

Newtown Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc.
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Rooster



Ramblings



January 2019



On This Date in History: January 17

- 1861 Flush toilet is patented by Mr. Thomas Crapper (Honest!)
- 1920 First day Prohibition comes into effect in the US as a result of the 18th amendment
- 1946 United Nations Security Council holds its 1st meeting
- 1984 Supreme Court rules (5-4) oks private use of home VCRs to tape TV programs for later viewing does not violate federal copyright laws

Newtown Woman's Club
January Luncheon
The Great Room at Newtown Congregational Church
14 West St, Newtown, CT 06470

Directions: Route 25 to West Street, (At the flagpole) The church is .3 of a mile on the right.

Time: 11:30 am Registration and Social Time • 12:00 Meeting; 12:30 Luncheon

Date: Thursday, January 17, 2019

Cost: \$10. (Please make checks payable to the Newtown Woman's Club)

Program: Self Defense with Felicia Figol

MENU

"Health food may be good for the conscience but Oreos taste a hell of a lot better."

~Robert Redford, actor/director

Pizza and Salad

Coffee, Tea and Cookies



Deadline for reservations is Saturday, January 12 at 6:00 PM.

NO EXCEPTIONS will be made after that date.

If you have any questions please call Nancy at 203-590-3029 or Alice at 203-270-1545.

Please notify your caller if you will be away!

Reminder: At each luncheon meeting, we will be collecting:

- Nonperishable food and pantry items for F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry and Salvation Army Food Pantry
- Toiletries (sample sizes) for Women's Center and Veterans Hospital
- Box Tops for Education for local schools
- Aluminum flip top tabs for Shiners' Hospitals for Children
- We will not be collecting bottles and cans but would appreciate your donation of redemption slips

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Jean Brown

Janet Stockalis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *Janet and Jean*

Happy New Year 2019 to all! Hope you all had a happy holiday season. Now back to work. Our next two luncheons will be at the Newtown Congregational Church due to changing weather conditions. Remember, if Newtown Schools are closed our activities are cancelled. So far we've been lucky from a snow standpoint but who knows. This month you will find Valentine cards on the tables. Please take a moment to sign one with an uplifting message to our veterans who have given their service so that we can continue to live in freedom. We also are taking part in one of the 7 Grand Initiatives of GFWC. We will be collecting new or gently used shoes for "Soles4Souls" for third world countries. So get in those closets and bring all those shoes you don't/won't wear anymore to our January luncheon. Thank you in advance.

REPORTS: *Alice Horahan
Janet Stockalis*

Reporting is due. Committee chairs, if you haven't already done so, get your reports to Janet Stockalis ASAP. We must compile them and get them to State GFWC. Please don't make me have to call and bug you.

CONSERVATION:

Janet will be having a meeting of the Conservation Committee at the Booth Library Gathering Room on Thursday January 10th (snow date: Friday January 11th) at 11 am.

ORNAMENTS: *Pat Bailey
Lisa Goosman*

The Ornaments sold well this Christmas season. We are looking forward to winding up for the year by the January luncheon and shall have a pretty good idea how well we did! Thanks to all who purchased the 2018 Combined Volunteer Fire Company offering...we honored a worthy cause and the fine volunteers who have kept us safe for many years. Thanks, Pat & Lisa.

WAYS AND MEANS: *Marie Sturdevant
Millie Anderson*



On Saturday, February 9th, at 2 pm until 4 pm we will hold our annual Tea/Author Book Signing at the Newtown Country Club. [Debra Sennefelder](#), Newtown Author, will be our featured guest.

Admission is \$20, which includes tea, scones, sandwiches and desserts. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

RSVP: Marie Sturdevant 203-740-2733
Marg Studley 203-426-3651.



Marie and Millie with "Relvis!"

HOME LIFE: *Jan Happel*

HEALTH *Marcia Cavanaugh, RN, BS*

HOW TO BE HAPPY

ALL THROUGH THE YEAR

Keep your heart free from hate

Your mind free from worry.

Live simply, expect little,

Give much, sing often, pray always,

Fill your life with love, scatter sunshine,

Forget self, think of others.

Do as you would be done by.

These are the tried links

In contentment's golden chain.

KNITTING: *Janet Stockalis*

Knitting is the first Tuesday of the month We meet at the library gathering room from 1-3 PM.

