



# MASHPEE WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2023

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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."

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### President's Message



#### **HAPPY 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY Mashpee Women's Club!!**

We are celebrating all year.

A huge thank you to our founding and longtime members for starting this fabulous group. In honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> year, we gave \$2500 to Independence House and are topping off our 50-50 charities to \$250. Please look at our photo boards at the luncheons for some fun pictures of the past. You may be on it.

There are a lot of new and exciting events coming up:

May 10<sup>th</sup> is our New Members Tea - we have many new members as you can see from our Membership Chair's article. At our monthly luncheons, please note we have different colored stickers on name tags, so you can give a warm welcome to our new members and guests.

Please make sure you look at our exciting and fun Monthly Luncheon programs, including June 20<sup>th</sup> - our Annual Meeting and Fashion Show, which is always a very well attended event.

We will a be voting on our updated By-Laws, which will be sent out prior to our Annual June Meeting. One MAJOR change is that we move the Annual Meeting from June, so we don't interrupt your fun while enjoying the June Fashion Shows.

These are just a few. Please refer to our newsletter, website and E-Blasts for further information.

It is an honor to be part of such a wonderful group! Please let me know if you need anything.

Have a wonderful day,  
Susan Creed, President  
Mashpee Women's Club

## Officers and Board

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.

The Officers and Board of Directors for the MWC 2-year term beginning September 1, 2022 are:

### Officers

President	<b>Susan Creed</b>
Vice President	<b>Barbara Marchio</b>
Treasurer	<b>Katherine Schwartz</b>
Recording Secretary	<b>Helenka DeLuca</b>
Corresponding Secretary	<b>Elizabeth Jorgensen</b>

### Board of Directors

Charities-50/50	<b>Norma Jean Waring</b>
Fundraising	<b>Barbara Marchio</b>
Memoirs/Media	<b>Nancy Goulart</b>
Hospitality Luncheons	<b>Terry Cordo/Jeanne Hammond</b> <b>Linda Gervich</b>
Membership	<b>Mary Liz McCahill</b>
Newsletter	<b>Nancy Kurtz</b>
Parliamentarian	<b>Jo Ann Burk</b>
President Advisor	<b>Jane Murphy</b>
Programs	<b>Carolyn Holmes</b>
Public Relations	<b>Susan Thomas</b>
Scholarship	<b>Sue White</b>
Web Administrator	<b>Meg Brady</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>Cindy Collins/ Karen Davis</b>
Book Groups	<b>Sigrid Howell/ Carolyn Holmes</b>
All Bridge Activities	<b>Sheila Salomon</b>
Centerpieces	<b>Carolyn Holmes</b>
Knitting Groups	<b>Sue Riley/ Mary Liz McCahill</b>
Ladies' Lunch Bunch	<b>Susan Creed</b>
Historian	<b>Pat Papalia</b>
Crafts	<b>Susan Van Tol</b>
Mah Jongg	<b>Elaine Crowley</b>

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## 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
<b>Diane Mahoney</b>	09/2020 – 03/2022

## Thank You

A Big Thank You to Barbara Marchio and her tireless committee for making our Annual Fundraiser a huge success. Art, Wine & Jazz along with a Silent Auction completed a wonderful evening had by all. Mashpee Women's Club raised \$13,025 for Parents Supporting Parents with the help of Linda Cubellis. President of Parents Supporting Parents. Thank you to all of our members, friends and neighbors who joined us in making this happen.

A Big Thank You to all of you creative ladies who have made our luncheon tables look so beautiful. Every month our tables look like Martha Stewart has just done a demonstration.

We are so fortunate to have so many women willing to take the time to make our luncheons so festive. If anyone would like to decorate our tables for a luncheon; please contact Carolyn Holmes 508 681 0522. 📞 📧 (See Centerpiece Creations for details)

## Members' Contact Information

### Please Note

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

## Save the Date!



**June 20 - MWC Fashion Show** presented by Port Cargo at New Seabury Country Club. Watch for informational flyers coming your way.



**June 27 - Annual Member/Guest Golf Outing.** Holly Ridge Golf Club. Informational flyers have been sent your way.

## Membership Luncheons

Mashpee Women's Club hosts a monthly luncheon on the third Tuesday of each month. The cost is \$36 for members and \$45 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. You can pay via Venmo (search for

Mashpee Women's Club). Please note what you are paying for: luncheon, event, donation, etc.

