

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



*Ramblings*

*October is...*

*Breast Cancer Awareness Month*



**October 2020**

October is Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month

### **On This Date in History: October 15**

- 1878: Thomas A. Edison founds the Edison Electric Light Co.
- 1924: President Coolidge declares Statue of Liberty a national monument.
- 1951: "I Love Lucy" debuts on CBS TV.
- 1969: New York Met Ron Swoboda's spectacular diving catch of sinking liner with runners at 1st and 3rd in 9th, Mets win in 10th in World Series game.

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

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Colleen Honan

Mary Ann Magee

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



Welcome to Fall!

The October meeting will be a Zoom meeting on the fifteenth at 1:00, please note the time! If you can download the Zoom app beforehand that will make it easier on the day of the meeting.

If you get an email from any Committee Chairs please respond, they would appreciate it.

*We as Co-Presidents have a question to ask; Would you be comfortable to attend a regular indoor meeting with social distancing and wearing masks? Please respond to Chris or Marg with your answer.*

Please stay healthy and safe and enjoy the crisp Fall weather and colorful leaves outside!! Hope to see you on our Zoom meeting!!!

PS. More information will be emailed regarding the Zoom meeting closer to the meeting date.

**WAYS & MEANS:** *Marie Sturdevant*

At the Board meeting today all present agreed to forward this proposed Fundraiser to the Club for a VOTE at the Zoom meeting in October. The Booth Library is holding a Words on Wheels fundraiser with several suggested

ways we can support it. One of the suggestions is a Bookmark with this wording: "Need another book? Call the library at 203-426-4533. Sponsored by the Newtown Woman's Club GFWC." These bookmarks will be placed in books and we look at this as a "membership drive". The suggested donation is \$100.00.

**ORNAMENTS:**

Pat Bailey  
Lisa Goosman



Hawley Manor Ornaments go on sale this weekend. They are being sold by the following:

Booth Library, Toy Tree, Newtown Town Clerk's Office and The Newtown Bee.

We have purchased 250 pieces, less than usual...blame COVID! We can always order additional pieces from Woodbury Pewter. The price of each ornament is \$20.00.

The owners of the soon to be opening Hawley Manor are delighted at our choice and we shall be meeting with them closer to the restaurant opening. We plan to ask them to display the Ornament and hopefully become a vendor.

Let's hope for a successful year!

**EDUCATION:** *Pat McCarthy*

“BOOKS FOR BABIES” HAS SENT A NEW BOOK TO THE 10th GRANDCHILD OF JANET STOCKALIS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JANET AND FAMILY.

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](mailto:patmc620@outlook.com).

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

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** is going online. The easy directions to scan the receipts on your phone are found online. I will also be collecting the paper box tops until I can get more information from the schools. Look for the green bucket..

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

The next two books to be discussed are:

- THE ORCHID THIEF by Susan Orlean  
Tuesday, October 20, 1:30 PM  
Hostess: Dolores Judge  
11 Lake Road, Newtown. 203-426-5286  
[dtjudge2000@aol.com](mailto:dtjudge2000@aol.com)  
Discussion leader: Janet Stockalis
- TWENTY-FOUR HOURS by Greg Iles  
Tuesday, December 8 at noon  
Hostess: Marg Studley

49 Hundred Acres Rd., 203-426-3651

[wes91@aol.com](mailto:wes91@aol.com)

Discussion Leader: Dolores Judge

Questions?

Dot O'Byrne: 203-426-3217

Evie Watts: 203-426-5532

**CARING FRIENDS:**

*Ann Kirk*



Cards sent this month:

Ducky Loewenstine,  
Thinking of you card.

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.

**CONSERVATION**

*Dot O'Byrne*

*Evie Watts*



October will be the final month to collect shoes for the SOLES 4 SOULS program. We have sent in 177 pair of gently-used footwear to date. Shoes may be left on the bench in our driveway (55 Hattertown Road) or I will be happy to pick them up. NWC's participation in this project will end on October 31.

Continue setting aside cards for the St. Jude Children's Ranch. This project will continue into January, 2021.



Deposit cans and bottles – The original plan was to collect deposit cans and bottles over the summer and donate the redemption funds to the Catherine Violet Hubbard Sanctuary. If any members have containers that they have collected for this project, please leave them on the bench in our drive way (55 Hattertown Road) or to the next meeting.

