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*Newtown Woman's Club*  
*Rooster*



*Ramblings*



# January 2025



## On This Date in History: January 16

- 1492: The first grammar of a modern language, Spanish, is presented to Queen Isabella.
- 1868: Refrigerator car patented by William Davis, a fish dealer in Detroit
- 1919: The 18th Amendment to the US Constitution, authorizing the prohibition of alcohol, is ratified by a majority of US states
- 1957: 3 US B-52 bombers leave California for 1st non-stop around the world flights
- 2005 At 66 years old, Romanian university lecturer Adriana Illiescu becomes the oldest birth mother in the world



Newtown Woman's Club January Luncheon  
Newtown Congregational Church  
14 West Street, Newtown  
January 16, 2024

**Location:** Newtown Congregational Church

**Directions:** From the flagpole, turn left onto Church Hill Road just past the Meeting House (right if you are coming from the other direction.) At the next "y", stay to the left and continue on West Street. Turn right into the Newtown Congregational Church parking lot at the second driveway.

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

**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2025

**Cost:** \$20 (Please make checks payable to the Newtown Woman's Club)

**Program:** Guest Speaker is Trent McCann of the Newtown Forest Association.

### January Luncheon Menu

*"Spaghetti can be eaten most successfully if you inhale it like a vacuum cleaner"*  
- Sophia Loren

**Entrees** (Please choose one)

- Veggie Wrap
- Autumn Chicken Salad Wrap with grapes/nuts
- Ham and Swiss Cheese Wrap

Served with Hearty Macaroni Salad

*\*Catered by Bagel Delight*

Includes water, or please bring drink of your choice

**Deadline for reservations is Saturday, January 11, 2025 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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**President:**

Rosemary Rau

**Website:** nwc-gfwc.org

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



Dear Club Members,

Happy New Year 2025 ✨

Here's to a year where we continue to help others, ourselves and each other.

Through small gestures and new initiatives alike, let us embrace the opportunity to bring light and hope to those around us.

All the Best,  
Rosemary

**PROGRAMS:** *Marie Sturdevant  
Marg Studley*

Guest Speaker is Trent McCann of the Newtown Forest Association.

**MEMBER OF THE MONTH (MOM)**  
**Louise Baker**

**Favorite childhood memory:** *A mile down from my house on the Atlantic ocean in Milford, every summer a park opened up. Along the sidewalk they had buildings where they would roll up the front and you could put your nickel down on a number and they would spin the wheel. I always chose number 7. That was my lucky number. I would always win. It was during World War 2 and sugar, flour and butter was rationed. If we won butter, we would have to go home before it melted! That's why my license plate is Weez-7.*

**Favorite season:** *Summer is my favorite season. Living across the street from Long Island Sound means I could go swim anytime I wanted. At low tide one day, we walked over to Charles Island!*

**Favorite holiday:** *Christmas of course!*

**Favorite animal:** *I love both cats and dogs. I have had two of each. One got run over and one died of cancer. Two lived long lives.*

**Favorite color:** *Light blue*

**Hobbies:** *I was an antique dealer for 30 years. I love old furniture and antique glass and antique bottles. That was what I sold.*

**Talents:** *I am a singer and a piano player. The night of high school graduation, I won a scholarship to the University of Bridgeport. But in the fifties, you got a half-tuition scholarship. So I had to go out and earn the other half. I sang with bands to make the money.*

**Bravest thing I ever did:** *I saved a dog from being run over.*

**If I could go back in time for a day, I would like to be with my father when he was on tour. He toured with Frank Sinatra. They were both trying to get into show business.**

**My favorite guilty pleasure is ice cream!**

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

Happy New Year from the Environment and Conservation Committee.



Please support the NWC's Recycled Greeting Card Program. We are collecting used greeting cards at our January and February luncheon meetings. Cards must be blank on the backside of the front (i.e. no messages). We accept greeting cards of various themes e.g. religious, holiday, birthday, sympathy, get well, etc. We cannot accept Hallmark cards, American Greeting cards, Disney cards or cards promoting charitable organizations.

The cards will be sent to St. Jude's Children's Ranch in Bolder, Nevada. The ranch is a facility for young people, offering lodging, counseling and support to young victims of abuse. The cards are "remade" into new cards by the residents and sold to earn funds to support the Ranch's programs.

The NWC has participated in this program for many years. Thank you for your continued support.

**ORNAMENTS:** *Pat Bailey*  
*LeReine Frampton*  
*Millie Anderson*



Ornaments have sold throughout the season. Closing up with the vendors and special orders for older pieces soon. Final report on sales, \$ etc. will be reported at the January luncheon. Currently penning "thank you" letters.

*Best, Pat, LeReine and Millie*

**Message Corner**

BINGO prizes for Stone Bridge (formally Newtown Rehab) If you can bring small gifts to each meeting for Pat to 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>

***Birthday's***



**December**

Seelena Genna 15  
Jo Anne Bruno 20  
*(I left this out last month.)*

**January**

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

**February**

Lisa Walsh 7  
Lisa Goosman 8  
Dot O'Byrne 11

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 February 6, 2025**

**MINUTES:** *Pat Lowell*

**Newtown Woman's Club Meeting MINUTES**

December 19, 2024



The meeting was held at Bora Restaurant, 68 Stony Hill Road, Bethel, CT

President Rosemary Rau opened the meeting at 12:02pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jan Happel.