## Welcome To Our Newest Members

Our membership continues to grow by leaps and bounds as word of our good work and fun activities spreads. Recent additions include women from all walks of life, experiences and also various locations. We are all enriched by their wealth of experiences and willingness to share.

Please welcome the following ladies when you meet them at our luncheons and other activities:

Katherine Frongillo, Michele Allen, Michelle Collins Clements, MaryAnn Jentzen, Stacey Ricci, Paulina Brennan, Sara Lee Cron, Valerie Gates, Ellen Greenberg, Roberta Hatch, Molly Kilburn, Karen Mark, Donna White, Elizabeth Barrett, Kathleen Chane, Veronica Hanf, Kathleen Hodgson, Judy Johnson, Carol Kervin, Mary Kiley, Patricia Morahan, Janice Murphy, Lorraine O'Brien, Elaine Podradchik, Pamela Robles, Elizabeth Snyder, Diane Tierney, JoAnn Shields, Ann Marie Walton, Julie Beal, Ina Boyd, Amy Brothers, Jane Caugher, Michaela Columbo, Louise Donovan, Denise Geoffrion, Regina Kelley, Joann Lebherz, Ellen Rodman, Maryann Smith, Joanne Stowe, Mary Ellen Blundell, Bonnie Strunin

**A Gentle Reminder** – if you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. Failure to remit will mean that your information will not be included in our web directory. As I am sure you are aware, this covers our operating expenses: mainly the luncheon programs you attend, the New Members Tea where we welcome and introduce new members to the many activities of the club, as well as the printing and distribution of the Newsletter. Please remit \$35 either by check or Venmo. If

using Venmo, search for Mashpee Women (look for our logo) and make sure that the small button on the final payment screen is Gray, not green. You are not making a Purchase or arranging for a service.

**Mary Liz McCahill, Membership**

## You May Have Wondered

**You may have wondered** where our proceeds go for the 50/50 raffle held every month at our MWC luncheons. Because of you, we are able to support many organizations in need. If you have a favorite charity that you would like us to recognize, please let us know.

**You may have wondered** why the price has increased for our monthly MWC luncheons. With rising costs everywhere, our luncheons are no different. The new cost covers food, service, administrative fee and gratuity for waitstaff at New Seabury, plus a dollar from each reservation goes towards the cost of paying the lunch fee for speakers and centerpieces.

## MWC 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

MWC voted to top each 50/50 charity raffle donation in the calendar year 2023 to \$250 in honor of its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary (if proceeds are less than that amount)

## Programs

MWC programs brings us all together with a wonderful variety of topics covered. We look forward to enriching our monthly luncheon programs allowing us to reconnect as friends.

## MWC Luncheons from

### January thru July 2023



**January – Game Day.**  
Fun day of games played with members/friends.

**February – Mardi Gras.** A fun purple and gold Louisiana event presented by Susan Creed. Great time had by all.

**March – A St. Patrick’s Day Celebration** with the McMurphy Brothers, with lots of sing-along and clapping to great Irish songs.

**April – Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute speaker**

**May –Downstairs Maid at the Mansion** with Brenda Zolli

**June – Annual Fashion Show** featuring Port Cargo and MWC models.

**July – Mystery Author/Susan Santiago**

## Centerpieces



**A big thank you** to our talented ladies who have been creating the beautiful centerpieces for our luncheons. Every month our tables are adorned with

a different masterpiece. We so appreciate all of your efforts. Remember, all of your expenses will be reimbursed. These centerpieces can be floral, balloons, sand and seashells or just something to coordinate with our 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 in



making a centerpiece, please contact  
**Carolyn Holmes**

## Book Group



The Mashpee Women's Club is growing by leaps and bounds. Every day we get a notification that we have a new member. It is wonderful that we are expanding our Women's Club family. We are a charitable organization; however, we are also interested in creating fun activities for our ladies.

We now have 13 active book groups. There is always room for more. If you would like to join a book group and have not been contacted, please let us know. Or, if you are in a book group and find the time of day or day of the week not working for you, please contact us and we will try to accommodate an alternate schedule. Our goal is for everyone to have a good time discussing books with your group.

