



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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Ringing of the Bells

A group gathered to hear the Bells Ring to honor our Veterans on 11/11 at 11. The Bells tolled at the Congregational Church and the Center School while people quietly reflected. At the conclusion of the ringing, Michael Voss, a veteran, read the enlistment oath that all recruits take as they put their lives on hold to serve our Country. It was an emotional moment for all attending to hear just what our young troops, as did our veterans, promise and commit to do. The love of and gratitude to our Veterans were alive and well on Church Street on Veterans Day, along with many other observances throughout the United States. Over 20 Churches on the South Coast joined the Ringing of Bells, a Mattapoissett Woman's Club project.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS



Annual Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 5
11:30 am
The Inn on Shipyard Park
Mattapoissett

11:30 am Arrival/Seating
12:00pm Lunch served

Heidrea for Heroes Spectacle of Trees

MWC tree will be displayed at the Cape Cod Mall in Hyannis from November 25th until December 14th.

January Meeting

Thursday, January 16
11:00 am
Reynard Hall, Mattapoissett Congregational Church
The speakers will be Jennifer McIntire and Carole Clifford of the Mattapoissett Museum.

Join our MWC FACEBOOK Group to keep informed of all MWC news & events!



JOIN NOW!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Club Members,

A well-attended monthly meeting was held this past Thursday, November 21st, with 48 in attendance! A delightful luncheon, prepared by Tea Chairman Betty Parker and her committee was enjoyed by all, accompanied by the many friendships of our members. The table decorations were provided by various committee members and contributed to the entire Fall season theme.

We welcomed one guest, Beth Ingells, who has recently moved to Mattapoisett as a full time resident. We hope she enjoyed her experience with us and will join our Club.

Our speaker for the month, Mary Smoyer, from the "Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the Southcoast," gave us a very informative slide presentation about her organization and some of the women that they have spotlighted. The organization is considering highlighting our own former member, Gladys Sherman Ellis, mother of our Vice President Carole Clifford, who many of you know developed the "Mattapoisett handbasket."

The response to the CARE Package Project has been incredible! We were able to send six boxes to women serving in Afghanistan with many articles still waiting to be packed and sent to other women. I would like to see this program continued as I believe that "we can make a difference" in some of these women's lives. I have received the names of many additional women who would surely appreciate packages from "home." I would like to thank Marianne Hickey and Christine Voss for their help and support with this endeavor. Christine has a bin located on her front porch at 30 North Street, ready to accept your donations and notes of encouragement.

As we all prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this week, may we take time out to remember those who are no longer present in our lives, those veterans who have made sacrifices so that we can enjoy our freedoms and the gratitude that we express for our daily lives here in Mattapoisett.

The December Luncheon will follow closely after Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing many of you there and at various occasions during the holiday season.

I am happy to be able to wish each and every one of you a pleasant, safe holiday season, being mindful of our many blessings.

Fondly,

Roxanne Bungert
President, MWC



Our tree for the SPECTACLE OF TREES won the award for the Most Traditional tree.

See story on page 6

"Inner peace and love are the greatest of God's gifts"

~ Tenton Sioux

GROUPS SCHEDULES

Garden Group

Wednesday, December 4

10:00am

Friends Meeting House, Mattapoisett

Annual Garden Group Christmas Party

Arrangement designing and Soup Luncheon at the Friends Meeting House, Wednesday, December 4th at 10:00 AM. We need volunteers to bring soups, breads and desserts. Karen and I will provide beverages. We will make the Christmas mug arrangements to decorate our MWC Christmas party on the next day, December 5th. After Thursday luncheon we will then deliver to club members, family and friends who can't get out. Bring your own container to make your own holiday arrangement to take home, enjoy the soups, breads and desserts with our pot luck lunch and enjoy the time with our Garden Group. Always a fun day.

Email Sandy at hering.sandra@gmail.com.

See more Garden Group events on page 5.



Great Decisions

First Discussion

Wednesday, January 15th, 2020

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Accessible Community Room

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

5 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett, MA

Deadline for registration is December 31, 2019

See page 8 for more details!

