

# Women's Club of Madison

## Newsletter September 2020

**Domestic Violence Awareness** – Jessica Holman will be our October speaker. She will present on domestic violence, how to support a survivor, and The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services. In addition, she has invited the members to attend the Sound of Hope and Candlelight Vigil on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Her email with the specifics has been forwarded to all members.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month** – Donna Farrell has contacted the Chamber of Commerce. We have from October 20 to the end of October to place signs and bows around town. Donna has the signs and bows. **We need someone to coordinate this. Please contact me if you are able to do so.**

**Walking Group** – The Walking Group continues to walk every morning at 9:00 a.m. On Wednesday, they have walked at Hammonasset State Park. The other days they meet at East Wharf. Please contact Barbara DeRosa for specifics.

**Evening Book Club** – The Evening Book Club will be meetings on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Surf Club. The book is **10 Minutes 38 Seconds in this Strange World.**

**Food Pantry** – Any donations of peanut butter and jelly may be dropped off at either **Donna Dougherty's home or Phyllis Denton's home** on Tuesday. Both Donna and Phyllis volunteer at the Food Pantry on Wednesday.

**December Meeting** – Typically in December the club members go out for dinner. However, this year, due to Covid19, we are looking for other ways to get together as a group, while still maintaining social distancing. **If you have any ideas, please forward to Lynne Sarro, Vice President.**

**Programs for the Upcoming Year** – If you have any ideas for programs for the coming club year, please forward to Lynne Sarro. So far, Programs include:

- October – Domestic Violence (as outlined above)
- November – Veterans' Presentation
- April – Pesticides
- March or May – Climate Change

**CTGFWC State Advocate for Children** – Donna Farrell is the CTGFWC State Advocate for Children. The project this year will be putting together bags of school supplies to be handed out to children. Items include crayons (small box of 8), safety scissors, and Elmer's glue. **More information regarding this project will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!**

**Babysitting Seminar** – This is a major fundraising project. Kathy DeBurra has been in contact with the Beach and Rec Department and the program will be on-line. **Kathy will need lots of assistance with this – publicity, organization of speakers, class set-up, filming, etc. While she will be available for consultation, a committee is needed in order for this to be successful.** Otherwise, we will be extremely limited with regard to any funds available in the Spring for disbursement to community organizations. More information to follow.

**Fundraising** – If you have any ideas regarding fundraising projects that will be in line with the Covid19 guidelines, please forward to me. I will add you to the agenda for our October meeting.

**October Meeting** – It was suggested that, weather permitting, we hold the meeting on the Green. Please let me know your thoughts. We have a speaker that evening; so we must take that into consideration.