



MIWC UPDATE

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Important Club Event Updates !

The Annual MIWC Holiday Party scheduled for December 8, 2020 has been canceled.

The Marco Island Woman's Club Luncheon and Fashion Show originally scheduled for January 19, 2021, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Hideaway Beach Club. Qs? Contact [Sharyn](#)

The Board believes these decisions are in the best interest of our members' health and safety.

More information coming in the next UPDATE

President's Message

Giving Thanks

Expressing our gratitude to others
And giving back in even the smallest of ways
All add a true richness to our lives

Dear Friends.

Due to Covid-19 concerns, your Board of Directors voted to cancel our in-person January luncheon at the Marco Island Yacht Club. Instead we will try something a little different: Diane Shagott from Hats to Di for will give a Zoom presentation. Details are provided later in this newsletter. We are hoping that this Zoom meeting will be a way to stay connected with our membership. We all miss the closeness of our luncheons.

If you are interested in the "Hat Lady's Presentation" please be aware there is no charge for joining the Zoom meeting. If, however, you plan on making a "Lunch Money" donation for December, from now until January 6th we will enter 20 tickets in your name for a drawing for a special raffle gift.

Our "Lunch Money" campaign has been a great source of giving. In October we donated to Our Daily Bread in the amount of \$2,000. We will be delivering a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the Shelter for Abused Women and Children along with blankets from member Marie Senechal and toiletry bags from Caitlin Robinson with help from other members. I am thankful for your continued support during this difficult time.

The campaign for December will be donated to the Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation. Please be as generous as you can so that we can fulfill our motto of giving back.

The Thanksgiving holiday offers a special opportunity to reflect on our many blessings while giving thanks. Hoping each and every one of you had a Thanksgiving filled with Blessings, Good Health and Peace ~ Debbie Rago, MIWC President



You are in for a treat !

Join us for a special Zoom Meeting on
Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 11:00

Millner Diane Shagott, the creative force behind Hats to Di For, will describe how she works with her clients to design the perfect hat for their person and for their occasion. You can check out [Diane's website](#) to get a preview.

To attend, please email [your RSVP to miwcel@gmail.com](mailto:yourRSVPto@miwcel@gmail.com) and a Zoom invite will be sent to you. There is no charge to attend the Zoom meeting. If you are unsure of how to attend a Zoom meeting, please call Debbie Rago for assistance. 860-798-0270

For added fun, if you donate to the December "[Lunch Money](#)" campaign, you will receive 20 raffle tickets. There will be a special raffle at the end of the meeting. You will receive a Thank You letter acknowledging your donation that will include your raffle numbers for the tickets placed in the basket. Good Luck!

Raffle Prize



\$125 Value: Wine rack, two bottles of wine, rabbit set opener, 2 wine glasses, & cheese board

2021 Membership Dues

Payable beginning January 1, 2021

\$50 for Active / \$55 for Associate Members

Pay via check to: MIWC and mail to:

P.O. Box 604

Marco Island, FL 34146

Or

Pay via credit card on [Club Website](#)

(Includes \$2 finance fee)

Questions?

[Contact Leesa Carls](#): 239-315-2802



Need a Gift Idea?

Why not give a donation to the Woman's Club in some special person's honor? Your honoree will receive acknowledgement along with a description of the Marco Island Woman's Club history and mission of giving back to our community.

Checks should be addressed to Marco Island Woman's Club and mailed to P.O. Box 604 Marco Island, FL 34146. [You may also pay via credit card on our website. \(click here\)](#)

Be sure to include the name and address of your honoree and any special instructions

Questions should be addressed to [Debbie Rago, Club President](#)

Our Fabulous Stitch Makers

Top Photo: Stitch Makers Aren Alter, Roz Sorber, Catherine Thomas and Donna O'Shea

Middle Photo: 31 Hats and 1 Sweater

Bottom Photo: Anne Marchetti with Stacie Kmetz of Golisano Children's Hospital before an impressive haul of blankets is wheeled into the hospital.



The Covid pandemic did not stop the MIWC Stitch Makers! Crocheting and knitting all around the country, they brought their products home to Marco Island. Here, on a Friday afternoon in mid November, five members folded and tied with ribbon 121 prewashed homemade blankets!

Next stop: Sharyn Kampmeyer and Anne Marchetti took the trip to Fort Myers to deliver their creations to the Golisano Pediatric Hospital.

Stacie Kmetz greeted them and said that our group has an excellent reputation for quality blankets - and - they love our presentation! She knows the blankets will bring many smiles of appreciation from the children and their parents.



Got Any Good Photos?