Bridge I Group

First Tuesday of the month

Tuesday, December 3

12:30pm

Host: Betty Parker

Bridge II Group

Tuesday, December 17

12:00pm

Christmas Luncheon

Taste Buds Restaurant, Mattapoisett



Social Cocktail Group

Sunday, December 15

5:00pm - 7:00pm

The holiday season is quickly approaching and calendars will fill fast. Members of the Social Cocktail Group, current and new, will gather at the home of Susan and Barry Perkins (23 North Street) to celebrate on December 15th. Guests should bring an appetizer and beverage/s of choice.

Please RSVP to 508 758 2511

or text 508 287 4154

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For details on each MWC Group visit:

www.MattapoisettWomansClub.org

Literature Group

Wednesday, December 11

9:30 am

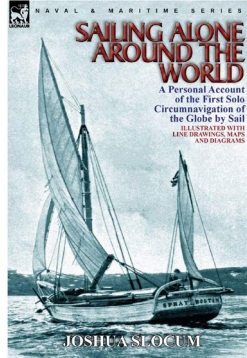
Host: Myra Hart

The Literature Group will meet on Wednesday, December 11 at the home of Myra Hart, 115 North St. at 9:30 am.

The discussion book is "Sailing Alone Around the World" by Joshua Slocum. Parking in

Myra's driveway is limited so park across the street on Winter Hill.

We always welcome new members. Come even if you have not read the book.



This book is widely regarded a classic of sailing literature because it is an account written by the sailor who made the first solo navigation of the globe under sail. A biography of Joshua Slocum would make riveting reading in its own right, for inherent in him were all the attributes of the ideal seaman of the latter half of the nineteenth century. An unquenchable spirit of adventure propelled him through many voyages and hairsbreadth escapes from the forces of nature and pirates. In 1895 he set sail from America in 'Spray,' a 36' 9" gaff rigged sloop oyster boat he had rebuilt himself. Navigating mainly without using his chronometer and only by 'dead-reckoning,' Slocum sailed 'Spray' without actually touching the helm. His circumnavigation, which took three years to complete, covered a distance of some 46,000 miles. His triumphant return to America went virtually unnoticed-because the newspapers were focused on the recent outbreak of war between Spain and America.

LITERATURE GROUP READING LIST 2019-2020

December	"Sailing Alone Around the World"	Joshua Slocum
January	"Where the Crawdads Sing"	Delia Owens
February	"Dawson's Fall"	Roxanna Robinson
March	"A Prayer for Owen Meany"	John Irving
April	"A Gentleman in Moscow"	Amor Towles
May		Museum Trip

Attention Members:

We are looking for suggestions for programs/speakers for 2020/2021. Please contact [Carole Clifford](#) or [Eileen Marum](#) with any ideas.

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If you know of an upcoming event in the area that might be of interest to Club Members please forward the information to [Roxanne Bungert](#). Thank you!

Please note:

We will review for publication suitability in our newsletter.

Garden Group Upcoming Events

Collecting greens for our Town Decoration and Holiday Arrangements

I am changing the date of doing this to Sunday, December 1st. This is due to the fact that Karen will be out of town and I won't be home until Saturday. I have 3 sites for us to visit this year. Let's meet at the Post Office (yes, it will be closed) at 1PM and we can do some carpooling. Importantly, if anyone has a truck that we can use and even store the greens in overnight for a few days, that will be great. Please let me know if you can help!

Decorating the Post Office and Library planters with Christmas Greens

As previously mentioned, this will occur on either Monday, December 2nd or Tuesday, December 3rd, to be determined when we see a weather forecast. We will meet at the Post Office Parking lot at 11:00 AM.

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Holiday Tea and House Tour of Blithewold, Bristol, RI

Tuesday, December 10th 10:00am - 1:00pm

This fun event has quite a few of you attending, and as advance notice was required, unless someone has a change of plans, no additional seats are available. Barb van Inwegen is coordinating this activity and is your contact for this lovely event.

New Bedford Preservation Society hosts the 28th Annual Holiday House Tour

Saturday, December 14th, 4-6 PM or

Sunday, December 15th, 1-5 PM *(or earlier if you chose to do a pre-tour brunch at the Wamsutta Club)*

The New Bedford Preservation Society hosts the 28th Annual Holiday House Tour which several of us attended a few years ago. It was fun, and safe walking in the neighborhoods of the tour at night. This is a new listing for our Garden Group, so I'm just putting this out there to see if anyone wishes to make this a group tour of our Garden Group. We'll talk about it at the MWC meeting and our Garden Group meeting on the 4th.

