



MASHPEE WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

Fall 2020

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Mashpee Women's Club Mission Statement: "The mission of this Club is to bring all women of Mashpee and surrounding towns into a social environment, provide educational and recreational programs to the benefit of our members, and charitable programs to support our towns. The Club's first meeting was December 9, 1997."

President's Message



Welcome September! This has always been my favorite time of year. The tourists are gone, the weather remains warm, and the surrounding beauty provides a dose of endorphins! The nights slowly morph into that fall crispness that is so

invigorating as we greet the new day. And it is a new beginning for us as well as I take over the reins as president. Jane has provided such spirited and uplifting leadership for the past two years and I hope to continue with the same positive approach, in building our community into an even greater opportunity for celebrating women! To that end, I am so excited about the opportunities and possibilities for growth. I am hoping to expand our areas for interest groups in the hopes of getting more women together and to share together, so that we actually become a community celebrating Womanhood. This is your organization, so I welcome all of your ideas and suggestions about how to enhance our feeling of community. You all have something unique to offer! So, I challenge each of you to brainstorm ways to actualize something you love doing by making it a shared experience. I am available to discuss any suggestions, concerns, or issues that you might have that will help us connect to one

to one another in celebration of our commonality as women. Additionally, as always, we will continue our dedication to scholarships and charities.

The pandemic has offered our organization many challenges, just as we have all been personally challenged. We will continue to have our monthly luncheons outside, as long as we are able. We are thrilled to announce that Jo Ann Burk has secured Adrienne Brodeur for our luncheon speaker in October. Adrienne will be discussing her memoir, Wild Game, My Mother, Her Secret, and Me. Please secure your reservations early as seating will continue to be limited, as per COVID restrictions.

Also, we are discussing possible groups, such as hiking, and in the park picnics to replace our Ladies Lunch for now. I am also going to be offering a COVID Chat group, where we will discuss ways to cope and brainstorm ways to bring people together, while respecting the current restrictions. While we have had to postpone some of our annual events, we are looking forward to our combined book club meeting, hopefully in the spring.

I am also pleased to announce that our new vice president, Susan Creed, has volunteered to be our new photographer. So, we encourage all of you to take photos at any smaller event that you may be attending and send them to Susan. We

will start posting them in our newsletter!

Finally, this is a reminder that your annual membership dues of \$30 should be paid by the end of the month. We will be printing a new directory. In order to be sure that your information is included, we must have your payment so that you are updated on the membership list. Some of you may feel disconnected because so many activities have come to a halt. Even though your favorite activity may have been put on hold, I want to remind you that we are a charitable organization and that your membership dues will help to keep us afloat! And we will be back, stronger than ever!

Diane Mahoney, President

Who's Who

There is a large contingent of active members who make sure the social and charitable missions of the Club are developed, maintained and grow. [Please check the latest directory for their contact information.](#)

Officers and Board

The Officers and Board of Directors for the MWC 2-year term beginning September 1, 2020 are:



Officers

President	Diane Mahoney
Vice President	Susan Creed
Treasurer	Katherine Schwartz
Recording Secretary	Sheila Salomon
Corresponding Secretary	Carolyn Holmes

Board of Directors

Charities	Sue White
Fundraising	Open Position
Historian	Jo Ann Burk
Membership	Mary Liz McCahill
Programs	Jo Ann Burk
Public Relations	Jo Ann Burk
Newsletter	Nancy Kurtz

Committee and Activities Chairs

The Mashpee Women's Club offers a wide variety of activities for all its members. Contact the activity chairs listed below if you are interested in participating in any of these activities:

Annual Golf Outing/Luncheon	Suzi Rego/ Sue Riley
Book Groups	Sigrid Howell/ Carolyn Holmes
All Bridge Activities	OPEN
Centerpieces	Laura Kuzia/ Carolyn Holmes
Knitting Groups	Sue Riley/ Mary Liz McCahill
Luncheons	Linda Gervich
Webmistress	Meg Brady
New Members Coffee	Sigrid Howell
Ladies' Lunch	Susan Creed
Memoir & More Writing	Fran Giambarba

