

The Chatham Woman's Club, Inc.

Newsletter

General Meeting – February 14, 2008

Chatham Woman's Club – the Movie

Millennium Memories: A Long Line of Dedicated Women is showing today on the cinema screen at social time. This documentary was written, directed, and produced by club members in 1999. Members Barbara Siffard and Janet Daly worked on the film and many former presidents are interviewed.

Volunteer Hours

The Chatham Woman's Club reported to the General Federation of Women's Clubs that our members worked for more than 15,800 hours last year on volunteer activities. This reflects only 60 members of our Club who submitted forms by the January deadline. Extrapolating in a nonscientific way, since my training has been more of a wordsmith than in scientific method, if 100 additional members, or 160 out of 198, had submitted volunteer hours, we might have had 42,200 hours of total volunteer time. Give yourselves a pat on the back for volunteer service!

Arts Department

A new Arts Department was organized last fall by Barbara Keith and Jeanne Carley to provide an opportunity to learn more about the arts - music, drama, dance, film, painting and sculpture. Over 40 women signed up. After their initial meeting in October, members attended the private showing of the film, **Chatham**, at the Cape Cinema with a discussion held afterward at the Cape Museum of Fine Arts in November.

The January meeting was held at the new Chatham Community Center's Club Room and featured seven members speaking in a Show & Tell format- about varied subjects: from photographic art and museums to sailors' valentines and Southwest Indian art. In February, artist, Vera Champlin, demonstrated her painting in progress and discussed her artwork with members. Also, Mary Helen Rossi spoke about the proposed arts mentoring program for Chatham schoolchildren. The Cahoon Museum of Art will be represented on March 10 by their curator at the CCC and followed on April 21 by a tour and demonstration at the Chatham Pottery.. Members will meet at the Heritage Museum in Sandwich on May 19 for a tour of the Folk Art Gallery and talk by curator, Jennifer Madden, with lunch at the Daniel Webster Inn. On June 16, plans are to view the marine exhibit at the Cape Cod Cultural Center in Yarmouth with lunch nearby.. At most meetings, other artistic events are mentioned to enlist support for cultural activities on Cape Cod and elsewhere.. These are culled from web sites, magazines and newspaper listings. Meetings are usually held at 1 p.m. on the second or third Mondays in the CCC or as indicated. New members are always welcome. Contact Barbara or Jeanne.

Community Service and Veterans Committee

Chairman Bette Hahner reports that the month of February has traditionally been reserved to honor our veterans. This year, as we did last year, it was also a time for recognizing those currently serving in the armed forces. Letters of thanks and appreciation were sent to Jason Clifford, Jeff Colby, Matt Bishop, Chris Bishop and Ryan Siffard along with a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble for their enjoyment. A year's subscription to Sports Illustrated was also sent to the personnel at Coast Guard Station Chatham. This subscription will be shared by 18 "Coasties" and they too were thanked for their services to our community.

New this year will be our support for Cape veterans using the new VA facility here in Hyannis. Your donation today will help our club arrange taxi vouchers for veterans who need transportation to and from the medical facility. Too many times appointments can not be made for badly needed follow up visits because a patient simply cannot afford the fare.

Our clothing and personal items drive will continue until the end of this week after which we will be delivering your donations to the Brockton VA Hospital Store. Each year that we have done this drive it has brought numerous contributions to a very deserving source. Unlike other collection agencies, we deal directly with local VA personnel to identify needs and personally participate in their distribution. Please be assured that whenever you make a donation to any of our veteran programs, 100% goes directly to individual veterans and not to office maintenance etc.

As many of you probably read in last week's paper the **We the People** team from Chatham High School has once again qualified for the finals. As in other years, our membership is proud of their achievements and we will be making a \$100 donation to help speed them on their way in the competition.

