



The Laurel News and Notes

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

October 2024



The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2023, 6:00 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 Liz Early. Remember to send Liz any agenda items or committee information for both the Membership and Board Meetings. Liz's email address is ack.girl@hotmail.com.

The Day of Service on September 28th was very successful. Check out the photos at the end of the newsletter. **Donna Dougherty** reported 469 pounds of food and \$201 in cash donations were collected!

If you have information for the newsletter, please email me at patriciathal@aim.com.



October is Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer awareness month. In addition to hanging our banner across rte.79, **the Women's Club will be placing signs throughout the town.** Thank you to everyone who took a sign at our September meeting! **The signs can be placed at your elected location for 2 weeks beginning October 7th.** After 2 weeks, October 21st, please collect the signage, and return them to me at our November meeting. If you need help in collecting the signage just let me know. **If anyone has a location they would like a sign for, please email me.**

Also, we will be having a presentation on domestic violence awareness from the Women & Family Life Center at our October 8th meeting.

The Center accepts gift cards as donations and uses them to benefit their participants. **At the October meeting we will have a raffle basket. Proceeds from this raffle will be donated to the center.**

Thank you and have a wonderful month!!

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Kathy Barnes, President, GFWC/CT

Kind Hearts, Brave Minds, Fierce Spirits
Our Members Make a Difference

The GFWC/CT Executive Board Meeting and Fall Conference will be held on Saturday October 12, 2024, at the Connecticut State Community College Manchester.



The Women's Club of Madison has launched a brand new Facebook page. It's where we will share news and updates about our events and activities, including photos from all of our events. Please "like" and follow our new page. Share the page with friends and invite them to like and follow as well. Use the link below to login into Facebook and follow our new page:

<https://facebook.com/womensclubmadisonct>



The Women's Club of Madison also has a great website. Here you will find loads of information about the Club, supporting our community, activities, events, photos., and membership information.

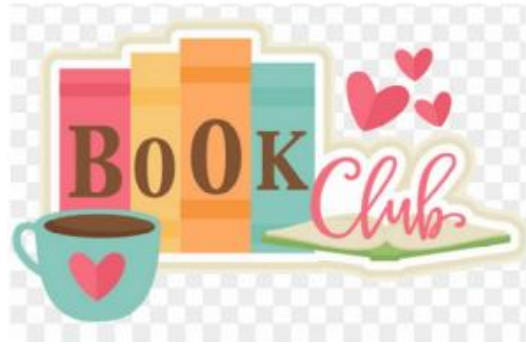
Check it out at <https://womensclubmadisonct.com/>



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 – The Book Club has now grown to 27 members!!! 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.

Meetings take place on the Third Wednesday of every other month starting in September. This year the Club will be meeting at the Scranton Memorial Library in the Life Long Learning Room at 3:00 p.m. The Hostess will bring cups, napkins, etc. and organizing three members to bring snacks and one to bring ice. Everyone should bring her own refreshments.

This year the members will be reading the following books:

November 20th: The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugan

January 15th: After You're Gone by Maggie Farrell

March 19th: Rise and Shine by Anna Quindlen

May 21st: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

July 16th: James by Percival Everett

Happy Reading!





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 – Sweater weather has arrived...the air is cool and crisp...time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful Autumn. 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.





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!**



On Thursday, October 31st, The Women's Club of Madison will participate in the Trunk or Treat on the Madison Green. Our theme is The Pumpkin Patch. Volunteers can dress up as farmers in flannel shirts with jeans or overalls, scarecrows or even a pumpkin! Don't need to dress up to participate.

Donna Farrell will be bringing her car to decorate. We need "farmers" to decorate the car at 3:00 and to give out our "harvest" from 4-6:00pm.

Signup sheet will be at our October meeting. This is a great chance to volunteer for a really fun event.....time commitment is short!

CANDY is needed....there will be lots of little ghosts and goblins. Please bring candy to the meeting on Tuesday, October 10th (or if you are unable to shop, Gail will collect money to buy candy!)

Also, candy can be dropped off at Gail's house - 17 Carmel Court Madison or call her and she will pick up the candy if needed.

Thank you ladies for your anticipated help.

The Halloween Committee
Gail Lennox and Donna Farrell



Knitting Club – Barbara DeRosa, who has worked so hard for so many years, would like to step down from the Knitting Club. If you are interested in taking it on, please contact **Barbara**. She also has about 50 afghans to distribute. If you are able to volunteer to assist with this, please let Barbara know.

Thank you Barbara for all your hard work and dedication to this project!

October Dates to Remember:

October 8, 2024 – General Membership Meeting

October 21, 2024 – Board Meeting

October 31, 2024 – Trunk or Treat – Town Green

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Remember to schedule your mammogram.



SENIOR DAY LUNCHEON





**DAY OF SERVICE
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

