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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Club Members

I hope all of you had a happy and healthy summer. I can't believe our September pot luck luncheon is in a couple of weeks. I really enjoy this luncheon, seeing every one back together again, sharing stories of their summer happenings and above all tasting the variety of foods that are favorite recipes of our club members.

The M.W.C. also experienced a very busy spring and summer season. In honor of our Club's 75th anniversary the club decided to make this a special time of year. A color scheme and plantings were chosen and repeated in all of the planters throughout the Town including the Rte 6 triangle garden. We replaced the planters at the library and the town hall. Two beautiful urns were chosen for the library front entrance and two faux black iron pots for the town hall steps. We also participated in planting the flowers at the Veterans War Memorial Park on Barstow St. and the lighthouse logo at the town wharf. Watering schedules were organized and members volunteered to care for the plantings throughout the summer. They looked beautiful all summer long and I can't tell you how many compliments we have received. The residents of the town and visitors truly appreciate and enjoy the plantings we do for every season. I would also like to thank Deanne Girouard for participating in the selection of the flowers and helping us in the planting of the flowers and Leo LaMontagne for watering the Veterans War Memorial Park throughout the summer. Last but not least, we planted a beautiful Japanese Stewartia tree at the town hall, on the Church street side, to commemorate our 75th Diamond Jubilee. This fall we will have a plaque made to be placed in front of the tree. I would like to thank the Mattapoissett Tree Committee for assisting the Club in choosing the tree for the site and Roland Cote, Mattapoissett Tree Warden, for planting the tree.

Once we finished all of our planting we turned our attention to the 3 major Scholarship fund raisers scheduled for the end of June and beginning of July. Our Club members surpassed themselves with the energy and support shown for each event and all were extremely successful. Thank goodness we had August off!!!

This fall the M.W.C. will celebrate our 75th Diamond Jubilee on October 20, 2016. A full tea will be served at the Congregational Church Parish Hall for our members and invited guests from 2pm to 4pm. Elaine Botelho is Chairperson for the Tea Committee and she will update us on the plans for the Tea at our meeting. They are doing an awesome job and the tea will be a great success! If anyone would like to participate on the committee, contact Elaine.

We have been invited, once again, to participate in the Rotch-Jones-Duff "Celebrate the Seasons". We came in third out of 32 participants last year. This year's theme is The Silver Screen. If anyone is interested in participating there will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. If you don't think you are creative you will be surprised at how the simplest suggestion becomes a major focal point in the design.

At our April meeting I asked members if you have anything you would like the Club to participate in, such as civic projects, or an idea for a new group for the Club, please present your ideas at the Sept. meeting or come to the board meeting on Sept. 8th. I was thinking about starting a walking group.

We are also going to continue to work with the Town on the Center School beautification and memorial plantings. I must say, after reviewing the past few months of

our Club's activities in the community, the awarding four scholarships to high school seniors in June and our members participation at the 3 fund raising events, our Logo's lighthouse rays are burning stronger and brighter than ever!

See you on September 15th at the Luncheon.

Kathy McAuliffe
President of the M.W.C.

SEPTEMBER 8: BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8th, Thursday: The Executive Board meeting will be held at the Mattapoisett Library, 1:00 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: Garden Tour-\$4,473 plus \$434 from the raffle and sale of garden gadgets. Taste of the Town-\$4,471, and the Pie/Bake sale-\$1,060. 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 2016-2017 year will be the Pot-Luck Luncheon at Noon in Reynard Hall, Mattapoisett Congregational Church, on Thursday September 15th. 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, Dinner Group, Great Decisions plus any new groups forming or committees needing volunteers. 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: Jackie Slade

Tea Committee: Roxanne Bungert, Erin Burlinson, Irene Daly, Joanela Deery, JoAnne Demski, Lois Ennis, Kay Levine, Marie Rottler, Lee Yeaton

75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

At our August 9th meeting, our Planning Committee members have discussed many creative ideas for the 75th Anniversary Tea set up, service, sandwiches, desserts, decorations, invitations, publicity, set up and clean up.

There are several items we are requesting:

Mannequin or seamstress dress form on stand

Tiered plates/silver trays/attractive serving dishes

Memorabilia from fundraisers, events, luncheons, i.e. Cookbook, Personal Award, quilt, painting, etc.

Donated/loaned tea cups w/saucers/silver or crystal trays/tiered dishes. Susan Perkins has offered her home, 23 North Street to store your items until day of the Tea on October 20th.

Loaned Tea & /Coffee pots for use at tables

Picture frames for 4x6 photos, either white or metal used for Club's photos.

Desserts made by our Club's members

Cleanup/Wash up assistance

Make sure your loaned items are labeled so we can return them back to you after the Tea

More details will be forthcoming about our Tea.

Send Elaine Botelho at mbotelho9@comcast.net a list of any items you can loan or donate for this Tea. We appreciate your generous support.

Feel free to join us at our August 31st meeting at 10 a.m. at Reynard Hall, Congregational Church.

GARDEN GROUP

Mary O'Keefe

To start off the Fall season, the Garden Group will be "On the Road" with field trips planned for September and October instead of meeting together at the Library. On Friday September 9, meet at the Park & Ride at 10 AM for a trip to the Secret Garden Tour in Newport, RI. These are gardens at private homes, not the mansions. There will be a stop for lunch after the tour. Please contact Mary O'Keefe if you would like to go. Mary will order all the tickets in advance to get the discounted price of \$20. Guests are welcome and friends who may be interested in joining the group. Please also let Mary know if you are able to drive. On Wednesday, Sept 14 we will meet at the Congregational Church to make centerpieces for the MWC luncheon on Sept. 15th. Bring any flowers that you have available.

The October meeting is on October 5th again meeting at Park & Ride, leaving at 10:00AM. We will be going to the Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate in Canton. A tour of the Gardens and House and lunch on the Veranda have been arranged.

LITERATURE GROUP

The Literature Group will meet on Wednesday September 14 at 9:30 AM at the home of Peg Olney, 24 Avenue A, Peases Point. New members are welcome. The book chosen for discussion at the September meeting is "My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout. Members may also share any books they have read over the summer and bring suggestions for discussion books at future meetings. 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

The last several years we have had a group of knitters and crocheters that meet once a month at one of our homes, with our projects, to sit and knit and enjoy a cup of tea together. We have been meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month from 2-4 PM. We will have a signup sheet at the September meeting, asking all interested individuals when they would like to meet. The date and time for the next meeting will be chosen from your suggestions. We welcome new members and look forward to sharing our projects with each other!

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
August			
31	75 th Tea Comm.	Mattapoisett Cong Church	10:00 AM
September			
8	Executive Board	Mattapoisett Library	1:00 PM
9	Garden Group	Park & Ride	10:00 AM
13	Bridge II	Home of Joanne Demski	12:00 PM
14	Literature Group	Home of Peg Olney	9:30 AM
15	Monthly Meeting	Mattapoisett Cong. Church	Noon
27	Bridge II	Home of Elaine Grant	12:00 PM

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

