



LADIES CHOICE

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Club Members,

September is Welcome Back month, just as it was many years ago when we were in school. I look forward to getting back into the rhythm of monthly meetings of the Woman's Club and its groups: the Garden, Literature, Knitting, Bridge, Social Cocktail, and Walking Group.

Our upcoming meeting on the 21st at Reynard Hall of the Congregational Church will be a time to see friends again, sign up for new interest groups of the Club, enjoy a delicious pot luck luncheon, receive our new Membership Books, and meet new members.

I still remember my first meeting of the Mattapoissett Woman's Club, September of 2006. I knew only the two people who had told me about it, Blanche Perry and Lorraine Rodrigues, whom I met as they tended the Post Office plantings that summer. So, with their invite and knowledge that I should bring a pot luck dish to share, I attended. And ever since, I am so glad that I did!

We have many new members since last September, and I hope that all of you can put the 3rd Thursday of the months of September through April (except December when our holiday luncheon is earlier) on your calendar to attend our meetings. We have speakers every month except September, December and April. And to all of our members, please encourage any friends or family, who might be interested in joining, to attend a meeting to see if our club fits their interests and goals of camaraderie and entertainment.

Please read the article on page 4 of this newsletter to learn more about our new Membership Committee and whom to contact with new member information.

We have expanded our interest groups this year with two new groups: Mah Jongg on Wednesdays, and Ladies Who Lunch once a month. Our September meeting will give you more information about these groups. Sign-up sheets for all the activities of the Club will be available. One of the best features of the MWC is that these activities are optional. Whether you winter in Florida or vacation throughout the year, attend when you can and live your life to it's fullest. The only requirement of membership is serving on one tea committee each year, and your assigned month is listed in the membership book. So please check this out, trade with another member if you must, but please help out at least one month.

Looking forward to seeing and meeting you if we haven't yet met. Enjoy your membership in a wonderful group of women who engage in Civic, Social, Educational and Philanthropic causes. It has been a lot of fun!

Best wishes,
Sandra Hering
MWC President



Sandra Hering
President, MWC

HOW DID I GET TO THE MWC?

Hi, my name is Ann Tisdale, and am honored to be featured in this month's Ladies Choice as a relatively new member of our Club!!

I first came to this quaint little town back in 1994 after my husband bought a StoneHorse sailboat in NYC and discovered it was built in Mattapoisett by the Edey and Duff Boatyard. He came down to research and visit the boatyard and fell in love with the town! We moved the boat to the Mattapoisett Boatyard and enjoyed sailing in Buzzards Bay and exploring the town for several years.

Then in 1997 my husband was diagnosed with mantle cell lymphoma: there was no cure, and they said 3 years was the average survival! He desperately wanted a little beach house in this town, so we scraped together a down payment (we had 2 kids in college and 1 in high school at the time), made the plunge and bought a tiny cape on Baker Lane. After repeated, unsuccessful treatments in Boston, we flew to Seattle in 2000 for 6 months for an experimental bone marrow transplant which was successful. Long story short, he lived a full, mostly cancer-free life for another 20 years; we got to travel extensively, saw our children graduate from college, get married and have 6 grandkids! Every year we spent glorious summers entertaining family and friends in Mattapoisett and sailing his beloved Butterfly!

In 2006 we moved from Westwood, MA where we had lived for 30 years to an old Victorian (always a dream of ours) in Fairhaven and commuted 2 hours each way to work in Boston for 12 years, always keeping the beach house in Mattapoisett! Working 12-hour days, we met very few people in either town! After my husband passed in January 2020, (1 month before Covid hit) my lab in Boston closed so I retired after 40 years. I felt so isolated and alone. It was a difficult couple of years, but my saving grace was again the house in Mattapoisett. My kids and grandkids could come and stay there and we could visit!

In February 2022 I read an article in The Wanderer about the MWC and a luncheon and lecture by an antique textiles historian and that all were welcome! I attended, loved the program and all the women I met; everyone was so warm and welcoming, I joined on the spot! Since then I've joined the walking group and the garden group and have enjoyed working with so many wonderful gals; helping out in all our events: Taste of the Town, pie parties, pie sales at Harbor Days, wreath making and sales and going on several "field trips" together! And now I'm the official group photographer! I cherish the new friendships I've made over these past couple of years and look forward to meeting more new members and contributing what I can in all our ventures! Thanks to all of you inspiring women who have made me feel a part of this wonderful group!

