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The Mattapoisett Woman's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Club Members,

What a year!! Did we know at the last meeting on February 13th, 2020, that there would be no more? Did we know that spring and summer would pass with no Annual Meeting, Garden Tour and Taste of the Town in the tent? Did we know that we would still be able to carry on with gatherings, fund raising and activities, but at the same time miss our tea and sandwiches together? Did we know that we would all become proficient at Zoom, support our local restaurants in a new way, gather outside at the Lighthouse and in our groups in a different way? Did we know that Woman's Club as we knew it would change? I don't believe any of us knew what the future had in store for us, but here we are. There is light at the end of the tunnel with new hope and an end to this isolation.

Stay safe, enjoy this Ladies Choice and mark your calendars to join in on the upcoming events.

In the meantime, please enjoy one of my favorite poems that to me fits this time. Maybe some of you can hum along.

Carole Clifford
President, MWC



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President, MWC

Simple Gifts

(Shaker hymn)

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free'
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight,
When true simplicity is gain'd,
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,
To turn, turn will be our delight
'Till by turning, turning we come round right.*



A Special Post from Leo Coucci, son (and our future Postmaster General?) of member Bethany Coucci.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Executive Board Meeting: February 11, 2021 via Zoom

Recording Secretary Meeting Summary

The Executive Board meets on the Second Thursday of the month to discuss fund raising events, various projects we are working on and ideas to retain as well as increase membership. As this is a very unusual year due to the pandemic and we are unable to get together as a group on a regular basis, we've decided to publish a summarized version of our meeting in "Ladies Choice" as a means of keeping the members up to date with what's going on in the club.

Cards & Postcards: These items are still available at "Pen and Pendulum." Plans are in the works to create Spring Note and Postcards so please send any nice flower pictures you might have to Cindy Turse.

Retention/Recruitment Committee: This group is working on a leaflet about the club which they will place in local stores and Real Estate Offices. It will include an application to join the club.

80th Anniversary Celebration: The "80th Anniversary" Committee is hard at work coming up with a plan for a celebration to mark this very special Anniversary.

VP, Treasurer Positions: The board is very concerned that we still do not have VP and Treasurer candidates. For the viability of this club, we need to work more on getting someone to fill the VP and Treasurer positions. We are looking to step up our publicity efforts on our website, in our "Ladies Choice" newsletter and in other publications as well such as the Wanderer. The board has received suggestions about changing the service commitment from 2 years to 1 as a way of incenting members to volunteer. We've also had suggestions regarding sharing the positions among a couple of people and if anyone is interested in serving as VP or Treasurer under these conditions, please let us know as we'd be happy to work with you.

Pathway to Planting: The Board is planning on conducting this initiative again this year as it advertises local garden shops which helps to boost their sales and helps the members with their spring planting.

Spring Activities: Hopefully, the weather will be warmer soon so we're discussing out door opportunities to get the club together. March is Bubble Month so the Recruitment/Retention is planning a "Pop-Up" event at Ned's Point where club members can come together to and have fun blowing bubbles.

Respectfully Yours;

Sherry Hoines

Recording Secretary

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Executive Board Meeting: February 11, 2021 via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Carole Clifford, Sue Mitchell, Cindy Turse, Kathy McAuliffe, Sherry Hoines, Sandy Hering, Elaine Grant, Eileen Marum, Erin Burlinson, Marie Rottler, Jan Hubley

Recording Secretary Report: The report from the January 14th meeting was received by email and accepted.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Elaine Grant's report was received by email and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Mitchell's report was received by email and accepted. Sue reminded the Board that this is the month we make recommendations for annual donations which the Board votes on in March. Last year we donated \$1,875 to 14 different worthy organizations. Sue suggested listing the organizations and amounts in "Ladies Choice" stating that we will donate the same amounts to the same organizations this year unless the membership objects. It was decided that Carole will send an email to the membership advising them of our decision to repeat what we did last year.

