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# THE BLUEVIEW

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## A Letter from the Co-Presidents

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Season's Greetings Ladies,

It is hard to believe the Holidays are upon us! Hopefully some of you were able to take some time out of your hectic schedules and attend the "Holiday Stress Relief" event. Hope it helped!

Thank you to Julie Ritchie and her staff at The Toy Box for letting 60 plus members make a dent in our holiday shopping. The wrapping and delivery of the gifts were such an added "Santa-like" bonus for us busy moms. The Tapas Class was a delicious success. Those of you who attended feel free to bring your new recipes for all of us to sample at the Holiday Party!

Our annual Holiday party will be held at the club on the **17th @7:30**. An Evite has been sent out so please RSVP soon....hope to see you all there. A new twist to the party this year is the inclusion of consultants from the Trish McEvoy Beauty Company who will be on-hand to provide mini-holiday glam makeovers. Their skin-care, make-up products and great last minute gift ideas will be available for purchase and will be shipped to your house within 48 hours. For those of you interested in participating in the Yankee Swap please bring a gift costing no more than \$15. You never know you may get the lemon zester you lost out on last year.

Thank you to all who participated in both the Milton Residence Fund Holiday Gift Card Drive benefiting local deserving teens as well as the Food Drive for the Milton Food Pantry. Combined, your efforts are greatly appreciated; however, we are still in dire need of gift cards. Our hope is to provide gifts for all 50 teenagers so please contact Kimberly Zieselman at [kzieselman@comcast.net](mailto:kzieselman@comcast.net) to be assigned any of the remaining 17 teens (hyperlink to details ). This year it is so very important that we help out these kids so please be as generous as you can. Also a big thank you to the Community Service Committee for their tireless efforts to coordinate these worthwhile events.

Looking ahead, we have many fun-filled events coming up in the New Year. Our Annual Meeting will be held on **January 7th at 7:30 PM** at the Woman's Club. We strongly urge everyone to attend this meeting as it will be an opportunity to become more involved as well a chance to socialize with new and old friends. Then on the 17th and just in time to shed the annual holiday weight gain we are thrilled to bring you the first-ever Salsa Dance Lesson Night (hyperlink to details of the event). Ladies...dust off your dancing shoes (and your husband's)!! We are also putting the final touches on the Toe Jam Puppet Band Concert (**February 20th**..during school break) and back by side-splitting demand our 2nd annual Comedy Night (March 14th) so mark your calendars.

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We wish you all a joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year! - Beth & Aliesha

### Note Regarding Our New Treasurer:

*The new treasurer for the 2008-09 year is Kathy Keyes. Kathy is employed full time and is also co-chair of the Road Race Committee. As a result, free time is a bit limited between MJW activities and family responsibilities. In an effort to address the club members' need for reimbursements, Kathy will set aside time once a month to cut checks for members' expenses, on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please email Kathy at [KLKeyes@msn.com](mailto:KLKeyes@msn.com) for an expense form to be filled out when submitting your receipts. Receipts and expense forms should be enclosed in an envelope> and dropped off at her home at 30 High St., inside the porch in the wicker mail basket. Your check will be left for you in your envelop in the same basket, with an email to you letting you know that the check is there for you to collect. Urgent matters will of course be addressed as timely as possible. Urgent will be defined by the co-presidents.*

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## Calendar of Events

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<http://www.miltonjuniorwomansclub.com/calendar.html>

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## Business Meeting

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Beth Plunkett - 617-851-3408 - <mailto:bethplunkett@hotmail.com>

The annual Business meeting will be held on, **January 7th, 7:30 PM**, at the Woman's Club. It would be great if everyone could attend this meeting. An evite has been sent to your email address, please reply ASAP.

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## Blueview Newsletter

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Allison Anderson- 703-403-6203 – [ali70@aol.com](mailto:ali70@aol.com)

The Blueview Newsletter is sent monthly via email instead of regular mail. It saves us time and postage! If you are not currently receiving your newsletter via email, or **if your email address has changed**, please send a note to [ali70@aol.com](mailto:ali70@aol.com) sign up.

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## Book Club

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*Patti Dobrindt – 617-298-8822 - [patti@dobrindts.com](mailto:patti@dobrindts.com)*

Hi all!!