Looking forward to another great year with you all!

~ Ann Tisdale;



WELCOME BACK POT LUCK LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 21

All attendees bring their favorite dish to share.
Tea Committee please refer to the Membership Book for your duties.

Hostess: Sherry Hoines. Claudia J. Bobseine, Kate Brown, Morgan Browning, Erin Burlinson, Betty Ann Cannell, Joanela Deery, Luice Moncevitich, Robbin Peach, Carolyn Price, Marie Rottler, Blaise Simpson, Jackie Slade, Barbara Smith.



GARDEN CLUB DAFFODIL FUNDRAISER

Our daffodil fundraiser is coming up in October. The order has been placed for 2,900 bulbs, with an expected delivery between September 25 and October 9.

Upon their arrival, we will be asking for volunteers, also known as the “Pistil Packin’ Mamas,” to package our bulbs at Ned’s Point. The order this year consists of Mixed Daffodils—all colors and kinds—as well as our signature Trumpet Daffodil Improved King Alfred bulbs. New are the Mixed Daffodils which are a beautiful mixture of all types for naturalizing, having large and small cups, colors of solid yellows and whites, bi-colors of orange and white, yellow and white, orange and yellow, pink and white and even double-flowered varieties. We are excited to be offering these and will have a special promotion selling them with 16 bulbs in a bag for \$10 and our signature King Alfreds with 12 bulbs in a bag for \$10. Our selling strategy will be forthcoming.

Looking forward to a successful fundraiser to begin our new year!

~ Debbie Ward, Beth Inglis

LADIES DISCOVER MORE THAN GOOD FOOD!

Enchiladas, frango frito, and fleet fried scallops were all foods unknown to us until we had lunch over the last few months at El Mariachi, Antonio’s, and Fathom’s restaurants in Wareham and New Bedford. A once-a-month lunch, out on the town with other ladies who like to try new eating establishments, taste new-to-us lunch specialties, and enjoy each other’s company, has become a look-forward-to occasion for those of us who have had the good fortune to participate so far. Plus, through the conversation and laughter at each get together, we’ve gotten to know other Club members we might not have been lucky enough to have had the opportunity before!

So come join us at the next Ladies Who Lunch get together on September 27. Details will be forthcoming and posted on the Club’s website at www.mattapoisettwomensclub.org under the Ladies Who Lunch heading just as soon as we decide where the Ladies will be lunching next! To sign up, call Kate Brown at 508-758-3229.

REUSE OF THE HOLY GHOST PROPERTY SURVEY

The Town of Mattapoisett has published an online survey seeking recommendations for the reuse of the Holy Ghost property on Park Street. Please make your wishes known online or by picking up a hard copy of the survey at the Town Hall or COA. The survey is available for your participation until September 15th. Below are links to the Town website and the direct link to the survey. You can also scan the QR code to access the survey on your phone.

www.mattapoisett.net
[Holy Ghost Grounds Reuse Survey](#)



MWC News & Information

GIFTS TO GIVE

This is a reminder that at every MWC luncheon there will be a carton to receive your donated items for this very worthy charity.



For back-to-school time there are so many needed items, from gently used clothing, sneakers, shoes and boots to new socks and underwear; pajamas, too. Backpacks and the many school supplies children need are sure to please the returning students.

Gifts to Give will happily accept drop-offs at their facility at One Titleist Drive, Acushnet. It's also a great place to volunteer a few hours of your time which you'll find very satisfying.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are happy to report that over the summer several new members have joined us and we're looking forward to meeting and welcoming them at our September meeting.

We have updated and streamlined the MWC website and the "Become A Member" process in an effort to avoid having inquiries fall through the cracks. In addition to the website, we have implemented a timely and consistent process if the applicant comes directly from one of our members.

Recently, a member was unsure whom to contact to enroll a friend and was directed to membership. We immediately contacted the prospective member, answered her questions, walked her through the online process, and welcomed her as a new member.

If you are a long-time member or a new member, our committee is here to help make your membership more enjoyable.

Let us know if we can help.

~ Christine Voss, Sharon Doyon, Kate Brown
Membership Committee



FIRST COCKTAIL SOCIAL OF 2023-24

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. The first Cocktail Social of the 2023-24 season is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, from 5-7 PM at the home of Blaise Simpson. Guests bring their beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. The gathering will take place outside on the porch and in the yard. Bring a guest if you wish!

