

Woman's Club of St. Michaels

...a social club with a purpose



Think Spring!

Welcome to an event filled second half of our Woman's Club year.

And a special welcome to our many new members. In February, we will induct seven new members to our fold. Old members, be sure to introduce yourself to them and welcome them. New members, your skills and interests are varied and interesting. You will find a niche among us and contribute to our rich history.

The Club needs you to consider a position on our board or as one of our officers. The Nominating Committee will be actively looking to build a slate of officers for our election in May. New talent is always welcome. Guiding our club is an important and gratifying exercise. If you enjoy lively discussion and a world of possibilities, this is the place for you! Let any board member or officer know of your interest in serving!

Event Calendar

Mah Jongg – Monday 1:00

Games -- Tuesdays 1:00

Fiber Arts 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 1:00

Duplicate Bridge 2nd Thursday 12:30

JANUARY

3 General Meeting 1:00

10 Book Group 10:30

12 Green Thumb 9:30

17 Dessert Games 12:30

19 Culinary Group 11:00

26 Officers Brunch* 11:30

31 Board Meeting 9:30

FEBRUARY

7 General Meeting 1:00

9 Valentine Luncheon* 11:30

14 Book Group 10:30

21 Dessert Games 12:30

22 Newcomers Coffee 10:00

25 Book Group Theater*11:45

28 Board Meeting 9:30

MARCH

6 General Meeting 1:00

8 Green Thumb 9:30

13 Book Group 10:30

15 Culinary Group 11:00

20 Dessert Games 12:30

27 Board Meeting 9:30

28 Spring Card Party* 11:30

^Flyer enclosed

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Newcomers Coffee....spread the word!

Got any new neighbors or friends who might be interested in joining the Woman's Cub?

Invite them to attend our **Newcomers Coffee** on Thursday, February 22nd at 10:00. We will introduce them to the club and its activities, take a tour of the clubhouse and grounds and get to know them. We'll send them home with a "goody bag" of local information, club information and an invitation to our March general meeting.

This event will be promoted on local Facebook pages the week prior to the event. This has proven to be a successful means for finding newcomers to our community and hopefully will again locate potential new members.



Beat the Winter Doldrums!

**Join your Executive Board
on Friday , January 26th
for a warm and cozy
SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON.**

Board members will prepare and serve a hearty lunch with your choice of butternut squash or chicken tortilla soup, along with a salad, bread, dessert and wine or soft beverages.

All proceeds go to our House Fund which maintains our building and grounds.

We'll offer a football pool and some fun door prizes will be awarded to a lucky few!

A great way to wile away a dreary winter afternoon among friends.

Reservations are due by Friday, January 19th and a flyer is attached with this newsletter.

More Events

April

- 3 General Meeting 1:30
- 10 Book Group 10:30
- 12 Green Thumb TBD
- 14 Spring Fling Mixer*5:00
- 16 Dessert Games 12:30
- 19 Culinary Group 1:00
- 24 BOARD MEETING 9:30

May

- 1 General Meeting 1:30
- 8 Book Group 10:30
- 15 Dessert Games 12:30
- 16 Hillwood Trip TBD
- 29 BOARD MEETING 9:30

June

- 5 Annual Luncheon 11:30
- 12 Book Group picnic

*flyer enclosed



Enjoy our landscape...

Winter months are a time of rest for our gardens. Here is a look at plans for our grounds this year.

- Cody Pepper from Chapel Branch Property Land Management is our landscaper and does a monthly check of our property, including trimming and mulching at designated times during the year.
- You may have noticed three new shrubs along the fence in the front yard. Thanks to careful research by Andrika Brown and Naomi Clark-Turner, these plants are a new selection of viburnum that are “heat tolerant” and offer evergreen foliage with white blossoms in the spring as well as blue fruit in summer through fall. They also are resistant to deer and rabbits. They complete a nice grouping of plants along our neighbor’s fence line.
- In the backyard we have one hydrangea that is dead and will be removed by Cody in the spring.
- A special thank you goes to our fearless Sweepers who help maintain the walkways throughout the year. To help our sweepers, we have acquired a new cordless blower which is stored in the clubhouse closet. Its battery pack is plugged in next to the fire extinguisher in the kitchen. (Please remember to plug it back in after using the blower!)



