



General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

OFFICIAL CALL TO GFWC/December Meeting

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Katherine DeBurra, State President; GFWC/CT 2022-2024

Individually we are one wave, together we are an ocean!



**The December Board Meeting will be held at Cafe Fiore
134 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416**



**To honor the National Event of "Friendsgiving" suggested by GFWC, we will
honor our military friends - Female Veterans**



The December Meeting will be a wonderful opportunity to be grateful for Veterans, their service, their time and dedication to our country. Hear experiences and involvement of their time in service. Senator Christine Cohen was honored to be asked to attend our meeting to honor Female Veterans.



**ALL GFWC/CT MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND THE MEETING!**

GFWC/CT Executive Board Members, Club Presidents, Chairmen of GFWC/CT Committees, Members of GFWC/CT Standing Committees, Community Service Program Chairmen, Past State Presidents, District Presidents, Assistant District Presidents, and State Officers.

**Meeting room opens @ 9:30 am. Please allow the Convention
Chairman and her Team to have a little bit of time to make the room
beautiful for you!**

***Parking can become full around the Restaurant and we are asked to try to park
behind the Restaurant in the parking area to the rear or car-pool if possible.***

9:30-10:00 am Registration

10:00 am Call to Order

Welcome

Introduction of Guests

Officers Reports-With Special focus on:

Time to consider LEADS-Kathy Barnes.

Reporting- Heather Spencer.

Membership updates-Wendy Clery.

10:45 am Madeline Marzullo; Veterans Chairman -Wreaths Across America.

We all know Maddy's passion for Veterans -please see attached message in the Call about the meaning of the making of the beautiful wreaths for Wreaths Across America!

Thank you Maddy!

11:00 am Speaker Program - "Terry VandenDolder"

Honoring Female Veterans and Friendsgiving-the National Event of GFWC!

Terry joined the Air Force in 1982 as the only woman in her flight class. She served active duty for 8 years and Reserve Duty for 20 more years. She currently resides in Madison. She flies as a

Captain flying a triple 777 Jet on American Airlines -Internationally and her "base" airport is JFK (Kennedy in Queens; NY). Asked her favorite European destination and she said Rome!

Thank you, for your service Terry!

12:00 pm Lunch & Social time

1:00 pm Senator Christine Cohen-her favorite "success" story as a woman Senator.

Senator Cohen was elected to the CT General Assembly in 2018 to serve the 12th State Senate

District and is a small business owner in Madison. As a local leader she is serving the communities and fighting for economic growth, public safety and smart policies for our

families! **Welcome and thank you- Senator Cohen!**

1:30 pm Donna Farrell; Convention Chairman & JoAnn Calnen; Past State President 2010-2012-Flag Folding Ceremony- The 13-folds meaning!

Thank you to these 2 GFWC/CT Female Veterans!

2:00 pm Other Business/Club Program Announcements

3:00 pm Adjournment

Visit our tree dedicated to The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Connecticut! Maritime Center- 545 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven, CT at the *Trees of Hope*. This event is open to the public and will feature beautiful holiday displays donated and sponsored by individuals, local businesses and community organizations. Raffle tickets are sold for \$1 each and attendees will be able to distribute their tickets towards the displays they would like to win on the raffle platform. It is a fun event for the entire family and a perfect way to get in the holiday spirit. Trees of Hope is the largest fundraising event to support the brave children and families at Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut.

Sunday December 11th 10AM – 5PM daily w/family activities.

Raffle platform closes at 5pm Sunday and winners will be called that evening.





GFWC/CT Reservation Form for December 10, 2022

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: December 1, 2022

PLEASE SIGN UP TIMELY!

Registration: \$10.00 Luncheon: \$30.00 Total: \$40.00

Luncheon – Buffet style. Chicken Fiore, breast of chicken topped with spinach, fresh tomatoes, sundried tomatoes & mozzarella in a vodka pink sauce. Salmon Oreganata, Salmon steak sauteed with oregano, garlic, capers and broccoli in a lemon white wine sauce. Eggplant Rollatini, Rolled eggplant filled with ricotta, mozzarella and spinach in a marinara sauce. Garlic Rolls, House Garden Salad, Coffee, Tea & Soft Drinks.

**Cookie Decorating Contest for dessert!
Each table will vote for “their” winner!**

Name _____

Club _____

District: (circle 1) NC NW SE SW

Any Dietary Restrictions: _____

GFWC/CT Executive Board Position:

Are you a 2022-2024 Club President? Yes _____ No _____

Are you a Veteran? Yes _____ No _____

No table charge to CSP Chairman or Committee Chairman, however, registration is required by deadline above please.

**Mail Meeting and Table Registrations to:
Pam Lerner, 20 Brenton Terrace, Hamden, CT 06518
Contact Info: Phone: 203-281-3090 or pamlern41044@aol.com
Checks made out to GFWC/CT**

Half Table \$5.00 - Full Table \$10.00

Name _____ **Club** _____

Email _____



Wreaths Across America!

Maddy will be collecting monetary donations for this wonderful program on the tables.

If you are so inclined to donate- THANK YOU!



Each Veterans Wreath is made of 10 fresh balsam bouquets, each representing a special meaning and quality embodied by our Veterans!



- 1. Their BELIEF in the greater good!**
- 2. Their LOVE for each other!**
- 3. Their STRENGTH, work ethic & character!**
- 4. Their HONESTY & INTERGRITY!**
- 5. Their HUMILITY, SELFLESSNESS & MODESTY!**
- 6. Their AMBITIONS & ASPIRATIONS!**
- 7. Their OPTIMISM for America!**
- 8. Their CONCERN for the future!**
- 9. Their PRIDE in their duties!**
- 10. Their HOPE & DREAMS that didn't always come true, but left them with no regrets!**

All support and sponsor are greatly appreciated!