

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



Ramblings



October 2018



On This Date in History: October 18

- 1867: The U.S. formally takes possession of Alaska after purchasing the territory from Russia for \$7.2 million.
- 1898: The American flag was raised in Puerto Rico only one year after the Caribbean nation won its independence from Spain.
- 1997: A monument honoring U.S. servicewomen, past and present, was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery.



Newtown Woman's Club

October Luncheon

Olive Tree

1204 Main St S, Woodbury, CT 06798

Directions: Take I-84 East toward Waterbury. At exit 15, take ramp right for US-6/CT-67 North. Turn left onto US-6/CT-67. Arrive at 1204 Main St. Woodbury on left.

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

Date: Thursday, October 18, 2018

Cost: \$26. (Please make checks payable to the Newtown Woman's Club)

Program: Declutter by Deirdre

MENU

*"Health food may be good for the conscience but Oreos taste a hell of a lot better."
~Robert Redford, actor/director*

- **Olive Tree Chicken**
White wine, shallots, capers, artichoke hearts, red peppers, olives and spinach, sprinkled with feta cheese.
- **Pasta Primavera**
Fresh vegetables lightly sautéed in olive oil and garlic
- **Stuffed Sole**
With fish stuffing
- **Ice cream fudge roll and coffee**

Deadline for reservations is Saturday, October 14 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*

Just came back from the New England Regional Conference in Sunday River, Maine. WOW!. I met some amazing women, heard wonderful stories, shared fun and games and I even won the 50/50! Now I'm looking forward to Fall Conference right here in Windsor, CT on October 20th. In the past I thought these meetings would be a waste of time. Boy was I wrong! These women have new ideas and talents and are more than willing to share. I hope more of you will consider going to Fall Conference with me. I hope to work together with you to rejuvenate our club and add new members. As we enter the autumn season, let us 'Forget not, to be kind.'

Janet

CARING FRIENDS: *Anne McWhirter*



Many, many thanks to everyone who sent me a wonderful card or email wishing me well and a quick recovery after injuring my shoulder in a fall in August! Surgery went well to repair a badly torn rotator cuff, and I'm doing much better. Blessings to all of you for your kindness!

Warm and caring thoughts were sent recently to Dot O'Byrne, who took a fall breaking her wrist and nose, and chipping her kneecap. Dot is in Danbury Hospital recovering from wrist surgery. Also, a caring card was sent to Ducky Loewentstine who is also in Danbury Hospital, we hope her stay will be a short one, and that she'll be back home soon. We're thinking about you both, Dot and Ducky, and wishing you well.

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.

PUBLIC ISSUES:

*Betty Warner
Marion Thompson*

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We wear pink to show our support for those who are fighting cancer.

It is also Domestic Violence Month, a time for us to remember the four women and one young man from Newtown who died as a result of Domestic Violence.

HELLE CRAFTS, November 18th or 19th, 1986, age 39. Mother of 3 children ages 5, 6 & 10. Her Husband killed her, froze her, chopped her up with a chain saw and put her through a wood chipper on the shore of Lake Zoar.

ELIZABETH HEATH, disappeared April 6th, 1984 - age 32. Elizabeth was in the process of a divorce. Her body was found 26 years later during the renovation of a Barn Apartment where she had lived with her husband.

LOUISE KUHNE Employed by the Newtown School System. Only married 1 year when her husband killed her. He had been served with divorce papers a month and a half before.

CHRISTINE CZAP November 25, 1993-age 25. She and her boyfriend John Krafcsik were killed when her ex-boyfriend shot them dead in her home. He had been arrested several times; his gun permit had been revoked and guns relinquished. A protective order was issued against him two days before the shooting.

HOME LIFE:*Jan Happel*

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Newtown Woman's Club was represented on 9/30, at the Danbury Fair Mall, in support of the Danbury Women's Center. We did the "Safe Walk", with hundreds of teens, men and women young and old. Our Club supported financially to Crisis Intervention, 24 hour Hotline, Emergency Shelter, Counseling, Community Education, And Court Advocacy.

Our thanks go out to Betty Warner and Marion Thompson, who keep us informed of the Center's needs, and with their many trips delivering needed snacks of juice, food items, baby clothing, toiletries, and whatever is needed. Each year the Women's Center serves over 30,000 individuals from our area communities with free and confidential services. They serve the following towns. Bethel, Brookfield, Kent, New Milford, Redding, Roxbury, Washington, Bridgewater, Danbury, New Fairfield, Newtown, Ridgefield, & Sherman.



