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Welcome Mat

President's Message



Carol Figueroa

Happy Summer!!!

What a wonderful club year we have had!! It's been busy with many different events from Secret Sisters and Book Club to holding many Ways and Means fundraisers for our charitable fund. We hope to host a few events over the summer months - go for a hike and maybe beach visit or two!! Please feel free to send out an evite if you want to organize a one-time event or even looking for some members to join you at an event. You can reach out to Barb, our 2nd VP, for assistance in setting up an evite.

At this month's board meeting we voted on where we will donate the monies from our charitable fund which reached a total of \$6000 this year. I will send out an email by the end of the month to inform you of the organizations that were selected to receive our donation.

I hope you have a fantastic summer. See you in September
Carol

June calendar

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
|--------|---------|----------------------|
| Jun-5 | 7:00pm | Board Meeting |
| Jun-7 | 6:00pm | End of Year Potluck |
| Jun-12 | 11:30am | Lunch at Common Man |
| Jun-13 | 6:30pm | Hollis Fast 5K |
| Jun-14 | 6:30pm | Wine Bottle Painting |
| Jun-19 | 7:00pm | Book club |

Please see the Evite for additional information

First Vice President

We are celebrating the club year by hosting a year end BBQ event on Friday, June 7th at 6:00 pm. We will use our year end party budget on the main course (meats and veggies to grill). We ask that all guests bring a side dish or dessert to share. This event will take place at Jill M.'s house - please see the Evite for more details (and address). We hope you can join us for a fun and relaxing evening.

Second Vice President

Barb Amaral



Thanks to everyone for another great year!! As a reminder, the First VP position is open still for next year. Please consider stepping up to take this role on the board! It's not too late! No experience is required and plenty of support is available!!

Treasurer

Wilma Cunningham



No updates this month. All is well!



Secretary

Jill Mitchell

Though we tend to take the summers off in terms of most club activities, please let me know if you know of any club member that could use our support with meals, rides, or any other assistance that a friend might provide. Just because it's warm outside doesn't mean we can't help each other out in a time of need. 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.

Have a wonderful summer!



Jill Mitchell

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Ways and Means

Beth Milliken and Wendy Thomas



Our May yard sale was a big success!!
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Thank you so much to everyone that donated items, picked up donations, stored donations, donated tables, tarps, tents, and baked goods. Thank you also so much to everyone that donated their time to help setup and work the sale. We couldn't have raised this money for our town without you!!



Beth Milliken and Wendy Thomas



Service

Julie Akers and Bev Coelho

Bev and I want to send a huge THANK YOU to all the people who volunteered their time and funds to a variety of community service projects this year!!! We absolutely couldn't have done them without you. From filling backpacks and Easter baskets for children through



the welfare dept. to stuffing Christmas stockings for the troops, cleaning our Adopt-a-Road in the Spring and Fall, sorting through donations at Family OutFITters and more our fabulous and generous members made it all happen and had fun doing it. Our members rock!

We're taking June and July off but please watch for an evite in August so we can begin filling backpacks for Merrimack students again. Have a great summer and we'll see you soon.

Membership

Dawn LeGay & Linda Varela



Thanks for another great year!

Happy Birthday!!



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| Kara Pitcher | 06/04 |
| Katie Bowler | 06/08 |
| Beth Milliken | 06/12 |
| Jill Mitchell | 06/12 |
| Nancy Morin | 06/17 |
| Beth Voorhees | 06/20 |
| Tammy Dittman | 06/30 |

Personals

Dear Jill,

Thank you for all the fabulous gifts this year - I loved them all. I promise Luis will not take the hiking poles for himself. I'm looking forward to trying them out and getting on the trails this summer. I hope you have a fantastic summer. Carol

Dear Tammy, You were the BEST SS! I am delighted with the little crockpot to use in my RV. I was initially perplexed as to how you would know to give me such a 'perfect' gift --- and that was because I totally forgot that I mentioned it on the initial SS survey. So it was a great surprise. Have a wonderful summer! With much appreciation, Pat

Thank you Beth, for my many surprises. It is always nice to receive an unexpected gift. My April lighted patriotic star is perfect for my front door and will also go well in my dining room. I really love



it. My May surprise.... a treat for me will be perfect as I sit on the porch and read the summer MFF bookclub book . A little "spoil me" time. Thank you very much!!! Tammy

To Dawn, Thank you so much for being a great Secret Sister!! I loved my gifts every month all club year long so much!

Happy almost Summer! Love, Beth

Dear Pat, Thank you for all the Secret Sister gifts this year! I'm often looking for gift tags for my knitting :) I'll have to bring the pin you gave me on the next "yarn crawl" — like a pub crawl but with yarn shops in place of bars! Heather

Dear Heather, thanks so much for all my fun goodies this year!! Barb

Interest Group Happenings

Secret Sisters

Hello, Secret Sisters! What a wonderful year we had. I'd like to thank all of you that participated. It was so much fun, and so rewarding. I hope you all plan to do it again next year! And thank you, Dawn, for hosting our "Reveal" party...

This month, you have the opportunity to send a small 'thank you' gift to the wonderful woman who has been surprising you each month since October, now that you know who she is!

Again, thank you for your participation. I hope you all have an amazing summer, and we'll see you in September!

Regards,
Jill

Hanging Out at Common Man

Trivia has stopped at the Budweiser Biergarten so instead we have been hanging out upstairs at Common Man on Tuesdays at 6:00pm. Come join us for dinner or just drinks and always great conversations and laughs. Let us know you're coming and we'll save you a seat.

Lunch Bunch

Join us for lunch at The Common Man on Wednesday, June 12nd at 11:30 am.



You can check out the menu at: <https://www.thecman.com/restaurants-and-menus/common-man-restaurants/common-man-merrimack-menus.aspx>

Carol

Fitness Friends

Warmer days are finally here. Make the time to get outside and move!

Book Club

Book Club will finish the year by discussing **Little Fires Everywhere** by Celeste Ng. The reviewers state that this book explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood. It also explores the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. If you are interested in reading and discussing this book, look for the evite to come out on June 1st with more details.

Last month we read and discussed **The Great Alone** by Kristin Hannah. I can safely say that we all seemed to like the book very much. We all loved how the book immersed the reader in the nature and adventure of Alaska. The characters were well defined and the plot was unpredictable with some sad, happy and horrifying moments. The main character in this book Ernt, experiences PTSD as a result of being a POW in Vietnam. He uses this as an excuse for spousal abuse, jealousy and paranoid delusions of being a survivalist. Cora, his wife is powerless to stand up to him and protect their daughter. This gave us plenty to discuss.

We want to thank Carol Angle for hosting our annual ice cream social/discussion meeting. She surprised us all by giving us MFF Book Club mugs. Each mug was filled with coffee and tea bags that contained lines from books we had read this year. We had to guess which books they come from. It was a really lovely evening.



Vivian Dano



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