

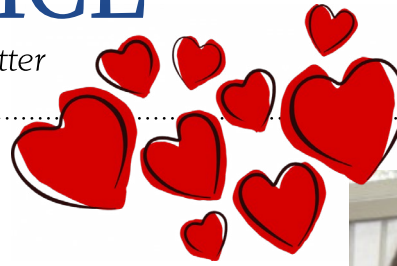


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The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

www.MattapoissettWomansClub.org

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

I am writing this letter to you as we have predictions that a significant snowfall is heading towards us on Saturday. We have seen hardly any snow this winter (I am thrilled) but it is inevitable to have some snow in the winter so I can't escape the experience. My weather app is saying a 100% chance.

I have decided that our future membership meetings will go forward in February, March and April at the church hall. We will use the same precautions as we did in the Fall, and each member can decide what is best for them.

Our upcoming programs are educational, interesting and, as always, fun. In February, we will find Abigail Field interesting when talking about her deep research into clothing, styles and textiles. This is especially interesting due to the fact that our area history includes so many of our families who came to work in the textile mills. At one point New Bedford had around 500 seamstresses working in small factories. I even remember Kay Windsor and now we have Joseph Abboud tailoring fine suits.

March, will be our own Robin Lepore speaking about the Mattapoissett Bike Path. The beginnings of the path have already been enjoyed by people bicycling and walking. In fact, our own Walking Club has tried it out with an enjoyable walk.

Lastly, we have an exciting program for April when Ruth Bader Ginsburg comes to join us. I can't wait, and several members already are getting ready to wear lace collars.

After her presentation, we will have our Annual Meeting when new officers will be sworn in. The Nominating Committee with Roxanne Bungert as chair has been hard at work to fill all positions. If you are asked please say YES; and if you are thinking of becoming more involved please VOLUNTEER!

Hoping to see you all in February and throughout the year.

Stay well and safe.

Carole Clifford
President, MWC



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President, MWC

Upcoming Programs/Events:

Abigail Field

Clothes from
Grandmother's Closet

Robin Lepore

Mattapoissett Bike Path

Sheryl Faye Presents Historical Woman

Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Garden Tour

Taste of the Town

Mark your calendars!

Garden Group

Wednesday, February 2
10:00 am (ZOOM)

Literature Group

Wednesday, February 9
9:30am (ZOOM)

Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, February 10
10:00am (ZOOM)

Woman's Club Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 17
11:00am

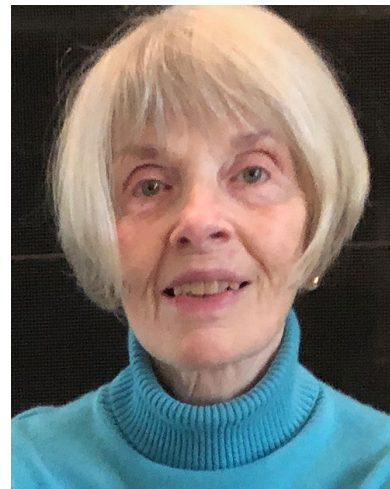
MEET A BOARD MEMBER

Who? – Cindy Turse, member of MWC for four years, retired school librarian, retired financial advisor, mother, grandmother, wife, traveler, friend, passionate volunteer

What? – I do a little bit of many jobs. I'm the Publicity Chairperson, the Facebook Page and Facebook Group Administrator, Auditor (term expires 2023), Coordinator for the Social Cocktail Group, Co-Chair of the Garden Group, Member of the Fundraising Committee (Chair of Notecards & Postcards Fundraiser, Chair of Pathway to Planting Fundraiser), and default photographer.

Why? After moving to Mattapoisett from Hawai'i, I joined the MWC four years ago to meet people and become involved in the community. Now, I'm a bit over-involved and have a few too many "jobs" that would be ideal for other members who want to make new friends in the Club and in the community. Soon I'll become the chairperson of the Garden Group, so I'm looking for a few friends to step up and offer to take on one or more of my jobs. I will be your "guide on the side" as long as you need me.