Committee Reports:

Publicity – Cindy has graciously agreed to chair this committee

Website – Marie has added information about 3 upcoming events, Valentine's Bingo, Pathways to Planting and the February 18th Monthly Meeting via Zoom. She has also added a new button to make navigating the website easier. She was also able to retrieve the 360 emails sent to the site and noted that most of them were junk mail.

Garden Group – Sandy reported that the group organized a Zoom meeting where there will be a presentation about recycling. This will take place on February 18th as part of our first online Woman's Club meeting

Recruitment/Retention - Linda Clifford wrote a letter to the newer members who have joined in the last 2 years to find out what they might be interested in. The team is also working on creating a leaflet about the club which will include a membership application. They are thinking about placing it in local stores and Real Estate Offices. The Committee delivered small gifts to the membership in December and January. March is "Bubble Month" so the Committee is planning a "pop-up" event to meet at the Lighthouse to blow bubbles.

Rememberances – Linda Clifford handles this and sent a sympathy note to Mary O'Keefe who recently lost her brother.

Scholarship – A notice about the Scholarships has recently been placed in "The Wanderer."

Book Club – This group recently met via Zoom to discuss the book "Afterlife" by Julia Alvarez.

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**[Join our FACEBOOK Group to keep
informed of all MWC news & events!](#)**



Valentine's Day Bingo!

What a fun way to
share a snowy
February afternoon!

Congratulations
to the winners of
Dorothy Cox Candies!
Sue, Mary & Marianne



Recording Secretary Report *Continued from page 3*

Fundraising – The Committee is thinking about having a “Tag Sale” where members contribute items they wish to sell. If they don’t sell, the members will get the items back. Bowlmor is the probable location for this event in April. Kathy reported that the last time we held a Garden Tour was in 2018 and we netted just under \$7,000. We are planning on doing another tour this year and are awaiting a budget from the Board. We spent about \$400 the last time around. Kathy will tell the people who are interested in volunteering to show their gardens that we will utilize the most current COVID practices. It will be held the last Saturday in June as usual.

Old Business:

Cards & Postcards: There are still some of these items available at the “Penn and Pendulem” and Cindy has the rest. She is looking into some spring notecards with pictures of flowers. Carole thought that was a great idea especially if we do a Garden Tour which would be a great place to sell them. Members have been asked to send in pictures of flowers.

Pay Pal Account: We are still working on creating a “Donate Button” for our website.

80th Anniversary Celebration: Carole is leaving the plan up to the Committee working on this event. They are working diligently and should have something to report shortly.

New Business:

March/ April Activities, Tag Sale and PoP-Up Event: These 3 items have been discussed and documented in the notes above.

Pathways to Planting: Carole is working with Roxanne on this.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully Yours;

Sherry Hoines

Recording Secretary

Mattapoisett Woman's Club Executive Board Meeting: February 11, 2021 via Zoom

Corresponding Secretary Report

- A thank you letter was sent to On the Go for their generous donation to our Scholarship Fund.
- We received payments from 4 participants in the Great Decisions program.
- One scholarship application was received.
- YMCA Southcoast sent an appeal for contributions.

Elaine Grant
Corresponding Secretary

Please note:

Our next Executive Board Meeting is
March 11th at 10:00am



Membership Dues Reminder!

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

2020 – 2021 DUES FORM

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

☐ A donation to your dues for the Scholarship Fund would
be appreciated.

MWC News & Information



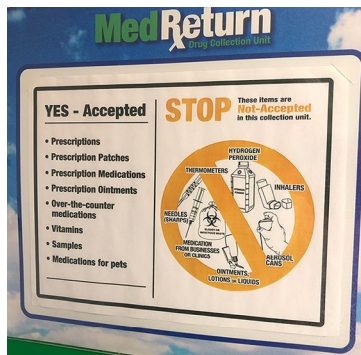
Woman's Club Walks Starting Up Again!

It's March and it's time to start walking again! We will start up on March 1st but change the time to 1:00 PM to enjoy the warmer temperatures.

Each week the next walk will be posted on the MWC website. We are always looking for suggestions of good walks, starting with paved surfaces in the spring to avoid 'the spring mud'. Please send your ideas to [Sandy Hering](#).

