



# LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

[www.MattapoissettWomansClub.org](http://www.MattapoissettWomansClub.org)

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

Welcome to 2022! This is a letter hard to compose because I have a mixed bag of feelings. I am hoping for a wonderful year but that hope is also tinged with uncertainty due to this resurging virus. It is unsettling and I just want it to go away... please. Yet, I am remembering a quote from Goethe that inspires me at this time and it has always been a touchstone for me.



**Carole Clifford**  
President, MWC

**Whatever you can do,  
Or dream you can.  
Begin it.  
Boldness has  
Genius, power  
And magic in it.**



So we will begin 2022 with all its challenges with the same spirit this Woman's Club has always had. Looking forward to our get togethers, fundraising activities and planned programs.

Remember, as Betty White stated,  
"Butterflies are like women. We may look pretty and delicate but baby, we can fly through a hurricane!"

Carole Clifford  
President, MWC

### Upcoming Programs/Events:

**Sheryl Faye Presents  
Historical Woman**

Ruth Bader Ginsberg

**Abigail Field**

Clothes from Grandmother's Closet

**Robin Lepore**

Mattapoissett Bike Path

**Garden Tour**

**Taste of the Town**

## Mark your calendars!

### Literature Group

Wednesday, January 12  
9:30am (ZOOM)

### Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, January 13  
10:00am

### Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

Thursday, January 27  
2:00pm - 4:00pm

## OFFICER'S CORNER: SHERRY HOINES

After I retired in 2017 from a career in banking, I found myself with a lot of time on my hands so I decided to join The Mattapoissett Woman's Club. I grew up New Bedford and subsequently lived in Freetown, Taunton and Fairhaven. My husband and I built a house on North Street in Mattapoissett in 2013 so I thought joining the Woman's Club would be a good way to meet more local people and learn more about my town.

After I'd been in the Club a couple of years, then Vice President Carole Clifford approached me and asked if I'd be interested in joining the Board and becoming an officer. She initially suggested the Vice President position but I thought that would be too much for me to handle so she said that the Recording Secretary position was also open. I agreed to take on that role and have served in that position for about a year and a half! The Recording Secretary takes the notes at the Executive Board Meetings as well as the Monthly Member Meetings. Shortly after I started in that position, COVID hit and everyone's lives changed dramatically! We could no longer have in-person meetings so the Executive Board began meeting online via Zoom! Because we couldn't have monthly meetings, I typed up a synopsis of the Executive Board Meeting Minutes which was published in the Ladies Choice monthly newsletter as a means of letting the club members know what was going on.

I was very happy when we began to have in-person meetings again this past October as I was able to reconnect with some of the members I hadn't seen or spoken with in over a year! It's been my pleasure to work with the great group of women on the Executive Board! I've also enjoyed being a member of the Literature Group which was able to continue meeting either outdoors or online during the Pandemic. A walking group was formed during the Pandemic to keep members connected and I enjoyed going on many walks in many different places with some great gals!

It's been a pleasure getting to know the Club members and I look forward to many more years of fun times with such an awesome group of ladies!

