

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



*Ramblings*



## December 2024



### On This Date in History: December 19

- 1854 Allen Wilson of CT patents sewing machine to sew curving seams
- 1958 First radio broadcast from space, US President Dwight D. Eisenhower sends a Christmas message "to all mankind, America's wish for peace on Earth and goodwill to men everywhere"
- 1984 33 unknown Bach keyboard works found in Yale library
- 1985 Mary Lund is 1st woman to receive a Jarvik VII artificial heart at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis



Newtown Woman's Club December Luncheon  
Bora Restaurant  
68 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, CT  
December 19, 2024

**Location:** Bora Restaurant

**Directions:** Take Route 25 to Route 6/Mt. Pleasant Rd. Bora is in Mountain Laurel Plaza on the right, just past Big Y and across from Union Savings Bank in Stony Hill, Bethel.

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

**Date:** Thursday, December 19, 2024

**Cost:** \$40 (Please make checks payable to the Newtown Woman's Club)

**Program:** Holiday Music with Carl Lindquist

### December Luncheon Menu

*"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."  
~ Charles M. Schulz*

- House Salad

#### Entrees

- Creamy Lime Chicken: Breast of chicken -Vegetable Risotto-Creamy Lime Sauce
- Garden Penne: Julienne Vegetables-Grated Parmesan - House Made Red Sauce
- Salmon: Fingerling Potatoes- Green Beans & tomatoes with a whole grain mustard sauce
- Coffee- Tea - & soda included
- Vanilla Gelato

**Deadline for reservations is Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

*NO EXCEPTIONS will be made after that date.*

If you have any questions, please call Marg Studley at 203-426-3651

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

**Please pay for your lunch by check or exact cash amount.  
Karen and Peg will thank you for that!**

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## Rooster Ramblings

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**Editor:** Judy Rosentel

**President:**

Rosemary Rau

**Website:** nwc-gfwc.org

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** *Rosemary Rau*

**ORNAMENTS:** *Pat Bailey*



Dear Fellow Members,

May all that is beautiful, meaningful and gives you joy be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming new year!

Merry Christmas ~ Happy Hanukkah  
Happy New Year 2025!

Hugs and Holiday Cheer,  
*Rosemary*

### **MEMBER OF THE MONTH (MOM)**

**Marie Sturdevant**

**What is your favorite restaurant dinner?**

*Table side prepped Fettuccine Alfredo with a glass of crisp Pinot Grigio*

**If you could play an Instrument what would it be? Why?**

*Tuba, so I can make a big noise!*

**Who was your first crush?**

*Alan Buttermann, Mt. Kisco High School, 9th grade Biology sat behind me, never said one word to me, ever! I did a lot of sighing back then.*

**One little known fact about you?**

*Born in Pennsylvania, I am a coal miners daughter!*

*LeReine Frampton  
Millie Anderson*



The ornaments are selling. If anyone wishes one, they are available at the Booth Library, Toy Tree, Newtown Bee Office and the Town Clerk's Office. You may also phone me, Pat Bailey.



Friday, Dec. 6th We shall be selling ornaments at the "Sip and Save" event at the Newtown Municipal Center.

Let's hope we sell out this year!

**PROGRAMS:** *Marie Sturdevant*

*Marg Studley*



Holiday Music with Carl Lindquist

**INTERNATIONAL:** *Jeanne Braude-Magi*

**Heifer International:** *Alice Horahan*



Our quarter collection for the Heifer International Fund is going very well. Keep up the good work ladies.

**CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT:** *Evie Watts*  
*Millie Anderson*



Used and new greeting cards will be collected for St. Jude's Children's Ranch in December and January. Please Support the NWC Recycled Card Program.

For more than half a century, St. Jude's Ranch for children, which is located in Nevada, has provided a safe, nurturing home with therapeutic services to thousands of abused and neglected children. A major goal of the therapists and volunteers is to teach life and work skills to the youngsters. A program which has met with resounding success is the "Recycled Card Program." The youngsters remove the back of cards and affix a new one. These cards are then bundled together in packets of ten and sold. The money raised is used to support St. Jude's programs and services.

During this holiday season, we ask that you save the greetings cards that you receive and bring them to our December-January meetings. Please donate used/recycled cards of various themes: Holiday, Birthday, Thank You, Sympathy, etc. The Ranch does not accept Hallmark, American Greeting, Disney cards, and cards from nonprofit organizations. Thank you and Happy Holidays.



Our warm clothing collection for Bridgeport Rescue Mission was SUPER-KALA-FRA-GALISTIC-X-PEA-KALA-DOE-CHUS!!!

**Message Corner**

BINGO prizes for Stone Bridge (formally Newtown Rehab. ) If you can bring small gifts to each meeting for Patto bring to Stone Bridge, she would appreciate it. Please refer to the list from our October newsletter.

Betty collects for The Center for Empowerment and Education at each meeting.

