



## *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 2025*



The next Women's Club of Madison meeting is Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at the **American Legion Hall**. Please note the location change. Social time starts at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will be called to order at 6:30 p.m. Nicole Karalli, Second State Vice President, is the guest speaker. Topic: Leadership and Member Engagement.

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

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



The **National Day of Service** was Saturday - September 27, 2025. Our International President, **Suellen Brazil** asked us to do projects to promote our Signature Project- Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention- going into the month of October. With the busy schedule of events that were already scheduled Dawn Tiscia and Kathy DeBurra secured a date with the Senior Center in November to have a Speaker from the Alzheimers Association to do a program on Elder Abuse. That date is Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 2:00 PM. All are welcomed as we are sponsoring this program. We are looking to serve light dessert refreshments and do a free raffle for the attendees. We also have folders which we will hand out to the attendees with reference information. Mark your calendars to attend. More distinct details to come after we finish the flurry of great events we are doing now! Thank you! Dawn & Kathy

## FALL INTO FASHION



**What a wonderful night!** Great fashion, great food and drink, and great people! Thank you **Laurie Storino, Vivianne Mascia, and Marlene Curtis** for chairing this event and thanks to all who supported this major fund raiser! There are great photos on our website <https://womensclubmadisonct.com>. Check them out!



### **PURSES WITH A PURPOSE**

**Donna Farrell** is collecting gently used purses and tote bags. They will be available to purchase at various meetings, general and state, for a nominal price. As you clean out your closets, please consider donating the items as the money brought in will go into the Club treasury. **Thank you Donna!**



**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!**



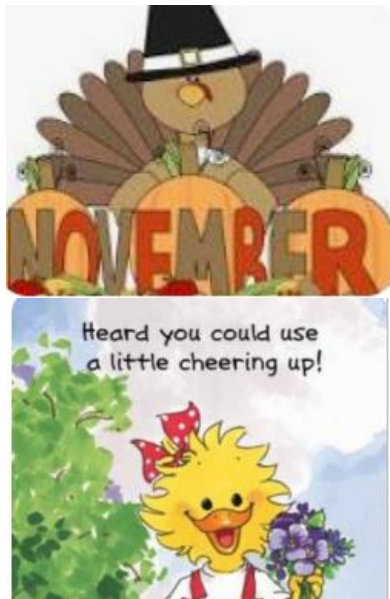
**Food Pantry** – Both **Donna Dougherty** and **Phyllis Denton** volunteer at the Food Pantry every Wednesday. You may bring your donations of peanut butter and jelly to the General Membership Meetings or drop off your donations at Phyllis' house, 8 Runnymead Lane.

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



**Book Group** - If you are interested in joining the Book Group 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**. Meetings take place on the Third Wednesday of every other month starting in September. The Group meets at the

Scranton Memorial Library. If you would like more information and a list of books for the year, please contact Josephine.



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** – Fall is on its way. Time to take a walk and enjoy the foliage. 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 Group Club** – The Women’s Club of Madison Knitting Group 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!**





Each October, the **WCM** does a coat drive. A box is placed at Stop & Shop and members of the community drop off gently loved or new coats to be donated to various organizations. **Sara Welch** has chaired this program for the past few years and has done a fantastic job. Thank you **Sara** for all your hard work.

This year the Chairpersons for the Coat Drive will be **Sara Welch, Kathy DeBurra, Anna Marie Lane, and Lori Elia**. The donation box has been placed at Stop and Shop. So clean out those closets and donate those gently loved coats. **Thank you!**



**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!**



The Women's Club of Madison will hold its annual **December Dinner Meeting** on **Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at Cafe Allegre**. The cost is \$50 per person. Attached is the reservation form, due no later than December 1.

This is a great way to kick off the holiday season.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**11/11/2025 – General Membership Meeting**

**11/11/2025 – Veterans' Day**

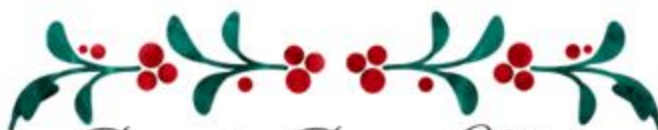
**11/17/2025 – Board Meeting**

**11/27/2025 – Thanksgiving Day**

**Don't forget to sign up for the December Dinner Meeting. Form is attached.**







## December Dinner Meeting

SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF MADISON  
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## Cafe Allegre

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 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

**OR ONLINE AT**

[HTTPS://WWW.ZEFFY.COM/EN-US/TICKETING/HOLIDAY-DINNER](https://www.zeffy.com/en-us/ticketing/holiday-dinner)

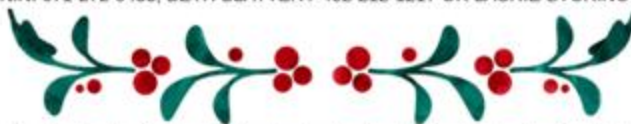
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**QUESTIONS:**

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



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**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: \_\_\_\_\_