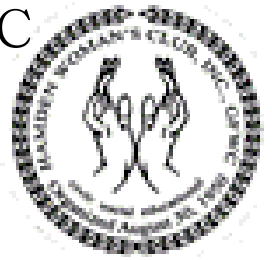




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Co-President's Message

Annette LaVelle & Zunny Martinez

Our March 1st meeting promises to be wonderful! Zunny will host a BINGO PARTY! Come prepared! Bring your daubers and be ready for fun, following a brief meeting. We are pleased to have so many women interested in joining The Hamden Woman's Club. Please introduce yourselves to them and welcome these new, prospective members to your tables.

Our new members are jumping into our committees, projects and fund raiser. We wish to thank our new members for their enthusiasm and willingness to help and get involved in everything we do to help our community.

Remember, guests are always welcome.

Judy Feather and Ellie Gaetano no longer wish to chair the Sunshine project. They have done an excellent job and we know they will find something else to keep them busy. Thank you both for all you have done and we look forward to your next project. Anyone interested in learning more about the Sunshine committee can ask Judy or Ellie about their duties.

The committee working on the fund raiser has many ideas to consider and would welcome your input.

We are grateful to all of you for your help and participation in Club activities. A shout out to Debbie Boyaji and Sue Yates. We are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces soon. We miss you both.

Come to the March meeting. We wish everyone good luck at BINGO!

Volunteering

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please hand in your volunteer hours to Rosalie Loewenbaum.

These are for hours that you have done on your own not on a Hamden Woman's Club committee.

March News Flash

Linda Melillo, 1st Vice President

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.... Or do they say!
I say "beware of the Ides of March" and "top of the morning to ya" on Saint Patrick's Day and Happy Saint Joseph's Day!! Zeppoles for all. Celebrate daylight savings time and enjoy more daylight. I hope to see you all at District Day in March and then onto April to enjoy more positive vibes! God bless you all

Calendar of Events

March 2nd – Home Life/Public Affair
Workshops: Provide Bookmarks to
Childrens section of Library
Miller Senior Center
9:15am

TBD - New Members Lunch

March 1st – General Meeting
Miller Senior Center
Hamden 6:30pm

March 11th - GFWC/CT Board Meeting

March 14th – Book Club

March 15th – Board Meeting
Miller Senior Center
Hamden 6:00pm

March 25th – GFWC/CT SE District Day

Hospitality for March 2023

HOSTESSES are:

Linda Mellilo, Rosalina Nevola, Carol Noble, Ellen Young & Patricia Johnson.

Members' duties as hostesses include furnishing refreshments during the month they are assigned.

Please see Article VII section 6 for additional info

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Should you have any questions or concerns about this newsletter please contact me via:
email- wchnewsletter@gmail.com
phone - 203-543-9200

Special note: The preferred method of newsletter submissions is email. If you are going to type your submissions, please email them to me by the 20th of each month

HOME LIFE/PUBLIC AFFAIRS **Committee**

Carole Passarelli/Linda Bishop

We are pleased to report that the Home Life and Public Affairs Committee completed 325 bookmarks to be distributed to adults using the Hamden Library's Homebound Services.

We will be holding another workshop on Thursday, March 2 from 9:15am to noon. This workshop will be to provide bookmarks to the children's section of the library. Members who would like to participate please bring a ruler and scissors.

We will be holding a meeting later in the spring to determine the projects for next year. We would welcome any ideas for projects and new members to our committee.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS **MARJORIE GIUNTI**

The International Affairs lunch group met at Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant on February 16th and enjoyed a great meal with 10 members in attendance.

We will meet next month on March 16th at the Playwright Restaurant in Hamden, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The restaurant does not open until 2:00 p.m., and only with a dinner menu. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can make reservations.



HWC MEMBERSHIP
Carolyn DellaPietra,
Shirley Cavanagh, Carol Noble



Happy to say our membership is growing.

At our February meeting we introduced new members who attended the orientation luncheon on January 28th.

It was delightful to meet and get to know the 7 new members that were able to attend. The Membership Committee is planning another gathering with new members who were unable to attend, and those who have joined since; including our renewing members.

Please let Shirley, Carol Noble or Carolyn DP know any new members attending the next orientation.

We look forward to all members participating in the varied committee projects are club engages in.

According to the BY-Laws all members are to participate in at least one committee. We anticipate our growth to continue and with that many charitable projects will be accomplished as we share in the volunteer spirit.

Future dates to keep in mind:

March 11 th -GFWC/CT Board Meeting – Registration forms available.