We nailed down some book selections last night.

For **January 6th (Tuesday)** we will be reading The Manny by Holly Peterson and we will meet at the home of Claudia Van Dusen. Claudia, could you email out your address?

For **February 4th (Wednesday)** we will be reading The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton and **we need a host!**

For March **4th (Wednesday)** we will be reading Twilight by Stephanie Meyer and meeting at the home of Sue Caponigro (212 Woodland Ave).

Thanks ladies. See you all again soon! Thanks for hosting last night Joanne, it was great!

Patti

## Community Grants

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Laura Conway - 617-696-6329 - [lpconway@comcast.net](mailto:lpconway@comcast.net)

The Community Grants Application Period will open the beginning of December. Any tax-exempt organization that assists Milton residents or enriches the community is invited to complete a simple grant application and submit it to MJWC by **January 20, 2008**. The club will review all applications and grants will be awarded to organizations by the end of March. Grant amounts typically vary from \$250-\$2,000. Any member interested in assisting with this committee should contact Laura Conway at [lpconway@rcn.com](mailto:lpconway@rcn.com).

## Community Service

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*Chair: Lori Humphreys – 617- 698-4648 – [lorijumphreys@yahoo.com](mailto:lorijumphreys@yahoo.com)*

*Jane Busconi – 617-298-6035 – [janeberry@htberry.com](mailto:janeberry@htberry.com)*

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### Meals Coordinator

*Courtney Affanato – 617-696-1249 – [caffanato@comcast.net](mailto:caffanato@comcast.net)*

The Community Service Committee's goal is to assist the community through volunteerism and donations/drives.

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As always, if you know of a member who recently had a baby or is struggling with medical issues, contact Courtney Affanato, our meals coordinator.

Also, please contact Courtney at the number or e-mail above if you would like to be on the list to make a meal.

**Please help provide a less fortunate Milton kid with a gift this holiday!**

MJWC is partnering with the **Milton Residents Fund** to provide holiday gifts for needy children living in Milton.

We have been asked to once again provide gift cards for those kids on their list ages **13-16** years old. This is the age group that is often forgotten during the holidays, while Toys for Tots and other organization are helping younger children. For 3 years in a row, MJWC has provided every teen serviced by the food pantry and the Milton Residents Fund with a generous gift card to make their holiday a little merrier.

This year we have over 50 teens to provide gifts for. Any interested MJWC member will be given the age and gender of a child (or several children) in need and asked to purchase him/her a gift card. Whatever you can do to help will be much appreciated!!

Gift Cards should be *wrapped* and tagged with the child's gender, age and anonymous family number (which you will be given when you volunteer). Feel free to add candy or other small items to your gift package if you like. **Gifts are due by December 14<sup>th</sup>, and may be dropped at Kimberly Zieselman's house at 52 Ridge Rd. (Please leave on front porch or slip through mail slot.)**

**Some suggested Gift Card Ideas: Macy's, Target, Old Navy, Borders,**

**AMC Movies.**

**HINT:** The North Quincy Stop and Shop sells all of the above store brand gift cards (and much more!) in various \$ amounts, making it simple to pick up while doing your regular grocery shopping!

***Please contact Kimberly Zieselman @ [kzieselman@comcast.net](mailto:kzieselman@comcast.net)***

To be assigned a child or multiple children if you are able. Anything you can do is greatly appreciated!

\*\*\*\*Thanks to all who contributed to our food drive. You have made a difference in the lives of Milton families in need. Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

## Food & Wine Club

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Keri Sullivan - [keri.Sullivan@pioneerinvestments.com](mailto:keri.Sullivan@pioneerinvestments.com)  
Leila Mitchell - [Leila.Mitchell@neoscape.com](mailto:Leila.Mitchell@neoscape.com)

SPICY Food, SUCCULENT Drinks, and SEXY Moves will heat up your winter at the MJWC SALSA Party Night!!

Mark your calendars for **Sat, Jan 17th** for a Latin inspired evening. We will feature margaritas and Caribbean/Mexican food. Spouses (or a guest) are invited, but not required! There will be someone on-hand for salsa dancing instruction...you may want to keep that detail a surprise! More info to follow.

