prepping for planting. He is also going to talk about protecting the gardener from insects causing more and more problems. He has a power point presentation and he'll take questions. Hope we have a good number of members to hear him.

We will have a brief meeting before and hope to get the talk started no later than 10:30. If you know someone you think would enjoy the meeting feel free to invite them. We will have coffee etc. and a small snack as usual. Write down your questions.

LITERATURE GROUP

The Literature Group will gather on March 9 at 9:30 AM at the home of Anne Shepley, 16 Winnatuxett Beach Road. The discussion books that we have been reading for March are "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Go Set a Watchman" by Harper Lee. We will be making plans for our library trip in April with lunch at a nearby restaurant. All are welcome to join us.

KNITTING AND CHROCHETING

The Knitting and Crocheting Group will next meet on Thursday, March 24 from 2-4 PM. The location will be announced by e-mail, or call Sandy Hering at 508-758-3008 We welcome all to come to work on your current project while enjoying one another's company. All skill levels are included!

CALENDAR.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
March			
1	Bridge I	Home of Betty Parker	1:00 PM
2	Garden Group	Mattapoisett Library	10:00 AM
2	Great Decisions	Mattapoisett Library	1:30 PM
8	Bridge II	Home of Carolyn Price	12:00 PM
9	Literature Group	Home of Anne Shepley	9:30 AM
9	Great Decisions	Mattapoisett Library	1:30 PM
10	Board Meeting	Mattapoisett Library	1:30 PM
16	Great Decisions	Mattapoisett Library	1:30 PM
17	Monthly Meeting	Mattapoisett Cong. Church	Noon
22	Bridge II	Home of Lois Murray	12:00 PM
24	Knitting/Crocheting	TBA	2:00 PM

**ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT LADIES CHOICE DUE BY MARCH 22
TO PEG OLNEY**

**MATTAPOISETT WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL LUNCHEON
MEETING**

This year's Annual Meeting will take place at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford, on April 21st. Arrive at 11:30 for time to socialize before luncheon at Noon.

We suggest people carpool. We'll meet at the Park & Ride at 11 am. Please call Barb Van Inwegen (508.797.4523) or email barbvani1@gmail.com if you would like a ride or can be a driver.

The menu includes: Four Entrée choices, Strawberry shortcake for dessert, salad, rolls, seasonal vegetables and beverage. A cash bar will be available

The price will be \$25 per person (tax & gratuity included)

Complete the following Tear off Sheet and send it with your luncheon choice and \$25 to: Lois K. Ennis, 5 Pine Island Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 by **April 14, 2016**

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Annual Meeting at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford on April 21st –
Following is my entree choice:

Scrod with Rice _____
Lemon pepper chicken with rice _____
Petit filet of beef with roasted potatoes _____
Vegetarian- pasta primavera _____

Name: _____

Tel # _____

Remit with \$25 to Lois K. Ennis 5 Pine Island Road, Mattapoisett by
April 14th

No Refunds after April 14th

2016 - 2017 DUES NOTICE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Correction if different than printed on your copy of "Ladies
Choice"

Tele no: _____

Email _____

Return in hand or by mail with your check for \$25.00 to:

Lois K. Ennis, 5 Pine Island Road, Mattapoisett MA 02739-2125

Dues shall be paid on or before the Annual Meeting (Article IV, Sec. 1 of
the Bylaws)