



GFWC The Harwinton Woman's Club

News & Views – October 2023



FROM OUR PRESIDENTS

Hope everyone can attend the October 4 th meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Harwinton Town Hall Assembly Room. Remember—you are welcome to arrive at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy working on arts and crafts prior to the meeting.

-Pam and Maddy



MEETING

7:00 PM Wed., Oct 4, 2023
Harwinton Town Hall

Congratulations to our members celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in October and November.

Holly Martin, October 2 nd
Michelle and Nick Eifes, October 2 nd
Barbara Ransom, October 3 rd
Sue Ryan, October 10 th
Susan and Jerry LaPenta, October 13 th
Colleen and Eugene Slason, October 18 th
Joan and Bill Gangloff, October 26 th
Naoma Morgenstein, October 29 th
Joann Hohensee, November 7 th
Louise Fiengo, November 8 th
Carol and Kevin Stiles, November 9 th
Carol and Harry Buck, November 28th



2022-23 OFFICERS

President – Maddy Marzullo
Vice President – Pam Lazaroski
Corresponding Sec'ty - Nancy Eldridge
Recording Sec'ty – Holly Martin
Treasurer – Carolyn Kurtich
Ass't Treasurer – Maddy Marzullo



Parliamentarian – Joann Hohensee
Newsletter – Ashley Fowler

VICE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone,

You received the Calendar of Activities/Projects at the September meeting. It documents how busy we are as a club, especially in the fall. Please make me aware of any changes that need to be made or when you add activities/projects and I will keep the calendar up to date.

The Arts & Culture Committee will be offering arts and crafts opportunities at the October 4th club meeting from 5:30 to 7:00. There will be two additional sessions—January 3rd and April 3rd. Special thanks to the committee members: Amy Cypher, Kim DeDominicis, Ashley Fowler, and Carol Stiles for sharing their artistic talents! The meeting will start promptly at 7:00 after the arts and crafts session.

--Pam

Thank You Note from Pam : Ladies, thank you to the membership for their well wishes on my back surgery and for the condolences sent on the passing of my mother.

Program for October 4th meeting

Our Guest Speaker at the October meeting will be Connecticut State Trooper Sierra Thibault.

As reported: "One of the female graduates, Sierra Thibault of Harwinton, received several best-of-class awards including ones recognizing her superiority in marksmanship, driving, physical fitness and overall excellence in training, as well as having the highest academic average." Officer Thibault is Harwinton grown, daughter of Debby and Jim Thibault!

TERRYVILLE Woman's Club TEA



Maddy has ten tickets for the Terryville Woman's Club 7th Annual Tea: "A Garden Party". Thursday, October 19th. 6:30 to 8:30pm at The Lyceum, 181 Main Street, Terryville. Price is \$15.00. Bring your own cup or buy one of theirs. Please bring your \$15 cash or check made out to TWC to our October 4th meeting. Maddy will give you your ticket to be filled out and that half presented at the door. **Wear your favorite hat!**

Baby Hats

If anyone has baby hats for Alaska please bring them to the meeting and if someone would collect them, I will come pick them up and mail them. Thanks ,**Harriet**

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

- The Susan B. Anthony Domestic Violence Vigil will be held on October 5th at 6:00 p.m. at Coe Park in Torrington. We are supporting the event by bringing refreshments and helping to serve them. At the September meeting, Holly asked for volunteers to either help at the event or to provide refreshments. Tina has committed to helping at the event. Others have offered to provide cups, plates, and napkins, ham salad sandwiches, chocolate chip cookies, cookies, bars, and cider. We still need tuna and egg salad sandwiches and a few more desserts. Please contact Holly if you can help out. Since the October meeting is the night before the vigil, please feel free to bring your food donations to the meeting.

