



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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MWC members invited to visit Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum this holiday season!

For two weeks in early December, the halls of the RJD will be decked with lights, ribbons, baubles and boughs of greenery.

This is the 6th year the club will be participating in the RJD Christmas fund raiser. This year's event will feature decorated Christmas trees, wreaths and topiary donated by individuals, groups, and community organizations. We have decorated a Christmas tree with the theme "**Where the Tree Tops Glisten**" featuring lots of lights and sparkle done all in wintry white and silver decor. All items are for sale, and profits help fund the museum's special exhibitions, educational programs, and operating expenses and can be brought home after the show closes on December 9th.



We encourage all of you to include this event as part of your Christmas celebration and support for the club. When you do attend you are also eligible to cast your vote for the **Peoples Choice Award**. We hope to see everyone there!

For further information about other activities scheduled during the exhibition week call 508-997-1401 or visit the Rotch, Jones, Duff House and Garden Museum website rjdmuseum.org.

Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum Holiday Happenings • A New Way to Celebrate the Season

November 30 – December 9, 2018 • Monday through Saturday
10:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sunday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
Admission is \$6 for Adults and \$5.00 for Seniors.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Garden Group Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 5th
10:00 Friend's Meeting House
103 Marion Road, Mattapoissett
We will make Christmas mug arrangements that will be used at the Club's luncheon at the Inn at Shipyard Park and then give them to the nursing home and others who are "shut ins".



Annual Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 6, 2018
Inn at Shipyard Park
11:00 am - 11:30 am Social time
11:30 am Meeting begins
11:45 am Luncheon
12:15 pm Dessert and speaker
1:00 pm Meeting resumes

*Please note:
These times are general estimate.*

Guest speaker:
Martin W. Sandler,
Award-winning author

Annual lighting of Town Christmas Tree

Saturday, December 8th
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Please deliver baked goods to the tent at Shipyard Park by 2:00 pm.

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Board Meeting
Mattapoissett Library
January 10, 2019 1 - 3 pm

President's Letter

Dear Club Members,

Due to circumstances beyond our control we were forced to cancel our November monthly meeting. There was no heat at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, (due to water reaching the furnace boilers!) and the decision was made on Tuesday to cancel the meeting. I was disappointed, as I was looking forward to hearing our speaker, Bob Field, speaking about his oyster farming. Hopefully, we can reschedule him for a meeting in the spring.

The Bells of Remembrance celebration was a successful event and we owe our gratitude to Mary O'Keefe and her team for all of the hard work that they did. This year there were over 60 churches and public buildings who participated in this remembrance of our veterans. Hopefully next year we will have more participants.

Representatives of our Club, Sharon Doyon, Kathy McAuliffe and Susan Perkins entered the **Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum fundraiser," A Holiday Tree Exhibition"**. The dates of the exhibition are November 30th – December 9th. Hopefully, many of you will be able to support the fundraiser, and our Club, by attending and garnering some holiday spirit!

The **annual lighting of the town Christmas tree** will be held on **December 8th from 3:00-5:00PM**. As in the past, we have been asked to supply goodies and it is requested that we deliver them to the tent at Shipyard Park by 2:00 PM on that day.

I am hoping that you all had a pleasant Thanksgiving day with family, friends or however you chose to spend the day. We live in a troubled time but, at the same time, we have so much to be grateful for. Just the fact that we live on the South Coast of Massachusetts is enough to make the day worth living!

Our much anticipated **annual Christmas luncheon** will be at the **Inn on Shipyard Park on Thursday,**

December 6th. We have a sellout event this year with 60 reservations! We will be welcoming our **guest speaker, Martin Sandler** and his wife, Carol from Cape Cod. I am looking forward to seeing you there, enjoying the friendship that this Club offers.

As we enter this joyful, hectic time of the year, I want to be one of the first to wish you a pleasant, healthy, friend and family filled holiday season!

