

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



*Ramblings*



## March 2019



### On This Date in History: March 21

- 1628: Massachusetts Bay Colony granted land by England
- 1831: 1st US bank robbery, the City Bank in New York robbed of \$245,000
- 1883: Jan Matzeliger invents first machine to manufacture entire shoes
- 1918: US Congress authorizes time zones & approves daylight saving time
- 1975: Pennsylvania is 1st state to allow girls to compete with boys in HS sports

Newtown Woman's Club  
March Luncheon  
Location: Roberto's  
505 Main Street, Monroe, CT 06468

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**Directions:** Take Route 25 (Main St.) to Monroe. Restaurant is on the right before Clock Tower.

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

**Date:** Thursday, March 21, 2019

**Cost:** \$27. (Please make checks payable to the Newtown Woman's Club)

**MENU**

*"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found."*

~Calvin Trillin

Menu:

Garden Salad, Cavatelli with House Marinara

Choice of:

- Chicken Piccata
- Broiled Salmon
- Eggplant Parmigiana

Served with House Potato & Vegetable

Coffee, Tea and Dessert.

**Future Luncheon/Meeting Places**

**April:** Brookside Inn, Oxford  
**May:** Black Angus, Danbury

Deadline for reservations is Saturday, March 16 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

# The Newtown Woman's Club, GFWC/CT, Inc.

## Rooster Ramblings

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**Editor:** Judy Rosentel

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**Presidents:**

Jean Brown

Janet Stockalis

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** *Janet and Jean*

March is certainly roaring like a "lion." Br-r-r cold! Hope the "lamb" takes over soon. Coke Cramer, Betty Warner, Marion Thompson and Janet Stockalis visited Ingrid Meier and presented her with her well deserved 50 year membership pin along with a lovely congratulatory letter from the International President. She says "Thank you to you all." Several times during our conversation she corrected us when we misspoke. There's no fooling her! We love you Ingrid! Please consider going to District Day April 9th at Anthony's Lake Club in Danbury. The club pays your registration and you are responsible for the buffet lunch. The deadline is March 26th so please send your check for \$37 made out to Newtown Woman's Club and send it to Peg Forbell or bring it to the luncheon. Since there was no apparent interest in an arts and crafts show the board has decided to have a "purse auction". More information further in this newsletter. Should be fun! See you at the luncheon!

We will have a 50/50 at this luncheon.

This month's food collection goes to Faith Food Pantry. 44 items went to Salvation Army last month.

This is the last month for shoe collection. \$150 will be sent to the Heifer Foundation to purchase 3 groups of rabbits and chickens.

Application for state scholarship was rejected due to applicant not being enrolled in a bachelor's program.

### **FINANCE:**

*Dolores Judge*

FINANCE: The BALLOT for voting for the organizations to receive a charitable donation this year is in this newsletter. There are seven (7) organizations listed and you are to select four (4) or fewer. There will be a BALLOT BOX at the March meeting or mail your BALLOT to: Dolores Judge, 11 Lake Rd. Newtown, CT 06470. Your BALLOT must be received by March 21, 2019 to be counted.

### **Soles for Souls**

We will be collecting gently used shoes at the March luncheon meeting Please bring them unboxed and place a rubber band around each pair.



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 March newsletter is April 3, 2019**

*I will be out of town on the 4th and would like to complete the newsletter prior to my vacation.*

**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](mailto: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.

**Belles, Books and Candles:***Dot O'Byrne  
Evie Watts***March 26, 2019**, 1:30 PM

Booth Library Gathering Room

"A WALK IN THE WOODS" by Bill Bryson

Discussion Leader: Pat McCarthy

Hostess: Dolores Judge

**April book:** ISAAC'S STORM by Erik Larson**May book:** THE TESTAMENT by John Grisham

Questions? Dot Obyrne: 203-426-3217  
Evie Watts: 203-426-5532

**FOOD PANTRIES***Evie Watts*

The Faith Food Pantry has a "longish wish list" so we have many choices -- coffee, cookies, corned beef hash, juice, ketchup, mayonnaise, pancake syrup, pasta sauce, salad dressing, tea bags, tomato paste.