Blaise's address is 6R North Street behind 6 North Street. Parking is available on the right side of North Street (please do not block driveways) or in the Town Beach lot. For folks with limited mobility, parking is also available for about six cars on the right side of Blaise's driveway and in her neighbor's driveway at 4 North. To reach her house, walk the length of the driveway next to 6 North.

For this event, please RSVP directly to Blaise, her email is: blaises@yahoo.com or 415-367-8465.

The Cocktail Socials are always pleasant, fun events and a wonderful chance to get to know your club mates. These events are usually scheduled in the Fall/Winter and again in Spring/early Summer. There are 4 in total.

At the September luncheon meeting of the MWC, sign up sheets will be available for hosting; you need only provide the space and you determine the exact date.

Hope to see you at Blaise's home on the 17th.

~ Linda Clifford

Treasurer's Summer Update

What an event-filled June and July we had! With the help of so many of our members, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club raised over \$12,000 for scholarships, public programs and community outreach. As both a new member and your new MWC treasurer, I continue to be impressed by the membership's commitment to the community and one another as each event progresses. The joy and good humor are contagious for this busy group of women!

Despite a very rainy start to the day, the "June In Bloom" garden tour saw 149 tickets sold to tour the 6 fabulous properties around Mattapoisett. Income from ticket sales was \$5,600.00 and expenses were \$575.28 for a net profit of \$5,024.72. In addition, the Adirondack Bench raffle sold another 81 tickets and after permits & taxes raised an additional \$301.30.

Taste of the Town had gross sales receipts of \$7,143.00 which includes \$1,249.00 that was distributed back to some of the participating restaurants. Although sales were lower than last year, everyone was pleased by the offerings of our local food establishments and the beautiful flower arrangements put together by our MWC Garden Group. Expenses were in line with prior years and resulted in a net profit for the day of \$5,232.76.

Within a very few days, another \$1,428.78 was raised from the sale of pies, baked goods and note cards at the MWC Pie Sale at Harbor Days and Peg Olney's personal pie sale to her friends and neighbors. Having personally been able to sample two of the pies, I can confirm this was an enormously successful and delicious endeavor!

Over the summer, Cindy Turse has continued to champion the note card sales pushing our total summer fundraising over the \$12,000 threshold. Thank you, Cindy... and thank you all for sharing your time, treasures & talents with one another and our community!

~ Beth Inglis

Notes from the Scholarship Committee

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club Scholarship Committee awards three scholarships to Mattapoisett residents every year. Two go to deserving high school grads who are moving on to college.

But did you know that the third scholarship, our Continuing Education Scholarship, is designed for someone who is reentering the academic world? It's intended to assist individuals who are enrolled in a program to upgrade their skills, make a career change and/or pursue technical or professional certification. We are especially proud to offer this unique scholarship to qualified members of our community.



This year's winner of the Continuing Education Scholarship went to Rosemary Williams, a Board Certified Music Therapist and mother of three young children. Rosemary is working towards her Masters of Social Work online at Simmons College. She hopes to combine music therapy and social services to more effectively reach those in need. We are pleased to be able to make a contribution to help Rosemary achieve her worthy goal.

Advanced education can be a pursuit for any age. If you know a Mattapoisett resident who is on a path to further learning, tell them about the MWC Continuing Education Scholarship.

Detailed information will be available on our website, along with an updated application in early 2024.

~ Roberta Oakley, Scholarship Committee

MWC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

By Mary O'Keefe

[**VOLUNTEER:** a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.]

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is reaching out to many different entities for volunteering opportunities in our community. Please contact Mary O'Keefe if you're currently volunteering, or have in the past, we'd love to hear of your experience.

My Brother's Keeper

My Brother's Keeper in Dartmouth is a nonprofit and listed as a 4 star on Charity Navigator. The building is impressive and very welcoming, as was the staff when I visited last spring. I met with Julie who explained the Christian goal of giving help and hope to those in need, using volunteers' hands and hearts to do the work. They provide food, as well as furnishings and bedding, delivered to homes four days a week, as requested.

They actually make their own box springs, and volunteer opportunities include sewing to make the box spring covers and installing them on the frames. They refurbish furniture and make up packages for delivery. All volunteers are encouraged to go out on MBK's trucks to experience the joy of their mission of delivering to families. Julie said that in the fall it would be great if volunteers came to learn about them and hopefully join their Christmas Project, providing help to their large community. She said it is something all volunteers enjoy working.