Also, thanks to everyone who attended the Tapas class, it was a fun night! If you are interested in helping out the Food & Wine Committee please contact:

Leila Mitchell - [leila.mitchell@neoscape.com](mailto:leila.mitchell@neoscape.com) or  
Keri Sullivan - [Keri.Sullivan@pioneerinvestments.com](mailto:Keri.Sullivan@pioneerinvestments.com)

## Fundraising Steering Committee

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Mary Beth Grant – 617-322-1182 – [mbhg@comcast.com](mailto:mbhg@comcast.com)  
Amy Masferrer – 617-322-1093 – [amy@masferrerlaw.com](mailto:amy@masferrerlaw.com)

The fundraising committee is a newly created committee for the club, focusing on bringing in additional sources of fundraising to the club through special events. We are always looking for new members and new ideas!

### COMEDY NIGHT:

We have had lots of requests from members and members' husbands to bring back comedy night. We cannot do it without your help! We are in the process of organizing subcommittees and are in need of volunteers. A few gracious members have stepped up to chair the subcommittees. Below is a description of each committee. If you can help out, please contact either Amy Masferrer ([amy@masferrerlaw.com](mailto:amy@masferrerlaw.com)) or Mary Beth Grant ([mbhg@comcast.net](mailto:mbhg@comcast.net)). We will have our first meeting the week of November 17th. We will compare schedules and set a date. This is a great, fun way to get involved with the club.

Comedian Selection Committee  
Chair: Beth Plunkett

Volunteers will assist in the selection and booking of the comedian.

Ticket Sales;

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Chair: Carolyn Rooney

Volunteers will be in charge of organizing the tables for sale and ticket distribution.

Refreshment Committee:

Co- Chairs: Laura Boynton and Betsy Crowley

Volunteers will be in charge of procuring the beer, wine, and other beverages sold at the event. This includes soliciting donations and negotiating rates for purchase of liquor. As well as arranging for the delivery of all the refreshments

Decoration/ Food Committee:

Decoration: Amy Masferrer & Mary Beth Grant

Food: Keri Sullivan with assistance from Food & Wine Committee

Volunteers will be in charge of soliciting donations of appetizers and desserts from members. As well as set up the day of the event. The decorating committee will be in charge of organizing volunteers to set up the event the night before and day of and procuring any decorations needed.

Publicity:

Chair:

Volunteers will be in charge of creating the mailing to club members announcing the event.

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## Knitting Club

If anyone is interested in running the knitting club for the coming year, please email us at [miltonjwc@yahoo.com](mailto:miltonjwc@yahoo.com).

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## Membership Committee

Sheila Paolucci - 617- 698-9338 - [jsp350@comcast.net](mailto:jsp350@comcast.net)

Patty Facy - [pattyfacey@comcast.net](mailto:pattyfacey@comcast.net)

Joan O'Brien - [justjoanb@aol.com](mailto:justjoanb@aol.com)

Susan McNeely - [laraavery@comcoast.net](mailto:laraavery@comcoast.net)

We welcome all new members to our great club. We hope you enjoy and take part in all that the club has to offer. A reminder to new and current members, If you haven't yet paid your dues for this year you can do so using [www.bigtent.com](http://www.bigtent.com) or mail them directly to P.O. Box 344 Milton, MA 02186. The yearly dues are \$40.

Have a Happy Holiday Season!

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## Playgroups

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Laurie Diblasi - 617-296-2529 – [lauriediblasi@yahoo.com](mailto:lauriediblasi@yahoo.com)  
Maggie Kessler – 617-698-0565 – [finn\\_maggie@hotmail.com](mailto:finn_maggie@hotmail.com)

Playgroups are just starting to get up and running - anyone else who is interested please email us with the age of your child and your availability. If you have multiple children but are looking to be paired with a specific age group, please let us know.

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## Pre-School Story Hour

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Sue Caponigro – [suecaponigro@comcast.net](mailto:suecaponigro@comcast.net)

The Pre School Story Hour Fall session has ended. We had a great group of kids and lots of fun and we are looking forward to planning the Spring session. We will announce registration dates in the coming months.