[For more information, see www.nbpreservationsociety.org/housetours](http://www.nbpreservationsociety.org/housetours)

PLEASE NOTE: January meeting changed to Wednesday, January 8th

Finally, while you have your calendars out, please change the date of our January meeting to Wednesday, January 8th. The library will be closed on the first Wednesday of the month, January 1st.

Spectacle Of Trees

Sharon Doyon, Kathy McAuliffe, Sue Mitchell and Susan Perkins are working diligently on decorating a 7' artificial tree for the **Heidrea for Heroes** organization. This tree will be displayed at the Cape Cod Mall in Hyannis from late November 25th until December 14th. *(If you have an opportunity to go to Hyannis between those dates we would appreciate your support for our ladies and the H4H organization).*

The H4H organization will provide gifts which will be included under the tree. Patrons will have an opportunity to bid on those items and the winner will also “win” the tree. Our decorating committee will also decorate a wreath which will be bid on during the VIP party on the Friday night previous to the displaying of the trees. This is not a fundraiser for the MWC; however it is a fundraiser for the H4H organization. They provide various programs for veterans which we, hopefully, will be involved with in the future.



For more information about this organization visit www.heidrea4heroes.org

MWC CARE Package Project a blessing to our female troupes!

As you all can see from the pictures, our CARE PACKAGE PROJECT is already making a difference in the lives of those women who are serving in far off lands. I was impacted when it was brought to my attention that some of these women never receive anything from "home!" That comment made me realize, more than ever, how important this project is. So, Ladies, keep those products coming. Included is a list of those items we need to send to our military women. Keep this list handy when you are doing your shopping.

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CARE PACKAGE LIST

- Multivitamin or vitamins such as hair/skin/nails, vitamin C
- Adult coloring books and markers
- Motivational quotes and books
- Sudoku/word finds/cards
- Books, magazines
- Hair ties
- Hair gel
- Lip balm
- High quality body wash
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Female hygiene products, including new razors
- Hand sanitizer
- Nice deodorant
- Face and body lotion with ALloe or Shea butter
- Shaving cream (non-aerosol)
- Baby wipes
- Trail mix, granola, nuts, energy bars, peanut butter, Nutella
- Candy/gum
- Turkey jerky
- 5 hour energy bottles
- Ovaltine
- Resistance bands
- Yoga mat

Thank you all for the overwhelming response.



Amber said your packages were amazing and were also shared promptly. She said a few of the women get nothing from home ever, so these really were a blessing! She sends many thanks from her & her team! A little more on my girl!



Animal Paratrooper of the Month

SPC White serves as the Combat medic for 3rd PLT where she continues to excel and remains dedicated to the success of 3rd platoon. SPC White dedicates her time and efforts in honing her craft and teaching relevant classes to her platoon mates. SPC White has supported numerous combat operations in Kandahar, Province and performed exceptionally when called upon to treat wounded Afghan National Army counterparts. SPC White was recently promoted to the rank of Specialist due to her outstanding performance in support of Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL.

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See below for instructions on how to register.



Again for 2020, the Mattapoissett Woman's Club offers one of the world's largest discussion groups of both civic and foreign policy related topics, "**The Great Decisions Program**".

As a participant, you become part of a community effort to discuss and critically establish policy making decisions for global issues.

Topics Includes:

- Climate Change and the Global Order.
- India and Pakistan.
- Red Sea Security.
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.
- U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle.
- China's Road into Latin America.
- The Philippines and the U.S.
- Artificial Intelligence and Data.

Start date is January 15th, 2020 from 1:00pm-3:00pm and will run for eight consecutive weeks on Wednesdays. We only cancel if Town Hall closes (it is not dependent on school closings)

Price for Individuals is \$37.00, for two people sharing one text is \$45.00. The fee includes book, classroom DVD, teachers' electronic edition, and expenses for materials & refreshments.

To register please send check, with printed name, address, and telephone number plus email address to:

Mattapoissett Woman's Club

P.O. 1444 Mattapoissett, MA 02739.

Indicate on check in memo "Great Decisions".

Maximum capacity is twenty five people. Deadline for registration is December 31, 2019.

The books will be available and distributed after the first week of January 2020 at the Library by Ellen P. Flynn or Barb & Richard Van Inwegen.