MedReturn at Mattapoissett Police Station

Each year I waited for the location to dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications until a neighbor casually mentioned taking hers to the police station. Thanks, Corinne! Get rid of containers lurking in your medicine cabinet just inside the door of the Mattapoissett Police Station. The restrictions are posted above the drop bin. ~ Cindy Turse



Retention and Recruitment Committee announces new MWC brochure

The MWC information and application brochure is now available. It is a tri-fold color, concise document and contains a brief history of the Club, responsibilities and eligibility, groups within the club and finally asks the interests of the prospective member and provides an application. The brochure will be available at any public events



sponsored by MWC and to our members as needed. Soliciting new members is important for the perpetuation of this wonderful club. So, talk it up to friends, neighbors and relatives as a wonderful gathering place to meet remarkable women and have some fun. Brochures will be available from any one of us on this committee.

Retention and Recruitment Committee:

Carole Clifford, Linda Clifford, Marianne Hickey, Mary O'Keefe, Christine Voss

MWC Scholarship available in pursuit of a post-graduate degree

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club will offer two scholarships to Mattapoissett residents graduating from high school.

In addition, there will be a scholarship granted to a Mattapoissett resident who is re-entering the academic world after college graduation and is in pursuit of a post-graduate degree.



MWC Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for these events!

MARCH

March Pop-Up

A Surprise Event for MWC Members

Brought to you by the Retention & Recruitment Committee

A Pop-Up event is a temporary unexpected event in a unique space. Woman's Club is hoping to have such an event sometime in March when the weather is warm. This event is for the sole purpose of GETTING TOGETHER... of course, socially distanced and masked. The team will be watching the weather in March and when there is a warm day predicted will announce the day before a Pop-Up by email (and phone for those who don't have email) This event will be at the lighthouse at 1:00pm. This will also be a time to break out a bit and be silly if you feel the urge. March has a week devoted to blowing bubbles so there will be bubble wands available for all. *So watch for the announcement, spread the word, and come to the Lighthouse for a bit of joy.*

APRIL & MAY

Preparations will be in the works for a Tag Sale and Pathway to Planting events.



Tag Sale

MAY 1 9AM - 2PM

Has spring cleaning become part of your routine? The MWC is planning a tag sale for early May to benefit our Scholarship Fund. Please look for items in your home that you'd like to donate to the sale which will also be a club social occasion. You are invited to transport those items to the sale, sell them, remove the leftovers, and donate the proceeds to the scholarship fund. *So start saving now.*

Pathway to Planting

MAY 21, 22, 23

Pathway to Planting is an event we did two years ago, The Club sells booklets that are a passport to local businesses offering a discounts on plants etc. The garden places are such fun to visit, we help them get new customers and it happens in time for Memorial Day. *Stay tuned for more details.*



JUNE

MWC 2021 Garden Tour

JUNE 26

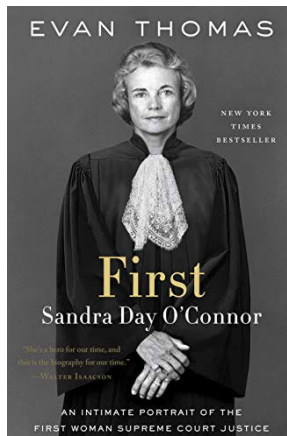
The fabulous Garden Tour is coming! More details on page 8. *Mark your calendars!*

GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Literature Group

Wednesday, March 10, 10:00 am Zoom

The March meeting of the Literature Group will be at 10 am on Wednesday, March 10 via Zoom. Carole will send out the link before the meeting. The Discussion book for March is *"First: Sandra Day O'Connor"* by Evan Thomas. We always welcome new members so if you would like to join the Zoom meeting, please let Carole or Peg know. The book we will be reading for April is listed below. See you all on March 10.



Women and men who want to be leaders and be first in their own lives—who want to learn when to walk away and when to stand their ground—will be inspired by O'Connor's example. This is a remarkably vivid and personal portrait of a woman who loved her family, who believed in serving her country, and who, when she became the most powerful woman in America, built a bridge forward for all women.



