

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



Ramblings



March 2022



On This Date in History: March 17

- 1601: First St. Patrick's Day parade
- 1756: St. Patrick's Day is first celebrated in NYC at the Crown & Thistle Tavern
- 1845: Rubber band patented by Stephen Perry of London
- 1912: Camp Fire Girls organization announced by Mrs Luther Halsey Gulick
- 1969: Golda Meir elected as Israel's first female prime minister



Newtown Woman's Club

March Luncheon

Location: Sal's Pizza

Main Street (Rt. 25), Monroe, CT

Tel. (203) 268-1862

Directions: Take Route 25 (South Main Street in Newtown) to Monroe. Once in Monroe, continue on Rt. 25 for approximately 2 miles. A Subway Sandwich Restaurant will be on your left. Sal's Pizza will be in the same parking lot in the adjacent shopping center in the inside corner.

Time: 11:30 a.m. Registration and Social Time. 12:00 p.m. Meeting and Luncheon

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022

Cost: \$ 34.00 (Please make checks payable to the Newtown Woman's Club)

MENU

Entrée Selections (please choose one from below).

- Baked Vegetable Lasagna with Salad
- Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana with Salad
- Filet of Sole Florentine w/Spinach with Salad

Desert: Cheese Cake or Chocolate Mousse

Coffee or Tea

Cold Drinks (Soda, Lemonade, and Iced Tea) are not included and will be an additional charge

Deadline for reservations is Saturday, March 12, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

NO EXCEPTIONS will be made after that date.

If you have any questions, please call Chris at (203) 426-3882
or Marg at (203) 426-3651

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR CALLER IF YOU WILL BE AWAY! THANK YOU.

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Colleen Honan

Mary Ann Magee

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



We welcome March and the longer, brighter days ahead! Please join us for another in person meeting at Sal's down in Monroe on March 17th. With it being St. Patrick's Day, wearing of the green would be nice! Please mark your calendars for April 9th the Authors Lunch and April 12th for District Day. Each of these events will be great!

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES: *Pat McCarthy*

Thank you all for your continued support of the flip tops. The volunteers at Ronald McDonald house appreciate all our help.

Here is the information needed for Books For Babies:

Your name:

Relationship to child:

Name and address of child:

Date of birth of child:



Please send information to:

patmc620@outlook.com or send it to me at

6 Crabapple Lane

Sandy Hook, CT 06482



WAYS & MEANS: *Marie Sturdevant*

We are planning an Author/Book signing for April 9th at the Newtown Country Club. Featured author is Newtown resident Andrea Zimmerman. Stay tuned.



Marie

PROGRAMS: *Marie Sturdevant*

Our program will be Gary Peters to update us on the Bridgeport Rescue Missions new headquarters and needs

BELLES, BOOKS AND CANDLES:

Joan Lavery

Dot O'Byrne

Belles, Books and Candles will meet Thursday, March 24 at the library at 1:00. The book to be discussed is "The Nature of Fragile Things" by Susan Meissner.



The book for April will be chosen at the meeting as well as future selections please be prepared to discuss them. There will be coffee and cookies. If anyone has an electric kettle for tea and wants to share it that would be appreciated. See you there.

Joan and Dot

HEALTH AND WELLNESS Dolores Judge
(previously Home Life)

Advance Notice: We will be collecting items for The Center for Empowerment and Education (formerly The Women's Center of Greater Danbury) at the **APRIL** meeting. Items needed: *personal hygiene products such as body creams, shampoos, cosmetics, etc., cleaning supplies, paper products, games and toys for children.*

NO FOOD!!

Preventative Medicine Marcia Cavanaugh

Benefits of Tea



Tea is the second most consumed beverage worldwide. Water is first. 2 billion cups are drunk every day. Tea contains less caffeine than coffee and does contain antioxidant compounds called polyphenols which lower the risk of heart disease and cancer. Habitual tea drinkers have better cognition and green and black teas relax blood vessels and reduce blood pressure.

Herbal teas like chamomile, peppermint and ginger contain no caffeine and offer unique health perks such as improving digestion, soothing a sore throat and improving mood.

Tea is a good substitute for people who don't like water and can help satisfy your hydration requirements.

