



FALL 2023

## Table of Plenty in Chelmsford Newsletter

### New Executive Committee

At the August Board of Directors meeting, a new Executive Committee was voted in. Congratulations to our new President, Craig Bonaceto. Craig is one of the founding members of the organization, and has been ably in charge of Technical Communications, and will continue to do so. See below for Craig's beautiful inaugural President's Message. Diane Taylor will serve as Vice President, Debbie Kendrick remains as Treasurer, and Kathy Clark will take on the role of Clerk. We look forward to their renewed commitment, insight, and energy in the years ahead.

Our outgoing President and Vice President, Mary Moriarty and Jerry Serra, aren't going away! They will continue to be an integral part of Table of Plenty. We cannot thank them enough for their leadership over the years, their passion for our mission, and their concern for each and every one of our guests and volunteers.

### President's Message (continued on last page)



Craig Bonaceto

*As the last days of summer faded into fall, I thought it would be a perfect time to embark on what seemed to be a relatively straightforward home improvement project – to build a classic New England fieldstone wall using only found stones. As I gathered the stones, I didn't pay much attention to their shape or suitability for wall construction. However, as I began to construct the wall, I quickly realized I was in for quite a challenge. Each stone had a personality. Some of the stones clicked readily into place; others were more obdurate and required repeated attempts to determine where and how they would fit.*

*I'm sure you are now wondering what this has to do with Table of Plenty! Our founder and first President, Maureen McKeown, had an incredible gift to bring people together, identify their talents, and direct them toward a common purpose. She saw the unique contributions each could offer. She saw things in people that they might not have seen in themselves. She patiently figured out how to fit all*

## Just for Fun



Team Leader Otie loves to dress up to celebrate holidays while serving at Table of Plenty!



## Aldersgate Church Donation



Thank you to Aldersgate Church for donating the proceeds from their rummage sale to Table of Plenty! Shown here is Lisa Mars-ton presenting the check to Table of Plenty President Mary Moriarty.

## Welcome New Board Members



Barbara Mayotte was born and raised in Western MA but married into a Chelmsford family 38 years ago. She was a 7th grade science teacher in town for 20 years and retired in 2021. Table of Plenty helps keep her busy. She started volunteering with Table of Plenty just to help out during the pandemic but now works as a lead cook - planning and shopping as well as helping with the cooking every other week. A favorite pastime of hers is making soup.

Laura Wilkinson has been handling our email account, phone line, and Facebook posts for the past year. She and her husband have been residents of Chelmsford for 18 years. They have two kids, one in Parker Middle and the other in McCarthy Jr. High School. Aside from volunteering time to support Table of Plenty, she is a part time Pre-school teacher at the Lion's Pride program and spends her free time training their lab puppy to be a social and well behaved doggo. Having kids in the school system is what led her to support Table of Plenty and she is thrilled to continue this journey in a more official capacity.



## A Home for the Leftovers



Where do the leftovers go? The number of guests at Table of Plenty has been rising, but we still often have extra food at the end of the night. Recently, we have arranged with the Chelmsford Food Pantry to package the leftovers into family portions and drop them off to the Pantry so they can be given to families who come to pick up groceries.

For more information on the Pantry, visit <https://chelmsfordfoodpantry.org>

## Thank You to Our Meal Sponsors and Donors

The following donors either sponsored a meal, or contributed an amount equal or greater than a meal sponsorship:

- ♦ Aldersgate United Methodist Church
- ♦ In Memory of Bruce Bernard
- ♦ Blake Funeral Home
- ♦ Celebrating Mary and Frans' Engagement
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- ♦ CHOICE Inc.
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- ♦ In Memory of Kathy McNeany
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- ♦ Molly Rawding
- ♦ Jill Richards
- ♦ In Memory of Pat Schroeder

- ♦ In Honor of Irene Masson Steinmann
- ♦ In Memory of Henry Sullivan
- ♦ Alfred and Kristen von Campe

And many more businesses and friends who wish to remain anonymous.

Many thanks to all for your generosity!



If you or your business are interested in sponsoring a meal, contact Table of Plenty at 978-710-8EAT(8328) or [tableofplentyinchelmsford@gmail.com](mailto:tableofplentyinchelmsford@gmail.com).

## Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

*Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*

*Wednesday, November 1, 2023*

*Mount Pleasant Golf Club*

*6:00 pm*

All volunteers should have received an email invitation to join together to celebrate all that you do! If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please email us at [tableofplentyinchelmsford@gmail.com](mailto:tableofplentyinchelmsford@gmail.com).





## President's Message (continued)

*the "stones" together to build Table of Plenty. Maureen created a lasting organization and lasting relationships that have enriched the lives of many, including my own.*

*Our second President, Mary Moriarty, figured out how to rearrange and adapt the "stones" so that Table of Plenty could continue to serve the community through the pandemic. Mary mobilized our volunteers to serve new roles. She worked tirelessly behind the scenes to coordinate food donations and facilitate our transition to serve "grab and go" meals when we could no longer gather for sit-down meals. I am in awe of Mary's energy and devotion to Table of Plenty and its mission.*

*As the third President of Table of Plenty, I stand on the shoulders of giants. Maureen and Mary were both instrumental in building and adapting an organization that has become an important part of the fabric our community. Thanks to them and to all of you for your role in the Table of Plenty family! You all fit here, you all belong here, and together we will continue to ensure that Table of Plenty serves our neighbors.*

*In gratitude,  
Craig*

**Founder:** Maureen McKeown

### Officers

**President:** Craig Bonaceto

**Vice President:** Diane Taylor

**Treasurer:** Deborah Kendrick

**Clerk:** Kathy Clark

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