



The Laurel News and Notes

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

April 2025



The next meeting of the Women's Club of Madison will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 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. Remember to send any agenda items or committee information for both the Membership and Board Meetings to **President Liz Early**. Liz's email address is ack.girl@hotmail.com.

Lynne Sarro has been serving as Vice President this year. However, this was a one-year commitment. If you are interested in the position of Vice President please contact **Liz Early**.

The June Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at Cafe Allegre. The reservation form is attached to this newsletter. Please bring your check and reservation form to the April Meeting. Thank you **Lori Storino, Jessica Tonini, and Beth Slattery** for planning this.

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



The Southeast District Day was held on Saturday March 29, 2025. at Nataz in North Branford. The **Women's Club of Madison** received three **Southeast District** awards: **Communications and Public Relations; Leadership; and Arts and Culture.**

The GFWC Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar identifies GFWC members at the local level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in their State Federations and/or GFWC on the national level. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help up-and-coming leaders gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher offices and serve with distinction.

This year, **Lynne Sarro** is the **GFWC/CT LEADS** participant and will be attending the international conference this summer. **Congratulations Lynne!**

Check out the photos from Saturday's District Day at the end of the newsletter.

WOMEN'S CLUB OF MADISON TO CELEBRATE 125TH ANNIVERSARY



The Women's Club of Madison is celebrating is **125 Anniversary** this year. The Club is building a float to be in the July 4th Parade.

Our Club supports a variety of organizations, not just in our community, but nationally and internationally. Doctor's without Borders, Homes for the Brave, Madison Police Department, the Ronald McDonald House, St. Jude Fund, and the Food Pantry of Madison Community Services are just a few that we support. The Club also provides a

scholarship to one or more graduating students at Daniel Hand High School. Annual gifts are given to the Polson Middle School Music and Arts Departments. Through annual grants and disbursements we lend support to local organizations.

As part of the **125th Anniversary** we would like to hi-light the various accomplishments of the Club. If you have any history information or photos that you would like to see as part of our celebration, please contact **Sheila** at **skinscherf@comcast.net**.



The **Women's Club of Madison** is the "special feature" in the October 2025 issue of **MADISON Neighbors Magazine**, which will be in mailboxes at the end of September. We will be taking a group photo at the June Dinner Meeting. If you would like to be included in the photo, please plan on arriving before 6:00 p.m. so that we are all available and ready for the photograph to be taken at 6:00 p.m. In addition, the editor of the MADISON Neighbors Magazine would also like some quotes from Members to possibly include in the article. The editor cannot guarantee how many of these quotes may be included in the article.

The focus of these quotes should be on:

- What the Women's Club of Madison has done to support and positively impact our community;
- Memories of special or specific contributions the Club has made to our community over the years.

Please send Catherine any quotes you think would:

- PROMOTE our organizations
- HIGHLIGHT the value it has provided to the community
- INSPIRE other women to join

Catherine's email is: CPutnam03@gmail.com.



SIP, SHOP, SUPPORT

J McLaughlin is host a shopping night for the **Women's Club of Madison** on **Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Ten percent (10%) of all sale will go to the **WCM!** Please stop by and enjoy shopping, Prosecco, and light bites.



The Month of April is dedicated to the celebration and raising awareness of a variety of causes. These include **raising awareness about critical health issues, promoting social justice, and honoring our collective heritage.**

WHIST FUND RAISER



Betty King and her committee are hard at work planning our Whist Fund Raiser, which will be held on Friday, April 11, 2025 at the First Congregational Church. Betty and her Committee will be selling tickets at the March General Membership Meeting. The cost is \$15.00 per person. An email recently went out to all members with a sign-up for food items. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the game starts at 6:00 p.m. Please contact **Joan Powers at 917-601-8194 or joncil@verizon.net** if you have questions regarding signing up to donate food. You may contact either **Joan** or **Betty** if you have questions regarding the Whist. **Betty** may be contacted at **eliz@madisonct.com**.

