

WCSM News

Updates

New Committee Members

We are still looking for volunteers to be a part of the new exploratory Fundraising Committee! Don't be shy – we need your ideas and energy. Please contact Cheryl Albus if interested! You will not be sorry!!

Successful Fall Fund Raisers

Backyard Picnic netted: \$841.00
Harvest Soiree netted: \$2,125.50
Fall Card Party Netted: \$2,183.29
Cookie Exchange Netted: \$1,254.23

Wreath Raffle Netted: \$270

We are well on the way in securing our nest egg for any major expenses that may come our way! Thank you for supporting our Fundraisers!!

Reminders

Snow Policy: We will make a decision the morning of an event/meeting and will notify members by placing a message on our website.

www.womansclubofsaintmichaels.org

Upcoming Events

Arnaiz Chocolate Makers:

January 16, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m.

Soup & Bread Lunch Fundraiser:

February 6, 2026 @ 12N

Check the WC Website for news on these all the latest Events!

Contact Info

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Website:

www.womansclubofsaintmichaels.org

Committees Updates

Career Community Connections

This year the CCC Mentor Program started with a bang! Two new Mentors came on board through “Mentor the Mentor” training. Over twenty active Mentors met with all seniors at St. Michaels High School in September to review and update résumés, and returned in October to guide college bound seniors in their creation of distinctive and meaningful college admissions essays. Students expressed great appreciation for the sage counsel and enthusiastic support provided by our CCC Mentors; it was a gratifying experience for all involved.

In the new year, CCC Mentors will return to St. Michaels High School during the months of March and April to support sophomores and juniors with their résumé writing as well as to conduct mock interviews with the soon to graduate seniors. In mid-May, once again CCC proudly will help to host the school's annual Senior Breakfast, a most meaningful and joyous celebration.

New program Mentors are welcome; email CCC Chairperson, Sharon Yateman (syateman@verizon.net) for additional information.

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Civics

Volunteers are needed for the Care Packs Assembly Line: January 9th, February 6th, March 6th, April 10th, or May 8th from 10:30-11:30am, Anchor Church in Easton. Contact Jean Ritterman for more information and to sign up (jrittermann@outlook.com).

The Civics Committee recommended 15 organizations for a donation from the Woman's Club of St. Michaels. We generously donated \$2,550 this year!

Here's the organizations the WC supported:

Brighter Christmas Fund
Chesapeake Multi-Cultural Resource Center
Critchlow Adkins Center
Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence
St. Michaels Community Center
Partners in Care - Midshore
St. Michael's Volunteer Fire Department
Talbot County Free Library (SM)
Care Packs
Talbot Goes Purple
Talbot Hospice Foundation
Talbot Humane Society
Talbot Interfaith Shelter
Talbot Mentors
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Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee had a great time working together and were delighted to receive so many compliments on the new walkway plantings. Thank you for your encouragement.

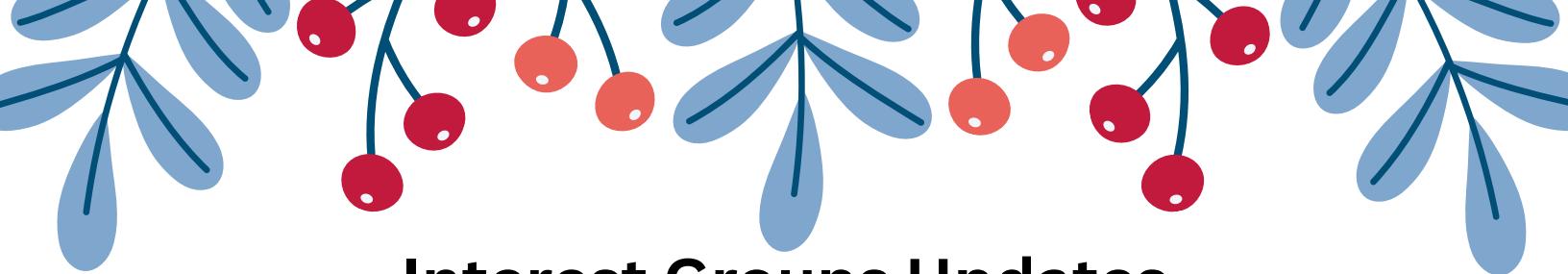
The hellebores are much happier in their new location. Expect to see them flourish in late winter/early spring, along with a swath of snowdrops we planted in the same area. The perennials will take a couple of years to reach their full potential, so please be patient. In the meantime, we will tame the mums and add more ornamental kale and pansies to keep it pretty and presentable over the winter.

