



The Laurel News and Notes

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

February 2023



*****The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Thursday, February 16th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Madison Senior Center.*** Please note the change. We will be back to our regular Tuesday meeting in March.**

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.

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**.

Southeast District Day will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023, at La Luna Ristorante, 168 Main Street, Branford**. The Call was recently sent out to all. Registration is \$5 and Lunch \$40.00. Reservations are due by **March 10th**. The theme this year is **Women Making a Difference**. Don't forget to send in your nominations to **Lynne Sarro**. Also, this is the meeting at which **SE District Awards** are presented.

The GFWC/CT Meeting will be held on **Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Zody's 19th Hole, in Stamford, CT**. The Call has been sent to everyone. Reservations are due by **March 1st**. The restaurant is located at a Golf Course. Registration is \$10 and Luncheon is \$30.00. Speakers for the day will be **Jen Harris, Certified Nutrition Coach/Fitness Nutrition Coach** and **Jessica Anderson, Deputy Chief, Stamford Emergency Medical Services**.

The GFWC/CT Walking Contest will be held **April 10th through April 16th**. Walking, running, bicycling, aerobics, and other forms of exercise count. Everyone should have received a form.

If you need either Calls or the Walking Form please contact **Lynne Sarro**.



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**.

Josephine 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 – 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.

The GFWC/CT Walking Contest begins April 10th!

Contact **Barbara DeRosa** for details about the Walking Group.



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.

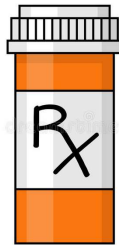
Thank you to Barbara, Denise, and all the Knitters!



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.**



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!**



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!**

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!**

MADISON ANNOUNCES FOOD TO CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

The following excerpts are from an article that appeared on the Madison Town Website.

“The Town of Madison, in cooperation with the Town of Guilford, is excited to announce a new food scrap co-collection pilot program that offers residents an opportunity to turn their food scraps into energy through a residential co-collection of trash and food scraps by their existing trash hauler. This pilot program is being funded by DEEP’s Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) grant which was awarded to both Towns through a competitive grant application process...

DEEP’s grant funding will cover the purchase of a one-year supply of special color-coded bags for up to 700 households in Guilford and Madison, educational outreach, personnel to sort the food scrap bags, and the shipment of food scraps to Southington to create clean electricity. If you are interested in participating in this important pilot program that will have a positive and significant financial and environmental impact, please apply by March 1, 2023 at <http://reducethetrashct.com/gmpilot/>.

Up to 350 households in each community will be chosen for this one-year food scrap co-collection pilot program based on potential trash hauler collection route designs. If selected to participate in the program, residents would continue to use their existing trash hauler but separate their household trash and food scraps into specially designated colored bags. Residents will place both the orange trash bags and green food scrap bags in the same container now used for weekly curbside trash collection beginning the last week of March. The green food scrap bags will be sorted at the transfer station and shipped to Quantum BioPower in Southington for conversion into green energy. Household recycling collection would not be impacted by the program. Households chosen to participate in this pilot program via the application process will receive a one-year supply of color-coded trash bags before the program launch.”

DATES TO REMEMBER:

02/14/2023 – Valentine’s Day

02/16/2023 – February General Membership Meetings

02/20/2023 – Board Meeting – Via Zoom

02/20/2023 – Presidents’ Day

JUST FOR FUN:

02/08/2023 – Kite Flying Day

02/11/2023 – Make a Friend Day

02/15/2023 – Susan B. Anthony Day

02/21/2023 – Mardi Gras