

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



Ramblings



May 2024



On This Date in History: May 16

- 1817: Mississippi River steamboat service begins
- 1862: Jean Joseph Etienne Lenoir builds 1st automobile
- 1866: US Congress authorizes the nickel 5 cent piece (replaces silver half-dime)
- 1872: Metropolitan Gas Company lamps lit for 1st time
- 1876: Pharmacist Charles E. Hires presents "Hires Root Beer" at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Newtown Woman's Club May Luncheon
May 16, 2024
Sal e Pepe
97 South Main Street, Newtown
203-426-0805

Location: Sal e Pepe

Directions: From the flagpole, take Rt 25 S/South Main St. about 3 miles. Sal e Pepe is on the left.

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

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2024

Cost: \$35 (Please make checks payable to the Newtown Woman's Club)

Program: Installation of Officers and distribution of membership pins.

May Luncheon Menu

"I am not a glutton - I am an explorer of food"
— *Erma Bombeck*

- *Mixed Green Salad*

Main Course

- *Chicken Piccata, mashed potatoes, Green beans*
- *Parmesan encrusted Tilapia, over green pea risotto*
- *Linguini Primavera, white wine sauce with assorted peppers*
- *Pork Chop, balsamic glaze with sweet peppers, sweet potato purée, sautéed spinach*

- *Ice cream sundae*

Deadline for reservations is Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

NO EXCEPTIONS will be made after that date.

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

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

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

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Editor: Judy Rosentel

President:

Millie Anderson

Website: nwc-gfwc.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *Millie Anderson*



Dear Friends, Thank you for sharing the past year with me. I am grateful to have members of the Newtown Woman's Club in my life. I really appreciate the time and effort you put in to making our club a success. *God bless you. Millie*

PROGRAMS: *Marie Sturdevant
Rosemary Rau*

Installation of Officers and distribution of Membership Pins

Officers for 2024-2026 *Pat Bailey*

President.....Rosemary Rau
1st VP.....Gina Pin
2nd VP.....Marie Sturdevant and
Marg Studley
Rec. Secretary.....Pat Lowell
Treasurer.....Peg Forbell
Asst. Treasurer.....Sylvia Poulin

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.

MEMBERSHIP: *Marg Studley/Colleen Honan*

We would like to collect dues at the May meeting. If you won't be at the meeting, please mail your check to Marg at 45 Woods Lane, Newtown, CT 06470 by the end of June. They can be made out to NWC. Also a reminder that it's important that the info sheets be filled out and returned so that the Red Book will be up to date. If you don't have an info sheet, we will have them at the meeting.

HEALTH AND WELNESS *Jan Happel*

Preventative Medicine *Marcia Cavanaugh*

TICKS - Lyme disease

Our understanding of Lyme disease has expanded in the last decade. We know that most people can be treated effectively with oral antibiotics and that early treatment prevents the spread of infection throughout the body.

But, 10% to 20% of Lyme disease patients experience symptoms that can last for months and long-term antibiotic treatment does not benefit them - Lyme disease syndrome.

There are Lyme vaccines for humans in clinical trials, hopefully these will be available soon.

Mayo Clinic Health Letter

VETERANS:

Sylvia Poulin



Need some extra room? Donate your unwanted clothes and household items by scheduling a donation pickup today! Just click here: Pickup-Please.org. Doesn't get easier than that. The veterans thank you for your help!

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT:



*Evie Watts
Millie Anderson*

The final collection of pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House will be at the May meeting.

BELLES, BOOKS AND CANDLES:

Joan Lavery



The last book of the year is "Golden Doves" by Martha Hall Kelly, who you will remember wrote "Lilac Girls". Copies are on the shelf at the library.

Please come with suggestions about summer reading.

Looking forward to seeing all of you. New ladies are welcome. 1 pm on Thursday, May 23, at the library.

Happy Reading

ORNAMENTS: Pat Bailey/LeReine Frampton

The choice for this year's ornament is "Newtown Forest Association, Inc." This was chosen to, not only honor the Association in their 100th year, but also to honor our Coke Cramer. Coke has been a member of the organization for many years, having served as an officer and constant supporter. We are so happy to be able to bestow this honor.