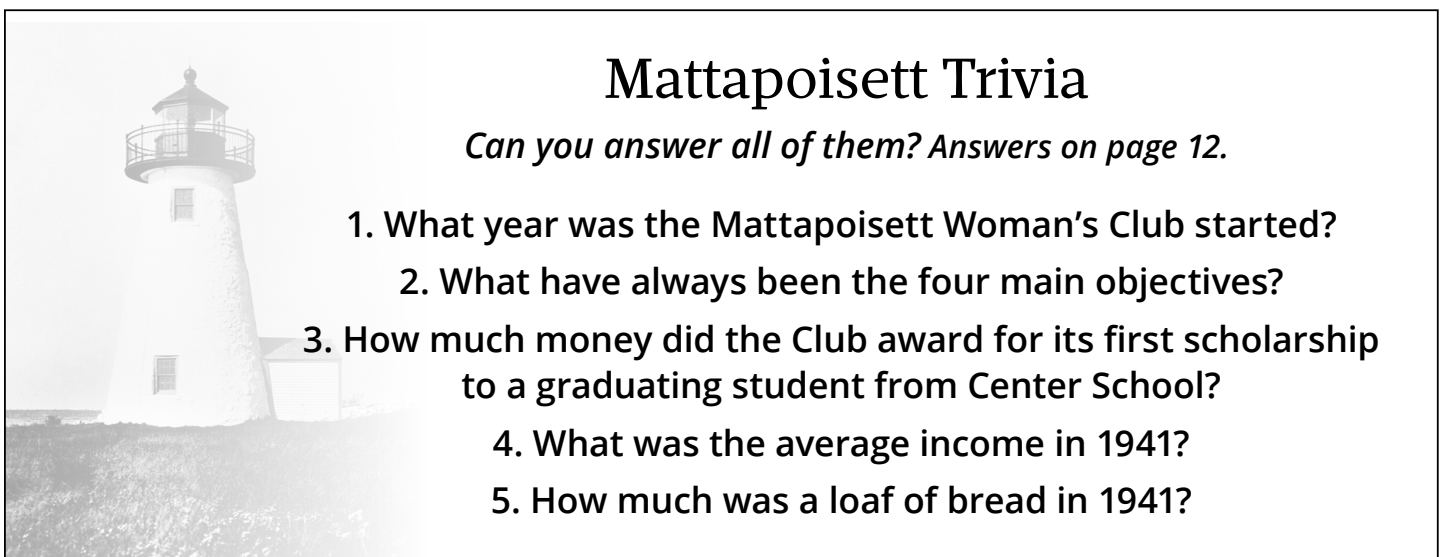
Respectfully,  
Sherry Hoines  
*Recording Secretary*



## Mattapoissett Trivia

*Can you answer all of them? Answers on page 12.*

1. What year was the Mattapoissett Woman's Club started?
2. What have always been the four main objectives?
3. How much money did the Club award for its first scholarship to a graduating student from Center School?
4. What was the average income in 1941?
5. How much was a loaf of bread in 1941?



## MWC News & Information

### WOMAN'S CLUB WALKS

While our Walking Group took a vacation during December, weather permitting, many of us would like to resume in 2022. All MWC members are welcome to join in our weekly walk. We try to pick a location which is best for the recent conditions, such as walking on pavement after recent rains. Our walks are posted on the MWC website as a post each week so you can easily find the time and starting location each week by opening the website. No advance notice is needed, but it is helpful if you call/text or email the leader if you are coming so that we wait for you if you are running late. The leader's contact is included on the website each week. One of the upcoming walks will be a historical walk of Henry Huttleston's buildings in Fairhaven village. Love to have you join us. Importantly, we need to hear from all walkers as to the preferred day of the week for our walks in the winter of 2022. Last year we walked at 1:00pm on Monday. We will stay with the 1:00pm start in winter, as it is the warmest time of day, but if you are interested in walking this winter, please vote on you favorite day of the week by emailing Sandy Hering at [hering.sandra@gmail.com](mailto:hering.sandra@gmail.com) with your preference. Walks will begin, dependent on weather, the week of January 9th. Our walks are usually about 1 hour long and locations are decided by the group each week. It's a lovely way to exercise and chat and meet other members of our Mattapoisett Woman's Club. I encourage all to give it a try!

### PLEASE NOTE:

Executive Board Meeting  
*In the Mattapoisett Free Public  
Library Meeting Room*

**JANUARY 13 • 10:00AM**

## IN MEMORIAM

When a member passes away, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club donates \$40 toward the purchase of a book or books to the library in that member's memory. The books are purchased with suggestions from the family, friends and the librarian. Following are the the books that were purchased for each member.

