



## President's Message

*Carol Figueroa*



Happy Thanksgiving!!

I hope everyone has had a safe and healthy fall. November sure came quickly and along with it the chilly weather. As we look forward to the holiday season, we are hopeful that we can host our annual holiday events in December. So please save the following dates for our annual MFF Holiday Party on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and the annual Cookie Swap on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We would love to continue to meet together socially but we also need to be safe and follow the guidelines. So, a final decision will be made closer to the dates if these events will be held. Please keep an eye out for an Evite or email from the board.

Along with being a social club, MFF also participates in multiple service events and fundraisers that support the MFF Charitable Fund. The service aspect of the club was one of the main reasons I originally joined MFF. This years' Service Coordinators and Ways and Means Coordinators have been doing a great job this fall organizing their separate events. I would like to thank them for all the hard work they do despite the extra precautions that must be taken to run these events.

Also, if you haven't heard, we had two successful fundraising events in October for the MFF Charitable Fund – the Annual Fall Yard Sale where we raised over \$2900 and our "concession stand" at the Merrimack Parks and Recreation 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Party. Ways and Means are planning more events for 2021 so be sure to RSVP to volunteer when you see the Evites come out. We are off to a great start in support of our charitable fund.

I hope you have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your families.

In Friendship,  
Carol

October calendar

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Nov 06	12:00 PM	Lunch @ River Casino
Nov 10	7:00 PM	Board Meeting
Nov 11	7:00 PM	Operation Care for Troops
Please see the Evite for additional information		

Vice President

Catherine Pepler



Hello MFF Members!

Here we are in November already. Seems like Autumn is quickly moving forward to Winter. Let's hope we do not have snow too soon! Thanksgiving is around the corner and plans are in the making for managing through COVID. We are hearing there is a rise in cases attributed to small gatherings due to relaxing social distancing and wearing of masks. As we approach winter and the flu season





precautions will be critical in protecting each other. You have heard this several times “wear masks, wash hands, social distancing, if not feeling well stay home and if you think you may have been exposed get tested”.

So how are you managing your holiday gathering? Facetime, Zoom meetings, telephone calls? The key is to be discussing and making plans of how you will connect with your family in advance. I love to hear how you managing through this.

I was thrilled to have had the hike through Andres Institute of Art in Brookline last month. It was a beautiful Autumn day, colors were brilliant, the enjoyment of the creative artwork and the view from the Summit was awesome. I will be planning more hikes in and around Merrimack. Keep an eye on the calendar and evites. Hope you will join us.

Still looking for members to help with leading an activity one time or repeated. Not sure of what it entails? Reach out to me. We have lots of help for you with ideas, planning, eviting members. It's a great way to connect with friends, meet new friends and have fun. Come join me in getting the activity boosted. Oh, don't forget to keep and eye on the calendar for events/activities to join. You might be surprised in the fun we will have together!!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope to see you soon!

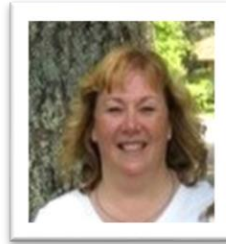
In friendship,  
Catherine Pepler  
MFF VP





## Treasurer

*Bev Coelho*



The Club year is starting off great with our Fall Yard Sale. Our Yard Sale Proceeds were \$2,988.25! Awesome job everyone! We continue to have deposits to our charitable fund through Amazon Smiles and through David Simek, a friend of MFF's, who continues to support MFF through the United Way. Thank you to our members who use Amazon Smiles and David for his generosity.

Thanks,  
Bev



## Secretary

*Dorian Walters*

Just a quick reminder to send me any Friends in Deed needs!



## Ways and Means

*Julie Akers & Robin Johnson*



This year's COVID scaled down Merrimack annual Halloween party was wonderful. It was great to see our neighbors out and about enjoying some fun and the costumes were great. The MFF Halloween fundraiser was a big success thanks to the hard work of our awesome members who organized, set up and ran the event. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the bake sale. There were lots of delicious treats. Suffice it to say the MFF Halloween fundraiser was a big success and it could not have happened without our terrific members. Thank you very much!