If you take pictures at any of our events, or with our Special Interest Groups, please email them to: Austine Frawley at: miwcel@gmail.com
Be sure to include captions including the events and names of people in the photos.



Once Again This Year
The Marco Island Woman's Club
Will Participate in



"The Festival of Trees"

An event to Benefit the
Marco Island Center for the Arts
1010 Winterberry Drive
December 1 - December 3
Viewing and Silent Auction: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The silent auction ends December 3rd at 4:00 p.m.
A virtual tour is available on the [Art Center website](#)

For those of you unfamiliar with this event, the Center for the Arts invites members of the community to create beautiful holiday trees that are put on display for the enjoyment of all. Visitors to this free exhibit will be able to vote for their favorite tree. The trees then find a home via a silent auction.

The MIWC Decorative Design Committee has enjoyed working together to fashion this year's tree, themed "Female Flair". More enjoyable projects await, including adding festive touches to our monthly luncheons. We'd love to have you join us. Being involved is one way of giving back to our wonderful Island ~ Please consider helping. Questions? Get in touch with [Pam Spering](#).

***A Big Thank You to Pam Spering and her Decorative Design Committee
For volunteering to decorate and deliver the tree to
The Marco Island Center for the Arts***

Volunteers Needed

Monthly Luncheon Table Décor

Love flowers? Have an artistic flair? Pam Spering is seeking volunteers to help design and prepare table décor for the monthly luncheons. You only need to volunteer for 1 luncheon. This is a great way to get involved without over taxing your busy schedule. If interested contact Pam: (215) 880-9034 / [Pam's email](#)

Tending to the MIWC Memorial Garden in the Marco Island Cemetery

The garden is small but looms large in our hearts. It needs a little TLC beyond what the Cemetery's Groundkeeper can provide. Are you willing to visit and pull a few weeds/water once a week or so? It's a nice destination for a walk or a bike ride and not a big time commitment.

If interested, contact: Austine Frawley (781) 545-1155 or [email Austine](#)



The Marco Island Woman's Club has been selected as Winn-Dixie's December Community Bag beneficiary! The program is designed to make it easy for customers to support the Island's non-profit community and the environment.

During the month of December, each time a \$2.50 reusable Community Bag is purchased at Winn-Dixie, located at 625 N. Collier Blvd., the Woman's Club will receive a \$1.00 donation! Please ask your family, friends & neighbors to buy a bag in support of the Club.

Thanks to Club member Jill Dizio for making this happen again this year.
It's a WINN-WINN #GiveBack#SupportMIWC#SHOPGREEN#

How Your "Lunch Money" Can Help

For safety reasons, MIWC has canceled our scheduled luncheons for October through January. Please join those of us who plan to donate the money that we would normally spend on the luncheons to benefit others.

If you would like to contribute, just as for the luncheons, there are two ways you can do this: Electronically with your credit card or via check and snail mail.

For added fun, if you donate to the December "Lunch Money" campaign, you will receive 20 raffle tickets. There will be a special raffle drawing at the end of our Wednesday, January 6 Zoom meeting. See page 2 of this newsletter for details. You will receive a Thank You letter acknowledging your donation that will include your raffle numbers for the tickets placed in the basket. Good Luck !

To contribute by credit card:

[Click Here](#)

To Contribute by check:

Checks should be written to: MIWC Charitable Foundation

And mailed to: Marco Island Woman's Club, P.O. Box 604, Marco Island, FL 34146

Treasurer's Report

As of November 18, 2020

Club Balance: \$8,987.24

MIWC Charitable Foundation, Inc. Balance: \$4,632.79

Special Interest Club News

Book Club

The Book Club has continued meeting monthly via Zoom. The November book discussed was: "The Last Days of Night," by Graham Moore. The book selected for December is "Countdown to 1945," by Chris Wallace.

Given the current uncertainties, the club will continue conducting Zoom meetings and limiting acceptance of new members. Questions: Contact Cristina Leske (239) 394-1088 / [Cristina's Club email](#)

Stitch Makers

Women who like to crochet and knit, you may have your work donated. Using your own yarn, proceed at your leisure or at the monthly "Stitch Session". Stitch Makers sessions are canceled until further notice for the protection of our members. Please continue to work on your projects (blankets and hats) in the comfort and safety of your home. As always, thinking of you all. Please be safe and healthy! Please contact Anne Marchetti: 201-321-0801 or [Anne's email](#)

Theater-Goers

Artis-Naples Broadway series has been canceled. All money from ticket sales for previous two plays canceled and subscribers for 2020-2021 season has been refunded. Thank you to all who participated. Best regards, Sharyn