**Happy Reading!!**

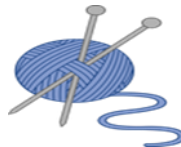
**Carolyn Holmes 508-681-0522**

**Sigrid Howell 413-695-3992**

## Ladies' Lunch Bunch

Ladies' Lunch Bunch is always a fun way to spend an afternoon at a local restaurant to get to know new members and renew old friendships. We enjoy restaurants in Upper and Mid Cape. We look forward to having you join in the fun. Always at a great restaurant, order off the menu/separate checks. Email Susan Creed and receive a notice each month. **Susan Creed.**

## Knitting Group



Our knitting group never breaks stride. We enjoy our group sessions, sharing knitting secrets, skills, love, laughter and so much more. Contact us and join in.  
**Mary Liz McCahill/Sue Riley**

## Bridge Club

Currently, the Mashpee Women's Club has the following bridge groups: Monthly duplicate group, dessert bridge groups, and couples' bridge. Some of these groups seek new members to expand or to replace members who are no longer playing.

If you are interested in additional information, please contact Sheila Salomon at:  
[sheilasalomon@comcast.net](mailto:sheilasalomon@comcast.net)

## Scholarships

Mashpee Women's Club looks forward to awarding Scholarships to three (3) Seniors of the Class of 2023 in the amount of \$2,500 each. We wish them well in the academic field they have chosen.

**Sue White, Scholarship Chair**

## 2023 Golf Outing

The 2023 MWC Annual Golf Outing is being held at Holly Ridge Golf Club on Tuesday, June 27, 2023. Information has been sent out via email to all members. This event fills up quickly. If you would like to play, please contact **Cindy Collins 508-359-4900**

## Mashpee Food Pantry

The 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 as the pantry is able to purchase in bulk at a lower cost. Checks made out to the "Matthew 25 Fund" are also appreciated. However, they will gratefully accept all product donations if you would still prefer to do so, as provided in the past.

## 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. 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 the monthly BJ's mailer, we can easily give aide. Just drop the coupons in the pink basket at the monthly luncheon. Thank you. **Mary Liz McCahill**



Luisa DeMorais, new MWC member/volunteer at A Baby Center in Hyannis, has informed us that **ABC is in dire need of baby blankets.** Mary Liz McCahill will be collecting blanket blankets and

donations at our May meeting in honor of Mother's Day. Of course, if you would like to send a monetary donation to MWC via Venmo or check, we will quickly fill this need.

## 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**

## Our Website

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, directory and the mission and by-laws of our organization. If there is anything you would like to see added, please email us

**Susan Thomas, Public Relations**

## Our Facebook Page

We are also pleased to report that Mashpee Women's Club has a new Facebook page! We will be sharing a variety of useful content. Please check out our new page, and be sure to LIKE and FOLLOW us!

You can find us at:

<https://www.facebook.com/MashpeeWomensClub>

**Susan Thomas, Public Relation**



## Mashpee Women's Club Acknowledgements September - March

### September

Trudi Ide – Get Well Wishes  
Thomas Colletin III – Thank You Note for  
donation IMO Terry Herman  
David Herman – Notification of Thank You  
Note IMO his wife, Terry Herman  
Nancy Crocker @ J McLaughlin- Thank you  
Note for lovely presentation and  
donation to The Baby Center  
Barbara Lee – Thinking of You

### October

Jane Murphy – Get Well Wishes  
Michaela Wyman-Columbo – Welcome to  
MWC/Congratulations on election to  
Mashpee School Board  
Robin Haywood, The Baby Center – MWC  
sent check for \$217 from J. McLaughlin  
Trunk Show  
Family of Theresa Hyde -Sympathy Note

### November

Lynn Brown – Sympathy Note  
Cindy Collins – Get Well Wishes  
Shirlee Bresnahan -Thank you for leading  
Book Club #11 and Well Wishes on move  
to Berkshires

Ann Carey and Family - Condolences  
Kathy Olsen – Get Well Wishes  
Sue Butler – Get Well Wishes

### December

Mary Lou Halloran – Get Well Wishes  
Jan Walsh – Get Well Wishes  
Adamys Cancel – Get Well Wishes  
Barbara Bonica – Condolences to her  
husband, Felice, and family

### January

Peggy Wolman – Well Wishes/Prayers for  
her husband, Richard  
Mary Anne Kelleher – Happy Retirement  
Barbara Lee – Condolences to Family

### February

Family of Margery Cleary – Sympathy Note  
Mary Kiley -Thinking of You on Illness of  
her husband  
Jeanne Worrick – Well Wishes  
Barbara Barron – New Home/ Starting  
New Book Club – Best of Luck  
Kathy Bendixen – Continued Well Wishes

