



The Laurel News and Notes

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

May 2026



The next Women's Club of Madison meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 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.





**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT TREASURER
DUES ARE DUE**

Dues are **\$50** and are due by **June 1, 2026**. We will be collecting dues at the **May meeting**. Please make checks payable to **The Women's Club of Madison**.

You may mail your check to:

The Women's Club of Madison
P.O. Box 691
Madison, CT 06443
Attn: Dues

You also may pay via Zeffy.

In addition, please provided the following information:

Name

Address

Preferred Phone Number

Email Address

Spouse's Name

Three Committees for which you would like to volunteer.



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!**



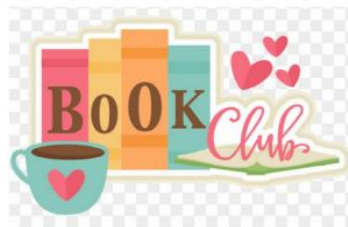
St. Jude Fund - Josephine Mokriski continues to collect money for the St. Jude Fund. She will be collecting at the meetings. If you would like to make a contribution, and are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Josephine at either 203-245-0706 or email her at josephinemokriski@hotmail.com .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

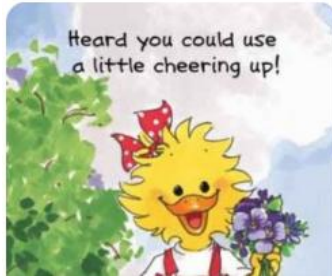
Thank you to Donna and Phyllis for bringing in the donations and thank you to all members who have donated!



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 or at **203-245-0706**. Meetings take place at the Scranton Memorial on the Third Wednesday of every other month starting in September.



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!**



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 follow 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!**

TAG SALE



The **Tag Sale** will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, 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!

Volunteers are needed for. Please contact Dawn. Thank you **Dawn** for again chairing this event.



Mother’s Day

On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation officially declaring the second Sunday in May as a national holiday to honor mothers. The date was chosen to honor the work of Anna Jarvis who held the first official Mother’s Day service in West Virginia on May 10, 1908. Following her own mother’s death in 1905, Anna Jarvis

campaigned for a day to honor all mothers, specifically aiming to honor her mother's role as a peace activist.

Wishing all Moms out there a very Happy Mother's Day!



**The following is from
the National Archives**

EEO Special Emphasis Observances

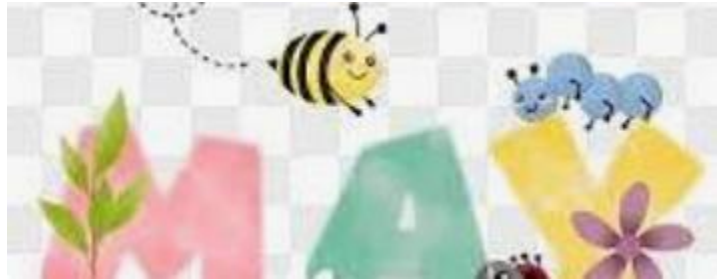
“May: Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

Authority: *Executive Order 13339*

The roots of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month can be traced back to 1976, when Jeanie Jew, President of the Organization of Chinese American Women, contacted government officials in response to the lack of Asian Pacific representation in the U.S. bicentennial celebrations that same year. The observance began in 1979 as Asian Heritage Week, established by congressional proclamation. In May 1990, the holiday was expanded further when President George Bush signed a proclamation making it month-long for that year. On October 23, 1992, Bush signed legislation designating May of every year Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The month of May was chosen to commemorate two significant events in history: the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 (Golden Spike Day). The diversity and common experiences of the many ethnic groups are celebrated during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with numerous community festivals as well as government-sponsored activities.”

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **05/10/2026 – Mother’s Day**
- **05/12/2026 – General Membership Meeting**
- **05/13/2026 – Arts Committee – Cards for Memorial Day and 4th of July**
- **05/16/2026 – GFWC/CT State Convention**
- **05/18/2026 – Executive Board Meeting**
- **05/25/2026 – Memorial Day parade**
- **06/01/2026 – Dues are due**
- **06/04/2026 – Reservation due to June Dinner Meeting and Installation**
- **06/06/2026 – Tag Sale on the Green**





June Dinner Meeting

SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF MADISON
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
MADE OUT TO WCM, P.O. BOX 691, MADISON, CT 06443

OR ONLINE AT

[HTTPS://WWW.ZEFFY.COM/EN-US/TICKETING/WOMENS-CLUB-OF-MADISON-JUNE-DINNER-MEETING](https://www.zeffy.com/en-us/ticketing/womens-club-of-madison-june-dinner-meeting)
BY JUNE 4, 2026

**SCAN THE
ZEFFY QR CODE**



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: _____

