

Newtown Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc.  
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*Newtown Woman's Club*  
*Rooster*



*Ramblings*



**January 2021**



### **On This Date in History: January 21**

- 1648: In Maryland, the first woman lawyer in the colonies, Margaret Brent, is denied a vote in the Maryland Assembly.
- 1677: 1st medical publication in America (pamphlet on smallpox), published in Boston.
- 1921 British crime writer Agatha Christie publishes her first novel "The Mysterious Affair at Styles" introducing the character Hercule Poirot.

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Colleen Honan

Mary Ann Magee

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** *Colleen Honan  
Mary Ann Magee*



Happy New Year! We hope to see a lot more members at our meeting on the 21st! Please try to make an effort to join the Zoom meeting, we'd love to see your smiling faces!

*Colleen and Mary Ann*

**ORNAMENTS:** *Pat Bailey  
Lisa Goosman*

The Ornament committee has wrapped up another successful year with the "Hawley Manor" ornament enjoying a warm reception from collectors. Thank you notes have been mailed to vendors: Library, Town Clerk's Office, Newtown Bee and the Toy Tree. We are grateful for their continued loyalty.

Dan Cruson has also been there for us and he will be gifted an ornament for his unfailing support.

We did it!



Thanks,

*Pat Bailey and Lisa Goosman, co-chairs."*

**HOLIDAY BASKET:** *Marie Fodor*



Happy New Year Ladies and once again I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in the Holiday Basket Program.

The total that we collected for the Family that we adopted for the Holidays from The Newtown Fund came to \$920 dollars. These donated funds enabled us to provide new sweatpants and sweatshirts, jeans, socks and warm sweaters, t-shirts, slippers, nursing scrubs and new jackets. We also provided them all with a set of new sheets, new towels, glass storage containers and even a flat griddle pan. All of these items on their wish list plus some holiday treats and sweets were delivered. This all included groceries and gift cards to help them meet any other needs they may have. Even the pets were treated for the holidays. Our family was so very excited and grateful for our Santa delivery to their home. All of this is possible because of your kind generosity at this time of the year.

The committee spent 8-10 hours on this project between shopping and wrapping.

Thanks,  
*Marie Fodor*

**EDUCATION:**

*Pat McCarthy*

CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR FLIP TOPS AND BOX TOPS SO YOU CAN BRING THEM TO OUR NEXT MEETING (WHENEVER WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE ONE).

**BOOKS FOR BABIES:**

If you have become a new or great grandmother and would like a new book sent to the baby from our club, fill out the form in the red folder and give it to me at the meeting or email the information needed to me at patmc620@outlook.com.

**FLIP TOP COLLECTIONS:** Pat Hubert will collect and deliver for the Shriners Hospital.

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** Reminder that we are still collecting box tops. Check into BOX TOPS on your computer and they will give you instructions. You can choose your school.

**CONSERVATION**



*Dot O'Byrne  
Evie Watts*

Dear Ladies,

I just finished the GFWC Reporting Form for 2020, and I would like to give all of us a "Big Pat on the Back". NWC accomplishes great things!

\*A total of 201 gently used pairs of shoes were shipped to SOLES 4 SOULS. They will be distributed to people in developing countries and areas experiencing natural disasters.

\*2,200 plus deposit cans and bottles were turned in. The money earned from the deposits are earmarked for the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary in Newtown.

\*Bridgeport Rescue Mission was given a total of 97 items of warm winter apparel for Bridgeport residents in need.

And last, but not least --

\*Over 600 used greeting cards have sent to St. Jude Children's Ranch, a facility for neglected and abused children. The residents in turn "make new cards from the old", bundle

them and sell them. The funds earned are used to support the Ranch's programs and services. This project is ongoing and additional cards will be collected when in-person meetings resume. Please do not leave them at the Library. Virus restrictions prohibit them from accepting them.

All of the above projects covered two Club years.

Keep collecting your used greeting cards. As stated above, this project will continue and the cards will be collected and sent later this year.

**CARING FRIENDS:**

*Ann Kirk*

LeReine Frampton: sent a get well card to her home and another get well card to Danbury Hospital.



Michelle Rosenthal:

A sympathy card sent to her on death of her mother Collette Williams. Collette was a Woman's Club member several years ago.

If you know of any NWC members/family members who might be cheered by a Caring Friends card or phone call, please let Ann Kirk know. You can reach her at annkirk37@yahoo.com or call her at 203-426-6689.

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL:**

*Millie Anderson  
Evie Watts*

NWC sent Heifer International \$160 in October.

We instructed them to purchase one Dream Basket and two Food Baskets.

The DREAM BASKET is a gift of empowerment for women. It's purpose is to help women access the same resources as men. The gift will provide support, training and schooling to help women reach their full potential and empower them to earn a living income thereby benefiting themselves and their communities.

The FOOD BASKET is a gift of nutrition to people suffering from Covid-19.

