

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



Ramblings



October 2024



On This Date in History: October 17

- 1691 New royal charter for Massachusetts, now including Maine, Plymouth
- 1829 Delaware River & Chesapeake Bay Canal formally opens
- 1885 Baseball sets all players salaries at \$1,000-\$2,000 for 1885 season
- 1888 Thomas Edison files a patent for the Optical Phonograph (the first movie)
- 1962 The Beatles make their live television debut, appearing on Manchester's local "People And Places" program, performing 'Some Other Guy' and their new single 'Love Me Do'



Newtown Woman's Club October Luncheon
Barbarie's Black Angus Grill
5 Eagle Road, Danbury, CT
203-826-7406
October 17, 2024

Location: 5 Eagle Road, Danbury, CT

Directions: Take US-6 W/Mt Pleasant Rd to CT-25 N. Continue to Eagle Rd. which is across from Walmart. Take a left at Comfort Inn and Suites. Black Angus is on the right at the same turn as Courtyard by Marriott.

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

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024

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

Program: **Halloween Fun!**

October Luncheon Menu

"Laughter is brightest where food is best." ~ Irish Proverb



- Garden Salad;

Main Course

- Filet Mignon Beef Tips w onions, mushrooms, port wine demi, mashed potatoes
- Fish & Chips w cole slaw, tarter & fries
- Chicken Piccata w capers, lemon white wine sauce, rice & broccoli
- Pasta Primavera seasonal vegetables, garlic & EVOO

- Coffee & Tea with a choice of Chocolate Fudge Brownie or Sorbet

Deadline for reservations is Saturday, October 12, 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!**

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

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President:
Rosemary Rau

Website: nwc-gfwc.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *Rosemary Rau*

MEMBER OF THE MONTH (MOM)



Dear Fellow Members,

I couldn't think of a better way to celebrate the changing of the seasons than to share with you a sampling from our very own poet, Peg Forbell's private Collection.

Autumn Has Arrived

My heart is happy for these days
That stay so warm, 'though nights are cool
When Autumn trees with color blaze
(And all the kids are back in school!)

Oh, on lovely Fall let's keep a lease
With endless days of bright blue skies
Let's not see the southward-flying geese
Nor hear their mournful, traveling cries.

Nor think at all of ice and snow
'Though approaching Winter be our fate
But bask in October's golden glow
And make old gray November wait.

*Peg's very first book of Poems will be
unveiled at our April luncheon.*

Sweater weather on the way
Enjoy each and every Autumn day!

Barbara Bradley - October MOM

What is your favorite pet? Dog

What is your favorite color? Blue

What is your favorite holiday? Christmas

What is your favorite meal?

Steak with caramelized onion

What is your favorite accomplishment?

To learn to stand up for myself

What is the bravest thing you have ever done?

*Ascending and climbing down the more than
500 steps at Bushkill Falls AND*

I was about 15 and we lived on Town End Road, which was a long dirt road off Eden Hill Road. My parents left me in charge of my three sisters as they were taking my 2 brothers out for an awards dinner. It was around 8 or 9 o'clock and my sisters and I were watching TV when we heard noise in the basement. I got up to check. As I went down the hallway, I saw a hand pushing open the door and trying to unlatch the side lock. I yelled to my sister, who was 14, to call the police and to my 13 year old sister to run to the bedroom and get a bed slat I took the slat from my sister and began to whack the hand with it. The intruder then kicked the door partially open. So I hit his leg and hand as my sisters tried to hold the door closed. I kept hitting until he finally gave up and ran back down the stairs, when he promptly hit his head

on a first floor beam and knocked himself out. Just then 3 police cars arrived. The police were putting him into the police car and questioning him when my poor parents arrived home. The police explained to my parents what had happened and by that time all 4 of their daughters were in tears.

PROGRAMS: *Marie Sturdevant
Marg Studley*

Happy Early Halloween! 

Dear Members, Costumes are most welcome for our October luncheon.



**Let's have some Halloween Fun.
No Frights BUT Definitely a few Surprises.**

Please refrain from talking during the business meeting and while a speaker is presenting a program!

VETERANS: *Sylvia Poulin*



Attached is the list that I received from the Rocky Hill Veterans Home. A very different format this year. Please check it out and let's see if we can load my car again this year for our veterans.

