



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.



GFWC/CT CONVENTION will be held, via Zoom, on Friday May 14th and Saturday May 15th. I have forwarded the call to all members. I hope to see many of you at the Convention. Jeanne Waseleski, Past State President, will speak on Friday night. Guest speakers for Saturday include Alia Seraj, owner of "Life by the Board" and Dr. Sten Vermund, Yale School of Public Health.



STATE PROJECT – MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS

May is Mental Health Awareness Month – The National Alliance on Mental Illness website provided the following. You can find out more information at www.nami.org.

“Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, NAMI joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Each year we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families.”

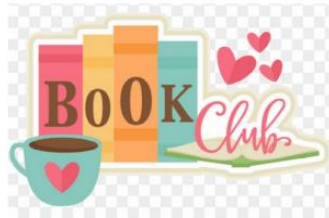
The GFWC/CT President, Debbie Fiore, has selected Mental Health Awareness as her state project. Several members wrote Caring Cards. I have requested additional cards and will forward them once they have been received.



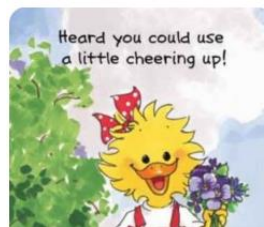
Food Pantry – Both **Donna Dougherty** and **Phyllis Denton** volunteer at the Food Pantry every Wednesday. Please drop off your donations at Phyllis’ house. Her address is 8 Runnymede Lane. **Thank you to Donna and Phyllis for bringing in the donations and thank you to all members who have donated!**



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.**



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 or at 203-245-0706. The Book Club is scheduled to meet on May 19th at the Surf Club. Weather permitting, to discuss the book **Hidden Valley Road**. Josephine will provide updates closer to the meeting.



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.



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 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 or call her at 203-245-6063. Denise's email address is ddaly524@gmail.com or call her at 203-458-3309.

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



Attention All Walkers – Now that Spring is here, let's get outside, meet up with friends, and take a walk. Our group meets Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 9:00 a.m. at East Wharf and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at Hammonasset Park.



Disbursements – Lynne Sarro, Vice President, is tabulating the votes for this year’s disbursement. This year we had a total of \$1,500. Lynne will present the results at the May meeting.



Don’t Forget – Dues are due by June 30th. Dues are \$50. You should make checks payable to the Women’s Club of Madison. Send your dues, along with the personal information form, to:

**Women’s Club of Madison
P.O. Box 691
Madison, CT 06443**

Thank you!



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? Hammonasset? Picnic? If you have any ideas, please forward to me. Don’t forget to email me at patriciathal@aim.com with your ideas and whether or not you will attend an in-person get-together.



Madison Clean-Up, Green-Up Day was Saturday, April 24. Check out our great **Clean-Up, Green-Up Crew!** Thank you **Barbara DeRosa, Carol Musante, and Mary Davis!**



Friends of Hammonasset Virtual Plant Sale – Friends of Hammonasset will be holding a virtual plant sale this year. You may go on line to the Friends of Hammonasset website to order your plants. Then pick up your plants Thursday through Sunday. The plant sale runs from Thursday, May 6 to Sunday, May 30.



Let me know what you think...

Over the years, when we have met in person, there have been some delicious sweet and savory dishes prepared for meetings. If any of you have some recipes to share, please forward to me. I will include them in future newsletters. While we may not be able to get together as a group, we can still share some of the recipes for goodies that people have prepared over the years.

REMINDER: If you have not already done so, please get vaccinated. I want all of our wonderful members to stay healthy!

Wishing everyone a very Happy Mother's Day!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, May 9th – Mother's Day

May 9th through May 15th – National Women's Health Week

Tuesday, May 11th – General Membership Meeting – 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

Friday and Saturday May 14th and 15th – GFWC/CT Convention

Monday, May 17th – Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Monday, May 31st – Memorial Day

And just for the fun of it...

May 8th – National Dog Mom's Day

May 10th – National Clean Up Your Room Day

May 11th – National Eat What You Want Day

May 16th – National Mimosa Day

May 25th – National Wine Day

May 31st – National Smile Day