Vandana Sheth, registered dietitian nutritionist



*Since we will not have an updated Redbook for the 2021 - 2022 season, any changes will be published in the newsletter or sent in a separate email. Please make the changes in your current Redbook. **If you have any changes to your address, email or phone number, please let Judy know at j.rosentel@gmail.com.***

Any additional changes each month will be bold and at the bottom of the list.

NWC Redbook changes for 2021/22

- *Jean Brown* – change phone number to 860-335-4423
- *Marcia Cavanaugh* - change address to 84 Suzie Drive, Newtown
- *Peg Forbell* - change address: 2 Wolfpits Road, Bethel, CT 06801
Use cell phone for now: 203-297-3576;
preferred email: pforbell@outlook.com
- *LeReine Frampton* - remove home number
- *Ellyn Gehrett* - remove from Redbook
- *Lisa Goosman* - add cell 203-733-9182
- *Margot Hall* - add cell 203-994-6850 & change to Reg membership
- *Pat Hubert* moved – remove from Redbook
- *Mimi Morin* – remove from Redbook
- *Nina Morrisson* - remove from Redbook
- *Marie Pompa* - remove from Redbook
- *Louise Baker* add cell 203-448-8460
- *Susan Norwell (new member)*
15 Taunton Ridge Road, Newtown, CT 06470
203-426-9975 sanorwell@charter.net
- *Rosemary Rau (new/returning member)*
43 Joal Court, Newtown, CT 06470
203-426-2226 lake12ct@aol.com

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 or call her at 203-426-6689.

FOOD PANTRY:

Evie Watts



We will support Faith Food Pantry this month. Suggestions are breakfast foods and beverages. Pet foods are also needed.

Finance:

Peg Forbell

Please, ladies, if you have any (new) suggestions for our end-of-year donations, please contact me at 203-297-3576 or pforbell@outlook.com

Thanks, Peg Forbell, Finance Chairman

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 **April 7 2022**

Some Interesting Days to Celebrate in March



- National Women's History Month
- National Craft Month
- Expanding Girls' Horizons in Science and Engineering Month
- Irish-American Heritage Month
- National Procrastination Week (First two weeks in March...or whenever it's convenient)
- National Introverts Week (Third full week of March)
- March 4: National Day of Unplugging
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 13: Daylight Saving Time
- March 19: Let's Laugh Day
- March 20: First Day of Spring
- March 22: National Goof Off Day
- March 23: National Puppy Day
- March 28: National Black Forest Cake Day
- March 30: National Take a Walk in the Park Day

Birthday's

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

ENVIRONMENT:

*Evie Watts
Dot O'Byrne*

The last shipment of greeting cards was sent to St. Jude's Children's Ranch this week. NWC has sent over 1,000 cards to the facility for abused or abandoned youngsters in Nevada. This shipment completes the project for this Club year.

KNITTING:

Janet Stockalis

Betty Warner and I were the only members at knitting on Tuesday. I'd hoped for more but there are two more sessions left this club year to join us. April 5th and May 3rd 1pm-3pm in the 3rd floor genealogy room at the library.

Please consider joining us to knit for the homeless, newborns and the less fortunate.

PUBLIC ISSUES

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

*Betty Warner
Marion Thompson*

The Center

We delivered to the Women's Center on February 24, 2022:

- Sheets
- Health and Beauty Products
- Jewelry
- Handmade Hats and Scarves
- Kids Backpacks
- Water Bottles
- Slippers
- And other items totaling \$800.35+

Thanks to all our members for all their help!



formerly The Women's Center of Greater Danbury

Table Centerpieces for District Day



We extend an invitation to all our members to join in this fun project. Posies, greens, accessories and good company. This year's theme is "Welcome Back"! The first meeting to discuss design, etc. will be held at Nancy Kennedy's home at 10:30 am on Monday, March 7th.

Please reply to Nancy, 203 590 3029.

MESSAGE CORNER

We are still collecting corks! Please bring any you have set aside to our next meeting,



Mary Ann Magee
2 Saint George Place
Sandy Hook
203-364-1002

Please watch for the Call to District Day, scheduled for April 12. It will be sent along with information about the photography contest as soon as it's shared with us.



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>

MINUTES: *Margot Hall*

*Newtown Woman's Club Meeting
February 17, 2022*

The meeting was held in the Great Room, Newtown Congregational Church, 14 West Street, Newtown, Connecticut

Vice President Colleen Honan opened the meeting at 11:30 AM

Michelle Rosenthal led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance

Collect led by Marg Studley

Reflections offered by Judy Rosentel

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Marg Studley was designated by the NWC Board to head the Committee.