MWC Past Presidents

Sunny Merritt	12/1997 – 08/2002
Joan Brown	09/2002 – 08/2004
Ceil Sneider	09/2004 – 08/2008
Grace Talmage	09/2008 – 01/2009
Vye Larkin	04/2009 – 03/2012
Diane Scovil	02/2012 – 08/2013
Terry Herman	08/2013 – 08/2014
Jean Boundy	08/2014 – 08/2016
Jeanne Dennis	09/2016 – 08/2018
Jane Murphy	09/2018 – 08/2020

Members' Contact Information

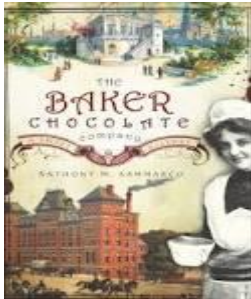
Please Note

Contact information for any MWC members may be found in the club directory. Since this newsletter is distributed to others outside of MWC, we typically **do not** publish contact information for members in the newsletter.

Membership Luncheons

Mashpee Women's Club hosts a monthly luncheon on the third Tuesday of each month. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for guests. Checks payable to the Mashpee Women's Club should be mailed to: Mashpee Women's Club, P.O. Box 1613, Mashpee, MA 02649 - to arrive at least 10 days before the luncheon.

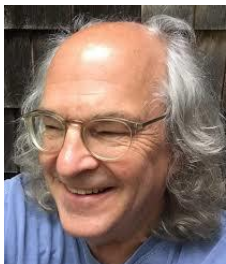
August: Anthony Sammarco, author of the Baker Chocolate Company



The: A Sweet History Boston historian and author of over 70 books, discussed the history of America's first chocolate manufacturer.

The story begins in pre-Revolutionary War Boston in 1765 when Dr. James Baker came upon a penniless Irish immigrant, John Hannon, with his soon to be famous chocolate recipe. Mr. Sammarco discussed the many twists and turns to the intriguing saga of America's oldest chocolate factory.

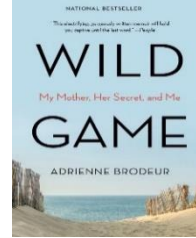
September: Local Historian Greg Williams, will



take us behind the conspiracy to murder Joshua Spooner and the conviction of his wife, her teenage lover and two escaped British POWs. This interesting bit of local history involves the murder of Joshua Spooner and the subsequent

conviction of Spooner's wife, Bathsheba Ruggles Spooner, born in Sandwich. The infamous murder trial of Bathsheba Spooner was the first capital case in the newly formed United States and pre-dated Massachusetts's adoption of a constitution. Bathsheba's attorney was Levi Lincoln, Attorney General for Thomas Jefferson and whose son became the state's long-serving governor.

October: Adrienne Brodeur, author of Wild Game: My Mother, Her Secrets, and Me.



Adrienne and her family spent their summers in Harwich, and she currently splits her time between Cambridge and the Cape. Adrienne's compelling memoir of those Cape Cod summers. Exquisite and harrowing. The book is so gorgeously written and deeply insightful, and with a line of narrative tension that never slacks, from the first page to the last.

IMPORTANT!!

We have been asked by New Seabury/Popponesset Inn to ensure that we submit the luncheon count by a specific date. We will no longer have the opportunity to add additional names once we have committed to the count. What this means is that you must mail your check in time so that it will be **RECEIVED BY THE MASHPEE POST OFFICE** no later than the Tuesday **BEFORE** the luncheon. We cannot guarantee the date your check is received at our post office box.

Thank you.

Linda Gervich, Luncheon Committee Chair

Mashpee Food Pantry



Mashpee Food Pantry is very appreciative of all the support that the MWC has provided in the past. As a reminder, the food pantry has let us know that cash donations are preferable to donated products because the pantry is able purchase in bulk at a lesser cost than we can individually. They will gratefully accept all product donations, if you would still prefer to do so. Please contact **Sue Riley** if you have any questions.

2020 Scholarship Recipients

The Mashpee Women's Club has announced the recipients of the 2020 scholarships administered through its annual scholarship program. Both recipients are graduating seniors who plan to attend college in the fall.

Stella Bold has elected to attend University of Massachusetts Amherst, after being accepted to several colleges, where she will focus her studies on early childhood education. Stella has worked on the Mashpee Middle-High School newspaper, The Falconer, for which she has conducted interviews and written articles. She has served as co-president of the student council. As a member of the Key Club, she has been involved in community service work and has raised money for charity.

