



The Laurel News and Notes

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HAPPY MARCH!

Spring is on the way!

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Senior Center. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. The speaker that evening will be Jennifer Wenderoth Holster, Director, Guilford Women and Family Center.

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.



March is National Women’s History Month. In 1980 President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 as National Women’s History Week. By 1987, Congress declared the entire month of March Women's History Month. Since then, every president has declared the month of March Women's History Month.

Some key dates during Women’s History Month include:

- International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8, and was established as a holiday in 1911.
- The first major march on Washington by suffragists happened on March 3, 1913.
- The National Woman's Party was formed in March 1917. The group was dedicated to getting women the right to vote.
- Title IX was passed on March 1, 1972. In fact, the first-ever Women's History Week was created in order to bolster support for Title IX, which prohibited discrimination due to sex in federally funded education programs.
- The Equal Rights Amendment was passed in the Senate on March 22, 1972.

According to the [National Women's History Alliance](#), the 2022 Women’s History theme, “Providing Healing, Promoting Hope,” is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.



The Coat and Clothing Drive to benefit the Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Awareness was a great success. Over 140 coats and clothing items were contributed. Thank you to **Carol Musante and Corinna Kreamer** for all their hard work and thank you to everyone who contributed.



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 the **Madison Senior Center**. The Call will be sent out as soon as it is available.

Also, the **Call to the March GFWC/CT Board Meeting** has been forwarded to all members. The meeting is being held on **Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Cafe Fiore in Cromwell.**



Shari Roguski, past club president, is the Chairperson for this year's **Nominating Committee**. The **Committee** will present the slate of officers at the **March General Membership Meeting**. Voting will be at the **April General Membership Meeting**.

You also may be involved in Club activities by either chairing or be an active member of one of our many committees.



Disbursements – Lynne Sarro, Vice President, will be working with her committee to collect the names of organizations seeking funds this year. So far, the **Ronald McDonald House** and **Nite in Hand** have requested funds. We currently have approximately \$1,700 to disburse. However, this amount may change based on expenses.



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 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



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 – The Walking Club has been on hiatus for a couple of months, as many of the members are enjoying Florida sunshine. When active, 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!**



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.



Membership – The New Member Orientation was held on February 16 at Christy's in Madison. **Donna Farrell, Membership Chairperson**, provided an overview of the GFWC and Club histories. The various committees were outlined and new members were encouraged to take an active part.



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.



Thank you **Dawn Tiscia** for volunteering to be Hospitality Chairperson!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 03/08/2022 – General Membership Meeting**
- 03/12/2022 – GFWC/CT Board Meeting**
- 03/13/2002 – Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring ahead!**
- 03/20/2022 – First Day of Spring**
- 03/21/2022 – Board Meeting**

JUST FOR FUN

- 03/03/2022 – National Anthem Day**
- 03/06/2022 – Nation Oreo Cookie Day**
- 03/10/2022 – International Find a Pay Phone Booth Day (Good luck with this!)**
- 03/12/2022 – National Plant a Flower Daylight**
- 03/14/2022 – National Pi Day**
- 03/15/2022 – Ides of March (Beware!)**
- 03/17/2022 – St. Patrick's Day**
- 03/20/2022 – International Earth Day**
- 03/23/2022 – National Puppy Day**
- 03/30/2022 – Take a Walk in the Park Daylight**
- 03/31/2022 – National Crayon Day**