**Please let us know if you would like us to send a note to a member**



*Ladies October 2022 Lunch Bunch  
at The Bog Tavern in Bourne*



*MWC Board Enjoying Lunch at  
Bobby Byrnes - November 2022*



*A few of our newest MWC members at the October Luncheon  
-Welcome!*





*Jeanne Hammond and Terry Cordo - Enjoying the Sunset from The Cape Club - Sunset Soiree Fundraiser - September 2022*



*Sunset Soiree Fundraiser - September 2022= Susan Thomas, Pat Papalia, Katherine Schwartz, Linda Cubellis, President of Parents Supporting Parents, Susan Creed and Barbara Marchio*



*Sunset Soiree Fundraiser - MWC presenting a check in the amount of \$13,025 to the Sober Living Scholarship Fund - helping so many applicants wishing to continue their recovery in safe and structured sober environment!*



*The Mashpee Women's Club Sunset Soiree Fundraiser Committee with Chair, Barbara Marcio, gathering for a luncheon to celebrate the success endeavor at Dunbar Tea Room in Sandwich*





*Having fun on Game Day - January*



*St. Patrick's Day Luncheon*



*Mardi Gras Celebration  
Norma Jean Waring, Jeanne  
Hammond, Mary Liz McCahill  
& Susan Creed*



*Terry Cordo Welcoming in  
Mardi Gras*





*Celebrating 25 years of MWC are Lola McCray (joined in 1999) and Bess Renahan (one of our first members to join MWC).*



*MWC Members: JoAnn Burk, Susan Creed, Carolyn Holmes and Jane Murphy ready for a fun day of golf. MWC Golf Tournament 2023 anyone?*



*MWC is always ready to support Cape Abilities, along with enjoying their beautiful flowers.*



*Meet a couple of men behind the scenes of MWC - Rick Creed (blue) and Phil McCahill (green) assisting with plant sale from capabilities.*





# 1997 – 2023

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

## Women's Club Celebrates 25 Years With Commitment To Give

December marked the 25th year since the founding of the Mashpee Women's Club (MWC) in December 1997.

In honor of its 25th anniversary, the group donated \$2,500 to Independence House, Cape Cod's leading resource, counseling and advocacy center to address and prevent domestic and sexual violence. In addition, the club has decided to round up the monthly fundraising raffle charity donation to \$250 to represent 25 years of charitable work.

The club's first president, Sunny Merritt, along with seven other women, founded MWC and held their first meeting with 65 women attending. Twenty-five years later, the group is still going strong with more than 250 members from Cape Cod and nearby towns. MWC provides an opportunity for its members to attend monthly luncheons featuring guest speakers and to enjoy activities that include book clubs, dining out and trips.

As a not-for-profit organization, MWC has supported various charitable projects, donating hundreds of thousands of dollars to community



COURTESY MASHPEE WOMEN'S CLUB

Norma Jean Waring, Mashpee Women's Club's director of Charities (left), and Susan Creed, MWC president (right), presented a check for \$2,500 to Independence House executive director Lysetta Hurge-Putnam.

projects throughout its 25-year history, supporting such organizations as Continuing Care, ALS; Tommy's Place; CapeAbilities; Parents Supporting Parents; the Mashpee One-Room Schoolhouse; the Mashpee Senior Center; the Community Health Center of Cape Cod; the

Cape Cod Collaborative Arts Network; the Mashpee-High School's Career and Technical Department and the Pro Start Culinary Program; A Baby Place; and scholarships to college-bound Mashpee residents selected annually by MWC's Board of Directors.

*Photo taken January 13, 2023 - The Enterprise-Mashpee*



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 at: [nancypasbc@comcast.net](mailto: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 Annual Fundraiser Event. 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 <b>\$35.00</b> annual dues to  <b>Mashpee Women's Club</b>          P. O. Box 1613          Mashpee, MA 02649</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Member</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Renewal</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No change needed in directory listing</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Please make the following changes in the directory listing</b>
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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>	<b>Street or P.O. Box:</b> _____ <b>City:</b> _____ <b>ST:</b> _____ <b>Zip:</b> _____
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Home:</b> _____ <b>Cell:</b> _____
<b>Email Address:</b>	_____

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

**MWC Members' Directory via Web:**      **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"/> <b>Book Groups</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bowling</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bridge Groups</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ladies Lunch</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Golf: Annual outing and luncheon</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cultural Events</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Memoirs and More Writing Group</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Knitting</b>

### CLUB COMMITTEES

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

**Do you have any suggestions for programs or social activities?**  
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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



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## Save the Date!



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*June 27 - Annual Member/Guest Golf Outing.  
Holly Ridge Golf Club.*

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