Peg Olney

Literature Group Chair,
Ladies Choice Editor
1998 - 2018

LITERATURE GROUP BOOK SCHEDULE 2021

April: *"Braiding Sweetgrass"* by Robin Wall Kimmerer
May: *"The Book of Longing"* by Sue Monk Kidd

Literature Group Book Review

Eight of us gathered via Zoom to discuss *"Afterlife"* by Julia Alvarez. Although it's a short novel, it is full of meaning and gave us a lot to talk about. The main character Antonia, a recently retired English professor in rural Vermont, is reeling from the sudden death of her husband when she is confronted with one crisis when her sister goes missing and another crisis when a pregnant undocumented teenager shows up at her house. She struggles to find a balance between the emotional safety of keeping her distance and the urge to open her heart to help. Alvarez describes her novel as a story about "how do we survive the worst that can happen to us - with humor, generosity, love and hope."

Many of the particulars of the novel are drawn from Alvarez' real life. Like Antonia, she is originally from the Dominican Republic, is the second of four sisters, and lives in Vermont. We compared our experiences of sisterhood and small town life with the novel's. We discussed her portrayal of mental illness, grief, "invisible people"(or "essential workers" in pandemic jargon) and kintsugi (Japanese art of repairing broken objects with gold). We appreciated how as Antonia navigated her new life, she used literature, especially this quotation from Tolstoy: What is the right thing to do? We all thoroughly enjoyed the book!



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Garden Group

Wednesday, March 3rd, 10:00 am Zoom

As mentioned in the article about the February Woman's Club meeting (see page 11), the Garden Group will be discussing the talk about **Keep Mass Beautiful**. We will be talking about what things we each have learned to improve our "good for the earth" activities and what else we might wish to start doing in the future. The meeting will be on Zoom at 10 AM on March 3rd. If you would like to attend and don't normally receive the Garden Group emails, please contact Sandy Hering via cell phone or email and you will be included in the Zoom invite. At the meeting we will also have an update on the Garden Tour, and we will discuss planting pansies at the Post Office and what fun activities we might add during the spring when our daffodils will be blooming. Spring is on it's way!!!!

Sandy Hering,
Garden Group Co-Chair



Sandy Hering
*Garden Group
Co-Chair*

Show Us Your Daffodils

If you planted our King Alfred Daffodil bulbs during the first-ever Mattapoissett Woman's Club bulb sale, please send us photos of your spring blooms. Photos should be sent to - info@mattapoissettwomansclub.org for our inclusion on our website and in Ladies Choice. Also, please send them to Cindy Turse for our Facebook group - mahina@turse.org

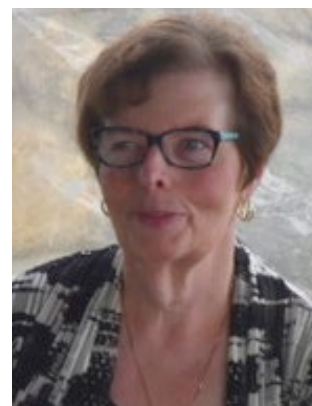


Marie's hat and cowl she wore on her many walks this winter. See page 12 for story.

Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

Thursday, March 25
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Zoom

Marie will be sending out the zoom sign on information to those currently in that group. Anyone wishing to join please send Marie an email at mjrottler@comcast.net to receive the log on email.



Marie Rottler
Knitting Chair, Website

MWC 2021 Garden Tour

March has arrived and before you know it the crocuses and snow drops will be popping up everywhere! It is also the time when the Garden Tour committee comes together and starts making plans for our 2021 Garden Tour. The date of tour will be June 26th from 10am to 4pm. We have seven gardens and are awaiting confirmation from the owners if they will be participating in the tour. They are all unique and will inspire you with new planting ideas for your gardens.

The success of the Garden Tour is dependent on the participation and enthusiasm of our club members. The garden captains will be asking for volunteers for a couple of hours at the gardens to check tickets and answer questions our guests might have. We will also need volunteers to sell tickets and hand out maps on the day of the tour. It is a fun day and everyone is happy and celebrating summer and all the beautiful flowers and plants that surround us.

