

Fall Update

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Welcome Back Dinner

Thursday, September 11, 2008. Cocktails @ 6:30 PM followed by dinner at 7 PM at **Twin Oaks Restaurant** in Sterling. Members and guests are invited to attend and the cost will only be \$23 for dinner—tax & tip included. (A cash bar will be available.)

Dues will be collected at the dinner to get everyone's name and information into the Blue Book which will be handed out at the October meeting. If you know of someone who is thinking about joining, this would be the perfect time for them to be published in our Blue Book in order for our club members to contact them.

Schedule of Events

September 11th, Welcoming Dinner

October 16th, Wine Tasting meeting.

November 13th Craft Night meeting.

December—No meeting. Happy Holidays!

January 8th, Re-Gift/ Yankee Swap meeting.

February 12th, Inspirational speaker TBD.

March 12th, SPA Night!

April 16th, Nominating/Planning meeting.

May 14th, Scholarship Dinner.

Sterling Women's Club

The Sterling Women's Club is open to all women of Sterling and adjoining towns. The purpose of this non-sectarian, non-partisan club is to maintain an active, aggressive interest in all things that pertain to the moral, social and civic welfare of our town.



Don't forget to sign up for our October 16th "Wine Tasting" meeting at the home of Judy Reynolds. Guests and spouses are welcome! Details inside.

Joys and Concerns

As an important part of all our agendas and newsletters, we would like to keep in touch with our members and know if there is someone that should be mentioned in this section, such as births, graduations, illnesses, deaths, moving, etc...anything noteworthy.

The Sterling Women's Club would like to wish Mary Zagaeski a fond farewell as she and her family moves to Iowa. Mary has done many things for the SWC and we hope she will keep in touch to let us know how she is.

Gail Bergeron, our Recording Secretary, welcomed another grandchild on July 5, 2008: Joseph Merrill Malo. Congratulations Grandma Gail!

Carolyn Tinsley, our President, also welcomed another grandchild this summer: Patrick Joseph Tinsley on August 10, 2008.

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Our 2008—2009 Executive Board

President	Carolyn Tinsley
Vice President	Nicole Maier
Treasurer	Kristin Reynolds
Recording Secretary	Karen Manring
Corresponding Secretary	Gail Bergeron
Directors:	
Melanie Glynn	Ranny Sabourin
Diane Richard	Brenda Ware

Up-Coming Meetings & Events for 2008

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Sterling Fair

September, 2008

Brenda Ware worked very hard to set up a table for this year's Sterling Fair. First she was rained out on Saturday, then she had to make up the posters, and other information to let people know what the SWC is all about.

Brenda also handed out free book-marks with our contact information for people to keep around in case they want to contact us in the future.

We would like to extend a special "Thank you" to Brenda for everything she did to make it possible.



Wine Tasting Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2008

At the beautiful new home of Judy Reynolds, 9 Stephanie Anne Lane. Club members, their guests and spouses are welcome to join us for a fun evening of wine tasting. There will also be a some "light tidbits" as well.

Cost: \$10 per person. Contact Judy Reynolds at 978-422-6589 to sign up.



November Fundraiser

Every Tuesday night from 4-9 PM

We will run the concession stand at the First Church again in November during the John Power's Auctions and hope to raise even more money now that the cooler weather has arrived. If you are unsure of what to do, we'll have it all spelled out for you—and you will have plenty of help. We worked 2-1/2 hour shifts which made it very enjoyable. If you are unable to help out on Tuesday nights, we will be accepting food donations in the way of sandwiches, casseroles, desserts, beverages and condiments.

Contact Carolyn Tinsley to sign up at 978-422-5257 or email us at swc01564@gmail.com

Craft Night Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2008

At the Sterling Greenery on Route 140 in Sterling. Bring friends and neighbors for an evening of fun and creativity. We'll be making something for your Thanksgiving table, mantle or doorway. **Cost: \$25.** Contact Nicole Maier to sign up at 978-422-7421.



December 2008—Happy Holidays!

There is no meeting planned for the month of December. Please keep an eye on both the Landmark and the Sterling Meetinghouse News for up-coming meetings and events for 2009!



Re-Gift/Yankee Swap

January 8, 2009

At the Town Hall (corner of Rte. 12 and Maple St.) This was such a success last year, we decided to bring it back again! Just bring a wrapped gift that perhaps would better suit someone else—value doesn't matter. Large or small, see who ends up with it and really likes it! **Cost: \$-0-** Just bring a wrapped gift. Contact Carolyn Tinsley to sign up at 978-422-5257.



Club Notices

A social hour from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM will precede the meeting. Guests are welcome at club meetings.

If a member commits to attend an event that has an associated cost, she is responsible for that cost, even if she is unable to attend.

If a member is unable to fulfill her job, it is her responsibility to find a fill-in.