After the September luncheon, we collected and delivered 8 grocery bags of food items to the Newtown Social Service. This month we will support the Faith Food Pantry. There is always a need, and ladies you always step up to the need! Thanks to all.



MaryAnn Magee and Silvia Poulin will be the volunteers this month's Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Municipal Center on Fairfield Hills Campus. The two of them will handle the needed time frame.

**SEWING:**

*Marion Thompson
Betty Warner*

Sewing will be Tuesday October 16th, 10AM to 2PM at Jan Happel's house - 8 Kent Road.

KNITTING:*Janet Stockalis*

Knitting is the first Tuesday of the month except November, which falls on Election Day. We meet at the library gathering room from 1-3 PM.

The dates for 2018 are:

Nov 13

Dec 4

**HEALTH***Marcia Cavanaugh, RN, BS***Domestic Violence**

Many relationships that devolve into domestic violence begin in the dating period, including the teen-age years, our grandchildren's age. Anyone, any age, can be a victim or perpetrator. But what are the signs of a healthy relationship? A healthy relationship is one that brings out the best in you. Here are 10 signs:

1. COMFORTABLE PACE - both partners feel no pressure to escalate into sex, exclusivity or moving in together
2. TRUST - believing your partner will not do anything to harm you
3. HONESTY - being truthful and open
4. INDEPENDENCE - partner supports your having friends
5. RESPECT - partner values your beliefs and opinions
6. EQUALITY - making decisions together
7. COMPASSION - feeling care and concern, helping out if needed
8. TAKING RESPONSIBILITY - own up to mistakes, don't blame the other
9. LOYALTY - partner sticks up for you, keeps secrets
10. COMMUNICATION - can talk about anything, good or bad, listens non-judgmentally

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:

Jean Swanhall for her new great-grand-daughter Honorah Beth-Ann and her new great-grand-daughter Danielle Noelle.

Judy Rosentel for her new grand-daughter Nina Michelle.

Patricia Hubert for her new grand-daughter Emmeline Rose.

We received a nice letter from our Newtown Scholarship recipient Izzy Kaiser.

Our rather small education committee of three could use some more help. Please consider joining us.

FOOD PANTRIES Evie Watts

We will continue the practice of rotating the monthly donations between the Faith Food and Salvation Army Food Pantries. The October collection will go to the Salvation Army Pantry.

NO PASTA OR CANNED VEGETABLES PLEASE! Anything else is welcome: hardy vegetables like potatoes, winter squash and onions will be greatly appreciated.

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

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 1:30 PM

Book: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

Location: Home of Pat Bailey
108 Brushy Hill Rd., Newtown
patbailey108@charter.net
203-426-3287

The November/December meeting will be on Tuesday, December 4 at the home of Marg Studley. Members are asked to bring suggestions for future books to be read and discussed.

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

ORNAMENTS: Pat Bailey
Lisa Goosman

We are selling well and are positive for a good season. Please, if members are considering buying, do it early.

Lisa Goosman and I will be bringing ornaments to the luncheons. Pat



WAYS AND MEANS: Millie Anderson
Marie Sturdevant

SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 8TH , 2018

RELVIS IS COMING TO NEWTOWN!

DINNER AT 6 PM: NEWTOWN COUNTRY CLUB, COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

ENTERTAINMENT AT 7:30 PM

COST IS TO BE DETERMINED

CHECK RED FOLDERS AT THE MEETING

**We still need chairwomen for Arts and Conservation.
Please consider chairing one of these committees.
Without a chairwoman, these committees will not function.**

MESSAGE CORNER

Healing thoughts and prayers go out to Dot O'Byrne and Ducky Loewenstine. They each fell and are in Danbury Hospital

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please Wear purple or pink to the October meeting to show your support.

The following letter was received from our Newtown High School Scholarship recipient:

Dear Woman's Club of Newtown,

I am writing to you today to express how grateful I am for the generous gift you have awarded me. This scholarship will help me pay for my tuition at Drexel University in Philadelphia. I will be a student in their 5 year nursing program which offers me three 6 month Co-ops (or paid internships) along with degree specific instruction starting on my first day of classes

It has always been my dream to become a labor and delivery nurse and with this generous award I can worry less about the money and more on my academics. Thank you again so much! And I can't wait to update you on my future plans.

Sincerely,
Izzy Kaiser

Ducky Loewenstine no longer has an email address. Please take her off your email list.

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

Message from Marilyn Alexander:

I apologize to anyone I may have offended at the last meeting. However... it bothers me, oh so much when someone is speaking to our club and others are rude and chatter to their neighbor.