PUBLIC ISSUES: *Marion Thompson
Betty Warner*

Dialysis Unit Danbury Hospital

In December we delivered 3 crocheted and 1 sewn lap robes, 2 fleece throws and 4 pair of fingerless gloves to the Dialysis Unit. Crocheting and sewing, 40 hours, throws \$ 20 and fingerless gloves \$8.

ARTS COMMITTEE

The Arts committee has decided to have an Event Chairperson for each event rather than an Arts committee chairperson. The following are in charge of upcoming events:

Elizabeth Wefer - Ben's Bells

Joan Fuest - Glass House Tour: Early spring

If you are interested in participating in any of these events please contact the person in charge.

Nancy B. Kennedy

Arts Committee trip to Ben's Bells

The majority of members who signed up for this experience preferred to go in February.

Date: **Wednesday, February 6, 2019, with a snow date of Thursday February 14th.**

Time : **1:00-2:30 PM**

Place: **Ben's Bells
32 Stony Hill Rd.
Bethel, CT**

Cost: **\$10.00** - payable to Elizabeth Wefer at the January Meeting or before February 6th.

These members signed up for February:

*Marilyn Alexander
Millie Anderson
Marcia Cavanaugh
Pat Denlinger
Jan Happel
Colleen Honan
Alice Horahan
Dolores Judge
Joan Lavery
Judy Rosentel
Michelle Rosenthal
Janet Stockalis
Marg Studley
Betty Warner
Joyce Webster*



<https://bensbells.org>

These members signed for January, if you can come this date in February you are more than welcome to attend.

*Marie Fodor
Patricia Hubert
Evie Watts
Rosemary Zanfini*

If any other members are interested in attending please let me know at the January meeting.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Wefer

EDUCATION:*Carol Fullman*

Please bring Box Tops for Education and can flip tops to each luncheon. Our club will donate them to a Newtown elementary school next May.

Books for New Babies: We present a "First Book" to the new-born grandchildren and great-grandchildren of our club members. You may complete a form in the red folder and give to Carol Fullman or email the information directly to carolhugh@yahoo.com. Please send your name, your relationship to the child, name and address of the child including zip code and date of birth. If you prefer to deliver the book directly, that would be great.

A "Books for New Babies" was given to:

Bella Rose, great-grand-daughter of Jean Swanhall,

Ruby, great-grand-daughter of Jean Smith

Rosemary, grand-daughter of Colleen Honan.

Belles, Books and Candles:*Dot O'Byrne**Evie Watts*

Instead of a grab bag at the Dec. meeting, we collected \$122 which was split between FAITH and SALVATION ARMY FOOD PANTRIES.

January 22, 2019, 1:30 PM

Booth Library Gathering Room

"THE HANDMAID'S TALE" by Margaret Atwood

Discussion Leader: Nancy Kennedy

Hostess: Joan Lavery

February 26, 2019, 1:30 PM

Booth Library Gathering Room

"WISH YOU WELL" by David BALDACCI

Discussion Leader: Pat Bailey

March 26, 2019, 1:30 PM

Booth Library Gathering Room

"A WALK IN THE WOODS" by Bill Bryson

Discussion Leader: Pat McCarthy

Questions?

Dot Obyrne: 203-426-3217

Evie Watts: 203-426-5532

FOOD PANTRIES*Evie Watts*

We will continue the practice of rotating the monthly donations between the F.A.I.T.H. Food and Salvation Army Food Pantries. Food will be collected for the FAITH Food Pantry this month. Suggested items are dish detergent, washing machine detergent, soap, toothpaste.

Please check the dates on your food donations. Out of date and opened packages are not accepted.

CARING FRIENDS:*Anne McWhirter*

Once again, if you know of any NWC members/family members who might be cheered by a Caring Friends card or phone call, please let Anne McWhirter know. You can reach Anne at annie.mcwhirter@snet.net, or call her at 203-452-1227.

MESSAGE CORNER

Betty will be collecting items for Bingo Prizes at Masonicare and sample toiletries for the Women's Center.

Cost for nametag replacement will be \$1.00 beginning with the January 2019 meeting.

Remember to bring "Quarters for Heifers" to each luncheon to benefit Heifer International.

