



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 November meeting. We had a great meeting and accomplished quite a bit. Two more members will be inducted at our December dinner meeting.

We will be having a dinner meeting on December 14, 2021, at 6:00 pm at the American Legion Hall. **Lynne Sarro** and her team of excellent volunteers are busy making it a fun event. Please contact **Lynne** to volunteer. A buffet dinner, catered by **What's Cookin'** is planned. Order forms have been emailed to everyone. If you did not receive a form, please contact me as soon as possible.

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.



The Coat and Clothing Drive to benefit the Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Awareness is off to a fantastic start. If you would like to donate gently used items please contact **Carol Musante, Annie Edwards, or Sue Hermonat**. Thank you to all who have donated.



Trunk or Treat was a sweet success! Our lovely Mermaids and Sea Ladies handed out lots of treats to our local Trick or Treaters on Halloween afternoon. Thank you to all who participated to make the day special for the children.



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/CT Executive Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at Cafe Fiore in Cromwell, CT. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. Lunch is at noon. The Guest Speaker is Antonnique Robinson, Manager of the Ronald McDonald House, in

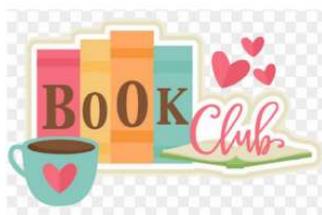
New Haven. **Donna Farrell and Kathy DeBurra** recently brought 20 of the Advocate for Children bags the club put together at our September meeting to the Ronald McDonald House.

Registration for the meeting is \$10 and lunch is \$30. I have forwarded the Call and Registration Form for the meeting to all of you. If you are interested in attending, please send your registration and check directly to Heather Spencer. Her information is located on the Registration Form. Deadline for registration is December 4th.



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 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!



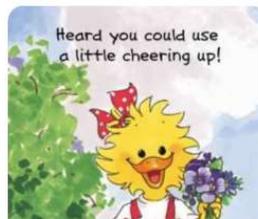
Book Club - If you are interested in joining the Book Club or have any suggestions for future books, please contact **Josephine Mokriski**. She may be contacted at either josephinemokriski@hotmail.com or at 203-245-0706. More information to follow as to dates, time, and place. Watch your emails! The Club meets every other month. Here's a preview of upcoming books to be discussed.

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 has been busy organizing and collecting items 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 contact **Dee** at 203-530-4608 for drop off instructions. **Thank you Dee.**

Dee reported at the November meeting that several members of the Club walked for the APK Charities, raising \$210!



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. Contact **Barbara DeRosa** for details.



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!**



Sue Hermonat is chairing the Santa Letter Project again this year. Mailboxes will be placed at Robert's Food Center and Stop and Shop. **Sue** will organize the letters and distribute to all those Santa Elves who volunteered to respond to the children. If you were unable to attend the November meeting and would like to sign up to help with letter writing, please contact Sue. **Thank you Sue!**



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.

A SPECIAL NOTE FROM OUR STATE PRESIDENT ELECT

Greetings everyone!

I want to write to you and again thank you for all the encouragement that you have given me over the years! As I face the State Presidency and as President Elect, I will never forget where I came from!!! Thank you to everyone!

I wanted to take a moment to make sure you are aware of the State scholarship opportunities! Last year as an Advisor to the selection group, I saw first-hand what a great opportunity it is! Last year the market was good to the account and the State had \$12,000 to distribute to the candidates. The applications were truly scrutinized as all the candidates were all deserving! Meaning that each candidate that fills out the application should take careful time to make sure they have -no spelling, date errors and have all the information required in the application. It was that close that spelling and date errors were considered. In the end the Committee selected 3 candidates and they split the \$12,000 between them. If you have a Child, Grandchild, or know of a deserving student in college, please tell them to download the application on the gfwcct.org website and submit as it states. The Committee has approved that each Club in the State can sponsor a candidate and if one doesn't apply in their community they may assist another Club with sponsorship. All areas of study are considered at this time. It was limited to teaching in the past. Imagine getting \$4,000 to assist in your college tuition! That's well worth the time to complete the application. The deadline is February 15th but transcripts, and other documentation are required and the early bird gets the worm so to speak! I love reminders like this that deposits good people into our future!

Kind regards!!

Kathy DeBurra

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 25 – Thanksgiving

November 28 – Hanukkah Begins

December 11 – GFWC/CT Executive Board Meeting

December 14 – Annual Holiday Dinner – 6:00 p.m., American Legion Hall

December 31 – New Year's Eve

******Just a reminder – There is no Women's Club of Madison Board Meeting in December**

Have a very Happy and Health Thanksgiving!

