



# MASHPEE WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2021

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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



#### REOPENING NEWS!

We, like the changing seasons, will be slowly emerging into a new, awakening environment. As the crocuses begin to bloom, and the daffodils emerge from their winter naps, we

too, will finally begin to have an opportunity to emerge from our homes and into our social environments! Spring is in the air, along with vaccines, which will provide us the safety to freely mingle together once again. I am excited to announce that we have planned a grand reopening for you! We will resume our monthly luncheons starting in April! Please see the agenda for this luncheon in Jo Ann's program details. Also, this is the perfect time to acquaint someone new with MWC, so I encourage you to take this opportunity to invite a friend, who has been isolated, to join you. Meanwhile, to prepare for our reopening, please, please, please schedule your vaccines! This is the best way to ensure the safety of not only yourself, but also your fellow members.

Your Board has also been hard at work planning for new events for the coming year.

Because of the pandemic, we will not be following our regular schedule of activities. However, we will be adding different events as the opening process allows. Please stay tuned to watch the exciting events that we have been discussing.

I also want to encourage all of you to think about new activity groups. While we already have book clubs, knitting, ladies' lunch, etc. I would like you to think about personal interests that might be meaningful to you and to others in the group. I encourage you to consider becoming a group leader by starting a new activity group. This is the best way to really get to know the other members of the club! Some of the ideas that I have in mind are a walking group, a gallery group, a painting group, a meditation group, a cooking group, a wine night group, a potluck group, an ancestry group, a scrapbooking group, a quilting group, and so on. Anyone who may be interested in leading one of these activities that I have mentioned or a new one that you have thought of, please be in touch with me.

Finally, some of the events that we are planning for later this year will be focused on raising money so that we can get back on schedule to provide assistance to our community. We are also looking for volunteers to help in planning some of these events. Please be in touch with Barbara Marchio if you would like to help.

I will be looking forward to seeing many of you at our April luncheon, and meanwhile, please give serious consideration to helping us reopen by getting involved!

**Diane Mahoney, President**



**Your Board Continues Hard at Work**

## NEWS EVENT UPDATE

The Lisa Genova Zoom event for April 13 has been moved to April 20<sup>th</sup>, our opening luncheon at New Seabury Country Club. More information will be coming soon via email.

## 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	<b>Diane Mahoney</b>
Vice President	<b>Susan Creed</b>
Treasurer	<b>Katherine Schwartz</b>
Recording Secretary	<b>Sheila Salomon</b>
Corresponding Secretary	<b>Carolyn Holmes</b>

### Board of Directors

Charities	<b>Barbara Marchio</b>
Fundraising	<b>Barbara Marchio</b>
Historian	<b>Jo Ann Burk</b>
Membership	<b>Mary Liz McCahill</b>
Programs	<b>Jo Ann Burk</b>
Public Relations	<b>Jo Ann Burk</b>
Hospitality	<b>Terry Cordo/Jeanne Hammond</b>
Newsletter	<b>Nancy Kurtz</b>

## 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	<b>Suzi Rego/ Sue Riley</b>
Book Groups	<b>Sigrid Howell/ Carolyn Holmes</b>
All Bridge Activities	<b>Sheila Salomon</b>
Centerpieces	<b>Laura Kuzia/ Carolyn Holmes</b>

Knitting Groups	<b>Sue Riley/ Mary Liz McCahill</b>
Luncheons	<b>Linda Gervich</b>
Webmistress	<b>Meg Brady</b>
Ladies' Lunch	<b>Susan Creed</b>
Memoir & More Writing	<b>Helenska DeLuca</b>

## MWC Past Presidents

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

## Programs

Working on MWC programs during a pandemic is both very challenging and quite unrewarding! While our enthusiasm is firmly intact, our ability to predict the future continues to be iffy. That being said, we have cancelled some great programs, postponed some others and are scheduling some

absolutely great ones. Our plan is to be back in action with a special treat for our members...Lisa Genova will speak to us, via Zoom. Another blast will be forthcoming with all the delicious details. This is sure to be amazing and we hope you can tune in. Our hope is that our first "in-person luncheon" will be a purely social event that will allow us to re-engage as a club and reconnect as friends. Ladies, if you have any ideas or suggestions for Programs, please let us know. Here's hoping everyone is healthy, and we look forward to meeting again ASAP!