~ Cindy Turse



MWC News & Information

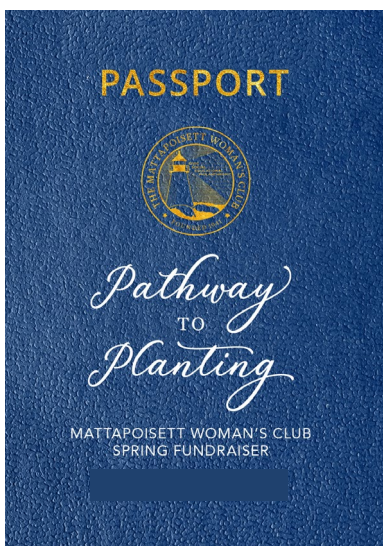
SAY "YES"

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club has flourished these past 41 years due to the dedication and willingness of its members to say, "YES."

You have that opportunity right now to continue the legacy they have set by stepping up and getting involved in keeping the Club a successful organization. This April we need to fill the following positions:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Taste of the Town helper

See Board Member Cindy Turse's article above for other Group activities.



PATHWAY TO PLANTING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're getting an early start on the Pathway to Planting Passport fundraiser this year. Local garden centers, nurseries, and flower shops who have previously participated in this fundraiser will receive an invitation to participate. The work done for previous years will need only small tweaks for this year. The dates for shopping with

discounts will be - May 12 - 15 & May 19 - 22.

Volunteers are needed to make follow-up contact with businesses, place posters, and be responsible for selling passports. Please contact Cindy Turse if you are available – mahina@turse.org or 508.758.5150.

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JOIN NOW!

MWC News & Information

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee has begun its work! Press releases have been sent to local newspapers and churches announcing the dollar amount (2 at \$2000 and 1 at \$1000) for this year's scholarships from the Club. Keeping in mind that the students need only be residents of Mattapoissett and may attend high school outside of this area, the newspapers become an important referral point. Guidance Counselors are a key component to our work as they encourage applicants to complete the task of applying. Their information is a revised press release with application forms that can be accessed via the student's computer or dispersed by the counselor.

The Counselors do a wonderful job of recruiting the students and supporting the process. The application is also available on the MWC website. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2022. And the final process of selection is ordinarily completed by the first part of May.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

Despite the COVID restrictions, in person meetings being cancelled and the overall malaise we have all been living with these past several years, our recruitment has been thankfully successful. As you know, we have 18 new members, many of whom have joined the various clubs within the MWC. Our goal is to continue to reach out and provide encouragement and support to them and to all members to attend general meetings/programs, get involved in the fundraising events and to join the many and varied ancillary groups currently available. *Remember stars on a name badge indicate new member!*

GREETINGS AND REMEMBRANCE

I continue to rely on the membership to provide information on members who may need a greeting or a simple friendly phone call during a particularly difficult time. Maintaining the already established connection is important as we all struggle to return to some level of normalcy.

~ Linda Clifford

WOMAN'S CLUB WALKING GROUP

The Woman's Club Walking Group was delayed in January due to cold, windy or wet weather. We will attempt to start up again in February and hope for improved weather. The group walks at 1 PM on Mondays and Fridays, at various locations each week, with walks usually lasting about an hour. February will bring a slight change to the format. Each walk will be led by various members. Each walk is now listed on the MWC web site calendar and it will include the name of the leader for that day. Once the location is determined for the walk it will be added to the web site calendar. Anyone joining the walk should reach out to the leader to let her know that you will be joining the group that day. This allows the leader to know who to expect that day and who to notify if the walk is cancelled due to poor weather. The leader can be contacted by phone or email and it can be a last minute call. We welcome all club members and guests that are interested in learning more about the Mattapoissett Woman's Club to join us in the walks. It has been a very popular feature and a great way to have conversations with a variety of interesting women involved in the Club.

Executive Board Meeting (ZOOM)

FEBRUARY 10 • 10:00AM

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START YOUR SPRING CLEANING EARLY

This year's TAG SALE, facilitated by the Recruitment/Retention Committee, will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm. (rain date Sunday, May 1st) at the parking lot next to Ying Dynasty. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Items needed:

- Kitchen & housewares
- Outdoor camping and sports equipment
- Books
- Jewelry
- Collectibles
- Gardening tools, pots
- Tools
- Beach chairs and small rafts
- Framed art prints

All items should be clean, in good condition, and priced by you. MWC reserves the right to refuse unsuitable items. All unsold items, unless specified by you, will be donated.

More details to follow as we get closer to spring!

FROM THE MATTAPOISETT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 10AM - 1PM

We will be taking book donations from February 6th to the 11th.

Please make sure all of your donations are in like new condition, free of stains, water damage, and mold. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Jones at jjones@sailsinc.org or by calling the library.