I plan to leave the hatchback of my car open. PLEASE put your donations directly into my car. It will make life a lot easier for me.

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

*Many Thanks,  
Evie***CARING FRIENDS:***Ann Kirk*

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](mailto:annkirk37@yahoo.com), or call her at 203-426-6689.

**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.

**PROGRAMS:***Marie Sturdevant*

This month's program will be a PURSE AUCTION. Please bring a new or slightly used purse with a little "surprise" inside to be auctioned off. Our auctioneer is Janet Stockalis.

**INTERNATIONAL:***Millie Anderson  
Evie Watts*

The Heifer quarter collection netted \$135. The Board voted to round the amount up to \$150 to enable the purchase



of three HOPE BASKETS. The Hope Basket consists of a starter flock of 10-50 chicks and 3 rabbits. Instructions on how to care and feed the animals are included and the family must agree to pass on some of the offspring to another family in need.



## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

*Pat McCarthy*

### **Newtown Woman's Club GFWC Luncheon Meeting, February 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Co-President Jean Brown. Coke Cramer led the Pledge of Allegiance, Rosemary Zanfini the Collect, and Judy Rosentel provided an Inspirational message penned by Confucius.

Judy Qualey attended as the guest of Rosemary Zanfini.

The minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting, which were printed in the February bulletin, were accepted. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted and sent for audit. Peg Forbell, Treasurer, noted the report reflects Year To Date figures.

Millie Anderson thanked members for their generous response to the Quarters for Heifer International and Soles for Souls shoe collection projects. A report on the amount collected for Heifer will be available at the next meeting; March will be the last month that shoes may be donated.

Evie Watts volunteered to take the shoes to DSW, and to complete the paperwork for the Heifer International project.

Marie Sturdevant reported the Fourth Annual Authors Tea netted a \$413. Arrangements are underway for next year's event.

Marilyn Alexander included information about, "The Adventure Club," sponsored by the Bethel Women's Club, in the red folders. The Club co-ordinates many trips and tours throughout the year and encourages participation of non-members.

Michelle Rosenthal, who recently joined NWC, presented a snapshot of her bio.

Dolores Judge encouraged members to review information provided about the organizations that are potential recipients of the NWC

charitable giving program; complete the ballots provided both in the February newsletter and at this meeting; and return the ballots no later than the March meeting. Remember: Your vote counts.

Carol Fullman was pleased to report that a Newtown resident has submitted an application for the GFWC of CT Phipps Scholarship.

Judy Rosentel reminded members that NWC media outlets have "message corners." Please use them for announcements.

Elizabeth Wefer reported there was great response to the Ben's Bells outing. There was positive feedback from recipients. Look for another outing in 2020.

The GFWC of CT board of directors will meet on March 9. Janet Stockalis and Jean Brown are attending. Everyone is welcome. The reservation fee is paid by the club; \$34 luncheon fee is paid by member. Please contact Peg Forbell if you plan to attend.

Ann Kirk said "Get Well" and Sympathy cards had been sent to members and former members.

In recognition of the hiatus of the club's Conservation Committee, Dot O'Byrne is encouraging members to incorporate "Your Own Backyard" conservation programs, including outdoor and recycling programs.

It was noted that several important activities were taking place during the next couple of months:

A nomination committee, consisting of two members and one board member must be appointed to fill vacant positions; members are needed to participate in District Day projects/programs which are held in April; Evie Watts, Marilyn Alexander, Millie Anderson will design/purchase items for a basket that will be raffled on district day. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.**

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~Minutes continued...