We have also adopted a veteran known as: Comet 13A. His only request is a Christmas sweatshirt in large and Old Spice body wash.

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT: *Evie Watts
Millie Anderson*



Nine Woman's Club members enjoyed a tour and heart-warming presentation at the Catherine Violet Hubbard Nature Sanctuary on Wednesday. The Sanctuary is accessed from Commerce Road and open to the public. It's a great spot to take a walk or for quiet reflection.

We will be collecting warm clothing for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission in November. Keep this in mind when you start taking out your fall and winter items.

ORNAMENTS:

*Pat Bailey
LeReine Frampton
Millie Anderson*



The Newtown Forest Association, Inc. Ornament is currently on sale. Our Vendors are: Library, Toy Tree, Town Clerks Office and the Bee. Please buy your Ornament early. We have a limited supply this year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: *Alice Horahan*



The Finance Committee has set the Operating Budget for this year. Please see the proposed budget in this Newsletter. There will be a vote by the membership to approve the budget at the meeting.



*NWC Members at the
Catherine Violet Hubbard Sanctuary*

MINUTES:

Pat Lowell

Newtown Woman's Club Meeting MINUTES

September 19, 2024

The meeting was held at Nostrano Italian Eatery, 274 S. Main St., Newtown, CT

President Rosemary Rau opened the meeting at 12:06pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dot O'Byrne

Collect was led by Mary Ann Magee.

We sang God Bless America in lieu of an Inspirational Message.

Rosemary led a moment of silence for former club member Susan Sullivan.

Peg Forbell conducted the installation of Jeanne Braude-Magi as Vice President for 2024 – 2026.

Peg included an inspirational message, The Meaning of Thyme/Time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH: Pat Lowell reviewed the procedure for placing donations for Stone Bridge Health and Rehabilitation Center, Newtown, in the white, wicker basket at each meeting. She will log and deliver donations immediately following each meeting.

Sylvia Poulin is awaiting a new Secret Santa Wish List for the Rocky Hill Veterans, and added that we will sponsor a veteran for Christmas as we always do.

Betty Warner will be collecting food items in October for The Center in Danbury.

-BOOK CLUB: Joan Lavery announced a meeting on Thursday, September 26, 1pm at Booth Library. Members will be choosing books to read for the year, and will discuss An Unfinished Love Story which was summer reading.

-ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION: Millie Anderson announced a tour of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary on October 2nd at 11am. Sign up sheets were on the tables.

The tour will be cancelled if it rains.

-HEALTH AND WELLNESS: Jan Happel announced a fundraiser walk for St. Jude Children's Hospital on Wednesday, September 25th, 10am at the Newtown Youth Academy at Fairfield Hills. We have permission to walk inside. Make checks payable to Newtown Women's Club, note to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

-FOOD PANTRY: Chris Dran read a notice she placed in our September Newsletter regarding our food collection for Hospitality Hall at Newtown Congregational Church. Chris brought a large basket for our donations.

FINANCE: Alice Horahan met her committee last week to prepare our budget for this year. The report will appear in the October newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP: Dolores Judge distributed our 2024 -2026 Yearbooks/Red Books and membership cards. The committee will meet on Monday, September 23rd, Booth Library, 1pm.

-ORNAMENTS: Pat Bailey displayed and began sales of our 2024 pewter Christmas ornament honoring the Newtown Forest Association's 100 year Anniversary. Ornaments cost \$20 each and will be available for sale at a variety of businesses around town. Gift boxes for the ornaments are included, a donation from Rosemary Rau and her daughter. Pat announced that this is her tenth and final year chairing this committee.

Colleen Honan announced that today's 50/50 raffle netted \$73.50.

Our luncheon guests were Debra Senafelder, sponsored by Marie Sturdevant, and Lisa Walsh, sponsored by Coke Cramer.

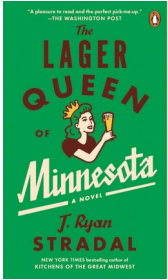
Our program was presented by Registrars of Voters, club member LaReine Frampton, and Erica Canfield.

President Rosemary Rau adjourned the meeting at 12:36pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Pat Lowell, Recording Secretary*

BELLES, BOOKS AND CANDLES:

Joan Lavery



The book we will be discussing is "The Lager Queen of Minnesota" by J Ryan Stradal At the library Oct. 24th at 1. The room might be changed so look around for us. Marg Studley will lead the discussion.

