

MATTAPOISETT WOMAN'S CLUB
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LADIES CHOICE

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Club members:

As we welcome in 2018, it is a time to reflect back on what we have accomplished as a club and set new goals for the coming year. If anyone has an idea they wish to suggest please don't hesitate. This is your club! You can either e-mail me or come to the board meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Library at 10am.

Our biannual Garden Tour is this year and it is a major fund raiser for our scholarship program. In January we will be giving two \$2,500.00 scholarship checks to our 2017 winners. This fund raiser involves everyone in the club including the tour committee, sub committees, volunteers, and members greeting guests and overseeing the gardens that are part of the tour. It is a fun day and everyone is excited to see the beautiful plantings and enjoys meeting up with friends they haven't seen all winter. The tour is scheduled for June 30, 2018 from 10am to 4pm rain or shine.

Our January 18th Luncheon speaker is James P. Stevens. CEO & Founder of the Gifts to Give Philanthropy Factory. Focus is on local child poverty, literacy, service to others and giving. We have a few members that are very active with the organization. It will be very informative.

I look forward to seeing everyone. Happy New Year!!

Kathy McAuliffe
President of the M.W.C.

BOARD MEETING

The next Executive Board meeting will be held at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level meeting room.

JANUARY MEETING

The next general meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

As already noted in the President's Letter, the speaker will be Jim Stevens of Gifts to Give. We would like to give Mr. Stevens some donations to take back with him. Please bring to the meeting items from the following suggestions:

- things for teenage boys
- shampoo, lotion, wipes for infants
- underwear and socks for children ages 4-10

HOSTESS: Carole Clifford

Tea Committee: Carol Atkinson, Sandra Dawson, Sharon Doyon, Nancy Fletcher, Lynn Haugen, Libby Klim, Lorraine Rodrigues, Christine Voss, Alice Williams

NEW MEMBER-PLEASE ADD TO YOUR BLUE BOOK

Jan Hubley, 22 Mechanic Street Box 1491, Mattapoisett jhubx2@gmail.com
717.503.1980 Tea committee, October

GREAT DECISIONS

Ellen Flynn

REMINDER: The Great Decisions discussion group begins Wednesday, January 17, 2018. 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 through March 7. A snow date would extend the meetings to March 14th. For more information contact chair: Ellen P. Flynn at 508-758-1312

Discussion topics for this year are:

- 1.The Waning of Pax Americana?
- 2.Russia's Foreign Policy
- 3.China & America: The New Geopolitical Equations
- 4.Media & Foreign Policy
- 5.Turkey: A Partner in Crisis
- 6.U.S. Global Engagement and The Military
- 7.South Africa's Fragile Democracy
- 8.Global Health Progress & Challenges

GARDEN GROUP

Sandy Hering and Karen Gardner

The Garden Group will meet at the meeting room downstairs at the Library on January 3rd at 10:00 AM. We will have hot beverages and an acclaimed movie, 'The Seed' to watch. Anyone who wishes to bring any snacks to go with our tea and coffee, please let Karen or Sandy know. Hope to see many of you on the 3rd!

LITERATURE GROUP

The January meeting will be held at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the home of Alice Williams, 6 Briar Road, Point Connett. Our discussion book for January is "Midwives" by Chris Bohjalian. The group would like to have some new members so please come and join us even if you haven't read the book.

Literature Group Reading List

- February: "Mr. Mercedes" Stephen King
March: "Cutting For Stone" by Abraham Verghese
April: "Irena's Children" by Tilar Mazzeo

KNITTING, CROCHETING, NEEDLEWORK, CRAFTS

Any members interested in participating in knitting/crocheting/needlework/craft group are invited to Sandy Hering's house on January 25th from 2-4 PM at 10 Mechanic Street. Please bring any projects that you are working on. We will discuss when we want to meet and if we wish to do any trips such as travel to any yarn shops. All are welcome, just please let Sandy know if you can make it so I know how many to expect, at hering.sandra@gmail.com or 508 758-3008.

BRIDGE I

There will be no bridge in January. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6, 12:30 PM at the home of Betty Parker.

CALENDAR.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
January			
3	Garden Group	Mattapoissett Library	10:00 AM
9	Bridge II	Home of Barbara Thommen	12:00 PM
10	Literature Group	Home of Alice Williams	9:30 AM
11	Executive Board	Mattapoissett Library	10:00 AM
17	Great Decisions	Mattapoissett Library	1:00 PM
18	Monthly Meeting	Mattapoissett Cong. Church	11:00 AM
23	Bridge II	Home of Carol Atkinson	12:00 PM
24	Great Decisions	Mattapoissett Library	1:00 PM
25	Knitting Group	Home of Sandy Hering	2:00 PM
February			
6	Bridge I	Home of Betty Parker	12:30 PM

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