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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>

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As requested, here is Coke Cramer's new address and phone number. She would love to hear from you.

Coke Cramer  
 The Watermark  
 East Hill Road  
 Cherrywood #116  
 Southbury, CT. 06488  
 Telephone Number: (203) 405-1087

*Birthday's*



**December**

Joan Fuest 3  
 Peg Forbell 9

**January**

Janet Stockalis 1  
 Colleen Honan 6  
 Pat Lowell 7  
 Chris Dran 20

**MINUTES:**

*Pat Lowell*

**Newtown Woman’s Club Meeting MINUTES**

*November 21, 2024*



The meeting was held at Newtown Congregational Church, 14 West Street, Newtown, CT

President Rosemary Rau opened the meeting at 12:05pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Louise Baker.

Collect was led by Sylvia Poulin.

An Inspirational Message was led by Jeanne Braude-Magi.

Our 50/50 raffle netted \$54.00.

Colleen Honan thanked an anonymous member who donated an item for a special Thanksgiving Raffle.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**-ARTS & CULTURE:** Marcia Cavanaugh and Michelle Rosenthal organized a wonderful Arts & Crafts Show as our activity today. Eleven members participated by displaying their art work, photographs, textiles, crafts, and jewelry. The purpose for bringing back this club activity is to further learn about and appreciate each other, and to inspire and motivate one another.

**-CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH:** Pat Lowell thanked members for their continued donations for our chosen organizations. The committee members who can stay after the December 5th board meeting will be filling holiday boxes with candy to support The Vet Center’s holiday celebration. Sylvia Poulin thanked everyone who donated, and reported that she will be delivering our donations to The Rocky Hill Home & Hospital the weekend after Thanksgiving. Along with clothing she purchased with cash donations, Sylvia will also be donating gift cards. Betty Warner also thanked members and reported that she recently delivered just over \$535 dollars worth of

accumulated donations to The Center in Danbury.

**-BOOK CLUB:** Marg Studley announced that the club will meet at Booth Library from 1 to 2pm on Thursday, December 12th. The book for December is The Associate by John Grisham. All are welcome!

**-FOOD PANTRY:** Chris Dran reminded us that food donated at this meeting will be brought to Faith Food Pantry. Chris shared copies of the recent GFWC National Press Release which included the Newtown Women’s Club donations for the National Day of Service.

**-MEMBERSHIP:** Dolores Judge introduced and welcomed our new member, Lisa Walsh. Dolores reminded other guests to see her for a club membership application.

**-HOLIDAY BASKET:** Mary Ann MaGee informed members that our Holiday Basket donations are going to a wife, husband, and their dog. Mary Ann placed a bag for us to leave our donations.

Our October 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved by a motion from Marie Sturdevant and seconded by Evie Watts.

The club welcomed two guests; Seelena Genna and Anita Corbeil.

President Rosemary Rau adjourned the meeting at 12:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lowell, 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 December 5, 2024**

## **KNITTING:**

*Janet Stockalis*



A group of friendly women who volunteer their time and talent to do good for many deserving people. We meet the first Tuesday of every month from September to May at the Booth Library. 1pm - 3pm. We knit baby hats and blankets for Pediatric and Nursery babies, hats and scarves for Veterans, homeless and local food pantries and the Newtown Police Dept. giving tree.

New members are always welcome. Yarn, needles, crochet hooks and patterns are provided. Even if you never knitted or crocheted, there are people who will help you learn or refresh you. Simple projects, no pressure and a friendly time together. Please join us in this worthwhile endeavor!

## **HEALTH AND WELNESS**

*Jan Happel*

The St. Jude Walk contributions are finally FINAL. The total that was sent as of Nov. 1st. from our Club was \$580.00 and the Matching Gift, 2 for 1 was \$1,500.00. Thank you everyone for your most generous support!!

Newtown Turkey Trot, Nov. 28th, our NWC was one of the sponsors that supported the C.H. Booth Library. Members of the Club, with their family either walked 2.5 K or ran the 5 K. We have shirts to prove it! (HA). It was a rainy cold day, but sunny inside our hearts that day. Joann Bruno our GFWC/CT. Executive Board member was sent pictures of the event to share with the state.

Holiday Basket - Again, the NWC ladies made it happen !! Your generous support from the heart, allowed the committee \$640.00 to share with our Adopted Family, given to us by the Newtown Fund. Mary Ann Magee and myself have purchased requested gifts for our #42

Family. Along with their requested personal items will be Gift cards and groceries for a holiday meal. Thank You, Thank You - all is well.

**Preventative Medicine** *Marcia Cavanaugh*

## **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  
In contentment's golden chain.

## **VETERANS:**

*Sylvia Poulin*



A HUGE thank you to all who donated to the Rocky Hill Veterans Home and our Secret Santa. We collected gifts, donations and gift cards worth approximately \$2,000. I will be delivering the donations on Friday.