The Collect was led by Dolores Judge.

An Inspirational Message was read by Peg Forbell.

Our 50/50 raffle netted \$59.00. The Special Drawing netted \$90.00.

Rosemary introduced our guest and entertainer for the meeting, Carl Lindquist, guitarist and vocalist.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**-CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH:** Pat Lowell summarized the committee's activities since September. Pat and Marie Sturdevant met and filled 50 holiday bags with candy for The Vet Center's holiday celebration. Your donations to Stone Bridge from September through November have a conservative value of just under \$400.00. Sylvia Poulin delivered our substantial donations to Rocky Hill Veterans earlier this month. She reported that the new representative was appreciative as overall donations had been down.

**-CARING FRIENDS:** Jeanne Braude-Magi gave an update on members' and their families.

**-BOOK CLUB:** Joan Lavery invited us to begin reading Mad Honey, our book for the January 23rd club meeting at Booth Library.

**-HOLIDAY BASKET:** Jan Happel reported that our donations were "over the top!" A man and a woman were the recipients of our donations, including \$160 for food.

**-ORNAMENTS:** Pat Bailey reported that we are presently in the black at just over \$1,000.00.

A breakdown of numbers of ornaments sold to date include: Library, 70; Toy Tree, 50; Sip n' Shop, 50; club members, 23; The Bee, 3. A Forest Association event sold 4; Maplewood, 1.

No tally yet from the Town Clerk's office. LeReine Frampton has placed the older ornaments on Facebook for sale.

President Rosemary Rau adjourned the meeting at 12:20pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Lowell, Recording Secretary*

**FOOD PANTRY:** *Barbara Bradley  
Chris Dran*

Happy New Year.



This month's food donations will be for The FAITH Food Pantry. We look forward to continuing our generous donations in 2025 to this much needed community assistance.

Thank you all for your support.

**WAYS AND MEANS** *Marie Sturdevant  
Marg Studley*

We will sponsor an Author Book signing by Valerie Taylor on Saturday, February 22nd at the Black Angus. More to come.

**CARING FRIENDS:** *Mary Obre*



I sent a sympathy card to Louise Baker on the passing of her son and a get well card to Evie Watts for her recent surgery.

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)

## 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*

### Preventative Medicine *Marcia Cavanaugh*

#### **BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING AT HOME**

Home monitoring is a smart way to track the effectiveness of lifestyle changes and treatments for high blood pressure. Upper arm, cuff-style monitors are best. Wrist and finger style monitors are not recommended. Bring it to your next appointment and have its use and accuracy confirmed by your doctor.

To take your blood pressure:

1. Relax and sit with your back supported
2. Sit still and do not talk
3. Keep legs uncrossed with feet flat on the ground
4. Place the cuff on your bare arm at heart level
5. Place arm on table or other support and keep it supported

## MEMBERSHIP

*Dolores Judge*

WELCOME New Member, Seelena Genna. Her hobbies and interests are skiing, traveling, reading, volunteering and she is very eager to get involved. Community Service Programs: Arts and Culture, Health and Wellness and Civic Engagement, also, Hospitality/Luncheon Committee.

Please add this information to your red book: Address- 32 Lake Rd., Newtown, Cell phone- (860) 305-9141.

## BELLES, BOOKS AND CANDLES:

*Joan Lavery*



The book club will meet Thursday, January 23, 2025 in the Library at 1 pm.

The book this month is Mad Honey by Judy Picoult. This book has many topics to discuss so the discussion will be very interesting. I hope to see many of you there.

*Happy New Year*

- **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

## 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.

# TREASURER'S REPORT 06/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

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 (ST JUDE)	530.00			
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON PAYMENTS	4,979.00			
INTEREST INCOME	3.54			
MEETINGS INCOME				
MEMBERSHIP-DUES, APPLICATIONS, NAME TAGS	2,222.00			
OPERATING INCOME - 50/50, RAFFLES, SALES	544.00			
WAYS & MEANS - RAU ORNAMENTS			25.00	
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS			2,940.00	
WAYS & MEANS - DONATIONS			150.00	
WAYS & MEANS - BOO BOXES			200.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	8,278.54		3,760.00	12,038.54
DISBURSEMENTS:				
CARING FRIENDS				
CHRISTMAS BASKET EXPENSE			445.00	
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (HEIFER)				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (ST JUDE)	530.00			
COMMUNITY DONATIONS			150.00	
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - BOX RENT	236.00			
FEDERATION DUES	900.00			
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - ORNAMENTS			2,614.06	
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON COSTS	4,564.12			
INCORPORATION FEE	50.00			
INSURANCE	125.91			
MEETINGS EXPENSE				
PROGRAM EXPENSE	140.00			
TREASURER	14.60			
VETERANS	81.15			
WEBSITE				
YEARBOOK	189.44			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	6,831.22		3,209.06	10,040.28
BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD			12/31/2024	3,592.59