*An announcement from
the Bethel Women's Club*

Looking for a meaningful way to support a variety of local causes including veterans, women's shelter and other local issues with one donation? For \$40, you can attend the Bethel Women's Club's annual Big Night Fundraiser where you can enjoy a buffet dinner from 6-8 pm and dance to the sounds of Mental Health from 7-10 pm. The band Mental Health is donating their time, La Zingara is donating their restaurant and the Bethel Women's Club is donating their time and considerable dessert-making talents to raise money for various local causes, including the Vet House and Home for Heroes and the Domestic Violence Shelter.

Big Night Fundraiser cost is per \$40 per ticket, will be held at La Zingara Restaurant on October 21 from 6 pm – 10 pm. La Zingara is located at 8 PT Barnum Square in Bethel.

To purchase tickets, please call Leslie Gwilym at 203 561-3393 or go to the Mental Health band's website and download a ticket order form. After \$20 for catering, all remaining proceeds go to above mentioned causes.

Due to state law, there will no longer be a 50/50 raffle at our monthly meetings.



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Pat McCarthy



Co-President Janet Stockalis opened the September 20th meeting at 12pm. The INVOCATION was given by Charleen Swanson, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Sylvia Poulin and the COLLECT by Margot Hall.

Janet welcomed Louise Baker, guest of Marie Sturdevant. The budget for the club year 2018-2019, and the minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented. Treasurer's report was filed for audit. Corresponding Secretary, Jan Happel reported many thank you notes were received over the summer for donations to various organizations.

CARING FRIENDS, Anne McWhirter thanked club members for the many notes and cards received after her surgery.

EDUCATION, Carol Fullman reported that the collection of flip tops and box tops will continue this year. Belles, Books and Candles Book club will meet on September 25th at Alice Horahan's home.

INTERNATIONAL, Millie Anderson announced we will be supporting Heifer International this year.

MEMBERSHIP, Marg Studley announced we have 55 paid members this year. A tri-fold pamphlet is being published to give information about the many activities in hopes of interesting new members.

FEDERATION, Jean Brown reports the GFWC New England Conference in Maine will be attended by Janet Stockalis on September 28-30. The GFWC Fall Conference will be held at the Marriot Windsor Hotel on October 20th in Windsor, CT.

PROGRAMS, Marie Sturdevant reports programs for the year are all scheduled. The Program for September was a SOCIAL so

members could re-connect and socialize. It took place after the meeting was adjourned. October's program will be DE- CLUTTER BY DIEDRE.

PUBLICITY, no program chairman to date. Pat Denlinger, Judy Rosentel, Joan Lavery and Marilyn Alexander will help.

WAYS and MEANS, Marie Sturdevant distributed flyers to promote the upcoming fundraiser, RELVIS is COMING to Newtown. It will be held on December 8, 2018 at the Newtown Country Club.

YEARBOOK, Judy Rosentel, the 2018-2019 yearbooks were distributed by Marg Studley and Coleen Honan. They have a gold cover in honor of the 50th Anniversary of our club. The Imprint on the cover is the 2018 ornament in honor of the 5 fire companies in Newtown. (2017 ornaments may be purchased at the Creamery or the Library.)

ORNAMENTS, Pat Bailey and Lisa Goosman report the sale of the 2018 ornaments is going great.

The October Luncheon Meeting will be held at the OLIVE TREE restaurant in Woodbury.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm

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 November newsletter is November 1, 2018.

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		SEPTEMBER 30, 2018	
BALANCE ON HAND FROM PREVIOUS REPORT		8/31/18	3,205.20
	BUDGET	FUNDRAISING	
CASH RECEIVED:			
MEETINGS INCOME	105.00		
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON PAYMENTS	1,170.00		
HOSPITALITY - MISSED LUNCHEONS	26.00		
MEMBERSHIP - DUES	0.00		
INTEREST INCOME	0.12		
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS		500.00	
	1,301.12	500.00	1,801.12
TOTAL RECEIPTS:			
DISBURSEMENTS:			
HOSPITALITY EXPENSE - LUNCHEON	1,124.45		
MEETINGS EXPENSE	280.00		
WAYS & MEANS - MELVIS		100.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,404.45	100.00	1,504.45
BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD		09/30/18	3,501.87
MARGARET S. FORBELL, TREASURER			

Birthdays

October

Ingrid Meier	2
Joan Lavery	13
Jean Smith	30
Joan Nickerson	31



November

Marilyn Alexander	2
Nancy Kennedy	6
Pat Hubert	7
Jean Swanhall	13
Carol Fullman	15
LeReine Frampton	22
Betty Warner	28