Any questions or interest in serving on the Grounds Committee or helping as a sweeper, contact Sara Walker at 240-732-1644; saraseelywalker@gmail.com.

Giving back...



Every year, The Woman’s Club generously supports local non-profit groups in our community. This year, the Committee has updated its list and the Board has approved a budget line of \$2550 designated for local charity contributions.

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| ·Brighter Christmas Fund \$200 | Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center \$200 |
| ·Critchlow Adkins Center \$150 | ·Hearts on Talbot (Food Pantry) \$50 |
| ·Midshore Council on Family Violence \$200 | Partners in Care \$50 |
| ·St. Michaels Community Center \$300 | St. Michaels Fire Department \$250 |
| ·Talbot Care Packs \$250 | Talbot County Library St. Michaels Branch \$200 |
| ·Talbot Goes Purple \$100 | Talbot Hospice Foundation \$200 |
| ·Talbot Humane Society \$100 | Talbot Interfaith Shelter \$200 |
| Talbot Mentors \$100 | |

Book Group Will keep You Busy

As usual, the Woman's Club Book Group will meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am at the clubhouse. All Woman's Club members are welcome to join us.

For February we will read "The Island of Missing Trees" by Elif Shafak. The remainder of our 2024 selections appear below and on the Woman's Club website.

Plans have been finalized for our annual trip to Oxford for lunch and the Tred Avon Players production on Sunday February 25, 2024. We will eat lunch at Anthony's Italian Restaurant (this is in the old Latitude's building). It will be a large lunch featuring appetizer, salad, bread, entree and dessert! After lunch we will attend the Tred Avon Players production of "You Have The Right to Remain Dead," a hilarious audience-participation murder mystery. Attached is the flyer with all the details. Hope you can join us! Happy Reading in 2024!

Reading selections:

Jan 10th: Demon Copperhead (F) by Barbara Kingsolver led by Jacque Smith
February 14th: *The Island of Missing Trees* (F) by Tim O'Brien led by Monica DeMarco
March 13th: *The Things They Carried* (NF) by Elif Shafak led by Susan Strasburg

April 10th: *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* (NF) by Kate Clifford Larson led by Barbara Weingarden
May 8th: *Horse* (NF) by Geraldine Brooks led by Alice Petizon
June 12th: *Lessons in Chemistry* (F) by Bonnie Garmus led by Joanne Baker



CCC Practice Session Scheduled for February 22nd

Career Community Connections is a valued community outreach program of our Woman's Club in partnership with St. Michaels' High School. CCC Mentors support the high school's sophomores, juniors, and seniors as they prepare for colleges, vocational schools or jobs upon graduation. Mentors work one-on-one with students to enhance their skills in writing resumes, cover letters, and essays. Mentors also work with the Seniors to strengthen interview skills and learn best practices for success in approaching college and business environments. If you are a past, current, or

prospective new Mentor, please join us on opportunity for sharing and learning. hursday, February 1st from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Clubhouse for our CCC Practice Forum. This will be a casual, fun and delicious opportunity for sharing and learning.

Please contact CCC Chair, Sharon Yateman by Friday, January 26th via email (syateman@verizon.net) or text (443.721.4221) with a brief message that you intend to participate in this session. Thank you so much for taking part in CCC and for all your wonderful support of St. Michaels High School students!

CULINARY GROUP ANNOUNCES 2024 PLANS.

Friday, January 19th *Simpatico*

Place: *Simpatico 104 Railroad Ave, St Michaels*

Time: Noon

\$10 cash at the door

RSVP a must to *Andrika Brown 4376ab@gmail.com*



Leave the January doldrums behind and travel to sunny Italy via *Simpatico*. Learn about their specialties with wine and other products for cooking and entertaining. There will be tastings of wines paired with small plates.

Friday, February 9 *Valentine Tea*, (in conjunction with *Green Thumb*)

Place: *Aurora Vines and Vibes, Easton*

Time: 11:30 am

Cost: \$50 payable by 2/7 to reserve contact *Barbara Weingarden bjw292@gmail.com*



Back by popular demand, our *Valentine Tea* was a favorite event last year. This will be special opportunity to celebrate friendship, relax, and have a three-course tea. An optional *Valentine gift exchange* is a tradition. See attached flyer.