Volunteers can set their own schedule and get involved on what interests them. It's a perfect place to get your steps in! My Brother's Keeper is located off 195 W exit 19B. Call 774-305-4577 to make an appointment to visit and tour. Be ready to be as impressed as I was. See you there.

~ Mary O'Keefe

Recycle Smart **Smart Recycling Guide** AN INITIATIVE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Your go-to reference for recycling in Massachusetts

Metal	Plastic	Glass	Paper & Cardboard
 Food and Beverage Cans empty and rinse	 Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs empty and replace cap	 Bottles and Jars empty and rinse	 Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes empty and flatten

NO!

 Do Not Bag Recyclables No Garbage	 No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap (return to retail)	 YUCK No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)	 No Clothing or Linens (use donation programs)	 No Tanglers (no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)
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Recyclopedia: Can I recycle it?
Enter name of item (ex. bottle)
Use our online search tool at: RecycleSmartMA.org

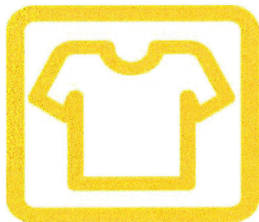
RecycleSmartMA.org

All recycling programs in Massachusetts accept the items pictured above.
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Recycling textiles is the smart thing to do. Below is a list of items in your home that can be recycled. Remember that items in any condition (**worn, torn or stained**) can all be recycled. All items should be clean and dry.

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| Bedding: comforter, sheets, pillow cases, blankets | Scarves |
| Belts | Shirts |
| Boots | Shoes (single or in pairs) |
| Bras | Shorts |
| Coats | Skirts |
| Curtains/Draperies | Slippers |
| Dresses | Socks (single or in pairs) |
| Flip flops | Stuffed animals |
| Halloween costumes | Suits |
| Hats | Sweaters |
| Jackets | Sweatpants |
| Jeans | Sweatshirts |
| Jerseys (sports) | Table linens |
| Napkins (cloth) | Ties |
| Pajamas | Towels |
| Pants | T-shirts |
| Pet beds & clothing | Undergarments |
| Pillows | |
| Purses | |

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Harbor Days Bake Sale

The MWC's bake sale at Harbor Days was a great success! Members baked over 70 pies, all of which were sold by 10:30 in the morning!

Pie Captains (who organized getting the ingredients and gift cards from multiple local stores and mustered teams of cooks) were Elaine Grant, Blaise Simpson, Betty Parker, Kate Brown, Robin Lepore, Peg Olney, and Sharon Doyon. Including all those who helped sell baked goods and those who brought other items to our table, about 50 members participated in some way. Our profits were \$1,328.78, all of which will go towards our community projects and scholarships. The pie parties were a fun social—though at times a bit sticky way to spend a few hours. If you are in town next year in the few days before Harbor Days, why not join us!

See Pie Party pictures on page 9.

~ Robin LePore





Left to right: Pie Party participants: Susan Perkins, Cindy Johnson, Robin Lepore, Ellen Schneider, Gail Roberts, Mary Dermody, Maureen St. Amand, Barbara Poznysz, Kate Brown, Ann Tisdale.



GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Literature Group

Wednesday, September 13 9:30 am

The September meeting of the Literature Group will be our welcome back meeting. We will meet at the home of Peg Olney, 24 Avenue A, Peases Point on Wednesday September 13 at 9:30 am. No discussion book was chosen for this meeting. We will be talking about books we have read recently and we will choose books to read for future meetings. Bring your suggestions. We will also need volunteers to host meetings from October to April or May. Recently the May meeting has been a field trip. Hope to see you there.

Questions? Contact Peg Olney, pegolney@verizon.net or 508-758-2531

~ Peg Olney



Peg Olney

*Literature Group Chair,
Ladies Choice Publisher
1998 - 2018 & Current Editor*

Knitting & Hand Crafts

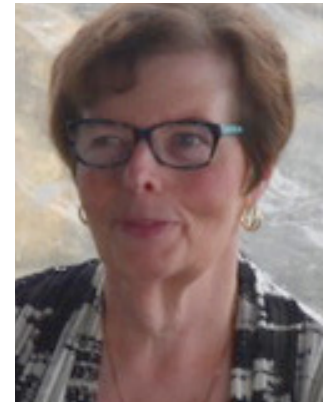
Thursday, September 28 2:00 - 4:00 pm

It has certainly been a warm summer to be knitting. In my case, having an air-conditioned home allowed me to knit even on the warmest of days. I started a blanket project that will take me a long time to finish. By the time the cold weather arrives, it should be large enough to keep me warm.