Fondly,
Roxanne Bungert,
President, MWC

*"Thoughts are like arrows:
once released, they strike
the mark. Guard them well
or one day you may be your
own victim."*

Native American Proverb ~ Ute tribe

Questions? Please email us at [info@ MattapoisettWomansClub.org](mailto:info@MattapoisettWomansClub.org)

GROUPS SCHEDULES

Garden Group

December 5, 2018 10:00 am
Christmas Luncheon
Friend's Meeting House
103 Marion Road, Mattapoissett

Social Group

December 9, 2018 5:00 pm
Host: Jim and Roxanne Bungert
18 River Bend Lane, Mattapoissett

Literature Group

December 12, 2018 9:30 am
Host: Myra Hart
115 North Street, Mattapoissett
See Reading List on page 4

Bridge 1

December 4, 2018 12:30 pm
Host: Betty Parker

Bridge II

December 11, 2018
Christmas Luncheon
Place/Time: TBD
Please contact Jackie Slade

Great Decisions

(Meets 8 weeks)
January 16 - March 6, 2019
Mattapoissett Free Public Library

Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint & More

Knitting group does not meet November and December. Will be starting up again in January. Place to be determined.

The MWC is making a concerted effort to increase membership and group attendance.

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Thank you!
Debra Nettles

MATTAPOISETT WOMAN'S CLUB GROUP FOCUS



Great Decisions

The Mattapoissett Woman's club has been sponsoring the **Great Decisions Discussion Group** since 1978 with many years of faithful attendees both men and woman from all areas of the south coast.

Great Decisions is a **Foreign Policy Association discussion group** with text books and DVD supplied by the **New York City Foreign Policy Association**. The program is open to the public and takes place in the meeting room of the Mattapoissett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street Mattapoissett MA, where there is an accessible entrance, and an elevator available.

Each year beginning with the third Wednesday of January and continues for eight consecutive weeks on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 3:00pm the group follows the chapters in the published text book and watches the DVD for additional panel discussion updates

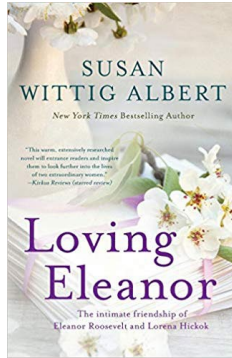
For many years a Woman's Club member has served as the Chair person to this civic community service program. Both Bobbie Ketchel and Past President Lois Murray were the original chair people. Past President Eileen Marum served as co-chair a few times and since 2006, Past President Ellen P. Flynn has served as either co-chair or chair until the present.

Over the years the discussion group has had guest speakers to support the subject material and has invited Old Rochester Regional High School foreign exchange program students to participate in the discussions which always prove to be extremely beneficial to all involved in the readings and discussions. There

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Literature Group to discuss “Loving Eleanor” by Susan Wittig-Albert

The Literature Group will meet on Wednesday, December 12 at the home of Myra Hart, 115 North Street at 9:30 am. The discussion book is “Loving Eleanor” by Susan Wittig-Albert. Everyone is welcome. Please come and bring a friend.



“Drawing on extensive research in the letters that were sealed for a decade following Hick’s death, Albert creates a compelling narrative: a dramatic love story, vividly portraying two strikingly unconventional women, neither of whom is satisfied to live according to the script society has written for her. Loving Eleanor is a profoundly moving novel that illuminates a relationship we are seldom privileged to see and celebrates the depth and durability of women’s love.”

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are additional materials offered to support the readings, such as maps, charts and books available through the library services provided by **Susan Pizzolato, Library Director** and her Library Staff.

Each week the community service group offers refreshments coffee, tea, water and other juice beverages.

This Woman’s Club program is most successful and a real life long learning experience. **The Discussion program begins Wednesday, January 16, 2019 and continues for 8 consecutive weeks until March 6, 2019, from 1:00PM - 3:00PM.** The group meets at The Mattapoissett Library, 7 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett MA, in the community meeting room, which is accessible at the side entrance where there is an elevator.