Friday, March 15th (Tentative as Volunteers are Needed to Help)

Place: *Our Clubhouse - Cooking with Beer and Irish Specialties*

Time: 11:00 am

Donation: \$2 plus a themed dish to share

Contact: *Barbara Weingarden* to assist in making this event happen!

Let's experiment and celebrate *St Patrick's Day* with a festive lunch. Take a on challenge, beer does not "expire" and can be used past its "best by" date. There will be plenty of beer available to pick up at the clubhouse for use in your recipe prior to the lunch. Start thinking ahead. Some ideas at: <https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/recipes-to-make-with-beer/>

<https://www.food.com/ideas/traditional-irish-foods-6326>



April 19th *Our Greek Market*

Place: *29523 Canvasback Dr Suite 101, Easton, MD 21601*

Time: 1:00 pm

An introduction to high-quality *Greek* products including oils, olives, cheeses and more.

Contact: *Sharon: sharonbianchetti@gmail.com*



May 16th *A garden tour at Hillwood* (in conjunction with *Green Thumb*)

Tour the beautiful gardens at *Marjorie Merriwether Post's* estate in Washington followed by lunch. Look for details later in the year!

Green Thumb Spring Meetings and Events

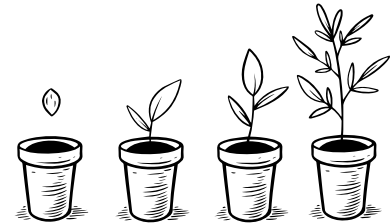
Friday, January 12th: There is no January meeting.

We had hoped to have a speaker at the clubhouse on 'How to plant a 3-season garden' but have had to postpone this to a later date.



Friday, February 9th (in conjunction with Culinary) a **Valentine Celebration** at Aurora Vines & Vibes (flyer is attached). Sandwiches, sweet treats and a bottomless pot of tea. Spend time just chatting and relaxing with your Woman's Club friends \$50 includes tax, tip and a \$10 donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Friday, March 8th: The Green Thumb Seed Workshop at the clubhouse. Come plant seeds for an early crop of spring veggies and herbs. Save your one-pint plastic containers (from tomatoes, berries etc.) so you can plant your seeds.



Friday, April 12 - A potential visit to a local flower garden. **Watch for details**

May 16 (third Thursday instead of second Friday) - Our annual Green Thumb garden trip will be to Hillwood House in Washington and will include a visit to the ational Arboretum's bonsai display. Further details will follow.



Need A New Skill?

If your New Years resolutions include learning a new skill, **how about bridge?** Anyone interested in embarking on bridge lessons (new players or people needing refresher lessons) contact Alice Petizon at 410-745-5058 or alice.petizon@gmail.com.

DIRECTORY CHANGES*** = new member; all others are updated contact info****Print this page and fold it into your 2023-24 directory**

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Bits and pieces...




New speaker announced for February!
Don't miss this chance to hear the recently approved plans for the **NEW EASTON HOSPITAL**. **Ken Kozel**, president of **UM Shore Medical Center** will join us with this important plan for the near future.



Got A New Neighbor??
Invite them to our Newcomers Coffee on February 22nd at 10:00.



Remember to post on Facebook -- if you chair or attend a Woman's Club event -- remember to share your photos with everyone on Facebook. A fun way to keep up with your friends.



Looking for leaders... In February the **Nominating Committee** begins its very important job of putting together a slate of candidates for Officer and Board positions to lead our club forward -- **please don't hang up the phone!** The club needs thinkers, planners, opinionated women who can keep our future bright. That sounds like YOU!! Step up, ladies.



SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Luncheon on June 5th...stay tuned for info on this special event



Can You Thread A Needle?

The Fiber Arts Group gathers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 1:00 - 3:00. Members love needlepoint, knitting, rug hooking, crewel, cross stitch and more. Share your skills, brag about your latest project. Find solutions for problems. AND just chat! If you love to stitch, bring a project and join in! Call or email Channing Huhn for further information.

