



## *The Laurel News and Notes*

*Newsletter of The Women's Club of Madison Member of General Federation of Women's Club of Connecticut, Inc*



**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. **Board meetings** are held on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, 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.

If you have any items for the agenda or would like to include committee information or information relevant to the Women's Club of Madison in this newsletter, please email me at [patriciathal@aim.com](mailto:patriciathal@aim.com).

**COVID-19 testing** is available on a first come, first serve basis at Hammonasset State Park, Camping area. The testing site is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday. No appointment needed. There is a **COVID-19 Testing Form** that should be completed prior to going to the Park.

**Madison Alerts** – You may sign up for Madison Alerts at [www.madisonct.org/madisonalerts](http://www.madisonct.org/madisonalerts). In order to register, you will need an email address.

If you have access to a computer and email, please register for the Covid vaccine on the VAMS system. Vaccines are also being offered at CVS, Walgreens, and various health services, such as Yale New Haven Health Services and Stop and Shop will be offering the vaccine in the future. Please check their websites for updates and registration information.

**For our April meeting, Liz Early** will be working with **Lynne Sarro** to arrange for a speaker to address understanding Covid19 and the vaccine. This should be an interesting and informative meeting, given everything that has transpired over the past year.

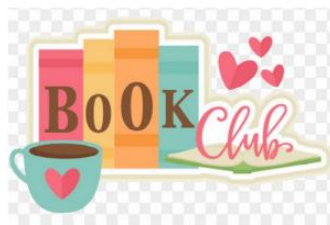
**Website** – Check out our website at: <https://womensclubmadisonct.com>. **Denise Rose** is doing a great job keeping the website updated. She is including a newsletter section, snippets from meetings regarding upcoming events, news from the State GFWC, information about the book clubs, etc. **Thank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



**Let's Get Together** – Spring is here! We'll be looking to see if we can get together, in person, following CDC guidelines. Possibly for our June meeting. Maybe the Surf Club? Picnic? If you have any ideas, please forward to me.



**Food Pantry** – Both **Donna Dougherty** and **Phyllis Denton** volunteer at the Food Pantry every Wednesday. Please drop off your donations at Phyllis' house. Her address is 8 Runnymead Lane. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. **Thank you to Donna and Phyllis for bringing in the donations and thank you to all members who have donated!**



**Book Club** - If you are interested in joining the Book Club or have any suggestions for future books, please contact **Josephine Mokriski** at either [josephinemokriski@hotmail.com](mailto:josephinemokriski@hotmail.com) or at 203-245-0706. The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21, 2021. This month's book is **Hidden Valley Road** by Robert Kolker. At this time, the meeting will take place via Zoom. Watch for updates from Josephine.



**Pauline Hale** is the Club **Corresponding Secretary**. If you know of a member who is ill, in need of a bit of cheer, or is celebrating a special event, please contact Pauline. She will send a card from the Club, letting our member know that we are all thinking about her. Pauline's email address is [pshmadison@gmail.com](mailto:pshmadison@gmail.com).



**St. Jude Fund - Josephine Mokriski** continues to collect money for the St. Jude Fund. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact Josephine at [josephinemokriski@hotmail.com](mailto:josephinemokriski@hotmail.com) or call her at 203-245-0706. Josephine also is providing monthly updates about St. Jude's. Watch for them in your email. **Thank you Josephine!**



**Knitting Club** – Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting afghan squares may contact either **Barbara DeRosa** or **Denise Daly** for instructions. Barbara's email address is [dderosa72@comcast.net](mailto:dderosa72@comcast.net) or call her at 203-245-6063. Denise's email address is [ddaly524@gmail.com](mailto:ddaly524@gmail.com) or call her at 203-458-3309.

**Thank you to Barbara, Denise, and all the Knitters!**





**GFWC has launched its five new community service programs.** The following information was taken from the GFWC's website. Moving forward, I will be hi-lighting both the Community Service Programs and Special Programs.

“The Community Service Programs and Special Programs have been re-structured to help clubs light a path for the future and better address the current and upcoming needs of its communities.”

### **Health and Wellness Community Service Program**

“The human body, mind, and spirit comprise our health and wellness. To improve our well being, we must address three key components: nutrition, disease prevention, and physical and emotional care. This Community Service Program aims to explore the various opportunities for awareness and advancement of each of these vital areas.”

Please visit the GFWC website at <https://www.gfwc.org/> for more information.



### **Conservation – Carol Musante and Margaret Hopkins, Co-Chairpersons**

“WELCOME TO THE WIND TURBINE GRAVEYARD

Between last September and this March, 1,000 wind turbine blades will be buried. These blades have reached the end of their twenty-five year working lives. Each blade will be cut into thirds, then the pieces will be stacked and buried.

Turbines from the first great 1990s wave of wind power are reaching the end of their expectancy now. Disposing of them in an environmentally-friendly way is a growing problem. The cost of decommissioning is estimated at about \$200,000 per turbine.”

Thank you **Carol** for the interesting and informative article!

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

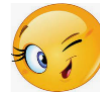
**Sunday – April 4<sup>th</sup> – Happy Easter!**



**Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> – GFWC/CT Walking Contest**

**Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup> – National Walking Day**

**Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup>– National No Housework Day!**



**Tuesday April 13<sup>th</sup> – General Membership Meeting – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. via Zoom**

**Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> – Book Club – via Zoom**