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the Welcome Mat

President's Message



*Carol Figueroa &
Bev Coelho*

Happy New Year!!

Cheers to the New Year. Hard to believe it is 2020!! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends.

Now that the holidays are over, the interest groups will be getting back to planning different events. Please be sure to check out the calendar on our website (mffnh.org) to see what has been planned. I hope you will be able to join us at one or more of these events. Please be sure to RSVP on the Evites if you are able to participate.

During the club year we like to hold monthly mixers for our membership to get together. If you have any suggestions to the type of activity you would like us to plan please let us know. This is your club and we would love your input.

Have a wonderful January. Stay safe and warm!!

Yours in friendship,
Bev and Carol

January calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Jan 14	07:00 PM	Board Meeting
Jan 15	07:00 PM	Book club
Jan 21	11:30 AM	Lunch at Black Forest Cafe
Jan 22	07:00 PM	Secret Sisters Pot Luck
Jan 29	06:00 PM	Ladies Night Out

Please see the Evite for additional information

Second Vice President

Barb Gelinas



As always, if you are interested in running a new interest group please let me know at interestgroups@mffnh.org! Also, if you are interested in running any other interest groups please let me know.

Treasurer

*Wilma Cunningham
Bec Coelho*



Check back next month for news.



Secretary

Heather Murray

Happy New Year! If you know of any club member that could use our support with meals, rides, or any other assistance that a friend might provide, please let me know and I'd be happy to ensure those needs are met. With winter here, it can be a tough time for some folks who could really use our help. Even if that person does not require any assistance, we at least would like to reach out and let them know we are thinking of them. As they say, "If you see something, say something." Otherwise, we'll never be able to help out our extended family. Stay warm and stay safe!

Warmest Regards,
Heather Murray

Ways and Means

Beth Milliken, Jill Mitchell, Jill O'Toole



Happy New Year!

We'd like to start by informing you that our dear friend, Beth, has accepted a new job in North Carolina. She, along with her daughter and fur babies, will be headed south mid-month. We wish her nothing but happiness and success in her journey. With that, Jill O has stepped up to co-chair *Ways & Means* for the remainder of the club year with Jill M. Thank you, Jill!

Our first charitable event for 2020 will be the Town's Winter Carnival in February, where we will continue our tradition of selling hot dogs, chili, baked goods, and warm beverages. We have big shoes to fill in Beth's absence (pun intended). Please be on the lookout for the Evite at the beginning of February.

WaysandMeans@MerrimackFriendsFamilies.org

Beth Milliken, Jill Mitchell and Jill O'Toole



Service

Julie Akers and Tammy Ditman

Thank you to everyone who donated to the December Giving Tree service project. Two Merrimack residents' Christmases were made much brighter due to your generosity. What a wonderful, thoughtful group of people you all are! We are taking a break for the month of January but will have a fun new volunteering opportunity for February. Happy New Year!

Julie and Tammy



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Membership

*Wilma Cunningham &
Beth Voorhees*



TRY US ON ~ On January 15, 2020 we will be exactly half way through our Club Year. For that reason, as of January 15, join MFF for exactly half cost donation (dues). If you know of anyone interested but not sure what we are all about or if it's for them, this is the perfect opportunity to "try us."

We will be announcing a morning coffee and an evening gathering in January hosted by Membership. Watch for Evites. Hope to share a cup of coffee or a glass of wine with you!

Thank you,
Wilma Cunningham and Beth Voorhees
2019-2020 Membership Coordinators

membership@merrimackfriendsfamilies.org

Happy Birthday!!



Stacey M	1/06
Julie G	1/07
Wendy T	1/08
Nicole C	1/14
Sherre D	1/27
Sandy G	1/27

Interest Group Happenings

Secret Sisters

Hello, Secret Sisters! If for any reason you did not receive (or deliver) your November gift, please let me know and I'd be happy to assist. Your SS is counting on your full participation. The month of



December flies by for everyone, so be sure to take care of your SS before it slips your mind. Again, I'd be happy to help out if you need me! I will send a reminder email mid-month in case you forget.

Our second Gift Exchange Potluck will be on Wednesday, January 22nd. We'll send the eVite after the New Year! This means that in January, all gifts should be exchanged at the potluck. If you cannot make it, have no fear – ask me or any other member to help get your gift to the party. I promise we won't lose it! 😊

Remember, sometimes your SS wants to make sure you received your gift from her, but for obvious reasons, she cannot come right out and ask you! So it is always nice to submit a quick "thank you" note in the monthly Personals section of the newsletter just to let her know you got it! It is not required, but it is certainly a great gesture. Just send a quick note to Wilma or Barb, our newsletter editors, and they'd be happy to publish it.

Again, thank you for your participation. I hope that everyone enjoys their holidays. Here's wishing you an early HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Regards,
Jill Mitchell

Lunch Bunch

Please join us for lunch after the long holiday weekend. We will meet at the Black Forest Café & Bakery in Amherst on Tuesday, January 21st at 11:30. The café is located on Route 101 in Amherst. Their lunches are wonderful! Please RSVP in the Evite by Monday, January 20th so that you will be counted in the reservation.

Ladies Night Out

Do you like Thai food? Then please join us for our January Ladies Night Out on Wednesday, January 29th at 6:00 pm. We will meet for dinner at the new Thai food restaurant located in the Merrimack 360 Plaza – A Lot of Thai. Their food is delicious. I hope you can join us. - Carol

Book Club

Book Club is reading **Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch** for the month of January. This book is a collaboration from the internationally bestselling authors Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett. It is a comedy about the birth of the son of Satan and the coming of the End Times. Watch for the evite coming soon for more information.



Book Club would also like to thank Jill O'Toole for hosting our December book swap/party. Each member reviewed a different Christmas themed book and then we exchanged books in a Yankee swap and finally we had our holiday party. Jill baked her heart out and sent every member with a shopping bag full of bake goods and other goodies. We know she put a crazy amount of effort into the party and party gifts and we are so lucky and thankful for her.

We are always looking for that next great book to discuss. If you read a book you would recommend, please let us know.

Vivian Dano



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