



# LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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## MWC Spring Fundraiser "Pathway to Planting" May 18 - 19 Get yours today!

Support the MWC on  
**May 18 & 19, 2019**  
and enjoy savings on your  
Spring gardening needs!

Local Garden Centers & Nurseries  
are offering discounts to those holding a  
**Pathway to Planting Passport!**

Great Scapes Nursery, Mattapoissett  
Tomcat Lily Farm, Mattapoissett  
Eden Florist & Garden Shop, Marion  
Nessralla's Farm and Greenhouses, Wareham  
Roseland Nursery, Acushnet  
Village Gardens, South Dartmouth  
Davoll's General Store, South Dartmouth  
Williams' Trading Post, Middleboro

**Great Gift for  
Mother's Day!**  
Only **\$10** each  
Discounts are per customer per passport

Passports can be purchased at the  
following fine establishments:  
Town Wharf General Store, Mattapoissett  
Pen & Pendulum, Mattapoissett

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE  
MWC SCHOLARSHIP FUND.\*

**For more information contact Sue at 508.758.9464**  
or email [info@mattapoissettwomensclub.org](mailto:info@mattapoissettwomensclub.org)

Become a member today! [www.mattapoissettwomensclub.org](http://www.mattapoissettwomensclub.org)  
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\*For over 75 years The Mattapoissett Woman's Club has been helping young people pursue their educational goals by awarding scholarships to high school seniors from the community. MWC especially thanks the community for its continuing support of its biennial Garden Tour and the annual Taste of the Town during Harbor Days in July. These fundraising activities make the scholarships possible.

As spring arrives we will be creating a new fundraiser, "Pathway to Planting". The "Passports" are \$10.00 each which will allow the holder to receive discounts at various garden centers in the area. We will be selling the "passports" at the annual meeting and I am hoping that many of you will purchase these books and take advantage of the discounts offered on your purchases. The weekend of May 18 - 19 is the date of the fundraiser with some establishments extending their discounts to the 24th!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

### Annual Meeting: Luncheon and Installation of Officers

Thursday, April 25th  
The Inn on Shipyard Park  
11:30 am - 12:00pm Social time  
12:00 pm Luncheon SHARP  
1:15 pm Dessert and speaker  
1:30 pm Meeting begins

**Andrew Murray**, Mattapoissett Fire Chief will present a brief presentation on the proposed new fire station.

### Social Cocktail Group gathering May 17th

We have a scheduled meeting of the Social Cocktail Group at 5:00 PM on Friday, May 17th at Jim and Myra Hart's home at 115 North Street, Mattapoissett. Myra requests that you park across the street on Winter Hill Road, as there is no parking on North Street. We will have a sign up sheet at the annual meeting for this event which will be the final gathering for this season. If you have any questions, feel free to call Myra at 508 758-4703. As always, the only stipulation to attend our gatherings is to bring an appetizer and your choice of beverage.

**Board Meeting**  
Mattapoissett Library  
April 11, 2019 1 - 3 pm

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow MWC Members,

As I sit down at my computer to write this letter, I can't believe that one year has already passed since I took over the reins of the office of president of the MWC! We have had a very busy year in our small club starting off last summer with our most successful Garden Tour to date, a very successful Taste of the Town event and Pie and Bake Sale. Because of these successful events we were able to award two \$2,500.00 scholarships to two deserving graduating seniors from ORR.

The books containing the Club's history, since its organization in October of 1941, were moved to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library and are now stored in acid free boxes for safe keeping.

Three of our members, Elaine Botelho, Sharon Doyon and Sandy Hering were recognized for their work at ORR with the ORR Friend of Education Award.

Our Ladies Choice editor, Peg Olney, retired after cranking out the monthly editions of our newsletter for 20 years! Thanks for your tireless efforts, Peg. Deb Nettles, a new member to our club, volunteered to take over the job of editor, establishing a new format, including colored pictures.

Our 50 year old logo seal was updated by Deb Nettles to a very colorful sturdier version, along with one using the traditional blue color.

We created a committee to look over and establish a new budget, which was accepted and adopted at our February monthly meeting.

We also created a committee to look over our Club Bylaws which had not been revised since 2003. Several members worked diligently on the revision and the final draft was accepted by the Club membership at our March monthly meeting. One result of the new bylaws was creating a new position with three auditors from the Club.

We celebrated the growth of our Bells of Remembrance program on Veteran's Day in November. Through the hard work of Mary O'Keefe, and her committee, the bells were heard in many communities throughout our state.

Sharon Doyon, Kathy McAuliffe and Susan Perkins volunteered to create a sparkling tree to represent our Club for the annual fundraiser at the Rotch Jones Duff house. Once again, our Club's creation was voted the #one People's Choice Award!