- The Civic Engagement and Outreach Committee is joining forces with the Lewis Mills Humanitarian Club to sponsor a FOOTPRINTS FOR FREEDOM BAREFOOT WALK CHALLENGE. Our goal is to raise \$1000.00 for Sole Hope. The walk will be held on October 14th at LSM from 10-12 rain or shine. People will be forming teams of 6-10 people and getting pledges for their teams. Our club will be putting a team together and if you wish to be on the team, please contact either Pam, Holly, Destiny, or Joan. If you can't be on the team but wish to donate snacks such as granola bars, fruit snacks etc. as long as they are individually packaged, that would be appreciated. We will have a food truck (I know a Guy) and music. It will be a fun time with prizes and beads for each lap you take for a wonderful cause. Hope you can join us or take part in some way. Some of you volunteered at the September meeting. Since our October meeting is before the event, you still have time to volunteer!

- Your donations of non-perishable items to the Harwinton Food Bank are very much appreciated. Please drop items off directly at the food bank or in the box at the town hall. The need for donations has not diminished. The following items are definitely needed: Tuna fish, cereal, jelly, peanut butter, any condiments, fruit, pancake mix, canned pasta, toiletry items (especially toilet paper and paper towels).

As always, thank you for your support and generosity.

Pam, Holly, Joan, and Destiny

QUILT PROTOCOLS

- **WHY? Why did we make another original quilt? Because...**this is done by club members and loyal guest artists. There is not another one like it and we are known for our creativity and fine needle work. Scholarships, charities and community projects are on our giving list.
- That is what we are, that is what we have been all through the years. Just think of all the scholarships, charities and community events we have raised funds for. Here we are again, with our ROOTED IN KINDNESS QUILT. The wind from a hurricane stopped our selling on September 16th. So our best times will be at the Harwinton Fair. We have great volunteers and we need a few more. Tina needs a

partner on Saturday, October 7th from 1-3:p..m. and Michelle needs a partner from 3:00 p.m. until closing.

- ON Sunday, October 8th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 Destiny needs a partner, Tina again needs a partner from 1 - 3:00 p.m. and from 3 - closing Pat need a buddy and friends to help close up. Many thanks to all who have stepped up. Please Pray for no hurricanes, blizzards or even cold snaps. lovepatgreen

VETERANS

- The annual Veteran's Day Luncheon celebration will be held on Friday, November 10 th at LSM High School. Once again, we are looking for Sandwich and Dessert makers and volunteers' day of the event. After greeting all the Veterans in attendance and serving them lunch, we will adjourn to the auditorium for an assembly to honor these veterans. Please help out where you can. They were there for us! Thank you. Sign up at the October meeting (also November). Because there is no meeting just prior to the Veterans Day celebration, you'll need to drop off your donations to me at my house by 10AM morning of or bring them with you on November 10 th . Should no refrigeration be needed, they can be dropped off earlier in that week. Volunteers should arrive at the school by 11:15am.

-Candy, Carol Smith & Maddy

Arts and Culture

- Join us before the October club meeting to create a pretty holiday plate for yourself and/or a friend. All supplies will be provided.

HOLIDAY MOD PODGE PLATE

Date: October 4th

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Place: Harwinton Town Hall

- If there is interest, other times and crafts may be considered and offered. If anybody is interested in or knows someone who would like to lead a workshop, let the committee know.
- Don't forget about this year's Membership Arts and Crafts Contest which will be held in March. It's not too early to craft up your entries.

-Carol Stiles, Arts and Crafts Chair

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

The Little Free Libraries are doing well. The one located at Consolidated is greatly utilized while the one at West Side Fire House not so much. If anyone has used books (children and adult) please bring them to our monthly meetings.

-Thank you, Nancy and Tina



ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

- On September 16th, we completed the tree identification walk at Forever Forest. Three of us followed the well-marked trails on the easy to moderate terrain. We hope to do other walks on other land trust properties in the future. It was a nice cool Saturday morning for a walk at Forever Forest! Among the 33 notable trees, we found an American Chestnut tree. This tree species became nearly extinct due to a deadly blight at the turn of the 20th century. Thankfully it is slowly making a comeback.

-Terry Zagryn, Sally Johnson, Joann Hohensee



HEALTH & WELLNESS

Upcoming events:

- Trunk or Treat
- Xmas ornament making at the Library in Dec.