### Please note News Event Change on Page 2



**Lisa Genova**, Harvard-trained Neuroscientist Bestselling Author of "Still Alice". Will be presented via Zoom on Tuesday April 13, 2021 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM, introducing her new book

**"Remember: The Science of Memory and the Art of Forgetting"**. Lisa Genova's first work of non-fiction is a fascinating exploration of how we remember, why we forget, and what we can do to protect our memories.

We are pleased to offer this event at No Charge to MWC members and their guests. Registration will be online **only** beginning in early March. We will let you know when the registration form is available. A link for the event will be sent out in early April. **Register early**, as the event will also be open to the public. Don't have access? Why not try to join a group of your friends!

Dr. Genova donated this Zoom event at a Community Care ALS ("CCALS") fundraising auction. MWC has donated to CCALS through its 2019 fundraiser and continues to support CCALS by hosting this event. You can donate to this worthy cause through its website <http://www.ccals.org> ; or to MWC by check payable to MWC, P.O. Box 1613,

Mashpee MA 02649. MWC is a 501(c)(3) organization.

## Fundraising

At this time, there is a small committee that has been meeting and discussing a number of ideas for Fundraising events. For a major Fundraiser, we are thinking Spring 2022 at the earliest given the planning and lead time necessary to hold such an event. However, we are also working on a "contingency basis" on several ideas for a smaller event in the late Fall, with the hope that COVID-19 restrictions will no longer be in place. Nothing is finalized yet and we welcome suggestions for an event you would find appealing.

We would also love to hear from any of you who would like to share your time and talents with the MWC Fundraising efforts. The Committee can use your help! There are so many moving parts to organizing and orchestrating events, everybody can contribute in one way or another, big and small. As the saying goes, "It takes a village".

If you are interested, please reach out

**Barbara Marchio** at:

[mwc@mashpeewomensclub.org](mailto:mwc@mashpeewomensclub.org)

– and stay tuned for more information.

## Scholarships

Being a very challenging year for MWC to participate in our continuing scholarship endeavor---- This year 2021 adds two scholarships for Mashpee High School seniors enrolled in the EMT course.

**Katherine Schwartz** chairs a sub-committee with Norma **Jean Waring**, **Trudi Ide** and **Sigrid Howell**. Please contact them for further information.

## New Members

Alas! As we have not been able to hold programs and invite guests and new neighbors to experience the Mashpee

Woman's Club. Once we can safely gather, we will be singing our group's praises to all, while we welcome new members, and our membership will blossom!

## Book Group

Book group 2 had its first zoom meeting last month. We discussed "*Where the*



*Crawdads Sing*" by Delia Owens. It has topped The New York Times Fiction Best Sellers of 2019 and 2020 for a combined 32 non-consecutive weeks. And, as of late January 2021, this book has

spent 124 weeks on the best sellers list. Our group had a thought-provoking discussion and character analysis of the book. We would highly recommend reading it.

Next, we will be discussing "*Behold the Dreamers*" by Imbolo Mbue. This debut novel details the experiences of two New York City families during the 2008 financial crises; an immigrant family and their wealthy employers. I'm sure this will be an interesting exchange of ideas and opinions. We are looking forward to another zoom get together.

The Mashpee Women's book club has purchased a **Zoom membership** for the club. Everyone is encouraged to use it. Book Chairs - please let your members know about this, to schedule your book meetings.

Contact **Meg Brady** at

[mwc@mashpeewomensclub.org](mailto:mwc@mashpeewomensclub.org) to get on the



monthly schedule so times do not overlap. It's a great way to connect until we can all meet safely in person; which we hope will be soon with the distribution of the vaccine finally becoming available.

On an optimistic note, Sigrid has been in contact with the Cape Club in hopes of planning our annual December book group luncheon. We all missed last year's luncheon and hope that we will be able to get together this year. If anyone has any ideas about books or authors, please let us know. Stay safe and keep reading.

Keep reading...