Board and Officers “Souper Bowl” Luncheon



**Friday, January 26, 2024
11:30**



**Get together with Friends
for a delicious “Souper Bowl” Luncheon
prepared by the Board and Officers of the Woman’s Club**

**Menu includes: Butternut Squash Soup, Chicken
Tortilla Soup, Salad, Cornbread/Bread,
Brownies/Cookies,
Red & white wine.**

Door Prizes.....Super Bowl Pool

\$25.00 per person

Proceeds support the House Fund of the Woman’s Club of St. Michaels

Board and Officers Luncheon Reservation Form

Name: _____ Guest: _____

Mail check by Jan. 19 to: : Angela Lane, 26425 Arcadia Shores Circle, Easton, MD 21601

Make check payable to: The Woman’s Club of St. Michaels (WCSM)

I am unable to attend but would like to make a donation to the Woman’s Club of St. Michaels.

Name _____

Donation _____

A Valentine Tea

**Friday, February 9th 2024 at 11:30 am
Aurora Vines and Vibes (342 N Aurora St, Easton)**



*Enjoy a 3-course tea of salad, savories, dessert
& a never empty pot of tea*

Best of all, enjoy the company and conversation of club members!

RSVP by February 2nd

Co-sponsored by Culinary and Green Thumb

Proceeds support the Woman's Club of St. Michaels scholarship fund

Bring a small wrapped gift for a Valentine gift exchange.

I will attend the luncheon on Friday, February 9th @ 11:30 am

Please bring this reservation form and your payment to the WCSM General Meeting
on February 07 or mail to:

Barbara Weingarden. 8192 Gatherly Circle, Easton, MD 21601

I am paying \$50 (includes tax and tip) by: _____ cash
_____ check (make payable to WCSM)

Name & email: _____



Woman's Club of St. Michaels Book Group
OXFORD OUTING
Sunday, February 25, 2024

Lunch at ANTHONY'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT in Oxford at 11:45 AM
Choice of 3 delicious entrees with appetizer, salad, dessert, coffee or tea
tax and tip included
Cash bar available for wine or other alcoholic beverages

TRED AVON PLAYERS Production at Oxford Community Center at 2 PM
"You Have the Right to Remain Dead"

\$55 includes both lunch & theater
\$36 for lunch only, for those with TAP season tickets

Reservation form and check must be received by February 14th
Payment is non-refundable unless the event is canceled
All WCSM Members, Guests and Spouses are welcome!

I will attend the lunch and play on February 25

___ # reservations X \$55 per person = \$_____ or

___ # reservations X \$36 per person = \$_____ (for those with TAP season tickets)

Name and Entree Selection: _____ & _____

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Choose One: *Eggplant Parmigiana *Shrimp/Chicken Salad Duo *Chicken Marsala

Please pay by check to: Woman's Club of St. Michaels (WCSM)

Mail to: Sharon Yateman, 9827 Martingham Circle, St. Michaels, MD 21663



Spring Card & Games Luncheon

Sponsored by the Women's Club of St. Michaels

Thursday, March 28, 2024

11:30am - Lunch at Noon

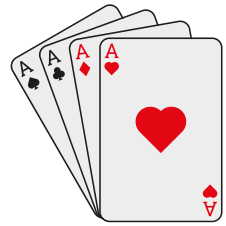
\$25 per person

Reserve a Table of Four

Reservations due by March 23rd.



Proceeds support the Women's Club of St. Michaels, its scholarship and civic activities



If you have questions, please contact Julie McCahill jpmccahill@msn.com

Spring Card Party Reservation Form

Please make checks payable to the Women's Club of St. Michaels (WCSM)

Mail to: Julie McCahill, 24814 Swan Rd., St. Michaels, MD 21663

Please list names of Members and/or Guests at your table:

I am not able to attend the Card Party, but would like to make a donation to The Women's Club of St. Michaels.

NAME: _____

Amount: _____



*You are cordially invited to
The Spring Fling*

*Celebrate spring !
Put on something pretty
Bring your spouse or a friend
Bring an hors d'oeuvre to share
Come enjoy cocktails with friends
at the Woman's Club*

*Sunday, April 14th 5:00 - 7:00
\$25 per person will be dedicated to
the Woman's Club Scholarship Fund*



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Yes, I will attend the Spring Fling

Please reserve _____ tickets for me and my guest(s) @ \$25 per person \$_____

NAME: _____

GUEST(S): _____

I cannot attend but wish to contribute to the Scholarship Fund \$_____

**Please send this form with your check to: Michele Cosby, 24610 New Post Road,
St. Michaels, MD 21663**