MEMBERSHIP:

Dolores Judge

WELCOME back to the 2024-2025 club year!! If you haven't received your red book and membership card, please see me at the meeting.

ARTS AND CULTURE: *Marcia Cavanaugh
Michelle Rosenthal*

Arts & Crafts Show

We will have an Arts and Crafts Show at our Thursday, November 21 meeting!

Artistic talents in all forms are invited to participate - original oil, prints, photography, jewelry design, embroidery, sewing, greeting cards - any form of artistic endeavor is welcome. Items may be offered for sale if you wish. Please put a price tag on it. Members have the option to donate 25% of sales proceeds to the club!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

ART SHOW at C.H. BOOTH LIBRARY

Art work representing favorite books, including paintings by Michelle Rosenthal and Marcia Cavanaugh, will be on display in the Meeting Room in October and November.

RICHTER ARTS ASSOCIATION

Richter House, 100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, will present its 44th Juried Art Show and Sale on

Saturday, October 19 from 2-5pm with an opening reception. Michelle and Marcia will be exhibiting. The show will continue on Sunday, October 20 and Sunday, October 27, 1-3pm and 4-5pm.



*Registrars of Voters,
LeReine Frampton and
Erica Canfield*



*Installation of Jeanne
Braude-Magi as First
Vice President*

Birthday's



October

Joan Lavery 13
Joan Nickerson 31

November

Nancy Kennedy 6
Jean Swanhall 13
LeReine Frampton 22
Betty Warner 28

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 7, 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***Preventative Medicine** *Marcia Cavanaugh*

ARTS & CRAFTS - Are Good For You!
Engaging in arts and crafts is significantly linked to well-being a large scale study has shown. Artistic activities have a meaningful effect in giving people a sense that their life is worthwhile.

Creative hobbies are outlets for self expression and opportunities for feelings of accomplishment. Those who engaged in painting, knitting, woodworking and jewelry design reported higher levels of happiness and satisfaction and a greater sense of life's worth. This was even more so than other sociodemographic factors linked to wellbeing such as employment status, physical health and income levels!

*Study reported in Nice News***INTERNATIONAL:***Jeanne Braude-Magi***Heifer International:***Alice Horahan*

Don't forget to bring your quarters for the Heifer International Fund. We got off to a very good start last month.

ARTS AND CULTURE:*Marcia Cavanaugh**Michelle Rosenthal*

There will be a member Arts and Crafts show at our November meeting. Start planning and working on projects that you'd like to have displayed at the luncheon. More information will follow at the meetings and in subsequent newsletters.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH:*Pat Lowell*

Please see the current Wish List from The Center for Empowerment and Education in Danbury. Their list is on Amazon. Just follow the directions for making donations. Thank you!

Our contact at The Center, Samantha Flynn, says they could use donations of either new or gently used winter coats for women and children.

If we are allowed to stay after the meeting and program at Barberie's Black Angus on October 17th, we will have a brief committee meeting at that time.

50/50 Raffle:*Colleen Honan*

In addition to our monthly 50/50 raffle, we will have a surprise Halloween raffle. The tickets for this raffle will be \$5. each. Be prepared for an exciting and fun drawing!



FOOD PANTRY:

*Barbara Bradley
Chris Dran*

Message Corner



Thank you for your generous donations last month that were delivered to Hospitality Hall.

This month's food donations will be collected by Betty Warner to be given to The Center for Empowerment and Education. All non-perishable items are welcome.

We will collect donations during the November meeting for the FAITH Food Pantry.

With much gratitude, Barbara and Chris

CARING FRIENDS:

Mary Obre



A card was sent to Louise Baker for her recent hip replacement. She was very grateful that we thought of her. I received a response from the 2 "Thinking of You" cards that I sent out last month. Coke Cramer did attend last month's meeting (what a great spunky lady) and thanked me for the lovely card that I sent to her from the NWC members. She loved it and I will make an effort to send one every few months to let her know she has not been forgotten. I received a letter from Marion Thompson's husband Dave, in response to the card I sent to Marion on behalf of the NWC. In the letter Dave thanked the NWC members for "expressing kind feelings for a valued member." Dave continued that "Marion is staying at the Bethel Home Care facility where she is free of pain or discomfort." I am sure the club members are comforted to know that Marion is getting good care. She has given so much to the NWC.