We will keep you all informed with frequent updates on the progress of the tour. *Masks and social distancing are required. We will adhere to all the MA Mandates for social gathering.*

2021 Garden Tour Committee:

Kathy McAuliffe, Marie Rottler, Mary Jackson, Carolyn Price, Kathy Saunders, Erin Burlinson, Cindy Turse, Karen Gardner, Marianne Hickey, Mary O'Keefe



Photos from past Garden Tour. Courtesy Kathy McAuliffe

Mattapoisett Woman's Club February meeting with Neil Rhein of Keep Mass Beautiful



On February 18th the Woman's club held it's first all club Zoom meeting. It featured Neil Rhein, the founder and executive director of Keep Mass Beautiful. Neil talked and answered our questions about what we each can do to better recycle, reuse the things that we already have, and how we can reduce our footprints left on the world. His talk was very informative and the Garden Group will be discussing what we want to do in the future during our March 3rd meeting. All are welcome to join us so please read the writeup under the Garden Group in this issue of Ladies Choice.

Some of the take aways from Neil's talk are listed here:

- When you don't know if an item is recyclable, dispose of it in the trash rather than the recycling bin. Better yet, go to recyclesmartma.org and find out whether the item should be recycled.
- Plastic bags are not recyclable. Neil suggests that we collect all clean bags and packaging, such as the plastic wraps around the toilet paper packages and other packaging such as bread bags and plastic bags in newspaper deliveries and return them to the bins located at supermarkets.
- Small plastic caps are NOT recyclable. However, if the metal or plastic cap can be screwed onto the bottle, then it can go into the recycling bin.
- Wine bottles but not the corks are recyclable.

Neil's organization does a lot more than give talks. They assist communities in organizing a clean up day and even starting new programs such as curbside composting. Perhaps we can sponsor a cleanup day for our lovely town.

More information is available at KeepMassBeautiful.org or recyclesmartma.org.



Year in Review

This month marks the passage of a year since we entered the Covid Pandemic. I remember landing in Rhode Island airport on March 13th and was stunned to see the empty shelves at the grocery store when we went to pick up basic perishables. One of the first things I remember when I arrived home, was a call from Barb Van Inwegen asking me if I had a mask. Of course I did not, and she brought over two - one for me and one for Colby. I now have a wardrobe of masks - some disposable, some I made, and some that go with special outfits (style is always in fashion.)

Then we started to walk. Boy was I out of shape! I have never been an exercise enthusiast, but was a regular at the YMCA. Walking was now going to be my option. So Colby and I stepped out in the cold. Now a year later, we are still walking and again out in the cold, but at a much better speed. The hat and cowl picture on page 9 in this issue, are part of the walking gear used. That gear also includes reflective vests (one of our neighbors almost hit us when we were walking on a dim and cloudy day). We have such wonderful conversations during the walks. I am actually hoping that I can walk in a walking/running event in the spring.

We are excited that we have definite dates for our first covid shot and to celebrate, we have started to plan a couple of vacations next fall. I am realistic that things need to be much better on the covid front, but we have made some reservations (and purchased the insurance to cancel if necessary)

I have started to work on the Garden Tour files. I am responsible for the posters and tickets. To that end, I have made sure that they are still in my files and have done a few updates to be ready if we are able to have the tour.

I am confident that trying to maintain a positive outlook and keep busy make the time go faster.

~ Marie Rottler

“Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, Repurpose”

What do I do with my stuff? I've been dumping lots of magazines into our ABC recycling bin - Eating Well, Rhode Island, Consumer Reports, Yankee, Boat U.S., Honolulu, Real Simple, Fine Homebuilding, Business Week, and probably a few more. In pre-Covid times, I could donate them at the library or to schools where students would use them for research or art projects. What are others doing with magazines?

I also have calendars and greeting cards from non-profit organizations that could be used by someone. I wonder if nursing homes are taking anything yet? Does anyone in the club need cards?

