



## *The Laurel News and Notes*

*Newsletter of The Women's Club of Madison Member of General Federation of  
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**The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Madison Senior Center.**

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](mailto:lynnesarro@gmail.com).

If you have information for the newsletter, please email me at [patriciathal@aim.com](mailto:patriciathal@aim.com).



The **New England Region Conference** will be held in **Connecticut** next year from **September 21 to September 24, 2023**, at the **Sheraton Hartford South Hotel**. **Kathy DeBurra, GFWC/CT President**, will be calling a planning meeting after the holidays.

**The Prudence Crandall Center** sent out a great flyer regarding Domestic Violence Awareness (See Lynne's email 07/09/27/2022 for full details). There will be a Candlelight Vigil on October 4, 2022, at 594 Burritt Street, New Britain. The vigil begins at 6:00 p.m., with light refreshments. The program starts at 6:30 p.m.

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





**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.



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](mailto:shermo1981@att.net).



**Attention All Walkers** – Sweater weather has arrived...the air is cool and crisp...time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful Autumn. 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!**

**Barbara** is planning a “Putting Together Party” for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please contact **Barbara** for details.



**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.



**Pat Sangster** is 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 a meeting or contact **Pat Sangster**. Ronald McDonald house will receive all of the recycling money.



**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!**



**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](mailto: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. The Women's Club of Madison will be actively involved in this project.

The evening will begin with a **Save the Sound – Beach Clean-up** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. An **Expo** about climate change will start at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Speaker at 7:00 p.m. There will be a food truck and ice cream.

Please contact **Carol Musante** for more information or to volunteer.



We will be doing Trunk or Treat this year. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it to the **October** meeting. If you are not attending the meeting, please contact **Donna Farrell** for drop off information. **Donna** will provide more information at the October meeting. **Thanks Donna!**

This year's theme is **Witches** -







**Dee Mulqueen** will again be organizing the collection for **Homes for the Brave**. Last year we filled several large Rubbermaid containers with toiletries, clothing, and gift cards. Items needed include:

- Women's pajamas, slippers, sweatshirts, sweatpants, underwear, and t-shirts;
- Toiletries – nail clippers, spray air freshener, pocket pack tissues, body wash, and lotion;
- Linens – bath towels, blankets (twin/full), sheets (twin/full), pillows, and pillow cases;
- Food – coffee, creamer, sugar, salad dressings, individual snacks, and water bottles;
- Paper Goods – paper plates, paper cups (hot and cold), disposable utensils, and napkins;
- Miscellaneous Items – GBT Bus Tokens, Earbuds (plug in), umbrellas, flash drives, and batteries;
- Gift Cards – Walmart, grocery, CVS/Walgreens, Amazon, and Target.

Further details to follow. **Thank you Dee!**

## WHIST FUND RAISER



**The Women's Club of Madison** will be holding a Whist Party on **April 28, 2023**, at the **First Congregational Church**. More details to come. If you would like to volunteer to Chair/Co-chair this event or to volunteer to help out, please contact **Lynne Sarro**.

### **October Dates to Remember:**

**October 4, 2022 - Yom Kippur**  
**October 10, 2022 – Columbus Day**  
**October 11, 2022 – General Membership Meetings**  
**October 17, 2022 – Board Meeting**  
**October 24, 2022 – United Nations Day**  
**October 31, 2022 – Halloween**

### **Just for Fun:**

**October 5, 2022 – World Teachers' Day**  
**October 7, 2022 – World Smile Day**  
**October 14, 2022 – National Dessert Day**  
**October 26, 2022 – National Pumpkin Day**