Welcome to our new members,
Louise Baker and Michelle Rosenthal.
Please add them to your Gold Book:

Louise Baker
17 Hyvue Drive
Newtown, CT 06470
203-426-0376
rlbaker3834@gmail.com

Michelle Rosenthal
70 Main Street
Newtown, CT 06470
203-426-0660
Micheteach@aol.com

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Pat McCarthy

NEWTOWN WOMAN'S CLUB GFWC
LUNCHEON MEETING, DECEMBER 20, 2018



The meeting was called to order at 11:55am by Co-President Jean Brown. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Millie Muir, and the collect was led by Nancy Kennedy. The song "Let There be Peace on Earth" was sung as the Inspirational message led by Betty Warner.

Guests: Michelle Rosenthal was brought by Colleen Honan, Michelle Aitchison by Dolores Judge, Michelle MacBrae by Marie Sturdevant and Noel Santella by Ann Kirk. Louise Baker was welcomed as a new member of the club.

Treasurer Peg Forbell accepted \$735. profit from the fundraiser Relvis.

Jean Brown reported the Newtown Scholarship Fund sent a thank you for our donation of \$1000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Committee heads must have the yearly reports in by January, 2019.

FEDERATION: Jean Brown informed us about a state program called "Soles 4 Souls". Donations of gently worn shoes can create jobs in developing nations. A pair of shoes can provide five meals in Haiti. More information will follow.

ARTS: The trip to the GLASS HOUSE in New Canaan will be in May. It will be a one hour guided tour with a limit of 13 people. The cost is \$31. The volunteer work at the Ben's Bells project will be in February. The cost is \$10. The limit is 10 people.

CONSERVATION: Janet Stockalis will hold a committee meeting on January 10th, at the library. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

HOLIDAY BASKET: Monetary collection was very generous. Marie Fodor, Chair of the

committee thanked Ann Kirk and Nancy Kennedy for their help in purchasing, wrapping and delivering the gifts on Depot Day.

WAYS and MEANS: Holiday Ornament Co-Chair Lisa Goosman reported the sale has been very good and a few ornaments are still available for purchase. Millie Anderson and Marie Sturdevant reported the fundraiser RELVIS was a big success. Profit toward our donations to take place in May, 2019 is \$735.

HOSPITALITY: The next meeting is January 17th at The Congregational Church. Co-Chairman Alice Horahan reports we will be having Pizza.

Program: The Humble Bees entertained us with songs and tunes on their ukuleles.

The Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

*Submitted by Pat McCarthy,
Recording Secretary*



FINANCE:

Dolores Judge

the Finance Committee is meeting Tuesday, January 15th at 1:00 p.m. in the Gathering Room of the library. Please get the name of any organization you would like to be considered to be put on the BALLOT to be voted on as a possible recipient of our charitable donations to me or any member of the committee before that time. THANK YOU!!!

Future Luncheon/Meeting Places

January/February:

Newtown Congregational Church

March: Roberto's, Monroe

April: Brookside Inn, Oxford

May: Black Angus, Danbury

TREASURER'S REPORT		DECEMBER 31, 2018	
BALANCE ON HAND FROM PREVIOUS REPORT		11/30/18	3,924.64
	BUDGET	FUNDRAISING	
CASH RECEIVED:			
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON PAYMENTS	1,241.00		
HOSPITALITY - MISSED LUNCHESES	52.00		
MEMBERSHIP - APPLICATION	0.00		
INTEREST INCOME	0.21		
WAYS & MEANS - ELVIS		1,475.00	
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS		3,450.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	1,293.21	4,925.00	6,218.21
DISBURSEMENTS:			
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE - LUNCHEON	1,292.15		
MEETING EXPENSE	37.00		
PROGRAM EXPENSE	100.00		
TREASURER	8.50		
WAYS & MEANS - ELVIS		1,505.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,437.65	1,505.00	2,942.65
BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD		12/31/18	7,200.20
MARGARET S. FORBELL, TREASURER			

Birthday's

January

Janet Stockalis	1
Colleen Honan	6
Anne McWhirter	12
Chris Dran	20
Elaine Kelly	23



February

Lisa Goosman	8
Dot O'Byrne	11
Marion Thompson	13
Rosemary Zanfini	13

Please send Judy any information or photos for the website and/or Facebook. Check out our website: <http://www.nwc-gfwc.org/>.

The deadline for the February newsletter is February 7, 2019

There will be a link to the newsletter on the website each month in case you have trouble opening the email file. Here is the link. If you click on it, it will bring you to our site.

<http://www.nwc-gfwc.org>