Kaylee McCarthy has been accepted into several colleges. The focus of her education will be either marine biology or chemistry. Kaylee has been involved in student council as its secretary and the Key Club, and has served as president of the student government. In the past Kaylee has been involved with the Mashcapellas and played field hockey.

New Members

This year has been like no other that we can remember. We are missing our friends and families, and reaching out to all in new ways. I miss the hugs and face to face laughter we took for granted, and can't wait until we can once again gather. That said, we are still able to attract new members, ladies who I am sure have heard about our good works and fun activities. Please reach out to **Cindy Collins and Susan Cullen** whenever you have the chance. And we will give them a big welcome once we are able to!

A gentle reminder – if you have not yet paid your dues, please do so immediately. Failure to remit will mean that your information will not be included in the upcoming directory.

Book Group

Due to COVID 19 our MWC December Book Luncheon has been postponed until



sometime next spring. We hope you will let your book club members know this change of plans and that we ALL look forward to meeting as soon as it is safe for us ALL to be together. Please let your members know of this decision.

When appropriate we will be in touch with the NEW date and time. In the meantime, we wish you all a healthy fall and winter.

Keep reading...

Sigrid Howell/Carolyn Holmes
Book Group Coordinators

Ladies Lunch Group

Ladies Lunch Group is an additional fun way to get together with a great group of ladies for lunch, while experiencing a variety of restaurants in the area on the **second Thursday** of each month. To join our Ladies Lunch group, please contact **Susan Creed** (contact information is in the directory). Susan will notify us of the restaurant by email, you order your own lunch from the menu and enjoy some time with friends new and old. A temporary alternative may be picnics in the park.

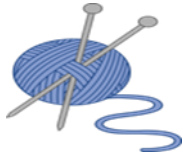
During this time of COVID-19, we will put Ladies Lunch Group at restaurants on hold until further notice

Bridge Group

To all those who enjoy playing, think of joining our Bridge Group, please contact us at mwc@mashpeewomensclub.org

Knitting Group

One of the missions of the Mashpee Women's Club is to provide charitable programs to support our towns and we are proud to continue its charitable mission. **The United Way of Cape Cod is hosting a community baby shower and has asked The Black Purls Yarn Store in Sandwich to collect baby hats.** Members of our knitting group previously made 23 hats and 6 sweaters to contribute to the more than 100 baby items that were collected. Our knitting groups continue to meet to work on various projects. If you are interested in joining, please let us know. We look forward to meeting you. Please contact: **Mary Liz McCahill**.



A Friendly Reminder

A friendly reminder to please continue to collect your coupons for diapers. We send the coupons monthly to A Baby Center in Hyannis (<https://www.ababycenter.org/>). With so many little Cape Codders in need, it is nice to help out as often as we can. By clipping coupons that come in the Sunday paper, and also the monthly BJ's mailer, we can easily give aid. Just drop the coupons in the pink basket at the monthly luncheon. Thank you. **Mary Liz McCahill**



Our Website

Did you know that the Mashpee Women's Club has a website located at www.mashpeewomensclub.org? It's a pretty useful tool where you can find all sorts of information such as luncheon details, scheduled events, the Mission and bylaws of our organization. There are even links to programs that have been recorded by Mashpee TV. Check it out. If there is anything you would like to see added, just email us at: mwc@mashpeewomensclub.org.



Centerpiece Creations!

We are looking for ladies who enjoy creating centerpiece arrangements for our monthly luncheons. Two or three members per month share the responsibility to create the centerpiece for that month's luncheon. The centerpiece could be floral, balloons, sand and seashells, or something else to fit in with the program theme each month. MWC pays for the supplies up to \$15.00 for each table. MWC is a "Tax Exempt" club and will supply the form for you to use for purchasing items. The number required would vary from month to month depending upon the number of tables, but would range from 10-12 centerpieces. This is a great way to get involved. And, your efforts would have a direct positive impact on our funding of charities and scholarships, as they are included in our 50/50 each month. Please contact **Laura Kuzia** or **Carolyn Holmes**, Centerpiece Coordinators, for more information.

HELP WANTED

Are you looking to become more involved in Mashpee Women's Club? We are looking for women to enhance our activities like 'Getting To Know You' speaker and 'Memoirs and More Groups'. Or would you like to start a group? Let us know.