**HOME LIFE:**

*Dolores Judge*

**HEALTH**

*Marcia Cavanaugh, RN, BS*

**FLU SHOTS**

October is the best time to get your flu shot. You can get it at CVS and WALGREENS pharmacies and BETHEL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION is holding clinics at Newtown Middle School on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10am-1pm and on Saturday, Oct. 17 9am - 12 pm. Also on Saturday November 14, 10 am - 1pm. Masks and social distancing required. Bring insurance cards.



**MASK MISTAKES NOT TO MAKE**

1. Do not expose your nose or chin. Cover these areas as well as your mouth.
2. Wash your hands before putting on your mask. Then, try not to touch it. If you must adjust it, use hand sanitizer before and after.
3. To remove your mask, do not touch the fabric. Untie strings or slip off ear loops and Place in laundry. Toss disposable masks in trash holding by the strings,
4. Wash masks between each use. Use standard detergent and warmest setting.
5. Do not neglect other preventative measures. Keep 6 feet away from people, Wash your hands often. Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if away from a sink.

*Western CT Health Network*

**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 In November!*

**October**

Joan Lavery	13
Joan Nickerson	31

*Birthdays*



**November**

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

**MINUTES:**

*Margot Hall*

NWC GFWC Board Meeting October 1, 2020



The meeting convened at 11:00 A.M. on the patio at the home of Colleen Honan, Co-President.

**PRESENT:** Colleen Honan and MaryAnn Magee, Co-Presidents, Jan Happel, Chris Dran, Pat Bailey, Marie Sturdevant, Mard Studley, Peg Forbell, Joan Lavery, Marilyn Alexander, Dolores Judge, Janet Stockalis

**MINUTES:** Approved as published

**BOOTH LIBRARY:** Marie Sturdevant transmitted a request for the Library for a donation from NWC. Specifically, funds to print bookmarks, which in turn will recognize the Newtown Woman’s Club as the contributor to this project.

**MOTION** was made by Marilyn Alexander and second by Peg Forbell to recommend to the Newtown Woman’s Club membership at their next meeting that a \$100.00 contribution be made to the Booth Library for the printing of bookmarks. Motion discussed and unanimously passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** No report - all bills are paid

**MEMBERSHIP:** 46 regular members, 8 associate members

**ORNAMENTS:** Pat Bailey reported that This year’s ornament sales of the, The Mary Hawley Inn, has been launched. Distribution of the various venues which will offer them for sales is about to take place. Pat has reached out to the new owners of the Mary Hawley Inn.

**CALLER LIST:** Chris Dran reported that the following club members are ‘Callers’ (some have not confirmed yet)

Jeanne Braudi-Magi, Coke Cramer, Betty Doty, Ellen Gehrett, Ann Kirk, Marie Pompa, Mary Ann Magee, Mary Obre. Marie Sturdevant, Jan Happel.

Jan Happel received request for funds from the Salvation Army, a notification of the Woman’s Center walk to raise funds - walk is taking place tomorrow. Requests will be brought up at the NWC Membership meeting.

**HOME LIFE:** Dolores Judge had nothing to report

**CONSERVATION:** Evie Watts reported that the Soles4Soules project will end October 31st. At this time any donation can be left at her home at 55 Hattertown Road..

Also, ending on January 21, 2021 - card collection for St. Jude

**BOOK CLUB:** Meeting on October 20th at Dolores Judge’s home.

**PROGRAM:** Marie Sturdevant said that she knows of several programs for presentation at Club meetings. However, the current health crisis makes scheduling them not possible.

**STATE ORGANIZATION:** Janet Stockalis reported on the recent virtually held meeting.

“Mental Health” is the upcoming year’s endeavor.

‘Cork Club” is a fund raising project - collecting corks from wine and any other bottles

Annual Reports are due to the State on Jan. 15, There will be a question e-mailed to the membership: " Are you comfortable attending an in person and socially distanced meeting? The Next Club meeting will be October 15th at 1:00 P.M. via Zoom

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 November 5, 2020**

**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.

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>

**There is no Treasurer's Report this month.**

**PUBLIC ISSUES:**

*Marion Thompson  
Betty Warner*

Women's Center, Danbury CT requests a Virtual "Safe Walk", ANY PLACE / ANY TIME.

This is instead of the annual Fundraiser held at the Danbury Fair Mall.

Start fundraising at [www.wcogd.org](http://www.wcogd.org).

The Women's Center served over 25,000 people last year. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