"Federation Topics"

Is the magazine of our General Federation of Women's Club of Massachusetts. Subscriptions are approximately \$8.00 covering a period of: June 2008 to June 2009.

If you are interested, contact the GFWC at 978-443-4569.

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Red Cross Blood Drives

June 30th and August 29th

The American Red Cross sponsored a Blood Drives this summer at the 8 Points Sportsmen Club in Sterling. Kathy Haven was successful in having a number of SWC volunteers to sign people in and distribute snacks.

Many thanks to Kathy and all who helped to make these successful days!



Our July Fundraiser

The Sterling Women's Club was very present this past July at the First Church in Sterling. We ran a concession stand during the John Power's Auctions and were able to add to our budget for this season. Many thanks to those who volunteered their time and their cooking/baking skills to make this such a rewarding and beneficial task:

Gail Bergeron, Kathy Bergeron and her daughter, Ashley, Helen Comeau, Melanie Glynn, Nicole Maier, Karen Manning, Kristin Reynolds, Diane Richard, Ranny Sabourin, Carolyn Tinsley and Brenda Ware.

Ranny also supplied us with some very talented 11 & 12-year olds whose help we really needed.

SWC Website

We have been working over the summer to update our SWC website. Please bear with us as we continue to do what we can to bring it up to speed.

The website is:

www.sterlingwomensclub.com

We welcome any suggestions you have with regards to the website.

Please direct your comments to our email address at:

swc01564@gmail.com or contact Carolyn Tinsley at 978-422-5257.



SWC Email Address

We established an Email address for the Sterling Women's Club over the summer. Melanie Glynn was instrumental in getting it up and running. Feel free to contact us through the website at any time.



Get-Together-Teas

Carolyn hoped to host a series of "Get-Together-Teas" for anyone interested in joining our club. Unfortunately we were unable to get enough people to attend and had to cancel this event.

If anyone knows of someone who is interested in joining our club, please let Carolyn know as she is willing to host these throughout the 2008—2009 season.

New Member

Please join us in welcoming Priscilla Wilson to the Sterling Women's Club. Phyllis comes to us from the former West Boylston Women's Club and is active in the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Her phone number is 978-422-6585 and I'm sure she would be happy to hear from you.

Donations Requested

Eris Nash has long been a supporter of children in need. She is looking for donations of clean, lightly used and new stuffed animals.

Eris is also aware of the needs of our veterans and because of this is, she is requesting donations of small toiletries. Some items you might have around the house could be "freebies" from hotels.

If you are able to make a donation, please call Eris at 978-422-6124 to make arrangements for drop-off.



Up-Coming Member Birthdays

September:

12th — Priscilla Wilson

October:

28th — Brenda Ware

Our History...

We were organized in 1943 under our first President, Mrs. Charles W. Patten and were federated in 1944. We were admitted to the General Federation in 1951 and have been members in good standing ever since.



Who We Are...

We are your friends, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances. We are professional women, homemakers, teachers, elected officials, business owners, students, retirees, wives, mothers and single women. We all have one objective--to better ourselves, communities and our country through volunteer service.

We are comprised of Officers--which include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Board of Directors; Committee Chairs; Charter Members; Honorary Members and our general Membership.

We welcome new members who always bring new ideas and talents to the fold. Old or young, you'll always have a voice in what direction our club takes.

What We Do...

Our meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month—September through May.

Some of our meetings have included:

- *Craft Meetings*
- *Life Coach Speakers*
- *Holiday Home Tours*
- *Business & Dessert Meetings*
- *Wine Tastings*
- *Re-Gifting Swaps*
- *Shopping Nights*
- *Sterling Historical Society Visits*

We strive to provide the opportunity for growth through service to others as well as award scholarships to graduating seniors.

What We've Done...

Volunteer projects we have been involved in are:

- *Collection of items for veterans*
- *Stuffed animals for children*
- *Town Clean-Up Day*
- *American Red Cross Drive*
- *Sterling Senior Center Events*

Through our fund raising efforts, we have been able to support Community Projects by making contributions to:

- *Scholarships to Graduates*
- *Sterling Lassie League*
- *Boys Scouts USA*
- *Valerie Chase Emergency Fund*
- *Pineo Family Fund*
- *Mary & Ruth Fund*
- *Sterling Recreation Department*
- *Sterling Garden Club*

- *Friends of the Conant Library*
- *Sterling Fire Department*
- *Sterling Council on Aging*
- *Sterling Center Performance*
- *Sterling Fair Committee*
- *Sterling SPARK*
- *Sterling Music Exchange*
- *Sterling Town Hall Improvement*
- *WRSDC SEPAC*
- *Abby's House*

Although we have not and cannot do all of these every year, we do strive to stay civic-minded and return to the community whatever we can. Since most of these revolve around volunteers, we urge each member to use their talents to help whenever possible.