



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 2024



The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 p.m., at the Scranton Memorial Library. Please note the time and location changes.

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**.





District Day is Saturday April 6, 2024 at the Clinton Country Club. Please watch for the call.

GFWC/CT State Meeting will be May Convention, May 17-18, 2024, and will be held at the Convention Center in Chester, CT. Watch for the Call.

The GFWC National Conference will be held in Chicago in June. Call coming out soon.



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, card games, etc)

Knitting supplies for the knitting class – yarn, knitting needles sizes 10, 11, 12

Stationary supplies

Coloring books and colored markers

Basketball and football

Hair bands, rubber bands, hair ribbons

Craft supplies

Warm socks – most of the children are now adult sizes. They do not have heat in the homes.)

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

Thank you **Liz!**



Dee Mulqueen is collecting Homes for the Brave. If you would like to contribute, please be sure to get your contributions to Dee by **February 8.**

Thank you Dee for organizing this!





KINDNESS WEEK

Kindness Week is being celebrated February 10 through February 17, 2024. Kick off this special week by attending the Madison Chocolate Festival and Kindness Cafe at the First Congregational Church of Madison. Festivities start at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 10th. There will be chocolate, desserts, baked goods, gift baskets, a Cookie Walk, music, children's activities, fellowship and fun!



WOMEN'S CLUB OF MADISON FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

Sunday March 10, 2024

12:00 p.m.

Clinton Country Club

Tickets are \$50 each

Fashions provided by the Country Shop and the Dressing Room. If you have items for the raffle baskets, please bring them to the February meeting. Come out and support our

Club's major fundraiser. Sounds like a fantastic afternoon! Contact **Donna Farrell** or **Dawn Tiscia** for additional information or tickets.

Thank you **Donna** and **Dawn**.



Our Whist Fundraiser will be held on April 12, 2024, at the First Congregational Church of Madison. More information to follow. Please contact **Betty King** for additional information.

Thank you **Betty!**



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!



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 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.

The following is the list of books for the coming year:

- March 20 – The House is on Fire by Rachel Beanland
- May 15 – The Act of Oblivion by Robert Harris
- July 17 – People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

The Club meets the third Wednesday of the month. This year we are going back to meeting at a member's home. The Hostess will supply eating utensils and wine. Members are asked to bring snacks.



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 – It may be cold outside, but getting together with WCM friends to take a brisk walk outside will warm you up! 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!**



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!**

Important Dates to Remember:

02/10/24 – Chocolate Festival and Kindness Cafe

02/13/24 – General Membership Meeting – 6:00 p.m., Scranton Memorial Library

02/14/24 – Valentine's Day

02/19/24 – Board Meeting – Via Zoom

02/19/24 – Presidents' Day

03/10/24 – WCM Fashion Show

04/06/24 – District Day

04/12/24 – Whist

05/17/24 – 05/18/24 – GFWC State Meeting

Just for Fun:

02/11/24 – Super Bowl Sunday

02/13/24 – Mardi Gras

02/28/24 – National Pancake Day

02/29/24 – Leap Year