### **Anne Shepley**

*The Art and Craft of Garden Making*  
by Thomas H. Mawson

### **Lois Fountain**

*The New Heirloom Garden*  
by Eleanor Ecker Ogden

*The Garden Source*  
by Andrea Jones

### **Francis Cairns**

*First Ladies*  
by Susan Swan

### **Alice Hunt Williams**

*Seasons of Highclere*  
by Countess of Canarvon

*Whaling in Massachusetts*  
by Gloria Dimock

## MORE NEWS YOU CAN USE

### NexTrex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge

Most people are familiar with Trex lumber which comes in various colors and is mostly used for decks, porches and steps. The Trex Company has hosted the Recycling Challenge since 2006, with the objective of educating the public on the importance of plastic film recycling through school and community recycling programs. Participants collect plastic film with the goal of recycling a minimum of 500 pounds of plastic in a 6 month period. If the goal is met, the group is awarded a Trex bench.



As a public service project, the Missions Committee of the Mattapoissett Congregational Church has joined the challenge and is now collecting plastic film with the goal of a bench for the church lawn. If you would like to help and also get rid of some of your plastic bags, Reynard Hall is open on Monday and Thursday mornings, 9-1, when the secretary is in the office. You can enter by the Mechanic or Church Street doors and there is a large, white Trex recycling box between the stage and the kitchen. Recycling will also be available during the MWC monthly meetings on the third Thursday.

***This collection is for plastic film only, other plastics are not accepted.***

Recyclable items:

Grocery Bags

Bubble wrap

Newspaper sleeves

Plastic shipping envelopes

Cereal bags

Salt bags

Wood pellet bags

Bread bags

Dry cleaning bags

Ice bags

Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags

Case overwrap (water bottles, paper towels)

Pallet wrap and stretch film

Produce bags

Cindy Turse and her husband saw some of these benches when they were visiting in Maryland and were impressed! In the Tri-town area, the sixth grade class at Rochester Memorial School is also taking part in the Trex challenge.

[www.recycle.trex.com/view/programs](http://www.recycle.trex.com/view/programs)



COMMUNITY PROGRAM

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# plastic film recycling challenge info sheet

## 1 How does the challenge work?

Determine a six-month collection time period.

Collect a minimum of 500 lbs. or 40,500 plastic film and bags.

Weigh and record amount of film recycled each month.

Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling.

*Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.*

Report recycling totals to Stephanie Hicks, [shicks@trex.com](mailto:shicks@trex.com) each month.

## What can be recycled?

*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*



Grocery bags



Bread bags



Bubble wrap



Dry cleaning bags



Newspaper sleeves



Ice bags



Plastic shipping envelopes



Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags



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Produce bags

## 2 What does Trex provide?

- Two recycling bins
- Posters
- Award

## 3 Award

- If goal is met or exceeded, group will receive a Trex bench.

register on the website: [trex.com/recycling](http://trex.com/recycling)

# Annual Christmas Luncheon at Wamsutta Club in New Bedford

MWC members gathered at the Wamsutta Club in New Bedford on Thursday, December 9 for our festive Annual Christmas Luncheon. Table decorations were provided by the Garden Group and were sold to add to the total income of the Wreath and Greens Sale.



# Annual Christmas Luncheon at Wamsutta Club in New Bedford



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



## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### Literature Group

Wednesday, January 12, 9:30 am

The first meeting of the New Year for the Literature Group will be held on Wednesday, January 12 at 9:30 am. We have decided that because of the surge in Covid infections in the area and also because group members have been traveling and with extended family and friends over the holidays, it will be safer to have this meeting on Zoom. Alice Openshaw who was scheduled to host this meeting will have the February meeting at her home instead of at the home of Carole Clifford. Look for the Zoom link in your email. The book we will be discussing is *"The Paris Library"* by Janet Skeslien Charles. The reading list for 2021-2022 is below.

