



The Laurel News and Notes

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

December 2022



Hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. November was a busy month – check out the photos at the end of this newsletter. December is now upon us. Where has the year gone?

The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison is our Holiday Dinner, which will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at the Madison Senior Center. If you are planning to attend, please be sure to respond to Dawn Tiscia no later than December 1.

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 General Membership and Board Meetings. Lynne's email address is lynnesarro@gmail.com.

Reminder: No Board Meeting in December.

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**.

The **GFWC/CT Board Meeting** will be held on **Saturday, December 10, 2022, at Fiore's in Cromwell**. The Call is on the GFWC/CT website. Reservations are due by December 1.

GFWC/CT President, Kathy DeBurra, provided the following photo of the “Village House” we were assigned to send to Washington DC to represent our state, along with a description of the project. Kathy wrote,

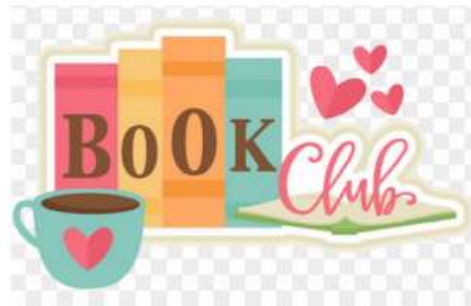
“I kept up with my seaside/Madison theme and sent a beautiful lighthouse that was donated by Anne Edwards; Member at Large. We had a small craft team help assemble it at my home. Every Club in Connecticut is on the piece as well as your amazing EC Board and "Individually we are a wave-together we are an Ocean!", AND-how about that ANGEL on tree!? It is safely dropped off at Headquarters and if you want to visit “your house” there in Washington -the event is on the Portal. If attendance is not possible, I am sure they will be showing a virtual take on the set-up as has happened in the past.”





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.





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 – Time to work off all that turkey and get a jump start on the holiday goodies. 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.



Santa Letters – The mailboxes have been placed at Stop and Shop and Robert’s Food Center. **Barbara Rosenblum, along with her very special Santa Helpers**, will see to it that the letters arrive at the North Pole in time for Santa to answer all of them before that special night. **Thank you Barbara and all your elves!**



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. **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 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!**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

12/13/22 – General Membership Meeting/Holiday Dinner

12/18/22 – Hanukkah Begins

12/24/22 – Christmas Eve

12/24/22 – Christmas Day

12/26/22 – Boxing Day

12/26/22 – Kwanza Begins

12/31/22 – New Year's Eve

And in honor of our own GFWC/CT President... 12/02/22 is National Katherine Day

VETERANS' DAY



APK CHARITIES



THOMASTON FOLIAGE TRAIN TOUR



WOMEN'S CLUB OF MADISON SILVER TEA AND COFFEE SERVER ON DISPLAY AT THE MADISON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.



GFWC FALL CONFERENCE NEW BRITAIN MUSEUM OF ART

