



## *The Laurel News and Notes*

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### **Spring is finally here!**

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at the Senior Center. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing 2022 Disbursements.

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](mailto:patriciathal@aim.com).



**GFWC LEADS** – Congratulations to **Anne Edwards**, Connecticut State Leads Candidate! The GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) is a program for members who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions beyond their club. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help members gain the capabilities, confidence and commitment necessary to pursue leadership positions within the state.

**Way to go Annie!!!**





**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, May 7, 2022**, at **LaLuna Restaurant in Branford**. This year's theme is **GFWC Around the World**. The **Women's Club of Madison** is **France**. We have been asked to dress like "France" and to come up with a short bit of entertainment representing that country.

Also, **Gail Lennox** has kindly offered to help with the basket we will be raffling off at District Day. If you have an item you would like to donate, please bring it to our April meeting.

Lastly, each club will have a table and only **two (2) members** from the club will be seated at the Madison table. All other attendees from our club will be sitting at various tables around the room. This way we will have an opportunity to meet with other club members from the Southeast District.

**LEADERSHIP LINES**  
**Katherine DeBurra; President Elect/GFWC/CT**  
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Dear Sisters in Federation:

Happy Women's History Month to everyone. GFWC has many wonderful women who have done so much to enhance the lives of others and each and every one of you here in Connecticut contributes to that! Even Her-SHE-ys chocolate bars honored us and at the March State Meeting we had a small team-building competition and awarded our Members with those candy bars depicting "SHE"!

Congratulations to our selected Leads Candidate. Anne Edwards! Each State gets to send one representative and ANNE is ours this year! That's one candidate from the State applications! Congratulations Anne! The seminar is held the day before the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention in New Orleans this year, which is to be held in June 25-the 28<sup>th</sup>. Leads will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. When you see Anne -congratulate her and I look forward to working with her in the future!

Speaking of the future and as I take on the Presidency. Thank you to all AGAIN who supported me through this journey! I have decided that as most Presidents - you select a symbol. I will select a beach scene to honor my "home club" of Madison on the shoreline! It offers a lot of options to theme the state meetings such as sand-dollar, starfish, seahorse, ...etc. I want my State project to be Women's Health. I'm still struggling with a "saying" because I'm inspired by so many and thank you for the suggestions thus far. I welcome suggestions and I may even just draw from a hat from your suggestions! Please email me with some inspiration because I'd love to say I got it from you!

I will need some assistance with Committee Chairs and Members at the State level. That involves occasional research in the topic, possibly a newsletter article or maybe a table at a State Meeting to share information. It may involve reviewing reports from the State Clubs. If you have any interest in a specific topic or some other area of our State, please reach out to me. If I haven't asked you -I probably just don't know that you may be interested someplace! Thank you to those who have already expressed interest in specific topics! Connecticut will host New England region Conference (NERC) in 2023 and we will need all hands-on deck

and you know that makes it the most fun! The reserved date for NERC given to us is the weekend of September 22-24, 2023! Save the date is never too early!

**Thank you again to everyone for your service and the best to everyone!**

**The Mission Statement of GFWC:**

**The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.**



**Disbursements** – At the March Board Meeting, the board discussed the various organizations that are seeking disbursement funds this year. **Lynne Sarro, Vice President**, will present the list of organizations at the April General Membership Meeting. Voting will take place in May. We currently have approximately \$1,700 to disburse.



**Annie Edwards, Assistant Treasurer**, will be sending out letters regarding Membership Dues. Please watch your emails for details. All checks are to be mailed to **The Women's Club of Madison, PO Box 691, Madison, CT 06443**.



**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 Runnymead 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](mailto: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.

May - **The Book of Lost Friends** - Lisa Wingate

July - **Homefront** - Kristin Hannah



**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. 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](mailto:josephinemokriski@hotmail.com) . **Thank you Josephine!**



**Attention All Walkers** – Now that Spring is here, it's time to get outside, take a walk, and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. Our Walking 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](mailto:dderosa73@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!**



**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.**



**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.



**Conservation** – You may audit classes free from Yale. Two background classes in which you might be interested include: **Climate Change and Health** and **Climate Adaptation and Human Health**.

**Madison's Green-up, Clean-Up Day** will be held in April. **Carol Musante, Conservation Chairperson**, will provide more details as they become available.



**The Madison Lions Club Tag Sale and Flea Market** will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Madison Green. We will have a table set up on the Green. Thank you to **Karin Casey, Mary Davis, Anna Marie Lane, and Gail Lennox** for heading up this Committee. They will be meeting and will provide details soon. Start collecting and pricing your donations. Volunteers are needed to set up, sell, and clean up. Remember, one woman's trash is another woman's treasure!



**The Madison Memorial Day Parade** will be held on Monday, May 30, starting at 10:00 a.m. The parade will start at Samson Rock and go to the Green. More details to follow.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**04/12/2022 – General Membership Meeting**

**04/18/2022 – April Board Meeting**

#### **JUST FOR FUN**

**04/01/2022 – April Fool's Daylight**

**04/02/2022 - National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day**

**04/07/2022 – National No Housework Day**