March 25 th – GFWC/CT SE District Day – Registration forms available.

Let's continue to enjoy all that we do and create lasting friendships.

Membership info: Shirley Cavanagh 203-248-9726
Carol Noble -203-288-6986/Carolyn DP – 203-675-8444

We thank Sharon Nolan who will be joining the membership committee.

BOOK CLUB

Susan Centone

The book club class b met on February 14th at the Hamden townhouse diner on Whitney Avenue.

The following books were discussed

'1000 White Women' by Jim Fergus

'The Visitors' by Sally Bauman

'The Time Tomorrow'
by Emma Straub

'The Masterpiece' by Fiona Davis

'Beautiful Day' by Elin Hilderbrand

'Gallows Road'
by Lisa Hall Brownell

'The Maid' by Nita Prose

'The Water of Eternal Youth'
by Donna Leon

Thank you to everyone who joined us
for book club!

The book club meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Hamden townhouse diner at 12:30. All are welcome. Our next book club meeting will be on March 14.

Hope to see you there!

ARTS & CRAFTS

Linda Canales

February's meeting included our Arts and Crafts competition.

We saw some wonderful creations that our members submitted, and

THE VOTES ARE IN...TO BE ANOUNCED at the March meeting; be sure to attend and see if what you voted for won!

The process has been constantly changing this year, and now we have been told that ALL of the first-place winners can go on to the SE District. However we are still being told that only photography will go on to State, (maybe that will change too). So, we have a chance to show off our very creative members items in another venue.

Congratulations to all the winners and we will see you March 1st!





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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Suggestions, Idea, Comments

How can we help?

Members Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Email: _____

Comments: _____

Should you feel uncomfortable putting your name just leave blank!

Hamden Woman's Club

Outside Volunteer Hours

This form is for the hours that you have volunteered in the community.

DO NOT use this for any activities related to your work for the Hamden Woman's Club. For example, you can submit your hours if you volunteer in a hospital, school, senior center, etc.

Submit this form to Rosalie ~~Loewenbaum~~.

OUTSIDE VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

NAME:

Volunteer Date:

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS:

DOLLARS DONATED:

**Minutes
Hamden Woman's Club
2/1/2023**

Meeting called to order 6:45 p.m.

Recording Secretary – Minutes were read to the members and one change was requested.

Treasurer - Barbara Aurora reported that there was \$5,445.05 in the checking account and \$4,442.38 in the savings account. The treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

Membership – 35 Members and 4 guests were present at the meeting. New members were acknowledged.

Corresponding Secretary - No report

1 st VP – Absent

2 nd VP - New bylaws were available and to let her know if they did not receive them yet.

Publicity – Absent

Telephone Squad – No report

Ways & Means – There will be a 50/50 raffle tonight. Rada Cutlery sale will begin. Catalogs are available and the ability to purchase online will be available shortly. Collection of items for the Barn Sale continues.

Home Life – The bookmark/birthday bag workshop has been postponed. A new date will be announced shortly.

Public Affairs – No report

International Affairs – January's luncheon was attended by 6 members at a Romanian restaurant. The February luncheon will be on February 16 th at 12:30 p.m. (meet at the library at 12 Noon for carpooling). A restaurant has not yet been chosen. Choices are a Tibetan restaurant, a Caribbean restaurant or a Peruvian restaurant. Percipients are asked to help choose.

Sunshine – Several cards have been mailed. Members are requested to contact the Sunshine Committee to let them know if a member is ill. Marge is celebrating her 90 th birthday today! A thank you card will be sent to Shelly Imler.

Hospitality – Thank you to this month's hostesses as well as to Antoinette Antonucci who brought in four desserts for tonight's meeting even though she is not on the list.

Book Club – The next meeting will be February 14 th at 12:30 p.m. at the Towne House Diner 12:30.

Conservation – Tabs will continue to be collected tabs. The Town of Hamden has a new clothing recycling option available. Information can be found on the town's website.

Volunteer Hours – No report.

Arts & Crafts – The judges for tonight's event cancelled last minute so members and guests are asked to vote for their favorite photograph and their favorite cloth item. Judy Feather was presented with a blue ribbon for her dog bone wreath.

New Business:

-Shirley announced that District Day will be held on March 25 th . All members are invited to attend.

-At this point, the meeting was stopped as the speakers had arrived.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Old Business:

Fundraiser – There will be a fundraiser in November 2023. The committee chairpersons will be scheduling a meeting in the near future. Please sign up if you would like to join this committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by
Ellen Young, Recording Secretary