



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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Daffodil Project in planning stage!

This spring I discovered the fact that Newport has a daffodil celebration and that there have been over 1,000,000 (that's one million!) bulbs planted on Aquidneck Island. This got me to thinking that we could do this sort of thing in Mattapoissett. The plan is to plant bulbs in public areas around town. I have contacted the Mattapoissett Lion's Club, Mattapoissett Land Trust, and the Selectmen's Office looking for their physical and monetary support. In October, we will be planting 1,000 bulbs around town. I would also like to encourage residents to plant daffodil bulbs on their property. Won't it be beautiful to see massive clumps of daffodils blooming around our lovely town as we welcome in spring next year? Ideas, comments, interested in helping? **Please contact Roxanne Bungert at 508.758.6636**

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

MWC's Annual Taste of the Town fund raising event

Tuesday, July 16th
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Shipyards Park, Mattapoissett
Rain or Shine

Bake Sale Booth at Harbor Days

Saturday, July 20th
8:00 am
Shipyards Park, Mattapoissett

Pie Parties for Bake Sale Booth

Pies and baked goods are prepared ahead of time at pie parties.

Please see page 3 for days and times!

Woman's Club awards two scholarships to ORR Graduates

For over 60 years, The Mattapoissett Woman's Club has been striving to help young people in their educational pursuits. This year The Club is happy to award two scholarships to students from Old Rochester Regional High School. The students are Julia Cabral and Rosemary Loer. Both students possess excellent academic achievements, have done multiple community service tasks, and have participated in several extracurricular activities.

Ms. Cabral is the daughter of Deborah and Dani Cabral. Julia will attend the University of Connecticut

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From left to right: Julia Cabral, Roxanne Bungert, president of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club, and Rosemary Loer.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

President's Letter:

I would like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to be your president. I recently saw a quote, "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone," which has become my new motto. I am finding that you become a different person when you allow that to happen and I encourage and challenge all of you to do the same. You will be amazed at what you can do!

I can't believe that a year has already passed since I was installed as your president. Now it is time to take a short breather before we enter the busy summer schedule that living here in Mattapoissett requires!

I am hoping that those of you who attended the Annual Meeting enjoyed your luncheon and being with your fellow Club members. There were many details to cover during the monthly meeting with one being the introduction of the Daffodil Project. I am hoping that it will be a successful event where we can look forward to beautifying our town next spring.

During our dessert, we welcomed Fire Chief Andrew Murray, Mike Hickey and Bill Cantor who gave a presentation on the proposed new fire station. They were very aware of the time constraint and honored our wishes to "keep it brief". It was a very informative and informational presentation and we were all given handouts to further explain the need for the new facility.

The Annual Meeting was very brief and we welcomed Judy Livolsi as the new Executive Board member. Many thanks go out to Elaine Botelho, as she retires from the Board, and for her many years of service to our Club. Here's hoping that she remains an active and contributing member.

Thanks to Marianne Hickey for organizing the luncheon with the Inn and for being the head of the nominating committee. Thanks, also, to Elaine Botelho and Kathy McAuliffe for helping with details of the luncheon. I am still enjoying part of the lovely centerpiece presented to me at the conclusion of the meeting.

As we look forward to summer, and the various activities, I hope that you will remember to support the Taste of the Town and the Pie and Bake Sale. These are the MWC fundraisers held during the week of Harbor Days and we need to include as many of you as possible to help. Remember that "many hands make light work", so I hope to see many of you at these events. As I stated at the Annual Meeting, and I ask you to remember, that our Club is based on civic, philanthropic, educational and social endeavors.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all of the Board members who worked cohesively with one another during the past year and to all of the MWC members who helped to make this past year a successful one.

Here's wishing you all a safe and happy summer, surrounded by family, friends, blue skies and pleasant temperatures.

Fondly,
Roxanne Bungert
President, MWC

"One finger cannot lift a pebble"

Proverb from the Hopi Tribe

Volunteers needed for Summer Fundraising Events

TASTE OF THE TOWN:

The **MWC's Annual Taste of the Town fund raising event** will be held Tuesday, July 16th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Shipyard Park. Since this is one of our major fundraisers for this year that benefits our greater community, we need everyone on board to set up tables, do floral arranging, accept tickets, and in general ensure its success. Again, the Showstoppers have volunteered their time and talent.

The morning of July 16th Earlier get all stuff from Ruth Souza's garage.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm Major preparation: Tables, chairs, table cloths, floral arranging and signage.

2:30 pm Set up beverages

4:15pm Table assignments

At end of event, dismantling, clear tables, store tables and chairs from extra tent and collect ticket containers. Move all our stuff to Ruth Souza's garage.

Taste of the Town is a rain or shine event.

