



Summer WCSM Newsletter 2026

A Warm Hello!

Another summer and just around the corner another year for the WCSM! Let's make it our BEST!!!

Reminder!

Mahjong meets on Mondays all summer 1-3p.m.

Tuesday Games meets on Tuesday all summer 1-3 p.m.

Marketplace Workshop

Marketplace will take place on the following dates and all start at 9:30 a.m.

July 15
August 5 & 19
Sept 9 & 23
Oct 15 & 30
Nov 12 & 19

Woman's Club Annual Dues!

Annual dues for the 2026-2027 year are \$100.

Why not pay now so you don't forget?

By credit card: [Click here](#) to pay \$104, which covers your \$100 dues plus the \$4 card processing fee.

By check: Make check payable to WCSM and mail to Angela Lane, 26425 Arcadia Shores Circle, Easton, MD 21601.

Check our website for news:

womansclubofsaintmichaels.org



WCSM EVENTS FOR 2026-2027

Backyard Picnic - Thursday - September 17, 2026

5:00 -7:00 PM

Chair: Julie McCahill

Committee: Joan McNamara, Carla Howell, & Carolyn Kane

All You Can Eat Pasta - October 9, 2026

12:00N – 2:00 PM

Co-Chairs: Therese Photiadis, Marianne Green-Kerr, Susan Fletcher

Fall Evening Event - Sunday - October 18, 2026

5:00 -7 :00 PM

Co-Chairs: Susan Lenfest & Cheryl Albus

Committee: Monica Penwell, Janet MacDonald, & Denise Klotzbucher

Fall Card/Game Party - Friday - November 6, 2026

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Co-Chairs: Elaine Bednarz, Sally McLuckie, Kelly Livingston, Charisse Clark

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Holiday Cocktails & Appetizers -

Friday, November 20, 2026

5:00 – 7:00 PM

Co-Chairs: Therese Photiadis, Marianne Green-Kerr,
Susan Fletcher

Christmas Cookie Exchange - Wednesday -

December 2, 2026 - After the General Meeting

Co-Chairs: Elaine Bednarz & Diane French

Bingo - Friday - January 22, 2027

1:00 - 3:30 PM

Co-Chairs: Ellen Mielke, Angela McQuay, &
Carla Daniels

Committee:

Karen Thomas, Joyce Fernandez, Wendy Walmsley,
Kathleen Nilsen, & Dianne Shaw

WCSM EVENTS FOR 2026-2027

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Spring Card/Game Party - Friday - March 19, 2027

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Co-Chairs: Carole Baltzell & Nancy Garner

Committee: Rayona Bennett & Cheryl Albus

Spring Evening Event - Sunday - April 25, 2027

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Co-Chairs: Cheryl Albus & Sharon Yateman

Committee: Nicoletta Aiken, Carolyn Prout, & Lynda Heilman





Scholarship Committee

The committee reviewed 20 scholarship applications and unanimously selected 2 recipients from the 2026 St Michael's High School graduating seniors. This year's applicants were exceptionally accomplished. The committee considers academics, volunteer activities and job experience then selects 10 students for a personal interview. Financial need is a consideration in the final selection. Dorie McGuinness as chairperson guided the committee through the process. Dorie has finished her 3-year term on the Scholarship Committee and we all thank her for her thoughtful guidance in this process. Many thanks to J.R. Burkhardt the Student Counselor who gave us valuable guidance in this process. Kimberly Hasenberg will join the committee for the 2027 Scholarship Year.

I also want to thank the members of the Women's Club of St Michaels for the fundraising activities and donations to support the Scholarship Program.

Fran Kuhne

2027 Chair of the Scholarship Committee

Career Community Connections (CCC) – *The Mentors*

In keeping with the WCSM's mission of "purpose," Club members formed CCC more than 10 years ago as a vehicle to support St. Michaels High School students as they navigate next steps toward jobs or higher ed. The program's impact is such that it is now modeled at Easton High School as well. But what CCC participants ("Mentors") know is that the benefit is reciprocal, as ably expressed by a Mentor at the end of last year: "If you want to feel hopeful about the future, spend a few minutes with these kids."

Our work in the 2026-27 school year will begin September 28-October 1, assisting the Seniors to prepare final resumes. These first dates come before this year's WCSM Welcome Back meeting, so we're linking a **[sign-up sheet here](#)**, and we'll be reaching out to CCC members by email. More generally, we again will need a robust group of Mentors, so we enthusiastically encourage you to sign up for one or more of the 80-minute time slots that work for you. No experience needed!

Please contact **Marianne Dise**, marianne.dise@gmail.com, or **Kate Latimer**, latimer.kate@gmail.com, for further information or to join our Mentor group.





