



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 2026



The next Women's Club of Madison meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 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. 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.

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





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**GENERAL FEDERATION
OF WOMEN'S CLUBS**

GFWC/CT May Convention will be held in Windsor on **05/16/2026**. The call was emailed out to all members on April 1. The registration deadline is April 30 with a deadline for hotel reservations of April 16.

Southeast District Day is **04/11/2026** and will be held at the Westbrook Elks Club. Each group will do centerpieces for their tables. **Theme is "You Are Not Alone"**. **BH Care** will speak in the morning. For the centerpieces, our club has put together items for BHCare (toiletries, socks, etc.). Thank you to the members who contributed. There also will be a **Photo Contest** at **District Day**.



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!**



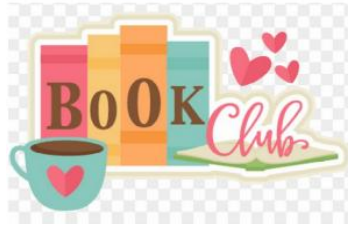
St. Jude Fund - Josephine Mokriski continues to collect money for the St. Jude Fund. She will be collecting at the meetings. If you would like to make a contribution, and are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Josephine at either 203-245-0706 or email her at josephinemokriski@hotmail.com . **Thank you Josephine!**



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry serves approximately 110 families each month. 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 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 or at **203-245-0706**. Meetings take place at the Scranton Memorial Library on the Third Wednesday of every other month starting in September.



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 – Time to take a walk. Our Walking Group meets Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 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. Contact **Barbara DeRosa** at **203-215-2684** for more information.



Knitting Group – 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 needed – Lessons 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.

Facebook - If you are on Facebook, don't forget to visit and following our Women's Club page. You'll find reminders about meetings and upcoming events, as well as photos and news. You can then share our posts with your other Facebook friends. Visit the page at <https://www.facebook.com/womensclubmadisonct>. Thank you **Barbara Cervoni!**



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!**



J McLaughlin is hosting a shopping night for the **Women's Club of Madison on Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Last year **J McLaughlin** donated \$1,250 to the **Women's Club of Madison**. Please add the date to your calendars and come out and support the store and the Club.



Earth Day is April 22, 2026. This year's theme is **"Our Power, Or Planet"**. The focus is on individual action, community cleanups, tree planting, and holding leaders accountable. This year Madison is holding it's annual **"Green Up, Clean Up Day"** on **Saturday, April 25, 2026**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. As many of you know, this was a special project of **Carol Musante**. For more information on **Earth Day** check out www.earthday.org. The Madison website has information about **"Green Up, Clean Up Day"**.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

04/11/2026 – District Day
04/14/2026 – General Membership Meeting
04/20/2026 – Board Meeting
04/22/2026 – Earth Day
04/25/2026 – Green Up, Clean Up Day

Did you know.....While the current calendar(Gregorian calendar) has April as the fourth month of the year, that wasn't always the case. In the Roman calendar (Julian calendar), April was the second month of the year. January and February didn't exist.

Interesting Facts For April

- **The first president of the United States, [George Washington](#), was inaugurated on April 30, 1789**
- **April is the equivalent of October in the Southern Hemisphere.**
- **The phrase "April Showers bring May Flowers" comes from a poem from the 1500s by Thomas Tusser.**

- **The April full moon earns the name April's Full Pink Moon not due to its color but because it's named after the pink phlox flowers that bloom in North America's early spring.**



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4 - 7PM

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June Dinner Meeting

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CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

Cafe Allegre

TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH AT 6:00PM

725 BOSTON POST ROAD, MADISON

DINNER COST: \$50 PER PERSON

RETURN YOUR DINNER CHOICE WITH YOUR \$50 CHECK
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BY JUNE 4, 2026

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QUESTIONS:

JESSICA TONINI 671-272-0433, BETH SLATTERY 402-212-1217 OR 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: _____