Birthday's



May

Karen Stern	2
Ann Kirk	3
Susan Norwell	8
Mary Obre	9
Coke Cramer	10
Alice Horahan	24
Judy Rosentel	29
Millie Anderson	30



June

Marcia Cavanaugh	6
Marg Studley	10
Betty Doty	26
Evelyn Watts	27

July

Michelle Rosenthal	2
Marie Sturdevant	15
Sandra Dickinson	19
Susan Sullivan	20
Pat Bailey	24

August

Barbara Bradley	8
Judi Qualey	10
Dolores Judge	18
Lilleba Peterson	20

 * **This is the final newsletter of** *
 * **our 2023-2024 season. Have a** *
 * **wonderful summer and come** *
 * **back in the Fall ready and** *
 * **excited to start the next** *
 * **season of the Newtown** *
 * **Woman's Club!** *

MINUTES:

Pat Lowell

Newtown Woman's Club Meeting MINUTES

April 18, 2024

The meeting was held at Café on the Green, 100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, CT

President Millie Anderson opened the meeting at 12:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rosemary Rau

Collect was led by Alice Horahan

In lieu of an Inspirational Message, the club sang God Bless America.

Rosemary Rau introduced our guest speaker, Eman Beshtawii, co-founder of the Al Heydaya Islamic Center in Newtown, and its Director of Education and Outreach Programs.

Colleen Honan introduced her guest for her second visit to our club, Dottie Carnes, from FL.

Pat Lowell ran a quick Pin Game for members to guess how many total years the present 49 members have served The Newtown Women's Club. The winner will be announced after the pins have been awarded at next month's meeting.

There was no 50/50 raffle today.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no questions regarding the Treasurer's Report printed in last month's newsletter, and it was unanimously approved.

There were no questions regarding the minutes of our March 21st meeting which were printed in our newsletter. A motion was made and the minutes were unanimously approved.

-FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dolores Judge reported on the committee's assignment of funds for 2024 as follows; the Fire Department Insurance Fund, \$350; Newtown Labor Day Parade, \$200; Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, \$775; Salvation Army, \$750; The Center, \$800; and the Scholarship Fund and Booth Library, \$1,000 each for a total of \$4,875.00.

Rosemary Rau reported that the gold and silver fundraiser raised \$2,300.

-ORNAMENTS: Pat Bailey announced that the 2024 NWC Christmas Ornament will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Newtown Forest Association, Inc.

Reminder: Volunteers needed to place American flags around the monument on Friday, May 24th, before 1pm. Flags must be removed the day after Flag Day, Saturday, June 15th. Rosemary Rau reported that the keepsake flags will be handed out at our May meeting.

-MEMBERSHIP: Marg Studley and Colleen Honan need membership dues as soon as possible, as our Yearbook/Red Book has an earlier printing deadline this summer. To date, 31 members have paid.

-BELLES, BOOKS & CANDLES: Joan Lavery reported that Janet Stockalis will lead our discussion of The Dutch House. The meeting is on Thursday, April 25th, 1pm, at Booth Library.

-FOOD PANTRIES: Susan Sullivan reported that the response for food donations could be better. The final collection will be at our May 16th meeting. Susan is asking for all who possibly can to bring at least 2 food items to the meeting. Faith Food Pantry is open in the summer where there will be an increased need for kid's food and snacks.

-INTERNATIONAL: Operation Smile: Michelle Rosenthal reported that this committee will begin meeting again after the summer.

-CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH: Betty Warner will be collecting household cleaning products, paper goods, and toiletries for The Center at the May meeting. Millie will send a blast email to us as a reminder.

-ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION: Evie Watts reports that the final collection of pull tabs for the *Ronald McDonald House* will be at the May meeting.

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Millie Anderson gave a special thank you to Rosemary Rau and Marie Sturdevant for their hard work this year, having recently suffered the loss of their spouses.

(From Millie's Agenda) "At each district meeting, clubs are awarded certificates of achievement which recognize clubs' successful implementation of selected programs during the club year. Thanks to our members' hard work and your encouragement and diligent writing, Alice, our club was the recipient of six awards at the year's Southwest District Day meeting. The Newtown Women's Club was recognized for achievement in the following areas:

*Domestic Violence, Veterans, Leadership, Arts and Culture, Fundraising, and Civic Engagement and Outreach. Congratulations to all recipients!

The slate of officers who were nominated to represent The NWC for 2024-2026 were listed in last month's club minutes. Millie asked if there were any other nominees and there were none. Millie then asked for a motion to accept the slate as presented. Jo Ann Bruno made a motion to accept, second by Jeanne Braude-Magi. The motion was accepted as presented!

President – Rosemary Rau
Recording Secretary – Pat Lowell
1st VP – Gina Pin
Treasurer – Peg Forbell
2nd VP – Marie Sturdevant and Marg Studley
Asst. Treasurer – Sylvia Poulin

-NEW BUSINESS: Peg Forbell requested any members who would like to attend the State Meeting in Chester, CT on Saturday, May 18th to let her know.