Meeting minutes
September 6, 2023

President Maddy Marzullo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. which was followed by the pledge of allegiance and the collect.

Maddy let everyone know about Pam's status and how she has a small fracture in her back and is waiting to have that taken care of. She let us know that her mother is now in hospice, and it won't be long. Please keep her in your prayers.

Secretary Report: Candy moved to accept the meeting minutes from June. Nancy 2 nd and all were in favor.

Corresponding Secretary Report: Nancy sent cards out to Doris Sibley for her birthday and to Patty K husband, Joe who has a broken leg and is at Wolcott Hall nursing home. She also sent a card to Jim Bement's daughter. She received a thank you note from the scholarship recipient Maddie Sirois who is attending UCONN and a donation acknowledgement in memory of Thomas O'Meara for Joann from the Harwinton Library.

Holly gave a presentation on the Footprints for Freedom Barefoot walk challenge that the Civic Engagement and the Humanitarian Club at LSM will be doing in October. She gave an overview of what Sole Hope is all about and how this barefoot walk challenge will help support the Ugandan people to become jigger free. The event will be held at the LSM high school on October 14 th from 10- 12 rain or shine. Teams will be gathering and walking the track to raise funds for Sole Hope. There will be a food truck, music, prizes, and all-around fun. You can sign up to volunteer at the event and to walk on our team. Talk to Holly if you wish to be involved.

Education committee: Maddy/Tina stated that we got a \$500 grant from the Thomaston Savings bank for the little free library books. Books will be bought to fill the 2 libraries over the months ahead.

Treasurer Report: Carolyn had no changes to the last report. The audit has been completed by Carol Stiles and Tina and were found to be in order. Carolyn stated that she doesn't have the time for the treasurer position and needs to step down.

Carolyn brought in Halloween and Christmas craft projects that needed to be taken home and put together for the events to come in October and December.

Assistant treasurer Report: Nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor position is now Ashley Fowler. Because she works and has a busy schedule she is asking that anyone who has to put articles in the newsletter to please send them out about two weeks before the next meeting so she has time to put it together. Maddy and Ashley will send out a message to let you know what date they are needed. Maddy asks that you CC her on the emails so if Ashley doesn't get the article Maddy will be able to send it along. Ashley's email address is: moosesonline@gmail.com

Maddy handed out a new calendar and list of the members that Pam had compiled.

Committee Reports:

- Arts & Culture: Arts and Culture will be meeting at 5:30, the day of the meetings, to do a craft before we start our regular meeting at 7. Details will be in the upcoming newsletter.

- Civic Engagement and Outreach: Holly talked about the Footprints for Freedom earlier and there is a sign-up sheet to help and also be on our team. She talked about Susan B. Anthony Domestic Violence vigil coming up on October 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Coe Park Torrington. She will need people to help out the night of the event and to make sandwiches and cookies and bring drinks. Holly will send out an email as to what will be needed in the next week or so.

Education and Libraries: Tina said that they need adult books. Carolyn gave Tina 197.25 to be used for little free libraries. This was money that was donated over the past year from the book swap on Saturdays.

- Environment and Community: Sally talked about the tree identification walk at the Forever Forrest at 10:00 am on Whetstone rd. On September 16 th . They also will be planting some mums in the forever green garden.

- Health and Wellness: Victoria stated that they will be doing the Trunk or Treat and the Xmas ornament making at the Library in Dec.

- Veterans: Maddy talked about the honor flight and seeing the vets off on Sept. 2 at Bradley. What a moving experience for the four of us who attended.

- Quilt: Pat talked about the quilt and all the slots needed for selling the tickets. She asked us to sign up for all that we can. We have the Stop and Shop on Sept 16, the bake sale on Sept 30 and the Harwinton Fair the weekend of Oct 6,7,8. She wants to put together a drive by birthday party for Doris Sibley's 100 th birthday. Please email Pat if you wish to be a part of it. We gave Pat permission to buy Doris a plant for her birthday and give it to her on the drive-by.

Don't forget to sign-up for the bake sale on Sept 30 th .

Maddy and Pam are working on presentations for the upcoming year.

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:02p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Martin