



MASHPEE WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

Spring ~ 2025

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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 Letter



Wow ~ we are already eight months in to our fiscal year of 2024-2025. The MWC Board and Committees have been very busy with lots of exciting projects and activities. While honoring MWC long-standing charitable traditions, we are pleased to have added new fund raising efforts:

In conjunction with Adventures with Karyn, MWC sponsored it's first international trip in September 2024 to Italy. Enjoyed by 30 MWC members and guests, this fundraiser enabled MWC to donate \$6,000 in total to two different charities ~~

** \$3,000 each to Cape Cod Foster Closet and Colorful Kidz, Inc. ***Watch for an announcement about a 2026 trip soon.***

** The November 2024 Holiday Boutique was bigger and better than ever; "sold out" by Halloween with over 150 attendees and raised 30% more than the previous year.

** A first-time event, Sip N' Shop sponsored by J McLaughlin in Mashpee Commons to be held on April 26 this year. A percentage of sales during the event to be donated to MWC.

** The May Luncheon features the annual Baby Blanket Collection for the ABC Baby Center in Hyannis. Thanks to Mary Liz McCahill for organizing.

** MWC's biggest event, the June Fashion Show will be presented by J. Jill. Co-Chairs Carolyn Holmes, Kathy Olson and Amy Brothers and committee have been busy planning and organizing, including a new fundraising feature- an Event Program with advertising by local businesses. We are looking forward to a fabulously successful event.

New Board Initiatives:

- * Holding small "Welcome Coffees" for new members throughout the year
- * Adding MWC Finances to QuickBooks
- * Varying the approach to monthly raffles offering Gift Card prizes
- * Seeking corporate donations and underwriting support towards MWC operating expenses
- * Considering some new small-scale fundraisers
- * Looking to start a Sunshine Program to support our own members

We welcome new ideas for activities and projects ~ please reach out to me or any Board member any time. I encourage everyone to participate in the various activities MWC offers. I look forward to all the exciting things in store for the remainder of the year. Please join us!

[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 will begin September 1, 2024. Please welcome MWC's new Officers and Board of Directors

[Officers](#)

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| President | Barbara Marchio |
| Vice President | Kathy Olson |
| Treasurer | Stephanie Ballo |
| Assistant Treasurer | Cindy Neelon |
| Recording Secretary | Karen Mark |
| Corresponding Secretary | Terry Taylor |

[Board of Directors](#)

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Charities-50/50 | Deb Longchamps |
| Email Master | Meg Brady |
| Fundraising | Barbara Marchio |
| Hospitality | Terry Cordo/Diane Tierney |
| Luncheons | Cindy Collins |
| MA State Compliance | Katherine Schwartz |
| Membership | Joan Ford/Bonnie Strunin |
| Newsletter | Jane Cauger |
| Parliamentarian | Jo Ann Burk |
| Presidential Advisor | Susan Creed |
| Programs | Carolyn Holmes |
| Publicity/Social Media | Pat Papalia |

[MWC Past Presidents](#)

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| 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 |
| Diane Mahoney | 09/2020 – 03/2022 |
| Susan Creed | 03/2022 - 08/2024 |

[Members Contact Information](#)

Note: Contact information for 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.

[Committee & Activity 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:

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| Annual Golf Outing/Luncheon | Cindy Collins |
| Book Groups (All Bridge) | Sigrid Howell & Carolyn Holmes |
| Activities | Sheila Salomon |
| Centerpieces | Carolyn Holmes |
| Knitting Groups | Sue Riley |
| Ladies' Lunch Bunch | Susan Creed |
| Historian | Pat Papalia |

[Membership News - Spring 2025](#)

What does it mean to be a member of the Mashpee Women's Club? We currently have 272 members including 52 new members. As a club, our focuses have included donating to multiple charitable causes, traveling to Italy, enjoying new member coffees, participating in book clubs, attending monthly luncheons with an array of interesting programs and informational speakers, going bowling, playing MahJongg, an annual golf event, and other interesting activities open to members.

