



The Laurel News and Notes

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



It was wonderful to see so many of you at our October meeting. We had a great guest speaker and inducted six new members! Two more members will be inducted at our November meeting.

Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm. Tuesday, November 9th, at the Senior Center, second floor library. The room where we typically meet is not available. Due to the size of the library, we will be restricting the number of members who will be able to attend. Please do not email me that you want to attend until I have sent out the email regarding the meeting. Please remember to wear a mask, as the town requires everyone to wear masks when entering town buildings. No food or drink is allowed in the library. You will be notified by email of any changes that may occur with this meeting.

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 need help with Zoom, please let me know. With regard to Zoom, this is available to Committees and clubs that need to meet, but are unable to do so in-person. Please contact me for more information.

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.



October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** and **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. The Board of Selectmen issued a Proclamation, noting Wednesday, October 13, 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Signs were placed around the town and the entry table at Essex Bank was decorated by the WCM. Thanks to all who helped.



Trunk or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 31st, on the town Green, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This is a fun, safe way for children to celebrate the holiday. If you would like to hand out candy, please contact **Donna Farrell**.



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

Also, check out the blog at <https://www.gfwc.org/volunteers-in-action-gfwc-womens-club-of-madison-and-gfwc-womans-club-of-laurel-inc/>

Great job ladies!

I sent out an email regarding nominations for District President and Assistant President. If you are interested in either position, please let me know by November 4th. This is a great way to learn about state level GFWC/CT work.



Food Pantry – At the October Meeting we collected **39 pounds of peanut butter and jelly** for the Food Pantry. Both **Donna Dougherty** and **Phyllis Denton** volunteer at the Food Pantry every Wednesday. You may bring your donations of peanut butter and jelly to the General Membership Meetings or drop off your donations at either Phyllis' house, 8 Runnymead 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**. She may be contacted at either josephinemokriski@hotmail.com or at 203-245-0706. The next meeting is scheduled for January. More information to follow as to date, time, and place. Watch your emails!

The books for the year include:

Jan - The Midnight Library – Matt Haig

March- The Hail Mary Project -Andy Weir

May - The Book of Lost Friends - Lisa Wingate

July - Homefront - Kristin Hannah



Dee Mulqueen will again be organizing the collection for **Homes for the Brave**. I previously emailed the list of items the organization, Female Soldiers: Forgotten Heroes, had provided. Please remember, this is voluntary. If you are able to donate items, please either bring them to the November or December meetings or contact **Dee** at 203-530-4608 for drop off instructions. **Thank you Dee.**



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.



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.



Putting Around the Library Links – The Scranton Memorial Library is having a fund raiser. On Friday, November 5th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., adults get to play some miniature golf and then relax at the 19th Hole. Saturday, November 6th is Family Play from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Denise Rose** and her family are sponsoring a hole. The WCM will be providing decorations. Please contact **Denise** if you are able to help decorate. For more details on the event, please see the library website.



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 dderosa73@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!**



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.**



St. Jude Fund - Josephine Mokriski continues to collect money for the St. Jude Fund. She will be collecting at the meetings. If you would like to make a contribution, and are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Josephine at either 203-245-0706 or email her at josephinemokriski@hotmail.com . Josephine also is providing monthly updates about St. Jude's. Watch for them in your email. **Thank you Josephine!**



Chairperson Vacancies – 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.

There is also a vacancy for Education Chairperson. The purpose of this position is to promote and support local and state primary and higher education, i.e. annual scholarships and awards.



Holiday Dinner – We are in the process of planning a Holiday Dinner for our December meeting. The dinner will be held at the American Legion Hall. More details will follow. In order for this to be successful, volunteers are needed to help with the organization, decorating, set-up and clean-up. **Lynne Sarro and Donna Farrell** have graciously volunteered to work on this. Please contact either Lynne or Donna to volunteer to help. Thank you in advance helping!



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1st through October 31st – Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October 1st through October 31st - Table at Essex Savings Bank

October 31st – Halloween

October 31st – Trunk or Treat – Madison Town Green – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm.

November 4th – District Nominations due

November 5th and 6th – Library Links

November 9th – General Membership Meeting