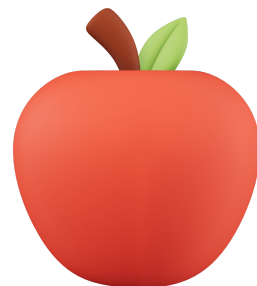
CIVICS COMMITTEE

Care Packs Update: The Woman's Club of St. Michaels will continue to participate in the Healthy Talbot County Care Packs Program. We have been assigned one Friday each month from September to May for the food/snack packing assembly line at Anchor Church in Easton.

The packing sessions will take place from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, and we are still awaiting confirmation of our specific dates. We encourage you to consider volunteering for this important project, as it provides food for underserved schoolchildren in St. Michael's over the weekend.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact **Jean Rittermann** by text 410-913-2280 or email jrittermann@outlook.com if you are interested or have questions.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to this cause.





Culinary & Green Thumb

The Culinary and Green Thumb Committee (C>) is gearing up for an exciting season of cooking and gardening adventures! As chairperson, I am pleased to have two co-chairs this year, Sue Fletcher and Marianne Kerr-Green.

C> will kick off the season with a September Garden Party followed by an October All you can Eat Pasta and Salad Lunch, a November Holiday Cocktail and Appetizer Happy Hour and the traditional December Holiday Wreath Making Event. Event details and sign up information is available on the Women's Club website.

C> events are open to all members. We also keep a separate email list with more detailed information and reminders for events. Please let me know if you would like your name to be added to this email list.

Looking forward to a great season of cooking and gardening!

For more Info contact: **Therese Photiadis**





GROUPS COMMITTEE

The Grounds Committee has been busy setting the stage for a successful and fun season starting in September.

We are transitioning the sweeper team to a rotation of members. We kindly request a commitment of two years, with each member participating in one sweep session per month. This initiative provides a fantastic opportunity for new members to engage with the club and connect with fellow members. While the sweeping aspect is minimal, the chance to gather, chat, or enjoy a coffee with a friend (or even make a new friend) is the true allure.

So, a big thank you to the sweepers who are rotating out the end of the current season. Your service has been invaluable:

Cheryl Albus

Carolyn Kelly

Julie McCahill

Marilyn Nace

Sharon Yateman

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GROUNDS COMMITTEE continued

The new sweepers will join the the experienced sweepers who are returning:

Andrika Brown

Sue Lenfest

Susie Pratt

BettyAnn Seabury

Sara Walker

If you would like to join us, please get in touch with any of the experienced sweepers. Your contribution is always welcome.

We got together in early July to meet one another and find out the ins and outs of the job. We walked the garden, talked about the club and shared lemonade, fruit salad and blueberry Boy Bait (yes, that's what it's called. Look it up, it's a charming story:

Blueberry Boy Bait).

In other news, Cody Pepper continues to do major cleanups of the garden and Ryan Yost, our irrigation specialist, will continue to advise us even though he has technically retired.

In the spring we planted zinnias and marigolds, started from seeds by the committee, which are starting to fill in with their

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GROUNDS COMMITTEE

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vibrant summer color. The mums have been pruned to ensure their flourishing in the fall. The planting scheme incorporates native and pollinator-friendly plants. Throughout the summer, we will monitor the beds, providing necessary watering during the heat and humidity. The garden is expected to be ready to welcome us back to the club in the fall. We eagerly anticipate seeing you all then!





TEA HOSTESSES

We still need volunteers to serve as tea hostesses and to bring food items for our teas! If you can help, please let [Joyce Schlesinger](#) or [Jean Rittermann](#) know.





FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Thank you for being so receptive and enthusiastic to the offering of various embroidered merchandise items for purchase. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to a group photo wearing or carrying our new items this fall. It's exciting to see our lovely logo coming to life, and we have some additional items planned for you during the 2026-2027 season! Several of you made suggestions for us, and we are exploring those options now.

There are many Fundraising Socials scheduled for this year, and we hope to see even more of you participating in the events. Whether it's being part of the committee or an attendee, in each instance your presence further supports our efforts to fundraise for the annual St. Michaels High School scholarships provided by WCSM. We look forward to seeing you this season, and if you have a bright idea to share, we are open to any and all new suggestions as this committee gets underway.

If you were unable to attend the June luncheon and missed the opportunity to order a tote, fleece vest or fleece quarter zip, please use the link below or on the club's website (under Fundraising) to place an order.

[Woman's Club Merchandise](#)

We will also be accepting orders at the General Meetings. You can expect delivery at the General Meeting following your order.

**Michelle Koll and Carol Meyers, Co-Chairs
Fundraising Committee**

WOMAN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

MAHJONG: Meets at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. every Monday (even in the summer months) at The Woman's Club. If interested in joining the Mah Jong group, please email Karen Thomas (Karenthomas43@gmail.com) and you will be added to an email list. Weekly emails are sent on Sundays to assure the number of players each week. There is a charge of \$3 per session. You need to supply your own current American Mah Jong League playing card. Be sure to bring \$3 in change because we play for money!