To be able to provide all of these wonderful opportunities, we would like to update you on the annual membership renewal process.

Our membership year runs from September through August. Renewal time is July and August - regardless of when a member joins during the fiscal year. For example, if a new member joined in August, November, or June, the member still needs to renew in the July/August timeframe. Due to the low cost of dues, we can't make exceptions. **Please note, dues need to be paid in full by August 31st.** We strongly encourage Venmo payments in July or August. We will be at July and August luncheons to collect checks from anyone who prefers to pay by check. Unfortunately, if members do not pay by August 31st, we will be assessing a \$10 late charge.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS

MWC Luncheon reservations are **finalized** on the 2nd Monday of the month – one week prior to the luncheon. Checks, **payable to Mashpee Women's Club**, (P.O. Box 1613, Mashpee, MA 02649) must be received in the Mashpee Women's Club post office box **no later than** the 2nd Monday of the month by 12:00 Noon. If your check is going to be late please contact Cindy Collins that your check is in the mail; otherwise, you will NOT be included in the headcount. If paying by Venmo, your payment must be made no later than that 2nd Monday by 12:00 Noon. Payments received after the 12:00 Noon deadline will NOT be included in the count if you have not previously contacted Cindy Collins via email at cindycollins@comcast.net or by phone at **508-359-4900**.

New Seabury requires the final count by 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month to accommodate our members. The Chef at New Seabury has an ordering deadline and preparation times, as well as needs time to arrange for adequate staffing required for service.

If you have any dietary concerns or simply prefer the vegetarian option on any given month, please be sure to advise Cindy in advance of the luncheon to ensure your request.

Raffle Luncheon Fundraising (old 50/50 Raffle)

MWC has been making changes to the 50/50 raffle. Besides doing 50/50 we tested, giving away gift cards and certificates.

We plan to try various ways to give these away at the luncheons. We want to keep the raffle exciting and motivate our members to continue to purchase raffle tickets for local charities.

Donations from MWC have been made to: Mashpee Food Pantry, Cape & Islands Veteran's Outreach Center, Parents Supporting Parents, Independence House, Inc.

Thank you for all your support over the last months. I would also like to thank our raffle volunteers for their devoted time: Nancy Kurtz, Pat Doyle, Theresa Taylor and Maureen Trudnak.

MWC Luncheons / May - September

May ~~ The Art of Organizing, Nicole Gabai
June ~~ J Jill Fashion Show
July ~~ Adrienne Brodeur, Author
August ~~ Salty Boots, Line Dancing
September ~~ Floral Demonstration, Flora of Osterville

The cost is \$42 for members and \$52 for guests.

FUNDRAISING

The Mashpee Women's Club Comfort Blanket Project has become an annual event that brings us together as a community while we make Comfort Blankets to be donated for a child in need. This year's project blankets were donated to the Falmouth Police Department. Organizers Norma Jean Waring, Cindy Collins and Pat Papalia met with School Resource Officer, Stephen Senior of the Falmouth Police Department to donate 16 blankets. Last year's Comfort Blanket Project was donated to the Mashpee Police Department's School Resource Officer, Katie Hennessey. We hope to continue this project each year.



In addition to the MWC Scholarship Fund, the Cape-based charities MWC have supported a number of organizations:

ABC Baby Center of Hyannis
Cape Cod Foster Closet
Colorful Kidz, Inc.
Independence House
Mashpee Food Pantry
Mashpee High School Backpack Drive
Mashpee High School Cares Closet
Parents Supporting Parents

Thanks to all the supporters and workers who make all of this possible.

[Corporate Donations](#)

We are trying something new! We are reaching out to local companies on the upper cape requesting donations to help support our charity efforts and expenses incurred while fundraising. This is a brand-new effort to increase our charity donations.

We have received donations from: Applied Coastal, Cape Cod Alarm, fidelity Charitable-Adam & Robin Antonio, Market Basket, Rockland Trust.

