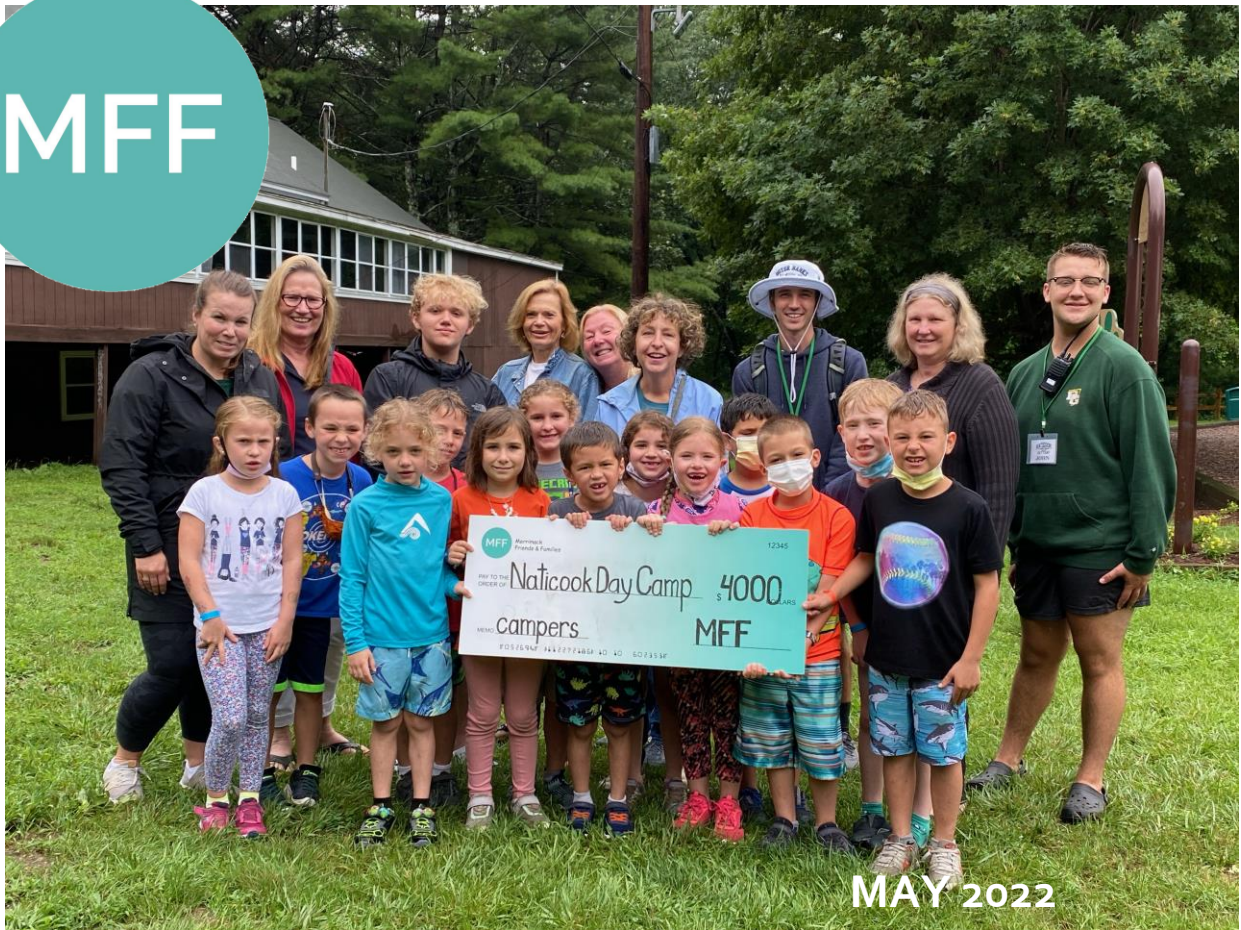




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President's Message

Carol Figueroa



Happy May!!

Do you think spring will ever get here? I sure hope so. I've been back to work as a gardener and I'm done with the cold mornings. I'm looking forward to the warmer spring days and summer weather!! I hope you've been able to get outside and enjoy some of the sunny days. Maybe you have joined us on one of the weekend walks. It's always nice to catch up with our MFF Friends while getting some of our steps in. If there is a trail or park you would like to walk/hike please reach out to one of the board members and we can send out an Evite to the membership. We are always looking for suggestions of where to venture to!!

Our Elections Officer has reached out to all the board nominees and is awaiting responses. Please keep a look out for an email announcing who will be on the Board of Directors for the 2022/2023 club year. I am excited to see who will be on the board of directors and help run our club next year. I have been on the board for many years and it has been a fun and fulfilling endeavor for me. I have made lifelong friends and have been able to help and support our club and community over the years. I look forward to continuing to support the club in the coming years. So, stay tuned.....

I hope you have a fabulous spring and I look forward to seeing you at an event!!

Yours in Friendship,
Carol



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## May calendar

| DATE                                            | TIME     | EVENT                     |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| May 5                                           | 4:00 PM  | Manchester Taco Tour      |
| May 9                                           | 7:00 PM  | Board Meeting             |
| May 15                                          | 12:30 PM | 603 Brewery Member Social |
| May 17                                          | 7:00 PM  | Secret Sister Potluck     |
| May 19                                          | 7:00 PM  | Book Club                 |
| May 22                                          | 9:00 AM  | Lawrence Rd Cleanup       |
| Please see the Evite for additional information |          |                           |



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## Vice President

*Catherine Pepler*



Hello MFF Members!