Travel Group

This group was just about to get started when Covid-19 began its rampage. All planning and activities are on hold pending safer times. Chair Elisabeth Rehtin has traveled extensively and also has worked professionally in the industry. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact Elisabeth at: (239) 389-1456 or [email Elisabeth](#)

Future Events

([Click here for link to Club Calendar](#))

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Annual Holiday Party at the Island Country Club : *CANCELED due to Covid-19 situation*

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Special Zoom Meeting & Raffle: "Hats to Di For" 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 *now rescheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at Hideaway Beach Club*

Annual Luncheon/Fashion Show* - See notes below from Chair, Sharyn Kampmeyer

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Annual Cards & Games Party – Subject to Change

Home Tour – If and When To be Determined

*A note from Sharyn: "The 2021 Luncheon and Fashion Show originally scheduled for January 19 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021. The Board believes this move is in the best interest of our members health and safety Any questions, contact Sharyn Kampmeyer: (239) 389-0988 or [via Sharyn's email](#).

Club Motto

Why you were born and why you are living depends on what you are getting out of this world and what you are giving

Kudos & Thanks

We have some pretty incredible ladies in our Club, so we have added a section to the Newsletter to recognize their contributions and to express our appreciation for all they do.

If you would like to recognize a Club member here, contact
Lenore Yale 203-506-5075 or email

Lorraine Rodgers

We are fortunate to have so many women in our Club who give so much of themselves; their time, their energy, their creativity. How then to select a name each month? The best way is to solicit suggestions from our membership. In doing so, one name comes up over and over: Lorraine Rodgers.

Without exception, the first thoughts expressed when describing Lorraine are her extreme generosity and her dedication to the Woman's Club. Lorraine joined the MIWC in 1998 and served as president in 2001-2002. Until health issues sidelined her, Lorraine has "always" been on the Board in one capacity or another. She is especially well known for her stewardship of the Education Committee for many years. Even now, facing illness, Lorraine's generosity has not faded. She continues to contribute financially to the Club and has even managed to round up Beanie Babies, coloring books, crayons and clothing to share with those in need. Lorraine is truly an inspiration. Kudos and Thanks Lorraine.

Sue Ellen Welch & the Basket Brigade (AKA The Monterrey Ladies)

It was about 10 years ago when Sue Ellen Welch, still a relatively new member, agreed to head up a "task force" to assemble gift baskets for the Club's Increasingly popular Fashion Show. As most of you know, the annual fashion show is MIWC's most popular and successful fund-raising event. When attendees enter the venue they are greeted by a beautiful scene from colorful table décor to an array of festively adorned gift baskets – all waiting to be auctioned off to benefit the Club's many charities.

As you might imagine, such an undertaking requires an army of workers from the commanding generals to the foot soldiers who collect the donations. After the donations have been collected, catalogued and organized, enter the not-so-silent "task force" affectionately known as "The Basket Brigade". Brigade members take this mountain of gifts and donations and turn it into delightful displays.

The Basket Brigade ladies and their organizer, Sue Ellen, all hail from Marco Island's Monterrey Condominium – hence they are also known as "The Monterrey Ladies". This force also has contributed to the Club for the past several years by serving as organizers and hostesses for the lovely annual New Members Brunch.

Some of the Monterrey ladies, such as Sue Ellen, have served in official positions on the MIWC Board. Others are content to volunteer only but whenever an extra set of hands is needed. They all deserve a "Shout Out".

Sue Ellen Welch, member since 2010 served as Club president 2019-2020. In past years she had assumed responsibility for the annual Cards and Games event and for monthly luncheon table décor. It was Sue Ellen who first coined the term: The Basket Brigade ... A double Shout Out to you Sue Ellen.

Kudos & Thanks ladies

..... And on a Personal Note

“And on a Personal Note” is a new section to the UPDATE Newsletter, added in recognition that many of us would appreciate being updated with important happenings in other members’ lives. Events could include births, weddings, special anniversaries, honors, awards, etc. If you have something to include in this section contact [Lenore Yale](#), editor of [UPDATE](#). 203-506-5075

- Cheer and Good Wishes to Judy Kenney who we hear is recovering from hip surgery.
- Please keep in mind:
If you know of any member who is ill or could use a card of support, notify [Jill DiZio](#), Club Corresponding Secretary

Stay Safe



Stay Well

& Happy Holidays to All.



*A Blast from the Past: December 1990 – Christmas Island Style Parade, Marco Island
Photograph Courtesy of Marco Island Historical Society*