SEED AND CUTTINGS EXCHANGE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 10AM

Get ready to grow! You are invited to bring your extra seeds and plant clippings to our Seed and Cuttings exchange. Even if you have none to share, you are still welcome to join in as we put our newest planting and gardening

Library of Things items on display! We will also have our Seed Library open and stocked for the new planting season. There is something for everyone at this exciting event, from beginner to expert gardener!



No registration required.

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Abigail Field demonstrates clothing worn circa 1900.

Tales from Great Grandmother's Closet

Our program speaker for the February 17th meeting is Abigail Field. Her interest in historical clothing stems from a broader passion for history that began as a child. Her great grandmother, a member of the Fairhaven Colonial Club, dressed in Revolutionary War-era costumes for events.

For the most part, Ms. Field seldom wears modern clothing; she feels the contemporary clothing industry and its reliance on low-wage foreign workers is unethical. Ms. Field has a strong passion for historical textiles and the craftsmanship that went into making them.

Beginning with the clothing, Ms. Field's passion for history blossomed. She started the History Club at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, where she is a senior majoring in history.

While Ms. Field appreciates the lessons of history and the design of antique clothing, she does not reject modern society. She has an iPhone, uses a laptop, and is otherwise not very dissimilar from other millennials.

She is the youngest board member of the Mattapoissett and Sippican Historical Societies, and she helps out at the Marion Antique Shop. Ms. Field completed an internship at the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

As always, the social hour for the meeting at the Mattapoissett Congregational Church will start at 11:00 AM. Current Covid protocols will be followed.



Abigail Field

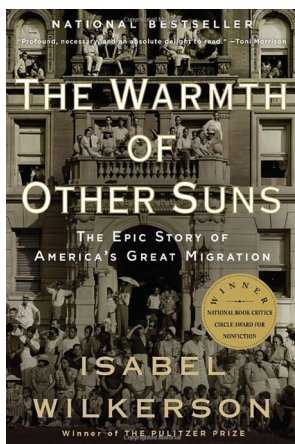
GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Literature Group

Wednesday, February 9, 9:30 am

Again, due to the continuing Covid crisis, the February meeting of the Literature Group will be held on Zoom. Look for the Zoom link in your email. The meeting date is Wednesday, February 9 at 9:30 am. The discussion book is *"The Warmth of Other Suns"* by Isabel Wilkerson. We had a good Zoom meeting in January, let's do it again!

Questions? Contact Peg Olney at 508-758-3069 or pegolney@verizon.net



From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. Wilkerson compares this epic migration to the migrations of other peoples in history. She interviewed more than a thousand people, and gained access to new data and official records, to write this definitive and vividly dramatic account of how these American journeys unfolded, altering our cities, our country, and ourselves.

With stunning historical detail, Wilkerson tells this story through the lives of three unique individuals: Ida Mae Gladney, who in 1937 left sharecropping and prejudice in Mississippi for Chicago, where she achieved quiet blue-collar success and, in old age, voted for Barack Obama when he ran for an Illinois Senate seat; sharp and quick-tempered George Starling, who in 1945 fled Florida for Harlem, where he endangered his job fighting for civil rights, saw his family fall, and finally found peace in God; and Robert Foster, who left Louisiana in 1953 to pursue a medical career, the personal physician to Ray Charles as part of a glitteringly successful medical career, which allowed him to purchase a grand home where he often threw exuberant parties.

*Wilkerson brilliantly captures their first treacherous and exhausting cross-country trips by car and train and their new lives in colonies that grew into ghettos, as well as how they changed these cities with southern food, faith, and culture and improved them with discipline, drive, and hard work. Both a riveting microcosm and a major assessment, *The Warmth of Other Suns* is a bold, remarkable, and riveting work, a superb account of an "unrecognized immigration" within our own land. Through the breadth of its narrative, the beauty of the writing, the depth of its research, and the fullness of the people and lives portrayed herein, this book is destined to become a classic.*



Peg Olney

Literature Group Chair,
Ladies Choice Editor
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Literature Group Discussion Books

- 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 13 *"Shuggie Bain"* by Douglas Stuart – Hostess: Sherry Hoines
May 11 *"Born a Crime"* by Trevor Noah – Hostess: Cindy Turse

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Garden Group

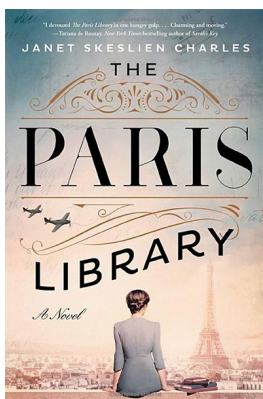
Wednesday, February 2, 10:00 am ZOOM

The Garden Group met via Zoom in January and did an excellent job of developing a wish list of places to visit when Covid eases and fun projects and activities for the group. The list will be reviewed during the Group's February 2nd Zoom meeting.

