



The Laurel News and Notes

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

January 2025



The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 6:00 p.m., at the 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.

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



COMMUNITY IMPACT 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. The Club has selected the renovation of the downtown kiosk as it's Community Impact Project. Stay tuned for updates and fundraising events.

REPORTING – Each year for Reporting, the WCM President tallies the number of volunteer hours, activities, etc. It is important that everyone completes the Volunteer Hours form and submit it to the President at the end of the calendar year. If you are a Committee Chairperson or serve on a Committee please include those hours as well. **Liz Early** recently sent out the form to be used. Print a copy or save a copy to your desktop and complete the information after each event. This way you won't forget.



Check out the **The Women's Club of Madison** new Facebook page at:

<https://facebook.com/womensclubmadisonct>

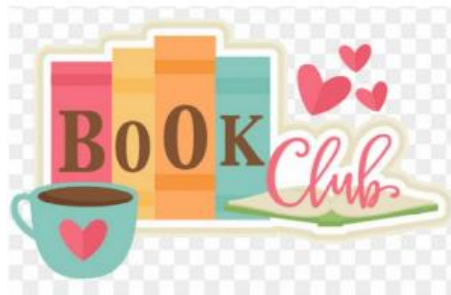
It's where we will share news and updates about our events and activities, including photos from all of our events. Please "like" and follow our new page. Share the page with friends and invite them to like and follow as well.



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. The website address is <https://womensclubmadisonct.com>. Thank you **Barbara Cervoni!**



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:

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



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 – Yes, it's January and cold...brrrr! But our stalwart walkers are not being deterred. 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. Enjoy some time with your Women's Club of Madison friends. I hear that shivering uses calories – might be a way to work off some of those yummy treats from the holidays.



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!**



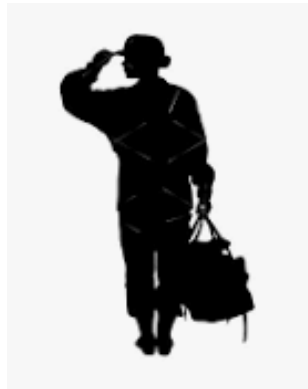
Pat Sangster is collecting tabs from soda and beer cans – just the tab, not the whole can or top. Please start collecting them. They will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven. Please bring the tabs to a meeting or contact **Pat Sangster**. Ronald McDonald house will receive all of the recycling money. **Thank you Pat!**



Knitting Club – Starting December 3, the Knitting Club will be meeting at the Library on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. No experience needed as lessons will be provided.

Complete afghans were delivered to the Madison Police Department on November 20. In addition, 18 afghans will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House.

HOMES FOR THE BRAVE/FEMALE SOLDIERS FORGOTTEN HEROES



The **Women's Club of Madison** will continue to support **Homes for the Brave/Female Soldiers Forgotten Heroes**. As in the past, **Dee Mulqueen** will be collecting items for the women. For those of you that are new to the club, this project has been ongoing for over 10 years. Homes for Brave is transitional housing for veterans that are homeless. **Dee** will be collecting items and will deliver them at the end of January. Items on the women's wish list include:

Pajamas Size 2-XL, 4-L, 3M, 2S
4yr old boy-5T, clothes, pajamas, sweats etc
sheets- twin beds
blankets-twin beds
pillows
bath towels
sweatshirts
leggings
nail polish
body sprays
underwear
long sleeve t-shirts
body wash & moisture lotion

If you have any questions, please contact **Dee** at either **203-530-4608** or deemulqueen@yahoo.com.

Thank you **Dee**!

WHIST FUND RAISER



Betty King and her committee are hard at work planning our Whist Fund Raiser. Whist is planned for Friday, April 11, 2025 at the First Congregational Church. Mark your calendars!

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:

01/09/25 – National Day of Mourning for President James Carter

01/14/25 – General Membership Meetings

01/20/25 – Board Meeting

01/20/25 – Martin Luther King Jr.

JUST FOR FUN:

01/04/25 – National Spaghetti Day

01/14/25 – National Dress Up Your Pet Day

01/30/25 – National Croissant Day