Robin and Julie  
Ways and Means Committee



## Service

*Tammy Ditman & Pat Teden*



We had a big gang work on the Lawrence Road clean-up in October, filling 30 bags of trash plus finding other things such as tires and paint cans that do not belong on our Merrimack roads. Very productive and a good service for our town. Thank you everyone.

The November service project is stockings for Operation Care for Troops. The 'What to Bring' list on evite shows how well this project is supported each year. Thank you everyone who sign-up to bring stocking stuffers or made monetary donations. If you haven't done so already, there are a few items still waiting for someone to claim them as their contribution. Please deliver your items to either Tammy's house (7 Carrie Drive) or Pat's house (11 Bean Rd) on/before November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks! Pat and Tammy



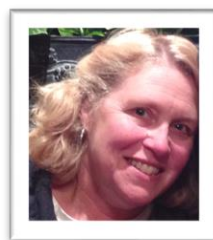
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## Membership

*Wilma Cunningham & Beth Voorhees*



Last call to renew your membership for this club year. Don't miss out on supporting our community and having fun. Even with the restrictions of Covid, MFF is keeping up with our service and charitable endeavors along with our social activities.

Happy Fall,  
Beth and Wilma

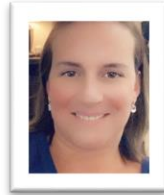






# Publicity

*Beth Milliken*



Publicity works!! People have done well with providing me details to post on social media and in the newspaper. By doing so, we are getting noticed. We have more likes on our FB page, the post regarding cleaning up Lawrence Road has almost 300 reactions, along with many comments and interest in becoming members. This is what we are looking for to keep our great group going! Please continue sending me anything that you want posted on our FB page, or even in the Telegraph, etc. Pictures tell a thousand words, so try to make sure to take pictures whenever possible and send those along with a blurb that can at least get me started on what to say. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Beth M



# Happy Birthday!!



Annie R	11/07
Darlene P	11/11
Ceci E	11/20



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# Interest Group Happenings

## Secret Sisters

Secret Sisters is off to a great start! Our October gift exchange was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who participated, thank you, Julie, for hosting, and thank you for all of the wonderful goodies you provided for our first potluck dinner. Our next potluck gift exchange will occur in January. In the meantime, you are on your own getting your November and December gifts to your SS. If you need any help coordinating, do not hesitate to contact me. I'd be happy to assist!

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 our monthly WELCOME MAT newsletter 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. Let's continue on with the fun!!!

Regards,  
Jill Mitchell

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## Fitness Friends

Stay tuned for upcoming information.

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## Lunch Bunch

Friday, November 6, at The River Casino, Nashua. Why the River Casino you ask. MFF is very fortunate as we have been chosen as one of The River Casino's charity partners. The potential is huge! For 10 consecutive days, Merrimack Friends & Families Charitable Fund will be the beneficiary of a certain percentage of casino play. Having lunch at the The River Casino shows our support for the casino. We have been told their chef is really good, so let's try it out. Watch for the Evite.

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# Ladies Night Out

Stay tuned for upcoming information.



# Recipe Swap

Stay tuned for upcoming information.



# Crafters Unite

Stay tuned for upcoming information.



# Book Club

We are still looking for a new book club leader! We know the book club was always very active and engaged so please consider coming aboard as the new leader!!



# Member News & Kudos

Do you have some exciting news you'd like to share about yourself or something you're involved with? Have some news about another member, not necessarily club related, that you think deserves recognition? Births, condolences, promotions, new jobs, new homes, jobs well done, well wishes, etc...send an email come newsletter submission time just like you would do a personal and it'll be listed here. Pictures are welcome as well!

Wishing best of luck to Wendy Thomas in next week's election! Thank you so much for all the work you do for our town!



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