Summer Food Care Package Event

The Women's League continued its work to help tackle food insecurity on campus over the summer, writes Ellen Stordy.

In June, July & August, MIT Women's League partnered with Student Support Services (SSS), the Division of Student Life and CASE offering food packages to CASE and Questbridge students who often struggle with food insecurity over the summer months when the dining halls close. It was a dedicated team effort each month to assemble 40 to 45 food packages for those students, and each month was a noteworthy success. The students who remained on campus expressed their gratitude to all involved.

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Volunteers represented a variety of MIT offices: Assistive Technology Information Center (ATIC), CASE, Chemistry, Libraries, Student Support Services (SSS), and the Women’s League. The outreach by volunteers to the summer events is to be admired. Many shared stories of their experience with their own humble college beginnings, and they understood and appreciated the needs of our MIT students. Giving back by volunteering has such a positive impact on our MIT students and enriches the MIT community.

This Fall, MIT dining and campus dining partners opened an at-cost grocery store for students, TechMart, open Monday to Friday in Walker Memorial, further helping to make MIT a food secure campus for all students.

Autumn’s changing colors are a feast for the senses and a time to celebrate all we have been given. MIT Women’s League will continue their partnership with Student Support Services as needed.
After the immense popularity of this program in previous years, we are delighted to offer you the chance to once again join us for an evening of Stargazing with Dr. Amanda S. Bosh, Senior Lecturer in the Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences Department.

The event will begin at 4:00pm in Classroom 294 in Building 37, for a 30-minute talk, before we head upstairs to the viewing platform to look at the stars through state-of-the-art telescopes. Dr. Bosh will introduce us to New England’s November sky and the art of using a telescope to reveal the many secrets hidden there.

A note from Dr. Bosh: to reach the viewing platform, participants will need to climb several flights of stairs, including a narrow spiral staircase. It will likely be very cold up on the roof, so please dress warmly!

This event is limited to 25 people. If you would like to come, please email wleague@mit.edu or register online via the MIT events calendar.
Stop by and find that one of a kind gift, from beautifully crafted cutting boards to fragrant soaps, from hand-knit scarves and hats to semi-precious jewelry. All can be found at the annual Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by the MIT Women’s League Community Crafters.

If you are a crafter and would like to sell your creations at the fair log on to the Women’s League website. From “Get Involved” go to “Community Craft Fair” to learn about fair policies and to fill out the online application form. The Craft Fair Committee will review all applications by Nov 15.
The MIT Japanese Wives Group continues to engage in its activities within and beyond Boston. As one of the activities, The MIT Japanese Wives Group in Japan has started "The Penpal Project". The members correspond with the partners belonging to the group at MIT as penpals. After sending an e-mail introducing myself, I check all of my iOS gadgets to see if I have received something from them many times a day. You wouldn't imagine how I was excited to hear from one of my penpals! Since then, our good relationships have been continuing. This project gave me two fabulous joys. I could meet one of my penpals Sharon in Japan with Megumi Enokido, since her family had a layover in Japan. The other fabulous joy is in feeling my penpals' thoughtful consideration. On September 6th, a powerful earthquake with the magnitude of seven struck the northern island Hokkaido in Japan. I was there on the day. I had no access to electricity, buses, trains or the Internet services for nearly two full days. When the electricity came back, I found out I got e-mails of checking on my and the people of Hokkaido's safety from my penpals. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to you all. Thanks to the project, I could feel the kindness of my penpals.

― Chizu Ikeda

2018 PKG Center Becky Vest Fellow

Every year, the Women's League funds the Becky Vest and Betty Johnson Fellows at the PKG Center. This summer, the Becky Vest Fellow was Yael Nidam (G, Urban Studies and Planning). Yael worked in Boston with the City of Boston Environment Department. She provided design, research, and coordination assistance for the City of Boston’s climate resilience activities and collaborated with other members of the environment department and partners across city hall and the Boston resilience community. Yael was delighted to work with the Climate Ready Boston team and support their mission to prepare Boston for climate change.

The Chorale, directed by Kevin Galiè, will present a rarely performed work by Joseph Michael Haydn, the lovely and lively Vespers for the Feast of the Holy Innocents, with string ensemble, French horns, and organ. Other music on the program includes a selection from a Bach cantata, two lively Latin American pieces, and an ethereal a cappella piece by contemporary Spanish composer, Javier Busto. Our main concert will take place at on December 8th at 5 pm at Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, 1555 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Sq., with a reception to follow. Parking suggestions will be posted on our website.

All are invited to an open rehearsal in the MIT Chapel on December 1st at 1pm. http://web.mit.edu/womensleague/womenschorale/
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Books for Discussion

December 5
11:30am-1:00pm
Emma Rogers Room
(10-340)

A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles

Save the Date:
Ask the Chef!

February 1, 2019
12:00-1:00pm
Emma Rogers Room
(10-340)

Join Chef Tim Healey as he demystifies some of his kitchen magic!

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