~ Cindy Turse



Did you know?



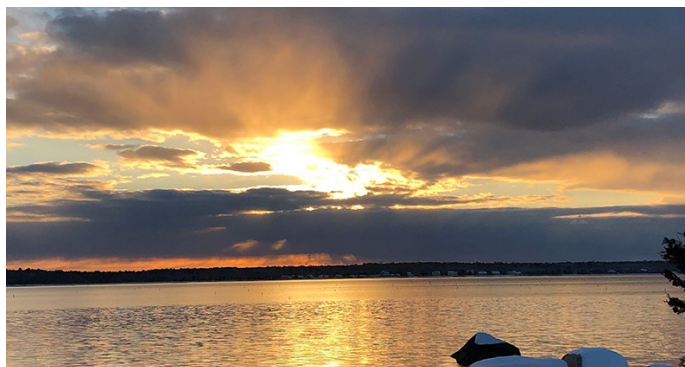
The Mattapoissett Woman's Club has always been involved in giving scholarships to students, but did you know the first scholarship given by our local club was \$5 given to a Mattapoissett student at Center School in 1943? Remember, Mattapoissett had one school which served grades 1-9. The club became the Mattapoissett Woman's Club in the fall of 1941 and immediately began to meet its objectives of Educational, Philanthropic, Civic and Social. When we belonged to the State Federation of Woman's Clubs we donated money to the state-wide scholarships for Music and Drama. We also gave contributions to national scholarship programs when we belonged to the General Federation of Woman's Clubs. But back to that start of \$5. By 1948, it had already increased to \$100 and has grown to this year, in 2021, to two scholarships of \$2,500 and one for continuing education of \$1,000. Over the years we have given away more than \$100,000. How have we done this? With dedicated members who have worked diligently to raise the money through fund raising events. In the '50's, money was raised with an Annual Scholarship Ball. Then that evolved into Style Shows, Quilt sales, Rummage Sales and even a Gong Show. The town residents have always supported the Club in all these endeavors and continue to support our work mainly through The Garden Tour, The Taste of the Town and even our Pie Sale. This "not normal" year we still have been able to raise money by a revised Taste of the Town, selling Bulbs, and a magnificent Wreath Sale. As this year continues and we have our Garden Tour in June, we are ensuring that this educational endeavor for our children continues. This is a goal always worthy of our efforts. Hats off to all the members who have served on the Scholarship Committee for close to 80 years. Kudos to the current three members who are hard at work selecting the recipients this year from the graduating Seniors of 2021.

A round of applause for Myra Hart, Linda Clifford and Roberta Oakley!



Top: Annual Scholarship Ball circa 1950s. Middle: Gong Show 1970s. Bottom: Grandmother's Flower Garden Quilt

MWC Member Celebrations, Milestones, Birthdays & More!



Mattapoisett Photo Book Fundraiser by MWC Member

I walk to breathe fresh, salty air and to de-stress. I walk a lot in the pandemic. I started bringing my phone with me to take photos for relatives who cannot visit in Covid times. I posted to Facebook or sent to the church secretary for use in the newsletter. I later submitted local happenings to the Wanderer.

I have been taking photos around Mattapoisett. My pastor (and others) asked to use them for Zoom worship. Even short videos play during prayer time.

A few friends and church members asked me to make a photo book during the winter of 2020-2021. I was reluctant, but decided to make and sell the photo books as a fundraiser for the Congregational church's steeple renovation.

To date, I have added \$1,000 to the fund and feel very good about the feedback of my photos. Many people donated extra money to help me pay for printing costs for more books.

They are a limited edition (25 printed) for sale for \$50. If interested, club members can email me at shepfin@comcast.net. Please make checks payable to MCC as all proceeds are donated.

Pick up at my office: 55 County Road (Route 6) opposite end of the Wanderer's office.

~ Jennifer F. Shepley, CFP



Cheers!!

On February 12th, 1966 vows were taken. We had hope, love, and a commitment to an adventure-filled future. Nearly 300 family members and friends witnessed the ceremony performed by the Rev. Dr. Elbert Gates (a.k.a. Pearly Gates) at the Union Baptist Church in Mystic, CT. The day was warm, sunny and filled with love.