LAST BUT NOT LEAST: Newtown Police Officers Felicia Figol and Mary Helen McCarthy presented a wonderful/informative program on self-protection. Major tips: Be aware of your surroundings at all times; get rid of those pocketbooks, especially the ones you leave open; carry only what you need - a license and credit card; if attacked, know you are not completely vulnerable: Use anything you have available keys, fingers, drop to the ground, etc. What a great program. We are lucky to have these officers protecting us.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

*Submitted by  
Millie Anderson*

**HOME LIFE:** *Jan Happel*

**HEALTH** *Marcia Cavanaugh, RN, BS*

**PREVENTING FALLS IN YOUR HOME**

1. Add more lights and make them brighter. Poor lighting in and around your home can cause falls.
2. Install handrails on both sides of stairway. Install grab bars in tub and shower and next to your toilet.
3. Remove clutter, electrical cords and furniture from walkways. Remove throw rugs or use non-slip rugs.
4. Place frequently used items in bottom cabinets or lower shelves. Using a step stool can increase the risk of a fall.

**KNITTING:** *Janet Stockalis*

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

**SEWING:** *Marion Thompson  
Betty Warner*

Sewing is March 27 at Marion's house.

## March is National Women's History Month



Since 1987, the United States has formally recognized March as National Women's History Month. Every woman has a story to tell and gifts to share with the world. So get ready, because this month is about honoring magnificent ladies, and we are ready to celebrate it to the fullest.

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

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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 06/01/2018 - 02/28/2019

BALANCE ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD		6/1/18	3,612.26
	BUDGET	FUNDRAISING	
CASH RECEIVED:			
CHRISTMAS BASKET		720.00	
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON PAYMENTS	5,595.00		
HOSPITALITY - MISSED LUNCHEONS	229.00		
INTEREST INCOME	2.41		
MEETINGS INCOME	246.00		
MEMBERSHIP INCOME			
APPLICATIONS	4.00		
BADGE FINES	11.65		
DUES	2,730.00		
OPERATING INCOME - 50/50	48.00		
PUBLIC ISSUES INCOME - VETERANS		15.00	
WAYS & MEANS - ELVIS		2,340.00	
WAYS & MEANS - BOOK SIGNING TEA		813.00	
WAYS & MEANS - FLOWER SALES		20.00	
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS		6,240.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>8,866.06</b>	<b>10,148.00</b>	<b>19,014.06</b>
DISBURSEMENTS:			
CHRISTMAS BASKET		720.00	
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	136.00		
FEDERATION DUES	1,160.00		
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE - LUNCHEON	5,686.86		
INSURANCE	281.00		
MEETING EXPENSE	512.00		
MEMBERSHIP - BROCHURES	100.00		
PINS	33.88		
PROGRAM EXPENSE	126.00		
TREASURER	70.80		
YEARBOOK	304.00		
WAYS & MEANS - ELVIS		1,605.00	
WAYS & MEANS - BOOK SIGNING TEA		400.00	
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS		2,916.27	
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>8,410.54</b>	<b>5,641.27</b>	<b>14,051.81</b>
<b>BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD</b>		<b>02/28/19</b>	<b>8,574.51</b>
MARGARET S. FORBELL, TREASURER			

## Birthdays

### March

Jan Happel	5
Joyce Webster	5
Mary Ann Magee	14
Jeanne Braude-Magi	19



### April

Elizabeth Wefer	1
Jean Brown	6
Louise Baker	16

## 2019 BALLOT

Listed below in alphabetical order are the Charitable Organizations that have been chosen as possible recipients to receive a donation from our club this year. Vote for four (4) or fewer organizations. Bring the completed BALLOT to either the February or March meeting and place it in the BALLOT BOX. If you will not be attending either meeting you may mail it to: Dolores Judge, 11 Lake Rd., Newtown, CT 06470. BALLOT must be received by March 21, 2019 to be counted.

**DO NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN 4:** Place a check mark at the end of the line of the organizations you wish to vote for.

NEWTOWN AMBULANCE

NEWTOWN MEALS ON WHEELS

NEWTOWN PARENT CONNECTION

NEWTOWN YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

SALVATION ARMY/NEWTOWN

SPAY AND NEUTER ASSOC. OF NEWTOWN

WOMEN'S CENTER OF DANBURY

**YOU MUST SIGN YOUR NAME FOR YOUR VOTES TO BE COUNTED!!!**

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