Jan Happel gave us a Health and Wellness, multiple choice quiz. Those answering first were rewarded with a choice of healthy gifts.

Pat Lowell made a motion to adjourn; second by everyone!

President Millie Anderson adjourned the meeting at 12:39pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lowell, Recording Secretary*

FOOD PANTRY:

Susan Sullivan

The Food Pantry donations are only going to be collected in May, as it is the end of our year. Please refer to the grocery list if you can help us with a good supply. It is always appreciated by the Food Pantries.



For all who possibly can, please bring at least 2 food items to the meeting. Faith Food Pantry is open in the summer where there will be an increased need for kid's food and snacks.

Food Pantry Grocery List

Canned soup
Deodorant
Shampoo
Jars of spaghetti sauce
Parmigiana
Boxed cereal , sweet and non-sweet
Granola bars
Peanuts
Laundry detergent
Toiletries
Canned tuna, chicken, turkey, ham,
Spam and stew
Kids food and snacks

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 September 5, 2024**

Message Corner

Betty Warner is collecting BINGO prizes for Newtown Rehab. If you can bring small gifts to each meeting for Betty to bring to Newtown Rehab, she would appreciate it.

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

Redbook Changes

**Nancy Kennedy's new address is:
26 A Main St., Newtown**

**Lilleba Peterson's email is:
unnihpeterson@gmail.com**

Redbook Phone Number Changes

**Coke Cramer 203-405-1087
Betty Doty 203-687-3882
Louise Baker 203-304-9254**



If you are able, please wear a red top, blouse, dress or scarf to our May meeting. It will be a great way to celebrate the 2023-2024 club year, and we will look

wonderful in group photos to be taken after our Years of Service Pins are awarded.

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>

FYI

Newtown High School Band and Guard will have their Giant Tag Sale in the school cafeteria on Sat. 5/18th and Sunday 5/19th
9 am to 12 pm

For anyone doing spring cleaning/purging they are accepting their "Junk In The Trunk" donations on Friday 5/17 from 4:30 pm to 7 pm. It's great!!!! Load your "treasures" in your car, pull up in front of the high school and many worker bees come out with wagons and unload your car!!! You don't even have to get out.

This is a major fundraiser for the Band and Guard!!!



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KNITTING:

Janet Stockalis

We will not meet Tuesday May7th as previously written.



FEDERATION:

Janet Stockalis

GFWC/CT Annual Convention will be held May 18th in Chester, CT. I will be attending along with Millie Anderson. More information to follow

TREASURER'S REPORT 06/01/2023 - 04/30/2024

Peg Forbell - Treasurer

BALANCE ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD			5/31/23	2,265.26
	BUDGET		FUNDRAISING	
CASH RECEIVED:				
CHRISTMAS BASKET INCOME			475.00	
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (BOTTLES)	131.60			
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (VETERANS)	600.00			
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON PAYMENTS	7,561.00			
INTEREST INCOME	8.20			
MEETINGS INCOME	505.00			
MEMBERSHIP-DUES, APPLICATIONS, NAME TAGS	2,225.00			
OPERATING INCOME - 50/50	300.50			
VETERANS			500.00	
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS			5,515.00	
WAYS & MEANS - DONATIONS			500.00	
WAYS & MEANS - LIBERTY GOLD			2,300.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	11,331.30		9,290.00	20,621.30
DISBURSEMENTS:				
CARING FRIENDS	9.63			
CHRISTMAS BASKET EXPENSE			475.00	
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (VETERANS)	739.68			
COMMUNITY DONATIONS				
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - BOX RENT	230.00			
DISTRICT BASKET & FLOWERS	194.99			
FEDERATION DUES	1,000.00			
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - ORNAMENTS			3,396.21	
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - LIBERTY GOLD			14.00	
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - PRINTING			50.00	
HOSPICE TABLE	350.00			
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON COSTS	7,362.79			
INCORPORATION FEE	50.00			
INSURANCE	125.85			
MEETINGS EXPENSE	790.00			
NEWSLETTER - POSTAGE, PRINTING				
PINS	279.37			
PROGRAM EXPENSE	354.00			
TREASURER - CHECKS	41.86			
VETERANS			154.05	
WEBSITE				
YEARBOOK	323.86			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	11,852.03		4,089.26	15,941.29
BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD			4/30/2024	6,945.27