The price for a single person is \$35.00, if two people are sharing one text the price is \$45.00. This fee includes the cost of the Text book, one two part classroom DVD, materials, fees for refreshments, and a donation to the library.

The deadline for registration is December 29, 2018. The class is limited to 25, people and operates on a first come first serve basis. The text books will be available on or around January 9, 2019 for distribution at the Library. Times will be posted.

Please send check payable to Mattaposestt Woman’s Club with your name, address (include mailing address if different), telephone number and email address to:

Mattapoissett Woman’s Club / Great Decisions c/o Lois Ennis, 5 Pine Island Road, Mattapoissett, MA 02739

Questions? Please contact Ellen P. Flynn at GreatDecisions@mattapoissettwomansclub.org

LITERATURE GROUP READING LIST 2018-2019

- January **The Underground Railroad**
Colson Whithead
- February **Less**
Andrew Sean Greer
- March **The Sympathizer**
Viet Thanh Nguyen
- April **In the Heart of the Sea**
Nathaniel Philbrick

GD 2019 Topics are:

1. Refugees and Global Migration
2. Middle East: Regional Disorder
3. Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future
4. Rise of Populism In Europe
5. Decoding U.S. and China Trade
6. Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
7. U.S. & Mexico: Partnership Tested
8. State of State Dept. and Diplomacy

A heartfelt Thank You to MWC members

On behalf of the MWC, I would like to thank the team of workers (see list to right) that participated in any capacity on the **Bells of Remembrance 2018** project. It was a lot of work and proved to be worth it. Not only with the number of bells and prayers solicited but in the strong sentiment of appreciation and respect that was expressed by so many towards our Veterans and in well wishes that we will be successful in spreading this even more.

We really need some brain storming of ideas on how to proceed in the future. We have pretty much covered south coast by phone. Please give it some thought and feel free to contact me at fudgieok@gmail.com or 508-758-2801.

I personally deeply appreciate not only the terrific job done by the team but the support that was given by the MWC members to all of us. If I have forgotten a name please know you are included in my thanks.

Sincerely,
Mary O'Keefe



Lori Bardwell
Jan Campos
Karen Gardner
Sherry Holmes
Esther Callum
Marianne Hickey
Elaine Botelho
Christine Voss
Eileen Marum
Sue Mitchell
Kay Levine
Bobbi Ketchel
Kathy McAuliffe
Roxanne Bungert
Ellen Flynn
Myra Hart
Kathy Holway
Debra Nettles
Carolyn Price
Barbara Van Inwegen

Bell ringing to become a new Veteran's Day tradition in Mattapoisett

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of World War 1. There were ceremonies throughout the United States to commemorate this event.

On Sunday, November 11 at 11:00 Roxanne Bungert, President of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club, rang the bells of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church 21 times (as in a 21-gun salute) as townspeople gathered to honor those WW1 Veterans, all Veterans, and the men and women who are currently serving our country in the military. This bell ringing will continue to be a Veteran's Day tradition in the future.



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Don't forget to RSVP for the December 9th Social Cocktail Group

The **Social Cocktail Group** will be hosted by **Jim and Roxanne Bungert** on **Sunday, December 9th @ 5:00 PM at 18 River Bend Lane** (that house out in the country!) Club members are invited to join us with their spouse, guest, significant other or feel free to attend solo.

We ask that you please RSVP and bring an appetizer and your choice of beverage.

[DOWNLOAD DIRECTIONS HERE!](#)

Bridge II Christmas Luncheon

December 11, 2018

Place/Time: TBD

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Thank you!
Debra Nettles

Garden Group brings holiday cheer to the Mattapoissett Post Office



New home for printer

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club has a Lexmark E260dn printer that is not being used. We are looking to find a new home for it.

[Please contact Roxanne Bungert here with any suggestions!](#)



Articles to read (click on title)

[Bells to ring for veterans, servicemen and women](#)

By Curt Brown SouthCoast Today Nov. 9, 2018

[Bells to ring throughout the region on Veterans Day](#)

By Curt Brown Wicked Local Nov. 10, 2018