



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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It's that time again – The Women's Club of Madison will begin its 2022-2023 Club year on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Madison Senior Center.

Hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to get back to work to make this the best Club year ever! We had a successful planning meeting at the Surf Club on July 26. Lots of ideas for the coming year.

Board Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Watch for emails from President Lynne Sarro. Remember to send Lynne any agenda items or committee information for both the Membership and Board Meetings. Lynne's email address is lynnesarro@gmail.com.

If you have information for the newsletter, please email me at patriciathal@aim.com.



Kathy DeBurra, GFWC/CT President, held her first State Board Meeting on Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Cafe Allegre. It was well attended – way to go Women’s Club of Madison – and lots of work was accomplished. Several former GFWC state presidents were in attendance. Look for periodic updates from **Kathy**.

The **GFWC/CT Fall Conference** will be held on **Saturday, September 10, 2022, at the New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington Street, New Britain**. The meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kathy recently sent the GFWC/CT Membership an email, regarding Rhode Island holding the New England Regional Conference. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Karen Leach, Chairman of Volunteers for New England Regional Conference, sent the following:

“Hello New England State Presidents. Please help RI out with 6-8 Volunteers. Hopefully we will have a good turnout in members at the NER Conference in September.

Once you get a Volunteer please let me know. When I have all the names of RI and other states I will follow up with more details.

I am concerned about illness and the need to have extra hands. So I am looking for one possible 1/2 per state or you all can talk among yourself and if you can't get anyone maybe another state will fill in. Any help is appreciated. It is a small hotel so not a lot of walking. Elevator to room. All rooms are very close together so easy walk. Tasks include: greeters, collecting meal tickets at banquet door, marketplace table selling merchandise, helping change centerpieces, subs for illness.”

If you are planning to attend the conference and are willing to be assigned a “job”, please contact **Kathy DeBurra** at threesams@sbcglobal.net.

To stay up to date on the latest GFWC news, sign up for **GFWC News and Notes** at GFWC.org under **News and Publications**.



For NERC this year Clubs are being asked to support a wonderful organization with a project in New England. Connecticut is asked to bring 25 books (grades 6 to 8) and 25 small stuffed animals. **Kathy DeBurra** has asked that if you donate a book, please write on the inside cover that the book was donated from your Club. **Kathy** noted in her email to Club Presidents, that books may be brought to the Fall Conference Meeting in New Britain at the Museum or contact her directly about connecting with her. She has also secured 25 animals; however, if you want to do something to “match” your book selection, that would be great.

Lynne Sarro has purchased a book for the Club. If anyone else would like to contribute toward another book, please bring your money to the September General Membership meeting. Books range from \$7 to \$10, so just \$1 from some members will buy a few more books.

The **WCM** will be planning a raffle basket for fundraising at the NERC. Something with a fall theme. If you have anything to contribute, please bring it to the September General Membership meeting.



VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Membership Co-Chairperson – We have one co-chairperson already.

Santa Letters Co-Chairperson – We have one co-chairperson already.

Domestic Violence Chairperson

Fundraising – While this is a total Club effort, chairpersons for the various events will be needed.

Please contact **Lynne Sarro** for more information.



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.

The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Library in the Lifelong Learning Room. This month's book is **The Secret Life of Addie La Rue** by V.E. Schwab. More information to follow.



If you know of a member who is ill, in need of a bit of cheer, or is celebrating a special event, please contact **Sue Hermonat, Corresponding Secretary**. She will send a card from the Club, letting our member know that we are all thinking about her. Sue's email address is shermo1981@att.net.



Attention All Walkers – Now that bikini weather is upon us, let's 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 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.**



Gail Lennox 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.



The Bauer Park Harvest Festival Committee is in need of volunteers for their **October 15** 11 AM -3 PM event. There are many ways you can help if you have an hour or two to spare. Please contact Ted Rahmann at Rahmann@comcast.net for more information.

They are also in need of shirts and pants for their scarecrow building activity. Any clothing donations can be dropped off in September at Bauer Park in the blue barrels near the house.

If you do volunteer, please let **Lynne Sarro** know so that she can track the hours.



CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION

On October 8, 2022, there will be a Climate Change Presentation at the Surf Club, starting at 7:00 p.m. The Women's Club of Madison will be actively involved in this

project. **Carol Musante** will be discussing this event and our responsibilities at the September Meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

09/05/2022 – Labor Day
09/10/2022 – GFWC/CT Meeting – New Britain
09/11/2022 – 911 Remembrance Day
09/13/2022 – General Membership Meetings
09/14/2022 – Book Club meeting at Library
09/16/2022 – American Legion Day
09/19/2022 – Board Meeting
09/24/2022 – Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown

JUST FOR FUN

09/01/2022 – Emma M. Nutt Day***
09/06/2022 – Read a Book Day
09/13/2022 – Positive Thinking Day
09/18/2022 – National Women’s Friendship Day
09/22/2022 – Autumn Equinox – Fall Begins

****Emma M. Nutt Day* celebrates the first woman telephone switchboard operator in America. Emma Nutt became the first woman telephone operator on September 1, 1878 and worked at it for 33 years.