



The Laurel News and Notes

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

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Happy January!

GFWC/CT Reports are done and have been sent off. As I wrote the reports I couldn't help but be impressed and proud of your accomplishments this past year – the successful coat drive for BHC Cares in New Haven, Clean-Up/Green-Up Day in Madison, contributing to three great local organizations, supporting Domestic Violence Awareness, donating to Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport, Santa Letters, the Food Pantry – and the list goes on and on. Great job ladies! Thank you for your commitment to your community and beyond.

Our next in-person, General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Senior Center. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. 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 will continue until our next meeting on February 8th. You may bring donations to our meeting or contact **Carol Musante** directly to arrange a drop-off or pick-up of items. Men's coats and clothing are also being collected.



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

On the state level, the Southeast District Day will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the Madison Senior Center. More information will be sent as plans are formulated.



Shari Roguski, past club president, is the Chairperson for this year's **Nominating Committee**. If you are interested in retaining your current position, would like move to another position, would like to take on a position on the Board, or are ready to retire from office, please feel free to reach out to Shari. If you want to find out more about a Board position, feel free to contact the current office holder.



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 Phyllis' house, 8 Runnymede Lane.

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! Here's a preview of upcoming books to be discussed.

March- The Hail Mary Project -Andy Weir

May - The Book of Lost Friends - Lisa Wingate

July - Homefront - Kristin Hannah



Thank you to **Dee Mulqueen** for all her hard work in organizing and distributing the items to Homes for the Brave. Another successful year.



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!**



Thank you **Sue Hermonat** for chairing this year's Santa Letter project. She had a great group of Santa helpers working diligently to assure that all children received a prompt reply from Santa Claus.



Donna Farrell and Gail Lennox are collecting tabs from soda and beer cans – just the tab, not the whole can or top. Please start collecting them. They will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven. Please bring the tabs to the meeting or contact **Donna** or **Gail** directly for drop off information. Ronald McDonald house will receive all of the recycling money.

Gail also is collecting empty plastic prescription bottles for Doctor's Without Borders. Please remove the labels from the bottle prior to giving them to **Gail**. Bottles may be brought to the meetings or contact **Gail** for drop off information. These containers are not recyclable so here is a way to put them to good use.



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.

Corinna Kraemer has expressed interest in the position of Education Chairperson.
Thank you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 8, – February General Membership Meeting – 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
*****February 15 – Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom*** - Please note date change**

JUST FOR FUN

January 24 – Compliment Day
January 25 – Opposite Day
January 27 – Chocolate Cake Day
January 31 – Inspire Your Heart with Art Day