We have had some small successes but would like to see this grow. If you know of a company or are interested in helping, please contact **Deb Longchamps**. debchamp2@comcast.net



[LET US KNOW](#)

Please let us know of events that you would like to share with other members, e.g. get well wishes, congratulations or condolences. We would love to hear from you. **Contact: Terry Taylor**

[LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH](#)

Ladies' Lunch Bunch is a fun way to spend an afternoon at a local restaurant .. get to know new members and renew old friendships. We enjoy restaurants in Upper and MidCape. We look forward to having you join in the fun.

[Programs](#)

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

[Golf Outing](#)

Our Annual Golf Outing will be held on **Tuesday, June 3** at Holly Ridge Golf Course. This year Holly Ridge has additional golf carts allowing for one more foursome – a total of 13 foursomes. Deadline for member-only registration is **Friday, May 9** before the event is open to the public. Early sign up has been strong with 83% registered within two days of opening! We will once again be raising money to fund the MWC Scholarship Fund through the sale of raffle tickets and “mulligans”. We are looking for donations of fun prizes from the members – golf-related or not – to make for an exciting raffle experience! Please let **Cindy Collins** know cindyscollins@comcast.net if you would like to make a raffle donation or help

[BOOK GROUP](#)

Our Mashpee Women's Club family has grown by leaps and bounds. We now have 13 book groups. What a fun way to socialize and discuss different books. Each group chooses the time and place where they meet. If there is anyone who would like to join one of our groups, contact either **Carolyn Holmes** or **Sigrid Howell**.

[LET'S BOWL](#)

If you would like to participate in bowling at the Lanes in Mashpee Commons. The Lanes may open early for us if we have a large enough group. Please e-mail **JoAnn Burk** at jb Burk@darCambal.com if you are interested and she will get back you. Also, note if you are available morning, afternoon or both. Come join in the fun.

[KNITTING GROUP](#)

Our knitting groups never break stride. We enjoy our group sessions, sharing knitting secrets, skills, love, laughter and so much more. Contact us and join in. **Sue Riley**

BLANKET DRIVE

In honor of all mothers, the Mashpee Women's Club will once again be collecting NEW baby blankets at the May 20 luncheon to benefit A Baby Center. For the 3rd year we are supporting a cause that annually gives more than 3000 blankets to babies in need on Cape Cod and the Islands, last year collecting more than 200 items to contribute to their shelves. These blankets can be handmade with care or lovingly purchased and brought to the luncheon. Monetary contributions are also welcome and will be delivered. Please note ABC on either Venmo or check. If you are not able to attend, feel free to contact us and we can arrange drop off or pick up.

Mary Liz McCahill 585-350-8798
Terry Cordo 978-317-4145

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 dropped the coupons in the pink basket at the monthly luncheon.

At our May luncheon we collect over 200 items, including baby blankets, quilts, sweaters, hats, dresses, stuffed animals, along with a monetary donation to **A Baby Center**, based in Hyannis. Let us not forget all the unused sample/hotel size cosmetics we collect in our travels. Every year ABC gives approximately 3,000! (yes! 3,000) blankets to our smallest Cape Codders ~ babies who would not have a 'blank' if it were not for the kindness of **YOU**.

Mary Liz McCahill 585-350-8798
Terry Cordo 978-317-3918

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

We are pleased to report that the Mashpee Women's Club's Facebook page has 191 followers to date where we share a variety of useful content. Please check out our page and be sure to LIKE and FOLLOW us!
[www.facebook.com/Mashpee Women's Club](http://www.facebook.com/Mashpee%20Women's%20Club)

OUR WEBSITE

We have been updating our organization's communications to give us a fresh look and better represent our vital group. Our goal with the redesign is to create a modern, and user-friendly.

BRIDGE CLUB

Currently, the Mashpee Women's Club has the following bridge groups: Monthly duplicate group, dessert bridge group 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 addition information please contact **Sheila Salomon**