Thank you for all that responded to the request for nominations! We had a great response and soon will be announcing the 2022-2023 Board. It is through your willingness to serve that allows for the club to be very active in fund raising events, community service and social gatherings. Every one of our members plays a vital role in our success. I love meeting you at the fun town events as you come to help out with the activity, drop of a donation, baked good or article. Hoping you are seeing the postings on social media or print. You make us successful. Thank you.

We have more fun events coming up for you to join in. Have you attended a social gathering lately? Know of someone that may be interested in our club? Come join us and bring a friend!

Until the next time, stay safe and enjoy our Spring time!

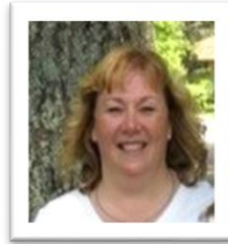
In friendship,  
Catherine Pepler  
MFF VP





## Treasurer

*Bev Coelho*



Thank you to all who have made contributions. Whether it was cash donations, volunteering their time, baked goods or contributing items for our service projects.

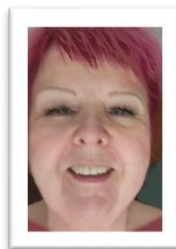
You all contribute to make Merrimack Friends and Families successful in giving back to our community.

Thank you,  
Bev



## Secretary

*Leslie Haltback*

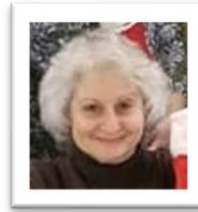


Just a reminder to send me any Friends in Deed needs!



## Ways and Means

*Julie Akers & Jill O'Toole*



Ways & Means would like to thank everyone for making this April's fundraiser such a fun and successful event! The 30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a wonderful celebration for Merrimack families. Our bake sale & donations for photos with the Bunny raised \$573.00 for our charitable fund! Thank you to all the generous MFF members for donating festive homemade treats, funds and your time helping at the bake sale and on the fields. Your help made the morning run smoothly. All the families who came had a wonderful time and it was heartwarming to see all the kids' smiles.

## Service

*Tammy Ditman & Pat Teden*



Thank you to everyone who provided items or donations for the Easter Baskets. We filled 26 Easter baskets for 11 families! Each basket contained a toy, a stuffed animal, a book, a \$5.00 King Kone coin plus a lot of candy including a chocolate bunny. The Easter baskets were filled on April 8th and delivered to the Welfare Department on April 12th, in plenty of time for Easter morning.

Our final service project for this year is the annual spring cleaning of Lawrence Road. We will be doing this on May 22 at 9:00 am. This is a Sunday



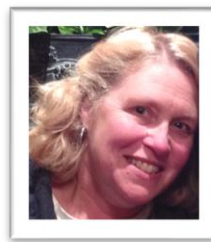
so there is less activity on the road. Be on the lookout for the Evite. Feel free to bring family members to help out and of course, your bug spray.

Tammy and Pat



## Membership

*Robin Johnson & Beth Voorhees*



Greetings from the Membership Committee. Looks like spring is finally here. The Membership Committee has one event planned for May and a possible event for early June. On Sunday May 15 at 12:30 pm we will meet at the 603 Brewery in Londonderry for craft beer and food. On Saturday June 4 at 9:00 am we will meet at Buckley's Bakery and Cafe for coffee and conversation. keep an eye out for the Evites and please join us and bring a friend who might be interested in joining MFF.

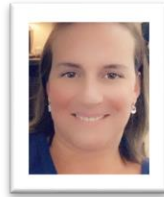
Robin and Beth





# Publicity

*Beth Milliken*



PLEASE SEND ME PICTURES!! Social media is so important in order for people to learn more about us. If you do anything with members, please make sure that you send me a picture or two, and let me know a little about what you did. The more we share, the more we are seen! It's spring and hopefully you can all get out more and enjoy! Some examples of our social media pictures are here. Pictures really help!

Even if you aren't with other members, but go somewhere nice or special, take an awesome hike, anything else that you think people might enjoy, take pictures and send them my way. It would be great for people to get an even better glimpse into our membership.

Please send to [publicity@merrimackfriendsfamilies.org](mailto:publicity@merrimackfriendsfamilies.org).  
Enjoy the warming weather! Beth



# Happy Birthday!!



|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| Lisa C      | 5/16 |
| Ann Marie W | 5/21 |
| Dorian W    | 5/29 |



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# Interest Group Happenings

## Secret Sisters

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

This is it – the secrecy is all about to come to an end! And we will have a group reveal party this month on **Tuesday, May 17!** Please see the Evite invitation for more details.

In June, you'll then be able to send a small 'thank you' gift to the wonderful woman who has been surprising you each month since October.

Again, thank you for your participation.

Regards,  
Jill Mitchell

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Weekend Walks

Watch for Evites about morning walks at the Outlets on the weekend. I watch the weather reports to choose either a Saturday or Sunday at 10:00am. We meet at the rear of the Outlets and walk several laps around the grounds before the stores open. Bring a friend, your family or your leashed dog and come get some exercise with us.

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## Book Club

We had a great turnout for our last book club discussion. Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro was a story set in the future about AF's or Artificial Friends. Unlike many sci-fi stories and movies the AI (artificial intelligent) rebellion is not inevitable and may never be in this novel. We had an interesting discussion concerning the fact that many in the coming generations would rather text than talk in person. There were mixed feelings about how good the book was but we all agreed there were many unanswered questions about a lot of the plot lines.





Our next book is The Answer is.....Reflections On My Life by Alex Trebek. It seems to be a series of quick anecdotes about Alex Trebek's life. I have found it a quick read so far.

We will be meeting on May 19 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. I will post the location in the evite. I'm looking forward to another big turnout.

Sandy George

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## Don't forget to support us while you shop!



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