We would like to thank the many people who contributed to this year's success:

- To the Harvest Soiree for their donation of pansies this fall.
- To Cody Pepper for sourcing, planting, cleaning and doing the big work in the garden. His time and cost savings were invaluable.
- To the hardy sweepers and leaf blowers. It's a weekly task that keeps the house looking well tended. Thanks to Sara Walker for the donation of earplugs!

This is a work in progress. While the garden is put to bed for the winter, we look forward to the spring and another season of making our clubhouse grounds look beautiful. Come join us!





Interest Groups Updates

Fiber Arts

The Fiber Arts Group has been merrily working away on their many fall projects. Several of our members are knitting and crocheting projects that were sold at the marketplace during Christmas in St.Michaels. Others, are working on personal projects.

We have had several new members join us during the months of October and November. This has made for lively conversation and the start of new friendships. We would love to encourage anyone who has talent or interest in learning a particular fiber art to come and visit us. We meet the **second Wednesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.** Contact: **Janet MacDonald (janetmacdonald68@gmail.com)**

Mahjong

The Mahjong group is delighted to inform you that the group is thriving with 38 members who are enjoying weekly games on **Mondays from 1 to 3 PM.** We have been consistently welcoming anywhere from 8 to 16 players each week!

We want to express our gratitude for your continued participation and support. Your enthusiasm has truly made our gatherings a success. As a reminder, I will continue to send out an email on Sundays to confirm the number of players attending so that we can arrange enough tables for everyone.

Thank you all for making this group such a wonderful community. Looking forward to seeing you at our next game! For more information contact: **Karen Thomas (karenthomas43@gmail.com)**

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Dessert Games

As 2026 approaches, the 36 participants in Dessert Games are looking forward to more fun time playing a variety of games with friends and fellow Woman's Club members. **Meeting at 12:30 p.m. at the clubhouse every third Wednesday of January through May**, the afternoon features a delicious dessert and beverage, a door prize and any game of choice such as Bridge, Mahjong, Canasta, Mexican Train –you name it! Tables for three or more players are available. Subs for Bridge are needed and there is no charge for anyone wishing to play as a sub. **To sign up or for more information, call Carol Elliott at 410-745-5778 or Judy Shepard at 410-745-6380.**

Tuesday Games Update:

Just a reminder that the Tuesday Games Ladies meet at 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday. If you enjoy playing games and socializing with friends, then Tuesday Games is the place for you! Join the group for an afternoon of bridge, canasta, Mah Jong, Hand and Foot, etc. You can be a novice, intermediate or expert player; everyone is invited! No reservations necessary, it's a "drop-in" games day. A \$3 donation is requested each time you play. For more information, contact co-chairs **Nancy Garner (nhgarner@verizon.net) or Carole Baltzell (chmbaltzell@gmail.com).**

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Book Group Activities Update

It's hard to believe the Book Group had already read 4 of the 10 books selected for this season! We started with a movie and lunch at the Easton Library in September. December 10, we had our annual luncheon at Harrison's Harbor Watch with 25 attendees, a delightful lunch, conversation, and discussion of a short story "The Greatest Gift", which was the inspiration for the holiday movie "It's A Wonderful Life". In addition to our 6 remaining book discussions, our upcoming activities include brunch and a matinee Oxford TAP performance "Things My Mother Taught Me" in February. Our finale in June is a wonderful picnic hosted in a member's home and the fun Nora Ephron book "I Feel Bad About My Neck and Other Thoughts About Being a Woman". Our schedule is kept updated on the website and on the club house bulletin board. We hope you can join us for our future stimulating book discussions.



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Culinary & Green Thumb (C>)

Culinary & Green Thumb (C>) has planned exciting events for the next few months:

First up, in January, we have the "All You Ever Wanted to Know About Chocolate" event with our local chocolate makers, the Arnaizes. Their chocolates are simply delicious, and this event is perfect timing for picking up some special Valentine gifts. The event will take place on January 16th at 9:30am at the Clubhouse. There will be a \$5 door fee for this event.

