



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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Annual Christmas Luncheon

On December 5, a near capacity group gathered at the Inn on Shipyard Park for our annual Holiday Luncheon. With all attendees dressed in their most festive attire, everyone was in a holiday mood. The Inn provided us with delicious meals, Madeline Reid and Barb Van Inwegen tested our brains with a fun game of Trivia and we were all treated with a visit from Santa Claus and his lovely elves!

Garden Group decorates for the Holidays!



In addition to the table mugs for the MWC luncheon, the Garden Group managed to create all of the window boxes for the post office and install them after the Garden Group meeting. Usually the boxes are created on site, but the snow-storm was cause for implementing plan "B." Special thanks to Sandy Hering who carried the frozen boxes indoors this year to thaw them out beforehand!

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

January Meeting

January 16

11:00 am

Reynard Hall

Mattapoissett Congregational Church

11:30 am Meeting begins

11:45 am Luncheon

12:15 pm Dessert

1:00 pm Meeting resumes

Please note:

These times are general estimate.

Guest Speakers:

Jennifer McIntire

and Carole Clifford

Mattapoissett Museum

Hostess: Sandra Dawson

Committee:

Katrina Beneker Lynn A. Haugen

Carol Atkinson Mary Jackson

Carole Clifford Elizabeth M. Klim

Sharon Doyon Christine Voss

Nancy Fletcher

Board Meeting

Thursday, January 9

10am - 12pm

Mattapoissett Public

Library Meeting Room

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



JOIN NOW!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Club Members,

By the time this letter reaches you we will have celebrated our December holidays and are beginning the start of a new year. The year 2020 marks our Club's "Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote." Many of our speakers will be concentrating on the importance of women in our society. Our Club will be sponsoring a special program with Sheryl Faye at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 26th, at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Parish Hall. Some of you may have already had the pleasure of seeing one of Sheryl's one woman shows. She recently gave a presentation here in Mattapoisett on Eleanor Roosevelt which was sponsored by the COA. Rave reviews of that show inspired the Executive Board to ask Sheryl to return and present her new character, Susan B. Anthony, one of the women who worked tirelessly in the Suffrage Movement. This program will be open to the public and I encourage you to invite your friends to attend this special event.

Our Holiday Luncheon, held at the Inn on Shipyard Park, was a most enjoyable event with close to a sell-out crowd. Our publicity chairman, Karen Gardner, was there to take photos of everyone with our special guest, Santa Claus, who was portrayed by Will Bruno. Madeline Reid, our hostess, was accompanied by her elves, (the tea committee for December), who donned Santa hats to add to the festivities! Once again, special thanks to the Garden Group for our table arrangements in holiday mugs provided by Gifts to Give. During dessert we were treated to a challenging game of Trivia. My many thanks go out to ALL who helped to make the luncheon a memorable part of the holiday season.

The next meeting of the Club will be held on January 16th. The speakers will be Jennifer McIntyre and our VP, Carole Clifford, from the Mattapoisett Historical Museum speaking on some of Mattapoisett's women of the past. Plan to attend this interesting meeting and bring a friend.

Fondly,

Roxanne Bungert
President, MWC

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

Native American Proverb: Navajo Tribe

Attention Members:

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

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](#).

Please note: *We will review for publication suitability in our newsletter.*

GROUPS SCHEDULES

Garden Group

Wednesday, January 8
10:00am
Mattapoissett Public Library
Conference Room

Bridge I Group

First Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, January 7
1:00pm - 4:00pm
Host: Betty Parker

Bridge II Group

Tuesday, January 14
12:00pm
Host: Carol Atkinson
Tuesday, January 28
12:00pm
Host: Elaine Grant

Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint & More

January 23, 2020
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Home of Marie Rottler
23 Channel Street
RSVP 508-828-8091

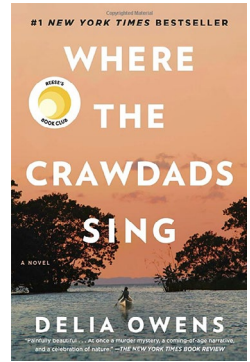
Great Decisions

First Discussion
Wednesday, January 15th, 2020
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Accessible Community Room
Mattapoissett Free Public Library
5 Barstow Street, Mattapoissett, MA
Deadline for registration is December 31, 2019
See page 4 for more details!

For details on each MWC Group visit:
www.MattapoissettWomansClub.org

Literature Group

Wednesday, January 8
9:30 am
Host: Nancy Holland
The Literature Group will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at the home of Nancy Holland, 27 Pine Island Road at 9:30 am. The discussion book is *"Where the Crawdads Sing"* by Delia Owens. We always welcome new members. Come even if you have not read the book.



"Where the Crawdads Sing," is a #1 New York Times bestseller by wildlife scientist and nature writer Delia Owens.

When she was six years old, Kya's mother abandoned her and her siblings. Eventually deserted by her father and siblings, Kya learns to live by herself. She is taunted as a swamp rat and retreats from interaction with the community around her. Nature becomes her source of solace and sustenance. Kya becomes fascinated with wildlife and nature including insects, birds, dappled light, the marshes' shifting tides. She has a collection of feathers and shells and explores the wetlands and its feathered residents. She is drawn to two men as she yearns for love and connection. She opens herself to this new experience and the unexpected happens. Meanwhile, the police start looking for the killer of Chase Andrews.

LITERATURE GROUP READING LIST 2019-2020

January	<i>"Where the Crawdads Sing"</i> Delia Owens
February	<i>"Dawson's Fall"</i> Roxanna Robinson
March	<i>"A Prayer for Owen Meany"</i> John Irving
April	<i>"A Gentleman in Moscow"</i> Amor Towles
May	Museum Trip

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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.



Garden Group decorates for the Holidays!



Susan Perkins and Sharon Doyon put their creative talents to work and designed this years window boxes for the Mattapoisett Post Office. Below: Mary O'Keefe, Sharon Doyon and Susan Perkins putting finishing touches.



Holiday Tea and House Tour of Blithewold Mansion, RI





Decorating Newport Mansions for Christmas. MWC women helped decorate Marble House, The Breakers, and the Elms.



This year's volunteers were Elaine Botelho, Barb Van Inwegen, Susan Perkins, Sharon Doyon, Bobbie Ketchel, Janet Liljedahl, Sue Mitchell, Erin Burlinson. Moral support was given by many others. The "takedown" begins in January and several members plan to help. If anyone would like to get involved, please contact Sue Mitchell.

Annual Holiday Party for Newport volunteers at Rosecliff Mansion



Annual Holiday Party for Newport volunteers was December 12 at Rosecliff Mansion. Attended by Bobbie and Bob Ketchel, Elaine and Mike Botelho, Susan Perkins, Sue Mitchell, Sandy Hering, Roxanne and Jim Bungert.