The project was inspired by a visit Colby and I made to Dayton, Ohio, last spring. We visited a single nephew whom we hadn't seen in quite a while. As he doesn't have family nearby, we urged him to come to Massachusetts, which he did and was happy to reconnect with a group of relatives.

The Knitting group's first meeting will be Thursday, September 28, from 2 to 4 pm at my home, 23 Channel Street. Please send me a quick e-mail to let me know if you plan to attend, or, if you have any questions, you can reach me at 508-828-8091. Anyone interested in joining our group is welcome.

~ Marie Rottler



Marie Rottler

Knitting Chair, Website

Bridge Group

Second and fourth Tuesdays 1:00 pm

The MWC Bridge Group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month during October through May. The group is comprised of eight players, each of whom hosts a game at her home on a rotating basis, providing light refreshments. Substitute players are always welcome.

Please get in touch with Elaine Grant to inform her if you wish to play on a regular basis or be listed as a substitute to be available on short notice. Sign-up sheets will also be available at our September 21st luncheon meeting. We are a congenial group who enjoy the game, but don't take it too seriously. Come and join us.

GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Garden Group

Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 am

Mattapoissett Public Library Community Room

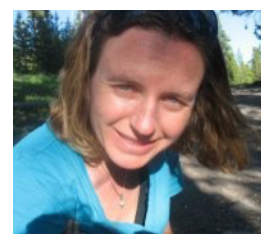
The Garden Group will meet September 6th at 10:00 am in the Community Room of the Mattapoissett Library. Bring your favorite morning beverage and enjoy refreshments from the side table as we listen and watch a presentation from **Michelle Skaar**, *Adult Services and Reference Librarian*. She'll introduce and

help us navigate Google Docs for shared calendars and cooperative planning. Bring your devices and your questions. You'll need a Gmail account if you don't already have one.

The summer season, aka watering season, is coming to a close. Many thanks to all volunteers who were instrumental for keeping Mattapoissett blooming. Special thanks to Elaine Botelho and her friend, Deanne Girouard, for being the sole guardians of the Beach House window boxes which they designed, planted and watered.

Our business meeting will follow the presentation. If you haven't paid your dues for the year, you can pay them at this meeting —\$10.

Mark your calendars for our October 4th meeting when **Jennifer Anderson** of "Tree Talk Natives" will be our presenter.



Jennifer Anderson,
Tree Talk Natives



GROUPS SCHEDULES & INFORMATION

Walking Group

Saturday, September 2, 3:00 pm

Hello MWC walkers! Welcome back to a “somewhat” regular walk routine. All are welcome. For those of you who may not be familiar with our group, we are a group of about 20 women who like to walk for exercise and camaraderie. We usually walk for about an hour on Friday and/or Monday at 10 am. Our walks are mostly leisurely and take place at various scenic local sites. Previous walks have included The Stone Estate (Marion), the NB Hurricane Dike, Ned’s Point, the new bike path, various Land Trust properties, etc.

Our first walk in September will be an “out-of-ordinary” adventurous one, though. On Saturday, September 2 at 3:00 we will be walking to Ram Island. Yes, you can walk out to Ram Island which is located about a quarter mile off shore from Antassawamock. At low tide the seawater is usually 1 to 3 feet deep and September 2 will be one of the lower tides. FYI, you WILL get wet, but the seawater is usually still warm in early September. Several members have walked to this island in previous years and have lived to laugh about it.

If you would like to join us on September 2, but prefer to stay on dry land, you are welcome to sit on the beach and enjoy the view. Feel free to call or email me if you would like to walk to Ram Island, or be on our email list for future walks. I’ll be happy to answer any questions.

~ Sue Mitchell



Mah Jongg

Wednesdays 1:00 pm

Council On Aging (COA), 17 Barstow Street

Our Mah Jongg partnership with the Council on Aging started off strong in the late spring and has ebbed and flowed like the tides, over the summer. We anticipate active participation as the fall begins. The general public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Contact Mary Dermody, marydermody@me.com
610-937-7455 for questions or if you are interested in attending instruction sessions, which are held periodically.



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