WOMAN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY GAMES at the Woman's Club: Join this fun loving group every Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Come for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and friendly competition. We play all kinds of games including: Bridge, Canasta, Rummikub, Swoop, Mexican Train – you bring it we will play it!

We also share a variety of snacks and enjoy great conversations. No need to sign up in advance! Just walk in! A \$3 donation is required to help cover Club House costs.

For more information contact: Carole Baltzell (chmbaltzell@gmail.com) or Nancy Garner (nhgarner@verizon.com)

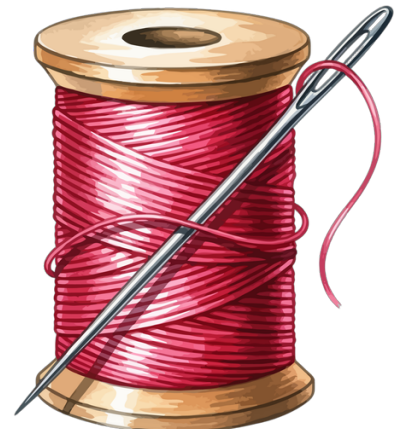


WOMAN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES (continued)



The Fiber Arts Group is taking a break for the summer. However, some of our needlepointers are busy helping with projects for Christmas in St. Michaels. We plan to resume in October. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. If you have any talent in or interested in learning any of the following please consider joining us this fall. We do knitting, crocheting, embroidery, crewel, cross-stitch, needlepoint, quilting, rug hooking, fabric collage or anything else with yarn, fabric, or thread. We look forward to seeing new faces!

For more information contact: Janet McDonald
(janetmacdonald68@gmail.com) or
Julie McCahill (jpmccahill@msn.com)



WOMAN'S CLUB ACTIVITIES (continued)



Dessert Games – Join us for Dessert Games, a monthly gathering where club members (and their guests) come together to enjoy a sweet afternoon of games, conversation, and fun! Whether you love Bridge, Canasta, Hand and Foot, Mexican Train, Rummikub, Swoop, UNO, or any other card or board game, there's a place for you at the table.

We meet the third Wednesday of each month, October through May (**no meeting in December**). We meet from 12:30 - 4 p.m. There is an annual fee of **\$35** per participant which includes: dessert, coffee, tea (provided by rotating hostesses). **A special bonus at each session includes a door prize!**

All proceeds support the Woman's Club Scholarship Fund and other club activities.

For more information or to join, please contact the Dessert Games Co-Chairs:

Carol Elliott (Carolelliott1@gmail.com)

Judy Shepard (jmmsherp112@gmail.com)



Membership Dues for 2026–2027

We hope you are enjoying your summer! Our first meeting of the 2026-2027 season is just around the corner. This is a friendly reminder that it's time to renew your WCSM membership.

Your membership dues are vital to the continued success of the Woman's Club. Our dues support local charities, maintain our historic clubhouse, and contributes to our scholarship fund.

We kindly ask that you submit your dues (**\$100**) on or before our first meeting on **October 7, 2026**.

If paying by check please make your \$100 check payable to: WCSM

Mail to:

Angela Lane

26425 Arcadia Shores Circle

Easton, MD 21601

You can pay by Credit Card if that is more convenient. The cost will be **\$104** (which covers the CC processing fees). Here's the link: **WCSM DUES**

Final Thoughts!

Dear Members,

Can you believe it has already been a year since I stepped into the role of President? Time truly flies when you're having fun, and I must say, being part of this club has been an absolute joy. As we reflect on the past year, I am thrilled to share some of the incredible accomplishments we have achieved together.

Firstly, I am very proud that we now have the convenience of using credit cards for event payments and even for our annual dues. This milestone would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of Nora Tan and Susan Lenfest a huge thank you to both of them for making this happen!

Another significant development is the establishment of our Fundraising Committee. With initiatives like WC merchandise already in motion, Michelle Koll and Carol Meyers are eager to hear any fundraising ideas you may have. Your input is invaluable in helping us continue to grow and support our community.



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Final Thoughts! continued



I am pleased to report that we welcomed 20 new members this past year. Kimberly Hasenberg and Cheryl Kitt, our new Membership co-chairs, have set an ambitious goal of adding even more members in the upcoming year. Their enthusiasm is truly infectious!

A special shoutout goes to our new members Ellen Mielke, Angela McQuay, and Carla Daniels for stepping up to put on a BINGO event scheduled for January 22, 2027. Your initiative and creativity are greatly appreciated.

Just as I promised last year, my commitment remains unwavering in making sure that every member feels valued and included within our club. Together, we create a warm and welcoming environment where friendships flourish.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our first event of the season - The Backyard Picnic on September 17th! If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please reach out to Julie McCahill. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Wishing each one of you a fantastic rest of your summer filled with joy and relaxation.

Warm regards,

Cheryl