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I would like to send a special thank you to all of you who prepared the food for our monthly meeting luncheons, helped to serve the membership, decorated the tables and agreed to be a Tea Chairman during the past year. I was very negligent last month when I opened the meeting and forgot to thank Sandy Hering and her tea committee for preparing our delicious luncheon. The flowers and plates and napkins were very "springlike" and helped to make the hall more inviting. Once again, thank you to all who participated.

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Our Holiday Luncheon, held in December at the Inn on Shipyard Park, had a "sellout crowd" of 60 members and guests. Our newly nominated Honorary Life Member, Lois Murray, was in attendance, with her two daughters as her guests.

New member, Jan Hubley, came forward and volunteered to become our club's historian. If you find an article concerning our Club or any of its' members, please pass it on to Jan. She will have her black and white striped box at our monthly meetings.

As we continued on into 2019, Deb Nettles and Cindy Turse worked together to create a Facebook page which will, hopefully, expand our Bells of Remembrance program.

As spring arrives we will be creating a new fundraiser, "Pathway to Planting". We hope to sell 100 "passport" booklets for \$10.00 each which will allow the holder to receive discounts at various garden centers in the area. We will be selling the "passports" at the annual meeting and I am hoping that many of you will purchase these books and take advantage of the discounts offered on your purchases. The week-end of May 18-19 is the date of the fundraiser.

Our Annual Meeting is being held on April 25 which includes a luncheon at the Inn on Shipyard Park. This will be followed by the installation of officers. We will also have sign-up sheets for the various fund raising activities during Harbor Days week.

Our various speakers throughout the year have been both entertaining and informative and I am looking forward to next year and the programs that will highlight various women who have impacted our history. We will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote which was established in August of 1920.

Hoping to see you on April 25th.

Fondly,  
Roxanne Bungert,  
President, MWC

***"You must live your life from beginning to end: no one else can do it for you"***

Proverb from the Hopi Tribe

### Membership Dues Reminder!

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

#### 2019 – 2020 DUES FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please check if this is a correction to your contact info in your current copy of the Blue Book.***

Tele no: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Return in hand or mail with your check payable to MWC for \$25.00 to:  
Lois K Ennis, 5 Pine Island Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

## GROUPS SCHEDULES

### Garden Group

May 1, 2019 10:00 am  
Friend's Meeting House

*They will be making spring arrangements and holding their spring salad luncheon.*

### Literature Group

April 17, 2019 9:30 am

### Bridge 1

April 9 1:00pm

### Bridge 2

April 9 12:30pm  
Host: Lou Reade

April 23 12:00pm  
Host: Barbara Thommen

### Social Cocktail Group

May 17, 2019 5:00pm  
Host: Myra Hart  
115 North Street,  
Mattapoisett



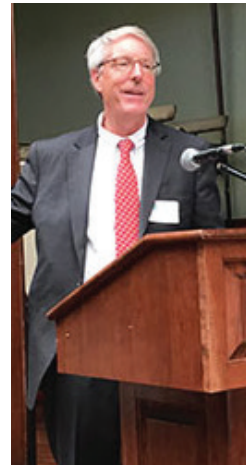
MWC members are (l to r): Janet Liljedahl, Roxanne Bungert (wearing her birthday crown!), Sue Mitchell, Elaine Botelho, Marianne Hickey, Erin Burlinson, Sharon Doyon.

## Preservation Society hosts luncheon to honor volunteers

A luncheon, hosted by the Preservation Society, was held at the Breaker's Stable in Newport, RI on April 9. (The "stable" is now an actually very elegant dining venue filled with antique carriages.) The luncheon was held to honor volunteers and to launch the Society's new Preservation in Volunteers Program (also known as VIP).

***"Volunteers are not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless."***

In his keynote address to more than 75 Preservation Society volunteers, renowned community leader Bill Corcoran stressed that, "Our job is to pay it forward by being active volunteers in our neighborhoods." Today we hosted our inaugural Volunteers In Preservation (VIP) luncheon at The Breakers Stable.



The Preservation Society relies on more than 450 volunteers, annually. They help keep our landscapes gorgeous, welcome visitors to our houses, work at events like the Newport Flower Show and the Newport Mansions Wine & Food Festival, and decorate the Mansions for the holidays.

We could not do what we do without them.



**Join our Group today to keep informed of MWC events!**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2328752934025339/>



# Great Decisions a great success with 31 participants!

This year we have over 31 people participating and great topics "Cyber conflicts & geopolitics " "Trade with China" Nuclear Arms Control" US & Mexico " just a few samples! Each week our discussion is led by a member of the group who has done extra preparations! To add to the book's chapter I always provide handouts with offers further reading recommendations! Watching a 20 minute film provided by The Foreign Policy Association also supports our discussion topics too! We all enjoy time for refreshments: coffee, tea, water & juice that I supply each week. Some members also bring home made items to share but that is not required!