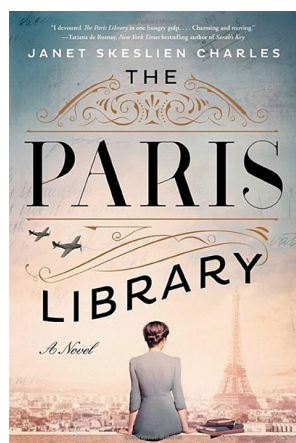


**Peg Olney**

*Literature Group Chair,  
Ladies Choice Editor  
1998 - 2018*

**Questions? Contact Peg Olney at 508-758-3069 or [pegolney@verizon.net](mailto:pegolney@verizon.net)**

An instant New York Times, Washington Post, and USA TODAY bestseller—based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during World War II—*The Paris Library* is a moving and unforgettable “ode to the importance of libraries, books, and the human connections we find within both” (Kristin Harmel, New York Times bestselling author).



*Paris, 1939: Young and ambitious Odile Souchet seems to have the perfect life with her handsome police officer beau and a dream job at the American Library in Paris. When the Nazis march into the city, Odile stands to lose everything she holds dear, including her beloved library. Together with her fellow librarians, Odile joins the Resistance with the best weapons she has: books. But when the war finally ends, instead of freedom, Odile tastes the bitter sting of unspeakable betrayal.*

*Montana, 1983: Lily is a lonely teenager looking for adventure in small-town Montana. Her interest is piqued by her solitary, elderly neighbor. As Lily uncovers more about her neighbor's mysterious past, she finds that they share a love of language, the same longings, and the same intense jealousy, never suspecting that a dark secret from the past connects them.*

*"A love letter to Paris, the power of books, and the beauty of intergenerational friendship" (Booklist), The Paris Library shows that extraordinary heroism can sometimes be found in the quietest places.*

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### Literature Group Discussion Books

- January 12     *"The Paris Library"* by Janet Skeslein Charles – ZOOM
- February 9    *"The Warmth of Other Suns"* by Isabel Wilkerson – Hostess: Alice Openshaw
- March 9       *"The Searcher"* by Tana French – Hostess: Ruth Ann Walega
- April TBD     *"Shuggie Bain"* by Douglas Stuart – Hostess: Sherry Hoines
- May TBD       *"Born a Crime"* by Trevor Noah – Hostess: Cindy Turse



## GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

### Garden Group

Wednesday, January 5, 10:00 am

After a busy November and December with the 2021 Wreath and Greens Pop-Up Event, (see pages 10 & 11) the Garden Group will meet on January 5th at 10:00am. Due to the continuing health concerns, the meeting will be both hybrid and in person at the library meeting room. No RSVP is needed, just look in your emails for a link if you are joining us on Zoom, or come to the library. It's a meeting to find out how everyone is doing, introduce new members and talk about our successes in the past year and what we want to do in 2022. If you do not currently receive emails from the Garden Group via an email from Sandra (Sandy) Hering, please contact me if you wish to join our group and I will add you to our list. It's a fun group that has enjoyed many garden visits and activities as well as our community decorating activities and we always look forward to new members, whether you are active gardeners or not. Please email me at [hering.sandra@gmail.com](mailto:hering.sandra@gmail.com) to include you in our activities including zoom links.



### Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

Thursday, January 27, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

After being away for the last couple of months, it has been nice to be back to a normal routine (or as normal a routine as I feel comfortable with) as the Covid virus does what viruses do, and cases increase during the colder months. I have been meeting with the knitting ladies at the COA on Monday mornings since the COA opened up to inside activities. There are only 4 of us and there is plenty of space between us. Because of the size of the room and the number of people in the group, we have been meeting all along. I have been working on a baby blanket and I think I will have it completed prior to February which is when the baby is due to arrive. In our Woman's Club knitting group, the number of members who are part of our group has grown. Since I live in a tiny house, I don't have enough room to space us all, as I could do during the warmer months. The ladies will be meeting on January 27 from 2PM to 4PM, at the home of Barbara Van Inwegen. Please RSVP Barbara, [barbvani11@gmail.com](mailto:barbvani11@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend. We will be looking for members who are able to host the group during the colder months. I am looking forward to when we can meet on my deck again. The group has started to branch out to other handicrafts. At the last meeting at my home, new member Caroline Marcoux joined us. Caroline designs beautiful jewelry. It was so interesting to watch her work. So if you have a hand craft that you love, you might consider joining us.