## MINUTES:

*Margot Hall*



Newtown Woman's Club Meeting  
December 17, 2020

The meeting was conducted via Zoom

Co-President Colleen Honan opened the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Co-President Mary Ann Magee led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance

Collect - led by Judy Rosentel

Reflections - presented by Janet Stockalis

New Business: Pat Denlinger was nominated and unanimously approved to fill the position of Treasurer for the remainder of the year.

THANK YOU- to Nina Morrisson for acting as the Club's Treasurer.

Holiday Basket: Marie Fodor reported on her highly successful shopping for the items which were on this year's Newtown Fund family wish list. Donations from club members were very generous and she finds herself with some remaining cash. She will check with the Newtown Fund to see how the funds should be dealt with.

## REPORTS

Treasurer - Pat Denlinger - tentative

Programs - no report

Historian - no report

Hospitality - no report

Ornament Sale - going well

Caring Friends - no report

Ways and Means: Marie Sturdevant reported that the scarves donated to our Club were distributed by:

Judy Rosentel to Woman's Center

Evie Watts to Amos House

Marie Sturdevant to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission

Correspondence - Jan Happel reported that the Club received a Thank You note from Heifer Project.

Marg Studley noted that she mailed the red Year Book to Joyce Webster and Ducky Loewenstine

Veterans - Holiday Gifts: Janet Stockalis organized and Sylvia and Bob Poulin delivered the gift items, including signed Christmas cards from Club members, to the Veteran's Home.

State Federation: Janet Stockalis gave a report on the various 2021 State event. There was discussion on the Newtown Club's participation and assignments.

For the April 2021 District Day the Newtown Club has been chosen to be in charge of the basket raffle. The decision is to convene a Newtown Committee to plan the raffle.

Club Member Comments: Chris Dran reported that she has been in touch with Coke Cramer. Coke is doing well. Please send her a note

It is noted that Michelle Rosenthal's mother, Colette Williams, passed away. The Club members expressed their heartfelt sympathy.

This meeting adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

*Margot Hall*

*Recording Secretary*

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

**The next newsletter  
deadline is February 18, 2020**

**HOME LIFE:**

*Dolores Judge*

**HEALTH**

*Marcia Cavanaugh, RN, BS*

**Preventive Medicine**

**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*



Due to our not so friendly Covid19 we will not be meeting in person until further notice. However, I do ask that you continue to knit at home. I'm sure you remember my suitcase of yarn.

I will be happy to bring the yarn I have to your home for drop off. I also have needles and hooks. I still have patterns too.

You can safely "shop" from the back of my car. Just let me know if/when you would like a "visit".

I can also pick up any items you may have made. I understand this has been a difficult time and it seems there is no end in sight but the homeless are still there and babies continue to be born so our items are still in demand. Please consider helping. As always hats, scarves, lap blankets, baby blankets and hats, and mittens for children and adults are needed.

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** *Jan Happel*

I Went to the mail box for NWC and found this card:

“ Was the Night before Christmas “ card, sent from Ducky Loewenstein to all the NWC ladies. She wrote “I’m 90+ old” x x Ducky Loewenstine

**MESSAGE CORNER**

The GFWC/CT ongoing project is a Cork Collection. Every time you open a bottle of wine save the cork. I will collect them at our meetings. Until we meet again, if you have a large collection, you can drop them off at my house. I won't count them or judge anyone.

Mary Ann Magee  
Walnut Village Condos  
2 Saint George Place  
Sandy Hook



If anyone feels stressed or lonely, use your Redbook and reach out to any of us.

We are all here for one another!

*We Hope To See You Soon!*



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>

## TREASURER'S REPORT 06/01/2020 - 12/31/2020

for Pat Denlinger, Treasurer

	BUDGET	FUNDRAISING	5/31/20	
BALANCE ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD			3,440.68	
CASH RECEIVED:				
CHRISTMES BASKET INCOME		1,010.00		
INTEREST INCOME	1.46			
INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH INCOME		42.00		
MEMBERSHIP-DUES	2,510.00			
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS		3,761.00		
WAYS & MEANS - OTHER		178.50		
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	2,511.46	4,991.50	7,502.96	
DISBURSEMENTS:				
CHRISTMAS BASKET EXPENSE		900.00		
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - BOX RENT		150.00		
FEDERATION DUES		1,080.00		
FUNDRAISINGEXPENSE - ORNAMENTS		1,844.77		
INSURANCE		317.70		
INTERNATIONAL EXPENSE - HEIFER		160.00		
MEMBERSHIP EXPENSE - BOOKMARKS		100.00		
TREASURER - STAMPS		34.00		
YEARBOOK		323.30		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	0.00	4,909.77	4,909.77	
BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD		12/31/20	6,033.87	

*Due to the change in Treasurer's, the Treasurer's Report may be revised.  
Some of the deposits for fundraising/Christmas baskets may be missing.*

## Birthday's

### January

Janet Stockalis	1
Colleen Honan	6
Chris Dran	20



### February

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