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## Programs

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Eve Nightingale – 617-696-5370 – [e\\_nightingale@yahoo.com](mailto:e_nightingale@yahoo.com)  
Julie Ritchie – 617-291-4742 – [jritchie011@comcast.net](mailto:jritchie011@comcast.net)  
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The Programs Committee is working hard to get these exciting events up and running for our members. All members will receive an Evite, at which time you will need to respond. Each event has limited availability and member's space must be reserved in advance at the time of the Evite.

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## Road Race Committee

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Eve Nightingale – 617-696-5370 – [e\\_nightingale@yahoo.com](mailto:e_nightingale@yahoo.com)  
Kathy Keyes – 617 -696-9170 - [KLKeyes@msn.com](mailto:KLKeyes@msn.com)

The next Road Race Committee meeting will be held **12/10/2008**, at the home of Kimberly Gill. For more detailed Information and to RSVP, please see the Road Race Subgroup Forum and Calendar on Big Tent. We have also begun posting Road Race Committee updates on Big Tent for those who want to follow along and help out! The committee is still seeking to fill the Presenting Sponsor level for our annual road race event. We are asking club members to review their Corporate and business connections to see if there might be an interested. Please help network with your friends and family to fill this important slot for this valuable event and cause. There is a deadline by the end of December in order to include the Presenting Sponsor on all our race

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letterhead and promotional material. For more information about this level of sponsorship please contact either Eve or Kathy. Mark your calendars! The Milton 10K & 5K Road Race is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Cunningham Park. It is the club's largest fundraising event of the year. All proceeds raised through sponsorship and from race fees go toward the club's scholarship and grant programs and awarded to qualifying Milton high school students and non profit agencies that benefit Milton. As you recall, involvement as a volunteer in the road race is required of all members, with the vast majority of the volunteerism needed on the day of the road race. We are asking club members to sign up for various assignments. If you were involved as a volunteer last year and would like to perform the same assignment, let us know. Newcomers and experienced club members are welcome to help fill the following needs: We will need day of race: 10 to 12 volunteers for Chutes.3 to 5 volunteers for Water/Ice set up3 to 5 volunteers for Vendor/Food Tables set up 3 to 5 volunteers for Sponsor Tables set up3 to 5 volunteers to help cut up bagels and oranges6 or 7 volunteers for Mile Marker Timers Several volunteers will be needed to pick up food the day of race As many as possible are needed for clean up: putting away tables, keeping trash together for park workers to collect and directing folks to the recycle bin Also, 2 volunteers are needed to organize medals the day of the race. There will be several opportunities for club members to volunteer prior to the day of the race.

In February will be having our annual Envelope Stuffing night where we gather all the marketing materials such as sponsor request letters and forms and race promotion and get them organized for our mass mailing. About 10 to 20 volunteers will be needed. Stay tuned for the date!

In March, we will need assistance with making phone calls to the various potential sponsors who received our mailing as a follow up to secure a donation.

Thank you in advance for helping us not wait until the last minute to have these details ironed out. Your help and cooperation is very much appreciated!

Best Regards, Kathy

## Scholarships

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The scholarship committee is looking forward to another great MJWC year!

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## Sewing Club

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If anyone is interested in running the knitting club for the coming year, please email us at [miltonjwc@yahoo.com](mailto:miltonjwc@yahoo.com).

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## Website

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Joanne Achin – [joanne@achin.com](mailto:joanne@achin.com)

Betsy Crowley – 617-273-5607 – [betsycrowley@gmail.com](mailto:betsycrowley@gmail.com)

Big Tent is a great website that we will continue to use as a tool to connect members online, post events, important club info, etc. It is a completely secure site, so please feel confident in sharing your information. If you haven't already paid your dues, you will be prompted to do when you log in. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy Crowley, Big Tent Coordinator at 617-233-4397.

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## Milton Shuffle

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The Milton Shuffle is a great way to communicate to other club members about anything going on outside the club. If you know of other volunteering opportunities, fun kid activities, fairs, yard sales, or even if you need a babysitter or want to sell your bike – we can put a note in the Milton Shuffle! Just send an email to [ali70@aol.com](mailto:ali70@aol.com).

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