Over the past 55 years we have held strong through the Vietnam War, 20 moves (East Coast, West Coast & Hawai`i), multiple career changes, challenging surgeries, extensive house remodels plus one whole house build, and now the global pandemic. Jim is my rock and the other half of my brain. There is no one I'd rather hibernate with for a year. We didn't travel for our celebration or eat out in a lovely restaurant this year, but the day and night are memorable for our regular Saturday night "bistro" meal of steak and grilled veggies amped up with a Paso Robles Cabernet from the family, champagne, and tiramisu from Artisan Bakery.

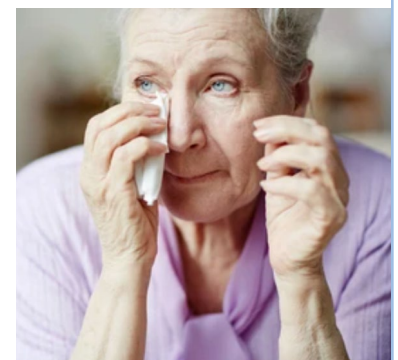
After 55 years of traveling around the sun together, we've decided to keep on traveling together - the adventures continue. We look forward to seeing friends and family, giving and getting real hugs, traveling, and meeting new folks.

~ Cindy Turse

Wise Words

I asked a friend who has crossed 70 and is heading towards 80 what sort of changes she is feeling in herself? She sent me the following:

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
2. I have realized that I am not "Atlas".
The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable and fruit vendors.
A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
4. I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane and relive their past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me.
A small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."
8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
9. I walk away from people who don't value me.
They might not know my worth, but I do.
10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.
11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions.
It's my emotions that make me human.
12. I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.



There's no need to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, these wise words can be practiced at any age.

Cards, Cards, Cards = Scholarship Dollars

Our scholarship fundraiser, supported by sales of postcards and notecards, continues in 2021. **Pen & Pendulum** at 67 County Road, Mattapoisett has a good inventory of all cards in their store. **Blossoms Flower Shop** at 23 County Road, Mattapoisett is also carrying our flower cards. They will also be available at the "new" **Belle's and Isabelle's** location in the Windswept Center (near Yard Boss). Their grand opening will be in March or early April.

If you would prefer a contactless order with delivery included, email Cindy Turse at mahina@turse.org or call her at the number in your Blue Book.

Call for photos!

Cindy Turse needs photos of spring in Mattapoisett for the next set of cards. Please email your shots to her at the email address in the previous paragraph.

Limit the number of photos to no more than five please. You can also contact her to be on a temporary committee to select the designs for the new cards.



Photo courtesy Holyn Anne Turner @ Blossoms Flowers

Blossoms Flower Shop 

Blossoms Flower Shop now has our flower cards! Stop in and visit with super salesdog, Lexi, today!



Help Needed Desperately!

For our club to continue, we need two members to step up and fill the offices of Vice President (currently vacant) and Treasurer. Sue would be happy to have a shadow for a time before passing the books. Spreadsheet or Quicken experience = a plus, but not necessary. Traditionally, the terms have been for two years for most offices, but please think creatively so we can negotiate this challenge together - one-year term, shared position.

Step up and name what would work for you and the club.

Find a partner and work this out.

Should we have a lottery and draw names?

PLEASE someone consider to be the **Vice President**.

PLEASE then consider being the **President.....**

maybe consider these two positions
as Co-Vice President and Co-President.

PLEASE consider shadowing the **Treasurer**
so she can retire from that office.

*These officers are necessary for the future of the Club.
No one wants the educational, philanthropic, civic, and social
traditions of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club for 80 years to end.*

Officers

President

Carole Clifford

Vice President

Open

Recording Secretary

Sherry Hoines

Corresponding Secretary

Elaine Grant

Treasurer

Suzanne Mitchell

Assistant Treasurer Membership, Dues

Lois K. Ennis

Board of Directors

2021 Kathy McAuliffe

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