Moving on to February, we have our "Soup and Bread Lunch Fundraiser." This will be a delightful opportunity to sample various soups and breads while also supporting our fundraising goals. The event is scheduled for February 6th at 12:00pm at the clubhouse. There will be a \$10 door fee which will go directly towards helping the Club.

In March, get ready for our "International Lunch Series." Each Friday in March, we will be dining at different restaurants such as Bombay Tadka, Pho Van, Olive Branch, and El Dorado to explore cuisines from around the world. Separate checks will be arranged prior to each event.

April's event will focus on gardening topics with speakers yet to be decided. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting event.

Lastly, in May, we have our annual garden trip planned to Winterthur Gardens. The exact date is still pending based on bus availability, but rest assured it will be a fantastic outing. The fee for this trip is \$100 which covers transportation and entrance fees. Please note that payment must be made when signing up due to bus reservation requirements.

Sign-up sheets for all events will be available at the clubhouse and further details can be found on our website. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding these events, please feel free to reach out to Therese Photiadis at photiadis@verizon.net.

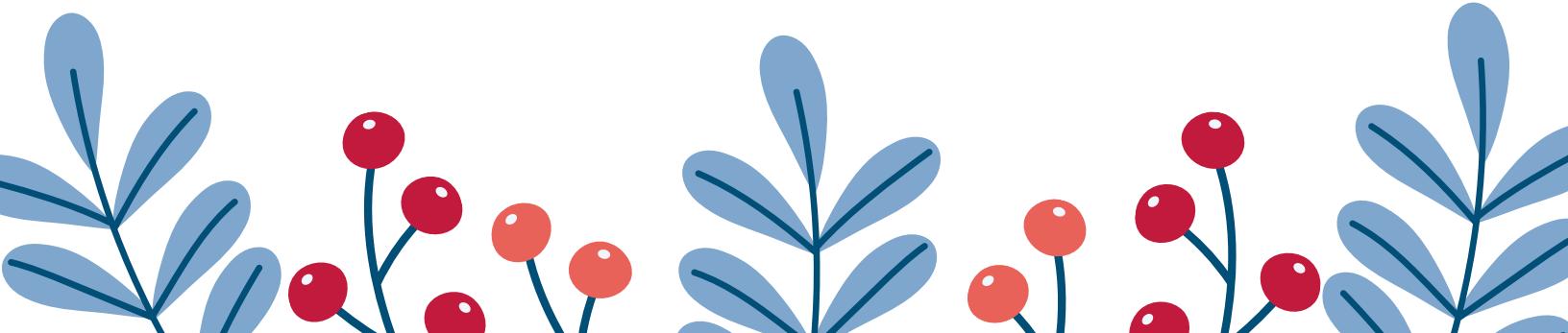
Message from the President

As we come to the close of 2025, I'd like to pause and reflect on all that we have shared and accomplished together. It has truly been a wonderful year—one marked by growth, friendship, and a strong sense of community.

I am incredibly proud of the way we came together to create such a successful lineup of fundraisers. Thanks to everyone's time, energy, and generosity, we are making meaningful progress toward building a nest egg for future house repairs. Your collective commitment and teamwork have been both inspiring and deeply appreciated.

I've also been delighted by the many new members who joined our club this year. The enthusiasm, fresh perspectives, and creativity they bring have enriched our community and will help carry us forward in exciting ways.

My heartfelt thanks go to our Board Members, Interest Groups, and Standing Committees for their steady dedication and care. The connections we've built—through games, laughter, shared experiences, and thoughtful conversations—are truly special and form the heart of our club.





Message - Continued

Looking Ahead:

As we turn our sights to 2026, I hope we'll continue to grow our membership and find new, creative ways to welcome and involve new members—especially when it comes to fundraising (we can always use fresh ideas!). Most of all, let's continue supporting one another, being there in times of need, and savoring the joy of simply spending time together. Serving as President has given me a front-row seat to the remarkable group of women I'm lucky to call friends. I am deeply grateful for each of you.

Wishing you all a joyful holiday season filled with love, laughter, and meaningful moments with those you hold dear. I look forward to seeing everyone in the new year as we continue this special journey together.

Warmest regards,

Cheryl

