

MATTAPOISETT WOMAN'S CLUB
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LADIES CHOICE

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Club Members

As I compose this letter, it seems Harbor Days was just a few days ago and that summer was just beginning with weeks filled with our children and grandchildren visiting. Now, September is just around the corner.

Words can't express the overwhelming feeling of gratitude and appreciation for all the time and commitment you each gave to the Harbor Days week. So many thanks to all those who made/baked over 35 pies, including muffins, cookies, brownies, breads, cupcakes and even Kay Smith's homemade dog biscuits.

What a smashing success Taste of the Town was!! Folks were enjoying all the restaurants' foods while enjoying the entertainment of the Showstoppers. Also, the floral arrangements were so lovely with our own gardens' flowers! Many of you gave so much time and effort even though we all have our families and friends visiting.

Your special love and thoughtfulness to one another in our Club truly shines in front of our Townspeople. They have always given so generously to our scholarships; and we generously return it to our Town's citizens. I am very pleased by your efforts this summer! You each really rallied to the cause. Our Mattapoisett Woman's Club continues to shine over our town!!

Lois and Eileen, your hard work is certainly appreciated for our Club's Harbor Days events this July.

Betty and Peg, your dedication in hosting pie parties each year is most appreciated.

Thank you to all our Pie Party workers this summer. Thanks to Arthur Damaskos, Kathleen's hubby, for picking up and delivering all the pies from the Church to our Club's table Saturday morning.

Thanks to Betty, Kathy McAuliffe, Sandy Hering and Ellen Schneider for baking pies until 3 pm on Friday.

This fund-raising Harbor Days week with Taste of the Town and Saturday's Pie /Baked Goods sales was a huge success. We raised about \$1,000 more than previous years. Amazing work, Ladies!!

In reflection, in preparation for the 2016 Harbor Days, a detailed list of all chores could be posted for volunteers to sign up at our winter/spring luncheons for specific jobs to assist and share these well-planned events next year. Suggestions are appreciated.

In preparation for our 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary in 2016, many of us are reviewing and selecting key photos/articles in all the yearbooks/albums to highlight 75 years in a DVD slideshow.

Kathy McAuliffe and I, as Co-Chairmen, have now scanned the 1960s and 1970s photos. Thank you, Nancy Fletcher, for also researching and scanning 1960s albums.

We really need additional volunteers to review an album or two in a decade of your choice.

If you would like to join our 75th anniversary committee, call me at 758-4909 or Kathy McAuliffe at 758-8325.

Next meeting is September 9th at 9:30 am at the Reynard Hall.

Our September luncheon is our Kickoff Potluck on September 17th at noon. This month we have invited the Rochester Women's Club and the Sippican Woman's Club. Last May, the Rochester Women's Club graciously hosted a delightful luncheon. Several of us attended. If you could just make your dish a little larger, I'm sure we will have a delightful banquet and accommodate our guests.

May you enjoy Family and Friends this last glorious, summer month. May you all remain healthy and safe.

See you at the September Potluck on the 17th.

Elaine /Lainie

President

SEPTEMBER 10: BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10th, Thursday: The Executive Board meeting will be held at the Mattapoisett Library, 1:30 pm, in the large conference room downstairs. See you all there!

SUMMER EVENTS: RESULTS

We were blessed with beautiful summer weather this year and this brought many people to support our summer fundraisers which were a great success. Totals are as follows: Taste of the Town-\$4,004, and the Pie/Bake sale-\$1,057. This was a nice increase over the amounts made by the Harbor Days events last year. Members who are not able to contribute in any way to these events usually send a contribution to be added to the scholarship fund. Needless to say, any of those contributions will be welcome.

SEPTEMBER POT-LUCK LUNCHEON

The first meeting of the 2015-2016 year will be the Pot-Luck Luncheon at Noon in Reynard Hall, Mattapoisett Congregational Church, on Thursday September 17th. Members are asked to bring a favorite dish (casserole, salad or dessert) to share. Place settings and beverage will be provided by the committee. There will be sign up sheets for the various interest groups: Bridge, Garden Group, Literature, Knitting/Crocheting, and Great Decisions. Also, come to pick up your new "Blue Book" directory. Great programs have been lined up for the year so remember to come on the Third Thursday for our meetings. We encourage all members to bring a friend to this meeting so that they may enjoy the food and conversation, learn about our summer of success and perhaps join our Club.

HOSTESS: Ellen Flynn

Tea Committee: Erin Burlinson, Irene Daly, Joanela Deery, JoAnne Demski, Kay Levine, Bette Roberts, Marie Rottler, Jackie Slade, Lee Yeaton

75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The M.W.C. 75th Diamond Jubilee Research Committee will meet Sept. 9th at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Hall at 930am. If you have an interest in history, event planning or want to share or be a reference for events that have happened with the club through the years, you are welcome to join us at the meeting. As we have spent the summer reviewing the many albums of recorded history we are amazed at the club's involvement in the community, their creativity in their fund raising activities for scholarships, and the large variety of club groups offered to its members. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. If you have any questions please contact Kathy McAuliffe , 508 758 8325

GARDEN GROUP

Suzanne Sylvester and Mary O'Keefe

The welcome back meeting will be held at The Mattapoisett Library downstairs meeting room on September 2nd at 10:00 AM. We will discuss our summer plantings and plan activities and the meeting schedule for 2015-2016 as well as possible speakers for some of the meetings. Creative ideas for centerpieces for the September Pot Luck luncheon are needed. A trip to the Topiary Garden will be planned for October and those interested can sign up for the mantle competition and holiday decorating at the Newport mansions. We look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting. Bring new ideas for the new club year and bring a friend. All club members are welcome to join us!

LITERATURE GROUP

The Literature Group will meet on Wednesday September 9 at 9:30 AM at the home of Peg Olney, 24 Avenue A, Peases Point. New members are welcome. There was no book chosen for discussion at the September meeting so members may share any books they have read over the summer. The group will choose books for discussion at future meetings, so please bring your suggestions. The meeting schedule for the year and meeting locations will also be decided. Please bring a friend and all are welcome. We are a group who like to read and enjoy being together.

KNITTING and CROCHETING

This new interest group meets monthly from 2 to 4 PM. Members enjoy each others company while working on their current project. All skill levels are welcome and if you don't knit or crochet, bring a craft project that you are working on. The September meeting will be on Thursday the 24th at the home of Sandy Hering, 10 Mechanic Street at 2 PM.

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
September			
2	Garden Group	Mattapoisett Library	10:00 AM
8	Bridge II	Home of Joanne Demski	12:00 PM
9	Literature Group	Home of Peg Olney	9:30 AM
9	75 th Anniv Comm	Mattapoisett Cong Church	9:30 AM
10	Executive Board	Mattapoisett Library	1:30 PM
17	Monthly Meeting	Mattapoisett Cong. Church	Noon
22	Bridge II	Home of Elaine Grant	12:00 PM
24	Knitting	Home of Sandy Hering	2:00 PM

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