



## *The Laurel News and Notes*

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

*November 2024*



**The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Madison Senior Center.** In November we will have a speaker from the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven. Club members will be putting together Christmas stockings for the young residents of the House.

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](mailto:ack.girl@hotmail.com).

If you have information for the newsletter, please email me at [patriciathal@aim.com](mailto:patriciathal@aim.com).





## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Every two years the Women's Club of Madison selects a project designed to improve the lives of the Madison community. The Club raises money through events and activities to fund the project. **All** members serve on this committee.

Please forward all ideas to **Liz Early** no later than November 5, 2024. We will vote on the project at the November meeting. This project is to benefit the community – not just one organization. Some examples of past projects include:

- Donated \$7,781.61 for new benches, grills and bocce court resurfacing at the Surf Club;
- Donated \$5,015.00 to Madison Conservation Trust for building walkways on the Shoreline Train. Also donated \$1,300.00 to Shoreline Greenway Trail;
- Furnished a room at the new Madison Ambulance Center (\$5,000.00);
- Furnished a room in the new Madison Senior Center (\$5,000.00); and
- Established a computer/study center at the Madison Arts Barn.

A list of other past projects is included in your yearbook.





## WINTER COAT DRIVE

Thank you **Sara Welch** for organizing another successful coat drive. At last count, over 100 coats had been donated. The coat drive ran until the end of October. A donation box was placed outside the Madison Stop and Shop. Coats donated will be going to BH Care, a program to assist individuals experience domestic violence, plus those in the community that are in need due to homelessness, mental health needs, or addiction services. Pictured below is **Sara** and a photo of **Chris Anthony**, Manager of Stop and Shop, along with other managers of the store. **Sara** presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for the **Women's Club of Madison**.





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>**

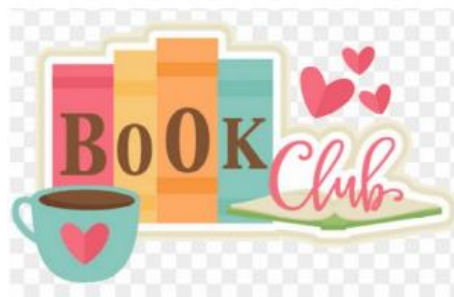


The Women's Club of Madison also has a great website. Here you will find loads of information about the Club, supporting our community, activities, events, photos., and membership information. Thank you **Barbara Cervoni!**

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 Runnymead 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 20<sup>th</sup>: The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugan**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>: After You're Gone by Maggie Farrell**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>: Rise and Shine by Anna Quindlen**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>: James by Percival Everett**



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.



**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](mailto: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!**



**Knitting Club** – An Afghan Putting Together Party on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 in the Life Long Learning Room at the Library. Afghan squares were sewn together to make beautiful afghans. Please contact either **Anna Marie** at [gkamlane@comcast.net](mailto:gkamlane@comcast.net) or **203-245-0240** or **Melody** at [mwirgau6@gmail.com](mailto:mwirgau6@gmail.com) or **608-289-1514** if you interested in becoming involved with this project. Check out the photos!







**Trunk or Treat** – Thank you **Gail Lennox and the group of Volunteers** for their participation in the annual Trunk or Treat on the Madison Town Green. There were over a dozen volunteers handing out candy to the Trick or Treaters. Thank you to **Donna Farrell** for again volunteering her car. Leftover candy is being donated to Safe & Sound Club, Students Against Domestic Violence, a program at Daniel Hand High School.

Check out these photos of the great group of volunteers!









### **HOLIDAY DINNER**

The Holiday Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. Cost is \$30.00. You may bring your check to the November meeting or mail it to:

The Women's Club of Madison

P.O. Box 691  
Madison CT 06443

**NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**November 11, 2024 – Veterans' Day**

**November 12, 2024 – General Membership Meeting**

**November 18, 2024 – Executive Board Meeting**

**November 28, 2024 – Thanksgiving Day**

**JUST FOR FUN:**

**November 13, 2024 – Sadie Hawkins Day**

**November 29, 2024 – Black Friday**

**November 30, 2024 – Small Business Saturday**



***HAPPY THANKSGIVING!***