



**THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF
WOMEN'S CLUBS OF CONNECTICUT
DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**

**Saturday, December 10, 2022
Cafe Fiore
134 Berlin Road, Cromwell, CT 06416**



Wreaths Across America in Middletown CT; December 2019

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



9:30 Registration Time- Pam Lerner; Assistant Treasurer
9:30 Meeting Room Opens.

10:00 Call to Order- Katherine DeBurra; State President
Inspiration- Nicole Karalli; Terryville WC/Veteran

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States
of America- Maureen Fernandes; Windsor WC

Collect; Jean Keating; President; Windsor WC

Credentials Report; Donna Farrell; Convention/
Meeting Chairman/Veteran

Introductions-Katherine DeBurra.
EC Board/Past Presidents.

10:15 Memorial Service-Jean Brown; Past State President
2002-2004 & Leslie Apostalon; Past State President 2018-2020

Reports of EC Officers

Introductions of District Presidents, CSP Chairman & Presidents.

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

11:00 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!



12:00 Expression of Thanks-Jeanne Kehoe;
President East Hartford WC

Recess, Friendship Time, Luncheon
& Cookie decorating Contest

1:00 Meeting Reconvenes

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!

1:45 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 Fundraising- Sara Newell-thank you to Sandy Barry for
helping today as well!

Other Business & Announcements -Feel free to announce your
upcoming events!

2:30 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*. Trees of Hope is the largest
fundraising event to support the brave children and families at
Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut.



Last day tomorrow, Sun, December 11th
10 am – 5 pm

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

Raffle tickets \$1 each to win a display.

COLLECT
(A Collect for Club Women)

**Keep us, O God, from pettiness,
Let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.
Let us be done with faultfinding
And leave off self-seeking.
May we put away all pretense
And meet each other face to face,
Without self-pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgment
And always generous.
Let us take time for all things;
Make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
Straightforward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize that it is
The little things that create differences;
That in the big things of life we are one.
And may we strive to touch and to know
The great, common human heart of us all.
And, O Lord God, let us forget not
To be kind!**



*Mary Stewart
April 1904*

**Important dates: December 15th-Deadline to
propose by-laws to by-laws committee to be
considered at May Convention.**

**Jan 15th – Annual Club Reports due to Heather Spencer, 2nd VP
@ heatherspencergfwc@yahoo.com**

February 1st -LEADS applications due to State President.