

**Women's Club of Madison  
News and Notes  
October 2020 – Part II**



**It's Almost November!** Wow – the year is flying by and judging by the emails I have received you ladies are keeping busy – even while wearing masks and social distancing. Just a reminder or two...On **November 1<sup>st</sup>** we **“Fall Back”**. Remember to set your clocks one hour back as day light savings time is coming to a close and **change the batteries in your smoke detectors**. **VOTE on NOVEMBER 3**. Even if you are voting by absentee ballot, your vote must be in by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

All General Membership Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month. Unless otherwise noted, they are at 6:30 p.m. and are via Zoom. If you are new to Zoom meetings, the Guilford Public Library offers assistance. Check out their website for more details. Board meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. and are also via Zoom. I will forward the Zoom access information and agendas prior to both meetings. Board meetings are open to all members.



**Let's Get Together** – If you have any ideas about ways that we can get together as a group, please let me know. Whether it is virtual or in person, we must stay within the CDC and state guidelines. Forward your ideas to me and I will send them out to the Club for discussion.

We will also be planning a “New Member Meet and Greet” via Zoom. It will be an opportunity for us to meet and for our new members to learn a bit more about our Club and our committees. I will be forwarding information soon.



**Food Pantry** – Both **Donna Dougherty** and **Phyllis Denton** volunteer at the Food Pantry every Wednesday. Please drop off your donations at either Phyllis’ or Donna’s home. On Wednesday, October 14th, 37 pounds of peanut butter and jelly were delivered to the Food Pantry. **Thank you to Donna and Phyllis for bringing in the donations and thank you to all members who have donated!**



**Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month** – Look for our signs and ribbons in town and at Town Campus. Thank you to **Dawn Tiscia** and **Ann Marie Straka** for volunteering to coordinate this project. The Domestic Violence Hotline number was added to the signs. Great job ladies!

Check out these photos – thank you **Barb DeRosa!**





**November Meeting – Dee Mulqueen** has arranged for Elizabeth Gorenbergh of Homes for the Brave to be our speaker at the November Meeting. She has a positive story to share and a short video presentation. Hope to see you all at our November meeting. Dee received the list of items needed and it has been forwarded to the club.

Also, on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. there will be a Veterans' Day Service on the Green. All are welcome.



**Website – Denise Rose** is doing a great job with our website. She is including a newsletter section, for snippets from meetings regarding upcoming events, news from the State GFWC, information about the book clubs, etc. Check out the website at: <https://womensclubmadisonct.com>. Thank you Denise!



**Brown Grocery Bags – Carol Musante**, Conservation Co-Chair, has contacted the office of Madison's First Selectwoman regarding what to do with the brown grocery bags we get from Stop and Shop and Roberts. Brown bags should be picked up by trash services. You also may purchase a pass to use the landfill, located in Guilford.



**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.**

**Santa Letters** – Santa Letter Mailboxes will be placed at Robert’s and Stop and Shop on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help get the letters to Santa and his elves. Please contact **Sue Hermonat** to volunteer. Sue will have sample letters, paper, and envelopes available and Santa’s helpers will be able to complete their tasks in time for Christmas from the comfort of their own homes. Thank you Sue for coordinating this.



**CTGFWC State Advocate for Children – Donna Farrell** is putting together little bags with school items for children. Items include glue sticks, crayons, pencils, Elmer’s glue, and safety scissors. Donna’s letter to the club is included on our website. A copy of the letter also has been sent to each Club member. Donna would like to have everything ready to go for December.



**Fundraising** – If you have any ideas regarding fundraising projects that will be in line with the Covid19 guidelines, please forward to me. There are lots of ideas on line, many of which we could do within the Covid19 guidelines.

**Throws Fundraiser** – **Pauline Hale** reported at a recent Board Meeting that the North Branford Women’s Club did a fundraiser, in which they sold throws, decorated with scenes of the town (See photo below). **Donna** is checking out some options for our Club. More information to follow.



**Christmas Trees** – We had planned to decorate small Christmas Trees and sell them as a fundraiser this year. **Dee Mulqueen** and her committee were hard at work in March planning the trees and making decorations. Then Covid19 hit and plans needed to be reevaluated. Dee, in the meantime, completed this beautiful tree and is planning to reach out to her committee to brainstorm what to do next. If you would like to help or have ideas as to where and how to sell the trees, please contact Dee.





**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.



**Shopping During Covid** – Many of us are hesitant to head out to do errands during the pandemic. Several of our local merchants offer delivery, curbside pickup, and special senior hours. Contact your favorite locals for details. Local restaurants offer take-out service. Think of ways that you can help our local businesses during this time.



**Small Business Saturday** – The Chamber of Commerce Small Business Saturday is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup>. Remember to **Love Your Local** and plan to shop that day!



**St. Jude Fund** - As you know, **Josephine Mokriski** has been collecting money for St. Jude's. Due to Covid19, our last meeting was in March and that was the last opportunity we had to contribute. If you would like to contribute money for St. Jude's, either mail it to Josephine or drop it off at her home. Josephine provided the following update. Josephine also sent along some photos and stories, which I have forwarded to you.

**“We finished off the year by completing our goal of \$19 per month. We donated \$237, \$7 over our goal. This was accomplished even though we have not had a gathering since March. Thank you Book Group for your donations today. We will try and continue for the coming year as they are such a worthy cause.”**

**Thank you Josephine!**



**Book Club** – The Book Club met on 10/21/20 at 2:00 p.m. **Josephine Mokriski** hosted the meeting. The book for the month was **The Island of Sea Women**. Looks like a beautiful day and great time.





**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – Daylight Savings Time Ends – Set clocks back one hour**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Election Day**

**November 10<sup>th</sup> – General Membership Meeting – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans’ Day Service on Town Green – 11:00 a.m.**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. via Zoom**

Stay safe and healthy. Enjoy the beautiful Fall weather. See you soon.

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