**Sigrid Howell/Carolyn Holmes**

So far this year, Book Club 7 has enjoyed two books: "*Born a Crime*" by Trevor Noah and "*The Book of Two Ways*" by Jodi Picoult. Both generated lively discussions about cultural differences. Members participated via Zoom from Mashpee, Falmouth, Naples, Florida and Bermuda, a passable substitute for in-person chats which we are anxious to resume as most have received the vaccine. Looking forward to our next selection for March: "*The Star and the Shamrock*".

Wishing all warmth, health, and good reading.  
**Susan Van Tol**

Book Club 9 enjoyed "*American Dirt*" by Jeanine Cummins in January. This page turner about a mother and her son who have been terrorized by a Mexican mob follows their attempt to escape by crossing the border into America. Both riveting and thought-provoking, it is definitely a recommended read! For February, we read "*The Splendid and the Vile*" by Erik Larson, a highly entertaining and informative account of Winston Churchill and all of his cohorts during the war. In spite of his outrageous flamboyance and alcoholism, he was able to engage brilliant and effective managers, to relate empathically to his public, and to

persevere with optimism and courage. A worthy and fascinating read!

**Diane Mahoney**

## Ladies Lunch Group

**Ladies Lunch** (formerly Solo Lunch) enjoyed several beautiful days at Mashpee Green. Susan Creed organized several Brown Bag lunches in the park. The lunches have been a lot of fun where we all get to see each other and have lunch at a safe distance. They were always a come and go stress free time to visit with masks and social distancing.

Thank you, **Susan Creed**.

## Knitting Group

Just one year ago, Susan Creed hosted a LARGE group of VERY serious knitters to celebrate Mardi Gras. We laughed, ate, drank and shared friendship. Very soon after, our world got smaller and we needed to become very creative in our social skills. A few still gather, outside (yes, in the winter) around a fire pit, and wearing LOTS of layers of clothing. We cannot wait until we can resume our large group sessions, sharing knitting secrets, skills, love, laughter and so much more. Stay safe, Ladies!

**Mary Liz McCahill**

## Centerpiece Creations

As we begin to gather together again for our monthly luncheon meetings, we will be looking for interesting centerpieces to adorn our tables. These centerpieces can be floral, balloons, sand and



seashells or just something to coordinate with our program theme each month. MWC covers the cost of 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. If you are interested, please contact **Laura Kuzia** or **Carolyn Holmes**, Centerpiece Coordinators for more information.

## Our Website

**Thank you** to Meg Brady for setting up our MWC Zoom account and reaching out to our membership with pertinent information. Zoom is now being used for meetings and Book Club groups.

Did you know that the Mashpee Women's Club has a website located at:  
[www.mashpeewomensclub.org](http://www.mashpeewomensclub.org)

It's a pretty useful tool where you can find a multitude of information such as luncheon details, scheduled events and the mission and by-laws 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, email us at: [mwc@mashpeewomensclub.org](mailto:mwc@mashpeewomensclub.org)

## Backpack Drive

Last year the Mashpee Women's Club participated in assisting a Mashpee High School senior with her senior project by supporting her efforts through donations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Backpack Drive, a program, which supplied the homeless of Cape Cod with backpacks filled with everyday necessities.

Maggie Connolly, a Mashpee High School senior, facilitated the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Backpack Drive, as part of her senior project. Your generosity was outstanding last year we raised over \$500. This year we doubled that amount. A big 'Thank You' to our members.

## Let Us Know

Please let us know of events you would like to share with our members – get-well wishes, congratulations or condolences. We would love to hear from you. Contact **Carolyn Holmes** (contact information is in the directory).

# What Has MWC Done Since March 2020? Still Working and Having Fun! While Social Distancing and Masking

## Before COVID-19 Knitting Group vs During COVID-19 Knitting Group



**Laura Kuzia's Birthday Party –  
Social Distancing  
January 2021**



**MEAM Birthday  
December 2020**



**1<sup>st</sup> Fall Brown Bag Lunch**



**November Brown Bag Lunch**



**Book Club Group  
at Mashpee Green**



**MWC 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting Outside  
at Mashpee Green**





**Members enjoying social distancing luncheons at Popponeset Inn at New Seabury**



**Jo Ann Burk and Jane Murphy joined others for a fun time at Cape Cod Winery in East Falmouth**



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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 **Barbara Marchio** (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  <b>Mashpee Women's Club</b>          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):

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

(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:** \_\_\_\_\_





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