



The Laurel News and Notes

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

March 2023



The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, March 14th, 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.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



March is Women's History Month, commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. March 8th is International Women's Day. For District Day this year, each Club in the Southeast District will be honoring a woman who has made a significant contribution.

Visit <https://womenshistorymonth.gov> for more information about **Women's History Month**.

Check out <https://connecticuthistory.org> to learn about the impact women have had on not only Connecticut but on the nation as well.





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.

For District Day, the Club will be putting together a basket, focusing on women's health and wellness, to be raffled. Please bring your donations to the March Meeting.

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 were 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.**

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**.

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.

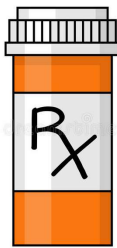
Thank you to Barbara, Denise, and all the Knitters!



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!**

HOMES FOR THE BRAVE

Hi Ladies,

Last month Anna Marie Lane and I delivered all the donations that were made to Homes for the Brave. We had a full car of wonderful things for all of our female veterans. I would like to thank you all for your continued support of this project. We included sheets, pajamas, pillows, towels, shirts, socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, laundry detergent, throws, razors and some feminine hygiene products and a few other items. For those of you that made monetary donations, we bought some items for two children that are currently being housed at this location which were stuffed animals, throws and filled in our list with gloves and hats.

I am so happy to be part of such a wonderful and generous group of women. Again, my warmest thanks and love to you all!!

Dee Mulqueen



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 03/11/2023 – GFWC/CT Meetings**
- 03/12/2023 – Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 03/14/2023 – General Membership Meetings**
- 03/17/2023 – St. Patrick's Day**
- 03/20/2023 – Board Meeting – via Zoom**
- 03/25/2023 – SE District Day**

JUST FOR FUN:

- 03/19/2023 – National Let's Laugh Day**
- 03/22/2023 – National Goof Off Day**
- 03/31/2023 – National Crayon Day**