The Club was contacted by Jacqueline Coucci, Executive Director of the COA, with a request to consult and assist in designing and planning a visually more attractive entrance to the COA using plants and flowers and additional seating. Any interested members of the MWC should contact Cindy if this is of interest to you. The COA has funds available for this project and is working to develop volunteers to maintain the flowers.

A small group of Garden Group members met on January 25th at the home of Barb Van Inwegen to learn how to start wildflower seeds now for planting later in the spring. Barb successfully tried this method last year, using gallon milk jugs. The seeds were planted in the jugs and will be kept outside to "vernalize", which means they get the cold treatment required by many seeds to sprout. Barb donated seeds to the project and shared them with the members. Thank you, Barb, for a fun and hopefully productive activity!

Top photo: Sharon Doyon, Carole Clifford, Barbara Poznysz, and Barb Van Inwegen. Bottom: Barb Van Inwegen. Also participating were: Sandy Hering and Bethany Couto



Literature Group

January 12th was the first gathering of 2022 for the Literature Group.

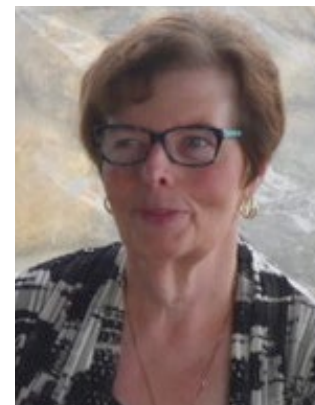
"The Paris Library" by Janet Skeslein Charles was the topic of discussion.

GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Knitting, Crocheting, Needlepoint and More!

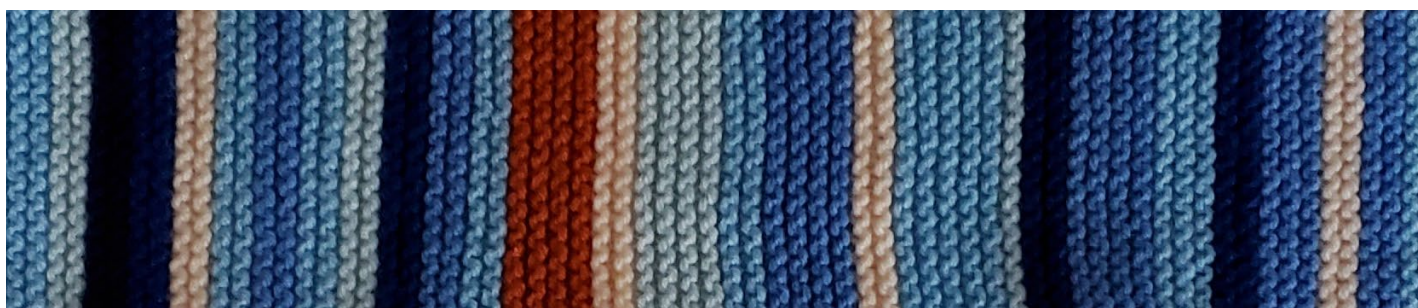
Thursday, February 24, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The group meets on the Fourth Thursday of the month. Until the weather gets warm enough to knit outside, various members of the group are hosting members at their homes. An email is sent prior to the meeting, with the month's location. If you wish to join the group, please either call 508-828-8091 or send an email mjrottler@comcast.net to be added to the email list. I ask that you RSVP to the hostess if you plan to attend so she know how many plan to attend



Marie Rottler

Knitting Chair, Website



Knitting Project: A NEW SLANT ON A FAVORITE HOBBY

Anyone who knows me well, knows that I love knitting. Like many of my friends who knit, I have a supply of yarn and list of projects that I don't think will ever be completed. Living in a small house has somewhat held me back from getting things totally out of control. You would be surprised how inventive I have become in the neat storage of all the yarn and supplies my favorite pastime requires.

