



The Laurel News and Notes

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

April 2023



The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, April 11th, at 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 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.

WHIST FUND RAISER



GET YOUR WHIST TICKETS BEFORE THEY ARE GONE!

The Women's Club of Madison will be holding a Whist Party on **April 28, 2023**, at the **First Congregational Church**. **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!**

We need to sell 80 tickets for this important fundraiser. Contact Anna Marie for tickets.

TAG SALE



Speaking of fundraisers...the Tag Sale will be here before you know it. Start cleaning out those closets, attics, and cellars looking for those hidden gems that no longer bring you joy. Remember – one woman's trash is another woman's treasure. Tag sale is scheduled for June – More information to follow.



Southeast District Day was on **Saturday, March 25, 2023, at La Luna Ristorante, 168 Main Street, Branford.** In spite of the rain, the day was beautiful. Clubs provided overviews of famous women and the guest speaker with **United States Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro.**

Check out the photos at the end of this newsletter!

The **114th GFWC New England Region Conference** will be held on **September 21-24, 2023** at the **Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, 100 Capital Boulevard, Rocky Hill.** Looks like an informative and fun filled event. Watch for the Call.

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. Let's get out there, exercise, and get in shape for summer!

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



In the past, we have supported the Nepal Orphanage. Members have donated school and art supplies, games, books, and clothing. This year we will again be collecting items for the orphanage and **Liz Early** will be delivering them in **April**. **Liz** has provided us with a list of needed items. These include:

For the houses:

Games (board games, legos, small hand held games, etc)
Nail Polish and nail polish remover
Body lotion
Stationery supplies
Colored markers
Basketball and football
Hair bands and rubber bands etc.

For the art classes:

Staedtler colored pencils and graphite pencils

Children range in age from 6 to 15.

If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the April Meeting.

Thank you **Liz**!



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.

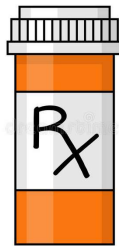
Thank you to Barbara, Denise, and all the Knitters!



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!**



Madison's Annual Green Up, Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 29th. We will meet at the Old Town Hall on the Green at 9:00 a.m. Participants will be provided with gloves and garbage bags.

Many volunteers are needed this year. Please let **Carol Musante** know if you will be able to participate.

Thank you Carol for all your hard work and keeping the Club informed of environmental and conservation concerns and activities.



Dee Mulqueen is organizing the Club's next social event. If you are interested in going to the Madison Cinema on April 6th, for a 4:00 p.m. show, the group will be seeing **The Journey: A music special from Andrea Bocelli**. Please check the Cinema's website for further information and to buy tickets. After the show the group will be going to Grand Apizza. Please let **Dee** know if you will be joining for either or both events. **Dee** may be reached at 203-530-4608.

Thank you Dee for planning this.

**DISTRICT DAY
MARCH 25, 2023
LA LUNA RISTORANTE**



DATES TO REMEMBER:

04/05/2023 – Passover

04/06/2023 – Social Event – Theater and Dinner -

04/09/2023 – Easter Sunday

04/11/2023 – General Membership Meeting

04/17/2023 – Board Meeting via Zoom

04/18/2023 – Tax Day

04/22/2023 – Earth Day

04/29/2023 – Madison Green Up, Clean Up Day

JUST FOR FUN:

04/01/2023 – April Fools Day

04/02/2023 – National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

04/11/2023 – National Pet Day

04/23/2023 – National Picnic Day

04/25/2023 – National Penguin Day