



## *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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### **If April showers bring May flowers...What do May flowers bring?**

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).



Reminder, 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. You have all received the Call and Agenda. If you are planning to attend, you may bring a check for \$45 made out to the Women's Club of Madison to our April Meeting. Kathy DeBurra will send a check for the total amount to the state. If you are not able to attend our April Meeting, you may send your check to the Women's Club of Madison PO Box.

We will be putting together a basket for a raffle on District Day. If you have an item you would like to donate, please bring it to our April meeting.



**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 – Madison’s Green-up, Clean-Up Day** will be held on **April 30th**. **Carol Musante, Conservation Chairperson**, will have a sign-up sheet at our April Meeting and provide more information regarding the event. The town will provide gloves and bags for the clean up.



The Women’s Club of Madison will be participating in the Madison Lions Club Tag Sale on the Madison Green on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 9:00 to 3:00. This is a good time to do some “spring cleaning”. Would you please consider putting aside some gently-used items for the sale? Put a suggested price on each item (subject to change during the day) and plan to bring them to the Green by 7:30 a.m. the day of the sale. If the items do not sell, they will be donated to a charitable organization or you may reclaim them at the Green by 3:00. If you have allowed us to borrow a folding table or two, please arrange to pick up your table(s) at 3:00. We will need volunteers to help in 2 hour shifts from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to set up, sell and clean-up at the end of the day. A **sign-up** sheet will be circulated at the May Meeting. We have a lot of fun at the sale and it is a good way to generate positive publicity for our Club. Hope you can come and find a treasure or two!

Thank you to our Committee!

**Karin Casey – 203-421-4754**  
**Gail Lennox – 201-704-0939**

**Mary Davis – 203-245-8459**  
**Anna Marie Lane – 202-245-0240**



**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.



**Just in time for Mother's Day and a great way to bring beauty to your yard.**

**The Annual Friends of Hammonasset Plant Sale** will be held **May 5 through May 29, 2022**. The Sale is open Thursday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The sale is located 0.3 miles east of the main entrance to the park, on Route 1. Proceeds support Friends of Hammonasset projects at Meigs Point Nature Center and throughout the Park.



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 04/12/2022 – General Membership Meeting**
- 04/15/2022 – First Night of Passover**
- 04/17/2022 – Easter Sunday**
- 04/18/2022 – April Board Meeting**
- 04/22/2022 – Earth Day**
- 04/30/2022 – Madison Green-Up, Clean-Up Day**

## **JUST FOR FUN**

- 04/11/2022 – National Pet Day**
- 04/13/2022 – International Plant Appreciation Day**
- 04/26/2022 – National Audubon Day**