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy Holidays  
to all.



## **Holiday Raffle**

*Colleen Honan*



This month's raffle basket will include a gift card to a local restaurant and some other goodies. The cost is \$5 per ticket. We will also have the 50/50 raffle.

## FOOD PANTRY:

*Barbara Bradley  
Chris Dran*



November's food donations were delivered to the FAITH Food Pantry, and received with much gratitude.

This month we will collect food donations for Hospitality Hall. Canned tuna, canned chicken, and hearty/chunky soups are high on their list since the cold winter weather has set in. However, all donations are welcome. As always, your generosity is so appreciated. Thank you!

## BELLES, BOOKS AND CANDLES:

*Joan Lavery*

Belles, Books and Candles will meet at the Library on Dec 12 at 1:00. The book we will discuss is "The Associate" by Grisham.

I thank all for the lovely cards of Sympathy I received because of my husband's passing. It was very comforting.

Gratefully, Joan Lavery

- **Dec** "The Associate" by John Grisham
- **Jan** "Mad Honey" by Jody Picoult
- **Feb** "Wave: A Memoir" by Somali Deraniyagala
- **Mar** "One of Windsor: The Untold Story of America's First Witch Hanging" By Beth Caruso
- **April** "Blue Dahlia" by Nora Roberts
- **May** "The Women" by Kristin Hannah

## CARING FRIENDS:

Mary Obre



Our members still are enjoying good health, as least most of us are. I was informed however that our member Dot O'Byrne who has been so good, with the help of her caregiver, attending many of our meetings, is now in a nursing home, getting needed care. The nursing home is: MeadowRidge, located at 100 Redding

Road. #26 (I assume her room number) in Redding, CT. 06896. I was not informed how long she would be there and will try and call next week and see if she is accepting calls. Sometimes the nursing homes discourage calls until their complete prognosis is made. However if any member has more news about Dottie in her new residence, I would appreciate hearing from you.

I did send a card to Dottie on November 15th and as mentioned above will follow up with a phone call to someone who can let me know if they feel phone calls and sending more cards would be helpful.

In Marion Thompson situation, as I mentioned in the last newsletter, I did send another "Thinking of You" card and did not receive an answer from staff where Marion is, either negative or positive. So, I will send her a card from time to time. Not sure if they allow visitors outside of family members. It can have a negative reaction I was told by a non-member who was in this situation. Our thoughts and prayers go to both Marion and Dottie and their families.

Please contact me if you have any updates on Marion or Dottie that I can share with our membership. You can reach me at [mtobre@aol.com](mailto:mtobre@aol.com) or call her at 203-426-4130.

## ARTS AND CULTURE:

*Marcia Cavanaugh  
Michelle Rosenthal*

Heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our wonderful artists and crafters who presented our club with an amazing and exquisitely beautiful Arts and Crafts Show! Despite the much needed rain the lovely hand created items were brought in and displayed with taste and elegance. Everyone loved them! Michelle and Marcia send blessings of holiday joy to : Peg Forbell, Coke Cramer, Rosemary Rau, Pat Lowell, Betty Doty, Lilleba Peterson, Jan Happel, Judy Rosentel and Betty Warner

# TREASURER'S REPORT 06/01/2024 - 11/30/2024

Peg Forbell - Treasurer

BALANCE ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD			5/31/24	1,594.33
	BUDGET		FUNDRAISING	
CASH RECEIVED:				
CHRISTMAS BASKET INCOME			445.00	
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (BOTTLES)				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (HEIFER)				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (ST JUDE)	530.00			
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON PAYMENTS	3,604.00			
INTEREST INCOME	3.17			
MEETINGS INCOME				
MEMBERSHIP-DUES, APPLICATIONS, NAME TAGS	2,177.00			
OPERATING INCOME - 50/50, RAFFLES	396.00			
WAYS & MEANS - RAU ORNAMENTS			25.00	
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS			1,080.00	
WAYS & MEANS - DONATIONS			150.00	
WAYS & MEANS - BOO BOXES			200.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	6,710.17		1,900.00	8,610.17
DISBURSEMENTS:				
CARING FRIENDS				
CHRISTMAS BASKET EXPENSE			445.00	
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (HEIFER)				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (VETERANS)				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (ST JUDE)	530.00			
COMMUNITY DONATIONS			150.00	
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - BOX RENT	118.00			
FEDERATION DUES	880.00			
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - ORNAMENTS			2,614.06	
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - LIBERTY GOLD				
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON COSTS	3,164.12			
INCORPORATION FEE	50.00			
INSURANCE	125.91			
MEETINGS EXPENSE				
PROGRAM EXPENSE				
TREASURER	14.60			
VETERANS	81.15			
WEBSITE				
YEARBOOK	189.44			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	5,153.22		3,209.06	8,362.28
BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD			11/30/2024	1,842.22