



## *The Laurel News and Notes*

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



**HAPPY SUMMER!** I hope everyone is having a fantastic time, enjoying the sun, getting outdoors, and relaxing. Doing fun things with family and friends.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our June Dinner. The food was delicious and the company fantastic! It was also great to welcome GFCW/CT President Debbie Fiore and Madison First Selectwoman, Peggy Lyons, to our celebration. Debbie installed our officers and gave us an update on the state program. Thank you **Annie Edwards** and **Amanda Mammele** for the beautiful baskets and raffle! Congratulations to **Sue Hermonat**, the **2021 Past Presidents' Award Winner!**

If all continues to go well, we will be meeting in person for our September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Senior Center. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. For the time being, Board Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. I will forward any updates and/or changes as needed.

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).



**Hope you are enjoying the GFWC News and Notes.** They always contain interesting information. A great way to keep informed about National happenings.

The GFWC National Convention will be held – in person – August 27 through August 30, 2021, at the Marriott Marquee Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The New England Regional Conference is planned for September 17 through September 19, 2021. I will forward the calls for both conferences when I receive them.



**Food Pantry** – I received an email from Donna Dougherty regarding the peanut butter and jelly. At the June Dinner **50 pounds of peanut butter and jelly** were collected! Both **Donna Dougherty** and **Phyllis Denton** volunteer at the Food Pantry every Wednesday. Please drop off your donations at either Phyllis' house, 8 Runnymede Lane, or Donna's, 38 Aylesbury Circle. **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 or at 203-245-0706.



**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!**



**Attention All Walkers** – 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.



**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 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.



**The Women's Club of Madison** was represented by these lovely ladies! Thank you **Jan Crawford** for organizing this again. Great job!





**June Dinner 2021 - Thank you to Barbara DeRosa, our Club photographer, for taking these photos of our June Dinner.**





**Chairperson Vacancy** – If you are interested in the position of Hospitality Chairperson, please contact me. The position involves coordinating hostesses and planning refreshments for general meetings. You also will be responsible for planning the December Holiday Dinner and the Annual Dinner in June.

**Special Thank You to Jan Crawford and Maureen Fuest.** Over the years both have been active members and worked to support the goals of the Women’s Club of Madison. Jan and Maureen will be retiring this year. They will both be missed. We wish them well and hope they stay in touch, letting us know how they are doing. **Thank you Jan and Maureen!**

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

**DATES TO REMEMBER – Just for Fun**

**July 18 – National Ice Cream Day**

**July 23 – Gorgeous Grandma Day**

**July 25 – National Wine and Cheese Day**

**July 27 – National Creme Brulee Day**

**July 30 – National Support Public Education Day**