Friendship Luncheon – Friday, May 16

Mark your calendars for this end-of-year luncheon to get together, have fun, eat a wonderful lunch, and enjoy a fashion show at the Wequassett Inn. Chairman Peg Flynn has lined up fashions, models from our Club, and a few other surprises to make the final meeting of the year a very special event. Flyers will be mailed with the March newsletter.

Quilt Project

Clara Slockbower reports that the Chatham quilt project is close to completion. Raffle tickets to the public and the Club may be sold as early as Memorial Day weekend. We look forward to this project being a fundraiser for our ways and means and charitable contributions for the next year. Many thanks to Clara and all of our members who participated. The quilt is absolutely beautiful and reflects the significant talents of our members.

Thanks to Hospitality and Greeters

Thank you to Nancy Rafferty, our hostess at today's meeting, and hospitality committee members Betty Bishop, Pam Patton, Sally Foster, Doris Riddle, Ellen McKinley, Alayne Tsigas, and Jo Ann Sprague. The centerpiece was done by Karen Schwalm.

Feature Article in the Cape Cod Chronicle

If you did not see it yet, you can view the feature on the Chatham Woman's Club in the January 24 issue on page 7. *Chatham Woman's Club at 93: Not Your Mother's Woman's Club* was given a full page with photos. You can also see it online at http://www.capecodchronicle.com/features/feature1_012408.htm. Writer Debra Lawless did a superb job!

Name, Address, and Email Corrections Needed

At today's meeting, a list of names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses will be circulated. Please check the list and make any corrections needed. I have noticed that many emails bounce back. Several post cards were returned. My goal is to fix the list. The Club plans to publish emails in the next Yearbook for your convenience. As people rely on cell phones and internet phone service, phone numbers are not available to the public, and it becomes more important to have correct information on our membership available to one another in our Yearbook.

New Officers for 2008-2010

A slate of new officers for the 2008-2010 was approved by the Board of Directors and will be announced at this February meeting. Together with any nominations from the floor, the names will be put up for a vote by the entire membership at the March meeting. Installation of the new officers will take place at the April meeting, the final meeting of the year.

Sad news – In memoriam – Lenore Wichmann

We received word that Lenore Wichmann, former president of the Chatham Woman's Club in 1986-1988, passed away. When we have more information we will put in on the website's In Memoriam.

Countdown Cod To Visit

The famous First Night lighted sculpture with personality, designed and constructed by Richard Clifford, used to bring in the New Year in Chatham, will be coming to visit us at the March meeting. This is our chance to see the piece up close and talk to the designer and builder. It will be on display before the meeting and there will be a chance to hear some background during the meeting.

Calendar for February, March, 2007 and Beyond!

Feb. 21 Thursday – Literature Department – Favorite Books – Eldredge Library – 1 p.m.
March 7, Friday – CWC Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – Sovereign Bank
March 10, Monday – Arts Department – Speaker: Cahoon Museum of Art, CCC – 1 p.m.
March 13 – Thursday – CWC General Meeting – CCC – Noon
March 14 – Friday -- Final Fundraising Social – Charades – 6 p.m.
March 20, Thursday – Literature Department – The Bookseller of Kabul - Eldredge Library – 1 p.m.
March 24 – Monday – Conservation Department – Speaker: CCHFA -- 1 p.m.
April 4, Friday – CWC Board Meeting – Sovereign Bank – 9:30 a.m.
April 10 – Thursday – CWC General Meeting – CCC – Noon
April 19, Thursday – Literature Department – Annie Freeman's Fabulous Traveling Funeral – Eldredge Library 1 p.m.
April 21, Monday – Arts Department – Chatham Pottery Tour – 1 p.m.
April 28, Monday – American Heritage Department – Trip to New Bedford Whaling Museum
April 28, Monday – Conservation Department – Oyster Pond Shellfish Nursery – 1 p.m.
May 16, Friday – CWC Friendship Luncheon, Wequassett Inn
May 19, Monday – Arts Department -- Folk Art at Heritage Museum and lunch at Daniel Webster Inn

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