Recently, Barbara Van Inwegen told me about a project that she and others have started working on. I have, to this point, not started to work on the project, but I think I see it on my horizon and wanted to share the information in this month's Ladies Choice.

The Tempestry Project is a collaborative fiber arts project that presents global warming data in visual form through knitted or crocheted artwork. The project is part of a larger data art movement and the developing field of climate change art. Tempestries are made by knitting or crocheting rows in specific colors that represent respective high temperatures

each day for a year. Multiple works are typically displayed together to show change over time. The project began in 2017 in Anacortes, Washington and has since spread throughout the country and around the world. Here in Mattapoissett, there are several ladies who have started to create knitted or crocheted scarves that show the changes in temperature. Each scarf is made by knitting or crocheting one row or two each day for a year, that graphically represents a single location. There is information on the scarves at <http://www.climate-lab-book.ac.uk/2018/warming-stripes> This could be a way to start a conversation about climate issues with people you meet. Or how about getting together to knit some warming stripe scarves? Barbara has knit at least 5 scarves so far. The first was with size nine needles and 10 colors, mostly regular knitting worsted. She did not use a pattern, but just knit 2 rows for each 1/4" stripe and doubles/tripled as needed. Each scarf is different depending on the city, state

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Knitting Project: A NEW SLANT ON A FAVORITE HOBBY

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or country you choose. Questions to think about as you design your project are: How to deal with the color changes doing only one or two rows a color, and what size needle (based on the weight of the yarn) Do you Knit or Knit/Purl or use a pattern stitch?

So, as I see it for me, this should be something manageable. Knitting one row of a scarf a day, for a year, would allow me to try an interesting project while still being able to work on something from my project stash.





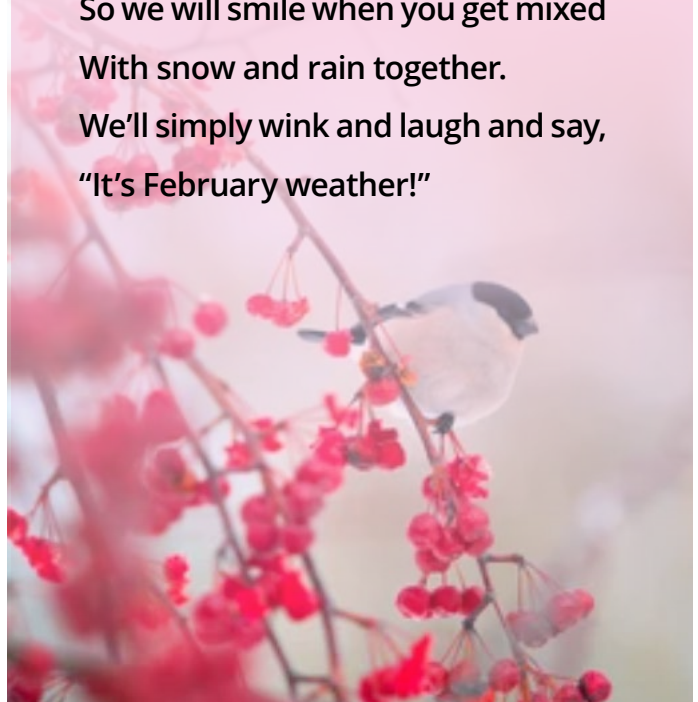
A Winter Surprise

Many members of the MWC have been gifted with clever, crafty projects created by Leo Couto and his Mom, Bethany. Today's surprise was perfectly timed for the predicted weekend weather. Maybe I need to add some more tick marks. ~ *Cindy Turse*

February's Gifts

By Lenore Hetrick

February, you're sometimes cold,
And sometimes quite unsettled,
If one is making plans indeed,
One often feels quite nettled.
With all your rain and snow,
With all your sleet and all your ice,
A person cannot know.
But one thing we are certain of,
Dear month of oddest mood,
You bring us lovely holidays,
So we will not be rude.
You bring us Washington's birthday,
You bring us Lincoln's too,
You give us good St. Valentine's -
What more could one month do?
So we will smile when you get mixed
With snow and rain together.
We'll simply wink and laugh and say,
"It's February weather!"





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

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

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 11.

Give your superpower. Give your gift.

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Bridge 2

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Marie Rottler

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Peg Olney

Social Cocktail Group

Cindy Turse

Welcome

New Members

Marianne Hickey

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 _____

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