## Another Successful Wreath & Greens Pop-Up Sale!

On December 4, several MWC members held our now annual, Wreath & Greens Pop-Up Sale. This fundraising idea was originally started by a group of women from the Garden Group in 2020. Since we were unable to hold our traditional fundraisers (Taste of the Town, Pie Sale, etc.), they decided to pursue a winter fundraiser that could be held outdoors where people could social distance. The fundraiser was very successful in 2020 and we repeated the event this year.



Thanks to our talented designers, Sharon Doyon and Susan Perkins, quite a few members were able to make beautiful wreaths, swags, ornaments, and arrangements. Greens were gathered from Mattapoisett yards (with permission!) and were then decorated with beautiful bows and baubles. Sherry Hoines offered her HEATED barn as a workshop for the week and the results were outstanding. The actual sale was held outside in the Ying Dynasty parking lot on Route 6.

Many Woman's Club volunteers helped during the sale, making the event a fun holiday event for Mattapoisett. Special thanks go to Judy Sullivan for dressing as Santa Claus and directing traffic!

The sale made a net profit of \$2980.42 of which \$2760.42 came from the sale of wreaths and arrangements, and another \$220.00 came from the sale of fun holiday notecards created by Cindy Turse.

Thank you to all who helped make this event so successful!



## Another Successful Wreath & Greens Pop-Up Sale!





# Today's message from Mary at "Gifts to Give"

*A picture worth a thousand words*



Our friends at Gifts to Give desperately need the items listed. Gifts to Give has been a great supporter of the MWC.

**So let's please help!**

If you have any items that you cannot drop off directly please contact **Carole Clifford** at [moosie999@comcast.net](mailto:moosie999@comcast.net)

**Very low stock of clothing:**

Girls 2 to size 10

Boys 2 to size 8

**Optional:**

Coloring books, crayons, Play-Doh

Balls of all types

Board-type Books for 0 to 2 age children

Nail polish plus hygiene products for young ladies and gentlemen

**The GiftsToGive Philanthropy Factory**

1 Titleist Drive, Acushnet, MA 02743

**508-717-8715** [contactus@giftstogive.org](mailto:contactus@giftstogive.org)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Our public entrance is located on the bayside/riverside of the building.**

**We are on the second floor.**



There is a  
**SUPERHERO**  
INSIDE ALL OF US

**We hope everyone who is able will consider volunteering for Gifts to Give.**

Members who are volunteers find it very rewarding. In addition, at each meeting, we will have a container for members to collect donations including the ones listed on the Wanted List published here in Ladies Choice on page 12.

Give your superpower. Give your gift.

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**2021 in the Rear View  
Mirror**

**Wishing Covid would go away  
Still making short trips with no place to stay  
Visits limited to family and friends  
Projects planned until this thing ends  
Shortages of everything raising rancor  
Too many boats and no place to anchor.  
In '22 our wish for you is joy and good health.**

**A warm welcome awaits at  
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### Recruitment & Retention

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Christine Voss

## Social Activities

### Bridge 1

Betty Parker

### Bridge 2

Jackie Slade

### Knitting

Marie Rottler

### Literature Group

Peg Olney

### Social Cocktail Group

Cindy Turse

### Welcome

**New Members**  
Marianne Hickey

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## Mattapoisett Trivia Answers *from page 2*

1. 1941 2. Educational Philanthropic Civic Social 3. \$5.00 4. \$1,700.00 5. 5 cents

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## PLEASE HELP! Donate to the Scholarship Fund today.

For over 75 years MWC has been helping young people pursue their educational goals by awarding scholarships to high school seniors from the community.

Please help keep this community tradition alive.

*Any amount is greatly appreciated.*

\$10    \$25    \$50    \$100    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail this form with your check payable to MWC to:  
MWC Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box Box 1444, Mattapoisett, MA 02739