



The Laurel News and Notes

Newsletter of The Women's Club of Madison Member of General Federation of Women's Club of Connecticut, Inc

November 2022



The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Madison Senior Center. At the meeting, we will be collecting **clothing donations for BH Cares, art supplies for Ronald McDonald House, donations for Homes for the Brave, flip tops, medicine bottles, peanut butter and jelly, and donations for St. Jude.** Lists of items needed are included in the newsletter. Remember this is voluntary – please do what you can. Thank you.

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.**



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

On a local level **Women's Club of Madison** President **Lynne Sarro** met with **Madison First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons** and received the proclamation for **Domestic Violence Awareness and Breast Cancer Awareness Month**.





Our Annual Coat for BH Care-Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence and Local Veterans has started. We have set up a **collection box at Stop and Shop** in Madison for collection of gently used or new coats for children and adults. We will also collect coats at our **November 8th meeting** Women's Club meeting.

Thank you to Sara Welch and her committee for organizing this.



Food Pantry – In **October** members donated **37 pounds** of peanut butter and jelly! 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 Runnymede 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.



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 – 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 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!**

Check out the photos from the recent **Putting Together Party!**



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.**



Looking for some arts and crafts supplies – **Donna Farrell** is collecting arts and crafts supplies for the **Ronald McDonald House**. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please bring them to the **November meeting: coloring books, crayons, scissors, stickers, glue sticks, or prepackaged craft kits. No glitter.**

Thank you Donna!





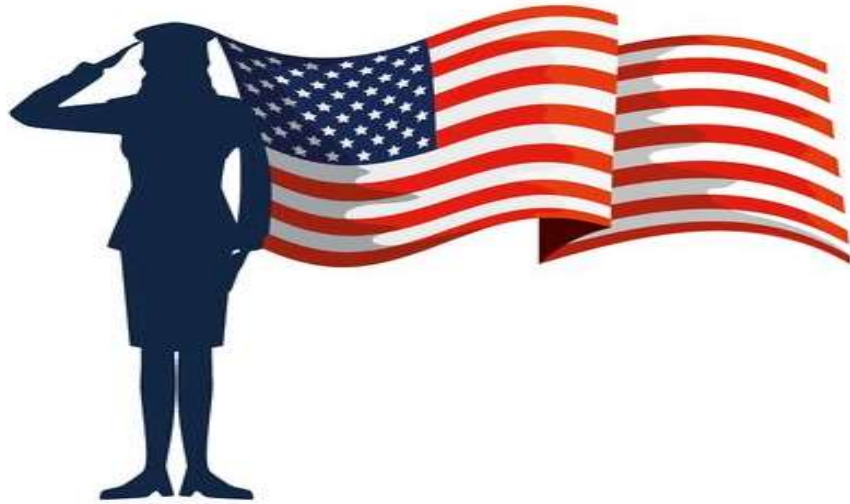
Gail Lennox is collecting empty plastic prescription bottles for Doctor's Without Borders. Please remove the labels from the bottle prior to giving them to **Gail**. Bottles may be brought to the meetings or contact **Gail** for drop off information. These containers are not recyclable so here is a way to put them to good use. **Thank you Gail!**



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. **Thank you Pat!**



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 . **Thank you Josephine!**



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.

Please bring your donation to the November meeting or contact Dee Mulqueen to arrange drop off.

Thank you Dee for organizing this!

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. **Anna Marie Lane** has volunteered to co-chair the Whist. If you would like to volunteer to be a co-chair or to help out with the event, please contact **Anna Marie**. **Thank you Anna Marie!**

November Dates to Remember:

November 6th – Daylight Savings Ends – Set your clocks back one hour!

November 8th – General Membership Meeting

November 8th – Election Day

November 11th – Veterans' Day

November 21st – Board Meetings

November 24th – Thanksgiving

Just for Fun:

November 2nd – National Stress Awareness Day

November 10th – Forget Me Not Day

November 13th – Sadie Hawkins Day

November 21st – National Gingerbread Cookie Day

November 26th – Small Business Saturday – Love Your Local!

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FALL FOLIAGE TOUR



PUTTING TOGETHER PARTY

