



## *The Laurel News and Notes*

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

*May 2024*



**The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.** 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**.





**GFWC/CT State Meeting** will be May Convention, May 17-18, 2024, and will be held at the Convention Center in Chester, CT. Sounds like a great convention! Hope to see lots of you there to thank GFWC/CT State President (our own) Kathy DeBurra for a great two years!

**The GFWC National Conference** will be held in Chicago in June. The Call has gone out.

The **Southeast District of GFWC/CT** held its annual District Day on 6, 2024 at the Clinton Country Club. It was a great day! Congratulations to **Lynne Sarro**, incoming SE District President.



### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT TREASURER DUES ARE DUE**

Dues are **\$50** and are due by **June 1, 2024**. We will be collecting dues at the **May meeting**. Please make checks payable to **The Women's Club of Madison**.

**You may mail your check to:**

The Women's Club of Madison  
P.O. Box 691  
Madison, CT 06443  
Attn: Dues

**In addition, please provided the following information:**

Name

Address

Preferred Phone Number

Email Address

Spouse's Name

Three Committees for which you would like to volunteer.



**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 **joephinemokriski@hotmail.com** . Last year the Club raised \$332 - \$104 above our commitment!

**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 Runnymead Lane.

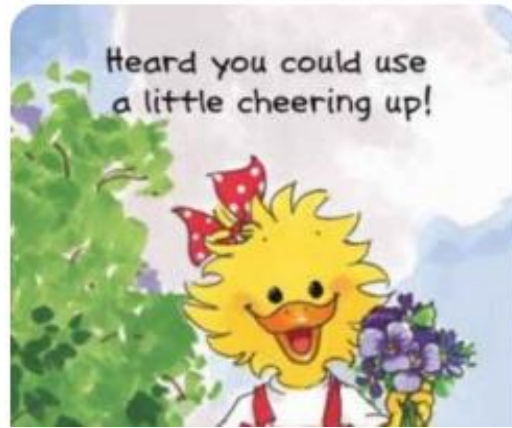
**Thank you to Donna and Phyllis for bringing in the donations and thank you to all members who have donated!**



**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](mailto:josephinemokriski@hotmail.com) or at 203-245-0706.

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

- May 15 – The Act of Oblivion by Robert Harris
- July 17 – People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks



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](mailto:shermo1981@att.net).



**Attention All Walkers** – Spring is on the way. Time to get out there and take a walk. 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](mailto:dderosa73@comcast.net) or call her at 203-245-6063. Denise's email address is [ddaly524@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

**TAG SALE**



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 22, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year’s Chairperson is **Dawn Tiscia**.

Please consider donating your gently used items for the sale. Some items to consider: housewares, furniture, garden tools, vintage items, toys, jewelry, glassware, dishes, books, games, bikes, sports equipment. We are looking for anything you think may sell!

- Help us by signing up to volunteer for a 2-hour shift on the day of the tag sale. Sign up sheets are available. You can also email me to volunteer or donate.
- We are also looking for display tables. 8ft, 6ft, and card tables A tent, in case of rain, and bags for shoppers.
- We ask that you price your items and bring them to the green between 6:15am-7:30am on the morning of the sale. If this is not possible and you need assistance, please call Dawn Tiscia before the date of the tag sale.

Our location on the green has been changed and will be assigned at a later date.

**Dawn** may be contacted at either 203-530-1552 or [dawn.tiscia@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.tiscia@gmail.com).



**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!**

### **Green Up Clean Up Day**

On Saturday, April 20, 2024, several members of the Women's Club of Madison participated in the annual Green UP, Clean Up Day in town. Thank you to **Joan Powers, Lynne Sarro, Barbara DeRosa, Karin Casey, and Dee Mulqueen** who braved the elements and got to work to keep our beautiful town beautiful.



Another successful Military Whist, sponsored by the WCM, was held April 12, 2024. A big THANK YOU to **Betty King and her committee.**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



Our June meeting will be the Annual Dinner and installation of new officers. Save the date – June 11, 2024. More information to follow.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**05/12/2024 – Mother's Day**  
**05/14/2024 – WCM Meeting**  
**05/20/2024 – WCM Board Meeting**  
**05/27/2024 – Memorial Day**

### **JUST FOR FUN:**

**05/04/2024 – Kentucky Derby Day**  
**05/05/2024 – Cinco de Mayo**  
**05/06/2024 – Teacher Appreciation Week**  
**05/20/2024 – National Rescue Dog Day**  
**05/31/2024 – National Smile Day**

**Green Up, Clean Up Day**



## Military Whist



## Southeast District Daylight