Thank you **Betty, Joan and your committee!**



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!**



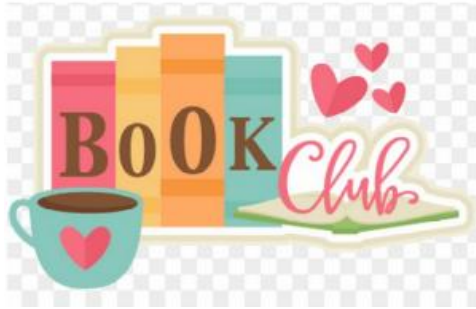
Melody Wirgau, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, will be hold a Scholarship Screening Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. The group will review the high school scholarship application to determine viable candidates. There will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for anyone who would like to read the applications.

Melody has submitted Katrina Engelhardt's application to the state GFWC for consideration for the Phipps scholarship.

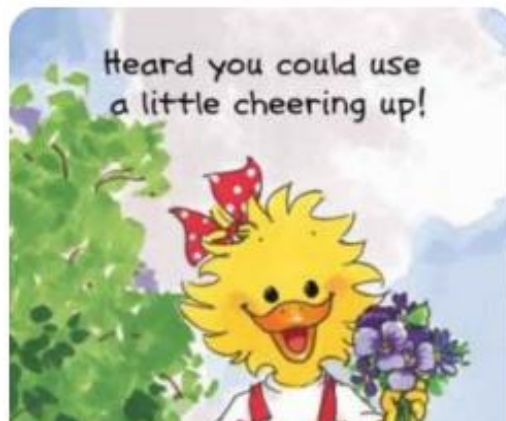


Food Pantry – Both **Donna Dougherty** and **Phyllis Denton** volunteer at the Food Pantry every Wednesday. You may bring your donations of peanut butter and jelly to the General Membership Meetings or drop off your donations at Phyllis' house, 8 Runnymede Lane.

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. 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 Rook 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 drink. The next meeting is March 19th. Members are reading **Rise and Shine** by Anna Quindlen.



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 – Spring is on the way. Really! 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. Enjoy some time with your Women's Club of Madison friends.



Knitting Club – The Women's Club of Madison Knitting Club meets the first Tuesday of every month from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Scranton Memorial Library. No experience need – Lesson are provided! This is the group that makes the beautiful afghans which are donated to the Madison Police Department, Ronald McDonald House, and other organizations.





Website – Check out our website at: <https://womensclubmadisonct.com>. Here you will find loads of information about the Club, supporting our community, activities, events, photos., and membership information. Thank you **Barbara Cervoni!**

TAG SALE



The **Tag Sale** will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025, on the Green. 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. 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!

Dawn will be providing more information as we get closer to June. Thank you **Dawn** for again chairing this event.



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!**



Madison's Annual Green Up, Clean Up will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. The Club has participated in this event for the past several years. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Old Town Hall. Gloves, trash bags, and safety vests will be provided. Eight or more volunteers needed. The clean up should take about one hour. Thank you



The **Madison Senior Center** has a collection box for eyeglasses. If you have any you would like to donate, stop by the Center.

WCM DATES TO REMEMBER:

04/08/25 – Membership Meeting – WCM

04/11/25 – WHIST Fund Raiser

04/14/25 – Board Meeting via Zoom

04/26/25 – Madison Green Up, Clean Up

DATES TO REMEMBER:

04/02/25 – World Autism Acceptance Day

04/07/25 – World Health Day

04/12/25 – Passover Begins

04/20/25 - Easter Sunday

04/22/25 – Earth Day

04/29/25 – International

Dance Day





June Dinner Meeting

SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF MADISON
CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Cafe Allegre

TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH AT 6:00PM

725 BOSTON POST ROAD, MADISON

DINNER COST: \$50 PER PERSON

RETURN YOUR DINNER CHOICE WITH YOUR \$50 CHECK
MADE OUT TO WCM, P.O. BOX 691, MADISON, CT 06443
BY **MAY 31, 2025**

QUESTIONS:

JESSICA TONINI 671-272-0433
BETH SLATTERY 402-212-1217
LAURIE STORINO 203-258-6075

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

DINNER MENU (PLEASE SELECT YOUR DINNER CHOICE)

- ☐ CHICKEN MARSALA
☐ SOLE FLORENTINE
☐ VEAL PARMIGIANA
☐ PASTA PRIMAVERA (VEGETARIAN)

SALAD, DESSERT, COFFEE & TEA INCLUDED; CASH BAR

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

DISTRICT DAY MARCH 29, 2025