DISTRICT DAY: Marilyn Alexander announced that the District Day event will take place on April 12th, Café on the Green, Danbury. Cost for lunch is \$42.00. The Newtown Club is asked to supply center pieces. Vice President Colleen will do 'grace'.

Millie Anderson, Nancy Kennedy, Rosemary Rau will be in charge of center pieces.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See February newsletter

HOSPITALITY: Chris Dran announced the the March meeting will be held at Sal's Pizza in Monroe.

MEMBERSHIP: No change

PROGRAMS: Marie Sturdevant is planning an author/book signing event on Saturday, April 9th at the Newtown Country Club. She hopes to engage Andrea Zimmerman, who recently was published. Because of limited space, the event will be limited to 40 guests.

BELLES, BOOKS and CANDLES: Joan Lavery announced the upcoming Book Club schedule: Feb. 22, 1:30 at the Library – book is "What We Carry" by Maya Shanbhag March 24, 1:00 PM at the Library – book is "the Nature of Fragile Things" by Meissen.

Future meetings will be on the 4th Thursday of the month.

ORNAMENTS: Pat Bailey reported that the project was very successful – 68 additional ornaments have been ordered to complete outstanding requests. Millie Anderson and LeReine Frampton are committee members.

The Governor's Horse Guard will be featured this year.

BOOKS for BABIES: Pat McCarthy reported that she sent a book to President Colleen Honan's new grandson.

CARING FRIENDS: Ann Kirk reported that cards/notes were sent to Rosemary Zanfini at River Glen Health Care Center, Southbury, CT 06488 and to Marion Thompson and Lilleba Peterson.

CORRESPONDENCE: Janet Stockalis read letters from:

FAITH Food Pantry acknowledging and thanking NWC for contributions of food supplies,

DANBURY Hospital, Pediatric - for knitted hats and blankets,

DANBURY CENTER for Empowerment and Education (formerly Danbury Women's Center) For knitted items and supplies appropriate for this entity,

NEWTOWN SCHOLARSHIP Assoc. – NWC donation of \$1,000 to the fund,

VETERANS Center – for 55 items of clothing, *and surpassing the 'Christmas wish list'.*

DISTRICT DAY: Janet Stockalis announced that GFWC of Connecticut will be holding District Day on March 12 in Cromwell, Conn.

KNITTING: The knitting group will meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month - April 5, 1pm to 3pm at the C.H. Booth Library.

This meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Margot Hall*

TREASURER'S REPORT 06/01/2021 - 02/28/2022

Peg Forbell - Assistant Treasurer

BALANCE ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD		5/31/21	4,017.55
	BUDGET	FUNDRAISING	
CASH RECEIVED:			
CHRISTMAS BASKET INCOME		600.00	
CONSERVATION INCOME	95.00		
INTEREST INCOME	3.04		
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON PAYMENTS	4,826.00		
OPERATING INCOME - 50/50	256.50		
MEETINGS INCOME	60.00		
MEMBERSHIP-DUES, APPLICATIONS	2,247.00		
MEMBERSHIP-BADGE FINES	5.75		
VETERANS	25.00		
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS		9,815.00	
WAYS & MEANS - BOOK SIGNING		625.00	
WAYS & MEANS - BOO BOXES		75.00	
WAYS & MEANS - SKIN CARE		70.00	
WAYS & MEANS - COOK BOOKS		40.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	7,518.29	11,225.00	18,743.29
DISBURSEMENTS:			
CHRISTMAS BASKET EXPENSE		600.00	
COMMUNITY DONATIONS			
CONSERVATION EXPENSE	100.00		
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - BOX RENT	176.00		
FEDERATION DUES	980.00		
FUNDRAISINGEXPENSE - ORNAMENTS		3,865.06	
FUNDRAISINGEXPENSE - BOOK SIGNING		385.46	
GFWC PROJECTS - CORKS	26.95		
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON COSTS	4,847.37		
INCORPORATION FEE	50.00		
INSURANCE	305.62		
MEETINGS EXPENSE	80.00		
NEWSLETTER - POSTAGE	58.00		
PROGRAM EXPENSE - LUNCHESES	132.50		
VETERANS	61.13		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6,817.57	4,850.52	11,668.09
BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD		02/28/2022	11,092.75