HARBOR DAYS:

The other MWC summer fund raising event is our **Bake Sale Booth at Harbor Days on Saturday, July 20th**. Help will be needed at 8:00 am to organize the sale and to help set up and man the booth. We also need your baked goods. Pies have traditionally been our big seller but other types of baked items are also needed. Muffins are popular first thing in the morning and also cookies and brownies etc. in small packages that are good for snacks. Remember that it is always hot at Harbor Days! Some frostings will melt in the sun. If you cannot bake or volunteer to help, your donation would be welcome.

PIE PARTIES:

The pies are prepared ahead of time at pie parties.

- 1) **Kathy McAuliffe 508.758.8325** will be organizing the first party to be held at the home of Peg Olney **June 26 at 9:00 am** at 24 Avenue A, Pease's Point.
- 2) **Sharon Doyon 508.758.2208** on **Thursday July 18 at 9:00 am** at the Congregational Church kitchen.
- 3) **Barb Van Inwegen 508.797.4623** has scheduled her party at her home on **Friday, July 19 at 9:30 am**.
- 4) **Betty Parker 508.758.4381** will be the other hostess. Betty's party will be at the Congregational Church kitchen at **9:00 am on July 19th**.

They will contact those who have previously signed up when the date at their home has been set. If you would like to help and have not signed up, please contact one of the hostesses. We especially need more people for Sharon Doyon's party. Sharon has stepped up to help make more pies for this very successful fund raiser. Donations of fruit for pie fillings would be gratefully received.

We will be utilizing our email Distribution List for reminders regarding each event and those that do not have email will be called as needed. Please do not hesitate to volunteer and join the fun.

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and study in the Pharm D Program to become a licensed pharmacist. Ms. Loer is the daughter of Martha and Robert Loer. Rosemary will attend Tufts University and major in Mechanical Engineering, applying in her junior year to a combined degree program.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club especially thanks the community for its support of our Garden Tour that occurs every two years, the Taste of the Town that takes place during Harbor Days, and our other fundraising efforts and events.

Congratulations Julia and Rosemary.

MWC Advanced Education Scholarship Winner

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is pleased to announce the winner of the \$1000 scholarship granted to a Mattapoissett resident in pursuit of a post secondary degree or certification. The selected recipient is:

Tory Saltmarsh of Mattapoissett who is pursuing a graduate degree to become a Family Nurse Practitioner with a Master of Science in Nursing.



The Mattapoissett Woman's Club planted pansies in the Mattapoissett Post Office window boxes and in the urns at the Mattapoissett Library on Friday, April 5.

Bobbie Ketchel, Sandy Hering, Roxanne Bungert, Carolyn Price, and Kathy McAuliffe of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club garden group planted the pansies at the Post Office and at the Library. (Sue Mitchell is missing from the picture.) Photo courtesy Wicked Local.



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MWC awards Local teen \$200 towards competition

The MWC Executive Board has voted to award Miss Rachel Perry, of New Bedford and a student at ORRHS, a contribution of \$200.00. Miss Perry is Miss Outstanding Teen 2019 and will travel to Florida in July to compete in the national competition. After much discussion it was decided to make this donation, not to support a beauty pageant contestant, but to support her efforts as a young woman who is striving to make a difference. *For further information on this outstanding young woman see below!*

ORR junior crowned Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen 2019

Original article The Standard-Times April 12, 2019

NEW BEDFORD — Rachel Michelle-Marie Perry of New Bedford, a 17-year old junior at Old Rochester Regional High School, was named Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen 2019 on Sunday during the 20th annual pageant at the Keith Middle School.

Fourteen contestants from across the Commonwealth competed for the title, and \$6,800 was awarded to the contestants in scholarships. Jordan St. Onge of Acushnet, the outgoing titleholder, crowned her successor before a crowd of almost 400 attendees, according to a news release.

Perry, who competed as an at-large contestant, will compete at the Miss America's Outstanding Teen pageant in July in Orlando, Florida. As Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen, she will receive \$3,000 in scholarships and various awards and gifts from pageant sponsors. At the national pageant, she will win a minimum of a \$1,000 scholarship with the opportunity to compete for more, according to the release. She received an additional \$300 in scholarships for winning the Overall Talent Award, Scholastic Award and Evening Wear/On Stage Question Award.

Perry will dedicate her year of service to her platform, "Healing Song: The Power of Music to Restore the Brain," which promotes the use of music therapy with sports and recreation-related concussion patients, mild traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) patients, and individuals with dementia and Alzheimers. She is working with her school nurse to develop a program to provide music therapy as a treatment for concussions.

At ORR, Perry is ranked first in her class. She is a member of the National Honor Society and as a dual enrollment student, has a 4.0 GPA in her college courses. She is a National Merit Semifinalist and is on the Dean's List. Perry has been accepted to Cornell University as a junior, but will defer entry until the fall of 2020 to fulfill her obligations as Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen.

She is a multi-sport athlete, is a member of the Student Council, is active in St. John Neuman's parish, and has produced and performs musical productions at many nursing facilities throughout the Greater New Bedford area. Perry plays 12 instruments.

She is the daughter of Deborah and Mark Perry of New Bedford.