Getting To Know You: We are always looking for new speakers for the GTKY segment of the monthly luncheons. If you know someone who would be interesting, a small business from anywhere on Cape Cod, or someone who has an idea about something we would be interested hearing more about, please let us know.

The speaker has 5-7 minutes to speak and cannot be someone who spoke as a GTKY speaker with the last two years.

Memoirs and More Groups: What's your story? Is it a memory? Is it a dream? Is it fiction, mystery or poetry? Whatever your story – real or imagined – whatever your style – poetry or prose? The group starts with a short piece of your writing, then on to some spontaneous topics and finally some ideas for the next time. This will be a friendly, non-

critical group that encourages you to release your inner stories for yourself, for your family, for your friends. This will be a friendly, non-critical group that encourages you to release your inner stories for yourself, for your family, for your friends. The group encourages people to record their stories.



If you are receiving this newsletter via regular U.S. mail, it is because we do not have an email address on file for you or because you have

requested it to be sent to you through regular mail. If you did receive a mailed copy and have an email address and would like to receive the newsletter and other Mashpee Women's Club correspondence via email instead of hard copy, please contact Nancy Kurtz: nancypasbc@comcast.net. One advantage of

receiving the emailed copy is that there are lots of color photographs and pictures that do not reproduce as well in the black and white hard copy. Email also reduces our reproduction and mailing costs for the newsletter.

Note: To continue receiving the newsletter via regular mail, you do not need to do anything. We are very happy to continue to mail the newsletter to you as we have done in the past.



MWC Charitable Mission



One of the missions of this Club is to provide charitable programs to support our towns. We are proud to continue its charitable mission each month during our monthly luncheon plus the extraordinary fundraising activities this year through the fashion show, golf tournament, and the Casino Night. Thank you to all our members for your support!

An important part of our charitable mission is the 50/50 raffle that we hold at each monthly luncheon. The recipient of the 50/50 raffle is a Cape Cod charity suggested by our members. Any MWC member can submit a suggestion for a charity that is a 501(c)(3) charity. It will have a chance to win the 50/50. If you have a charity you would like to suggest, please complete the following form and bring it to the next meeting or email the information to **Sue White** (her contact information is in the directory).

PLEASE NOTE: The charity **MUST** be a Cape Cod charity and must be a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charity.

THE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAWING

Name of Charity: _____

Address of Charity:

Charity Phone #: _____ **Charity Contact:** _____

Your Name: _____ **Your Phone #:** _____



Mashpee Women's Club

Membership Application and Renewal

<p>Please send completed form with check payable to the Mashpee Women's Club for \$30.00 annual dues to Mashpee Women's Club P. O. Box 1613 Mashpee, MA 02649</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> No change needed in directory listing <input type="checkbox"/> Please make the following changes in the directory listing
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Please print all the following information (for renewals, please include only your name and those items that are a change from your existing information):

Name:	_____
Mailing Address:	Street or P.O. Box: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone:	Home: _____ Cell: _____
Email Address:	_____

(by providing my email address, I agree to receive electronic communications from the Mashpee Women's Club)

MWC Members' Directory: Do you want to: Receive via hard copy? Or receive via on-line?

The Mashpee Women's Club offers many social, educational, and charitable opportunities for its members. Please identify below any areas of interest to you. This helps us as we plan programs and activities for the membership. We welcome your participation!

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

<input type="checkbox"/> Book Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge Groups	<input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Lunch
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf: Annual outing and luncheon	<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Memoirs and More Writing Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Knitting

CLUB COMMITTEES

<input type="checkbox"/> Charities: Monthly 50/50 raffle; annual scholarships	<input type="checkbox"/> Centerpiece Creation: Working with others to create centerpieces for monthly luncheons
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership: Club information; new members; annual directory	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising: Activities and events to increase scholarship and charity funds
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations: News and/or photos of club activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality (New members' tea/coffees)
<input type="checkbox"/> Greeters at Monthly Luncheons	

Do you have any suggestions for programs or social activities?

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Remembering.....

Lucy Ellen Cromwell
1938 – 2020



Lisbeth 'Lis' Dineen
1946 - 2020



Grace Talmage
1923 - 2020



Marie E. Roche
1939-2020



Ellnor Anderson Hysko
1938-2020



**Mashpee Women's Club
Proud recipient of the Mashpee Chamber of Commerce
2006 Community Commitment Award**