If you know of any NWC members/family members who might be cheered by a Caring Friends card or phone call, please let Mary Obre know.

You can reach her at mtobre@aol.com or call her at 203-426-4130.

Betty Warner is collecting BINGO prizes for Stone Bridge (formally Newtown Rehab.) If you can bring small gifts to each meeting for Betty to bring to Stone Bridge, she would appreciate it. Please see the attached list.

Betty also collects for The Center for Empowerment and Education at each meeting. She will be collecting food for the women and children in October.

Our Board meetings will be held in the Library Room at the Newtown Congregational Church, no longer at the CH Booth Library. Please note on your calendars. First Thursday of the month, 9:30am.

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>

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**



NEWTOWN WOMAN'S CLUB, GFWC, INC.

ANTICIPATED OPERATING INCOME AND PROPOSED DONATIONS 2024-2025

ANTICIPATED OPERATING INCOME		PROPOSED DONATIONS	
ACTUAL DUES	\$2,060.00	FIRE DEPT INS. PREM	\$350.00
ADDITIONAL DUES (4)	\$180.00	LABOR DAY PARADE	\$200.00
INTEREST	\$5.00	BOOTH LIBRARY	TBD
50/50	\$400.00	NWC SCHOLARSHIP	TBD
CARRY OVER	\$1,248.00	TOTAL	\$550.00
TOTAL	\$3,893.00		
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	APPROVED 23.24	ACTUAL	PROPOSED 24-25
ARTS	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
AUDIT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CARING FRIENDS	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT&OUTREACH	\$100.00	\$53.00	\$200.00
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$236.00
DISTRICT BASJET	\$65.00	\$195.00	\$65.00
EDUCATION	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
ENVIRONMENT	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
FEDERATION DUES	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$880.00
FINANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HEALTH AND WELLNESS	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HISTORIAN	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
HOSPICE TABLE	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$100.00
HOSPITALITY	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
INCORPORATION FEE	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
INSTALLATION	\$100.00	\$13.00	\$0.00
INSURANCE	\$125.85	\$126.00	\$126.00
MEETINGS	\$500.00	\$285.00	\$300.00
MEETING ROOM (BOARD)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
NEWSLETTER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
OPERATING COSTS	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
PINS	\$0.00	\$279.00	\$50.00
PRESIDENTS' SUPPLIES	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
PROGRAM	\$500.00	\$354.00	\$400.00
PUBLICITY	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
RECORDING SECRETARY	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TREASURER	\$50.00	\$42.00	\$50.00
WEBSITE	\$200.00	\$156.00	\$200.00
YEARBOOK	\$300.00	\$324.00	\$0.00
	\$4,300.85	\$3,467.00	\$3,392.00

TREASURER'S REPORT 06/01/2024 - 09/30/2024

Peg Forbell - Treasurer

BALANCE ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD			5/31/24	1,594.33
	BUDGET		FUNDRAISING	
CASH RECEIVED:				
CHRISTMAS BASKET INCOME				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (BOTTLES)				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (HEIFER)				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (VETERANS)				
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON PAYMENTS	1,398.00			
INTEREST INCOME	2.44			
MEETINGS INCOME				
MEMBERSHIP-DUES, APPLICATIONS, NAME TAGS	2,177.00			
OPERATING INCOME - 50/50	73.50			
WAYS & MEANS - ORNAMENTS			220.00	
WAYS & MEANS - DONATIONS				
WAYS & MEANS - LIBERTY GOLD				
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	3,650.94		220.00	3,870.94
DISBURSEMENTS:				
CARING FRIENDS				
CHRISTMAS BASKET EXPENSE				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (HEIFER)				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH (VETERANS)				
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH				
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - BOX RENT	118.00			
FEDERATION DUES	880.00			
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - ORNAMENTS			2,614.06	
FUNDRAISING EXPENSE - LIBERTY GOLD				
HOSPITALITY - LUNCHEON COSTS	1,353.00			
INCORPORATION FEE				
INSURANCE	125.91			
MEETINGS EXPENSE				
PROGRAM EXPENSE				
TREASURER	14.60			
VETERANS				
WEBSITE				
YEARBOOK	189.44			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,680.95		2,614.06	5,295.01
BALANCE AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD			9/30/2024	170.26



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS
 287 West Street; Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067
 Telephone (860) 655 – 6049



2024 Holiday Wish List for Resident/Patient Veterans at the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Gift Certificates:

Amazon Big Y Burger King CVS Dunkin Kohl's McDonald's
 Michael's craft store Stop & Shop Target Walmart Wendy's

Clothing: NEW ITEMS WITH TAGS ONLY! (All sizes: Men's M to 6X, Women's M to 3X)

Open Bottomed Sweatpants
 Sweatshirts
 Henley Style Shirts (POCKET a Plus!)
 Polo Style Shirts (POCKET a Plus!)

Accessories:

Bed in a Bag (Twin Size Sheets XL , & Comforters)	AA & AAA Batteries
Diabetic Socks	Indoor Antennas
Men's Leather Belts (34W to 54W)	Headphones
Shower Sandals (not flip-flops) Size 7 to 15	Headphone Extension Wires
Keyed Padlocks	

Toiletries:

Body Wash
 Deodorants
 HD Laundry Pods
 Toothpaste

PLEASE DELIVER HOLIDAY ITEMS BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024!
PLEASE CALL Judy Barnes at (860) 655-6049 to ARRANGE A DELIVERY APPOINTMENT!

Monetary donations may be made to: "Department of Veterans Affairs" and sent to:
 Lindsay Jesshop, Manager of Community Advocacy,
 CT Dept. of Veterans Affairs; 287 West Street; Rocky Hill, CT 06067.
 Please designate 'Rocky Hill Veterans' Home Holiday 2024' in the memo area.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

WISH LIST FOR



The Center

for Empowerment and Education

STEPS:

Log into thecenterct.org

Click on “How To Help Us, then “Giving”

Then in the green box, click “See All the Ways to Give.”

Read area entitled “In Kind Giving.”

Below that, another green box says, “Visit Our Wish List on Amazon”

At the top, see the title, “The Center for Empowerment and Education’s Wish List.”

READ MESSAGE: “Thank you so much for visiting our Wish List! If you are a bargain shopper and happen upon any of these items while shopping, please feel free to drop them off at our 2 West Street, Danbury office. We and the families we serve truly appreciate your generosity and support.”

Next, click on Filters on the righthand side. Under Default, click on “Priority (high to low). Here is a sampling of what they want most. (As of September, 2024) The total list contains 147 items. *If you are not ordering through Amazon.com but purchasing on your own, click on “Buying this gift elsewhere” for The Center’s records.

TOILETRIES BY BRAND NAME:

*Aquaphor, Aveeno, Aussie, Cartu Care, Dial, Dove, Garnier Fructis, TRESemme shampoos and conditioners, Pantene, Jergens, Palmer’s, Eucerin, Suave

GIFT CARDS: Mastercard, VISA, Uber, Lowe’s, Michael’s, H & M, Kohl’s, GAP Baby, Amazon.com

CLEANING PRODUCTS/BRAND NAMES: Arm & Hammer, Nature’s Miracle, Lysol

Pampers, Huggies, Pull-Ups

BINGO PRIZE WISH LIST

FOR

STONE BRIDGE CENTER

FOR HEALTH & REHABILITATION

GENERAL ITEMS

- *Large print word search and crossword puzzle books
- *Sudoku
- *Reading Materials: old newspapers, magazines, books
- *Bookmarks
- *UNO card games
- *Decks of cards
- *Jigsaw puzzles: 100, 200, or 300 piece
- *Used puzzles if complete
- *Blank greeting cards with envelopes
- *New calendars for their room
- *Note pads
- *Lightweight, microwave safe coffee mugs (New or secondhand)
- *Non-skid socks

- *Old watches
- *Men's wallets
- *Women's jewelry: rings, clip earrings, bracelets, necklaces
- *Sunglasses: UV protection preferred
- *Winter Items: hats, gloves, mittens, scarves

TOILETRIES: WOMEN & MEN

- *Body wash
- *Bar soap
- *Shampoo
- *Body lotion
- *Deodorant
- *Tooth brushes
- *Tooth paste
- *Combs and brushes

TOILETRIES FOR WOMEN

- *Nail polish
- *Lip sticks

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