



The Windsor Woman's Club

Of Connecticut and GFWC



Facts and Fancies ~ March 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are ***Marching*** on! As I look forward to turning the page on the winter months, the cold and snow, and with vaccinations on the rise, hopefully we will be able to put the coronavirus pandemic in the rear window.

And indeed, it is March and there is much to be thankful for as we look towards the warmer months and the good work that we all do for the Windsor Woman's Club and the community itself.

I am hopeful that we will soon return to normal (or at least something that feels like a new normal!) and the Windsor Woman's Club will continue to be active in the community with support for our Veterans, contributions to the Food and Fuel Bank, gift cards for Windsor Social Services, Scholarships for our high school students, and supporting our community in so many ways.

Thanks to Pat Mearkle and the Program Committee, four of our members shared a brief synopsis of a book they had read at our February meeting. It was certainly interesting and peaked the interest of many to pick up a book while still under "Stay at Home" restrictions. It was a fun meeting!

Our next zoom meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** The information for connecting to the zoom meeting will be sent out as we get closer to that date.

Are you hungry? Well, the Program Committee has a plan for sharing a simple recipe for you to try. Four of our members have volunteered to share a favorite recipe and the recipes will be submitted for inclusion in the Newsletter. We will have an appetizer, a main dish, a dessert, and a surprise dish! Please plan to join us!

Plans are underway for our April Online Event to take the place of the annual Wine & Beer Tasting as we are still not able to host in-person events. More to come on this and I do hope that you will all support this because the money goes to the scholarship fund to support some of our deserving and talented high school students. See you on zoom!

Please stay safe and be well,
Joanne Sullivan
President, WWC



Scholarship Fundraiser



Jenny Czyrko, a club member from the Terryville Woman's Club, has generously offered to donate 12 of her hand-painted Ukrainian Easter eggs. Jenny has painted these beautiful eggs for many years and each one is unique. A picture of the eggs appears below. The eggs will be specially priced at \$15.00 each for our Fundraiser. Similar Ukrainian Easter eggs sell for \$20 to \$25 each online. This will be a 'first come, first serve' sale. The eggs will be individually packaged. Barbara Zawrotny will have the eggs at her house and will handle payments. The cut-off date for buying the eggs is March 15.



PYSANKA THE UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG

The eggs are decorated using a kind of batik method. With a stylus, the artist sketches a pattern in hot melted beeswax on the shell of a raw egg. Then the egg is dipped in dye. To make the design more intricate, the artist sketches more wax on the egg and dips it in progressively darker dyes. The process is repeated until all the colors- usually yellow, orange, red & black are applied. Then the wax is melted/removed, the egg is varnished & the raw egg is blown out, leaving only the fragile empty shell.

Some of the symbols used represent : sheafs of wheat for health;
floral design for happiness, spring ; unbroken circular lines for eternal life.

Ukrainians decorate the eggs during Lent and have them blessed at church on Easter Saturday. They give them as gifts on Easter Sunday .



COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Thank you to our members who donated checks and non-perishable foods to our February collection. The combined amount delivered to the Food and Fuel Bank last week totaled \$527.

Your continued generosity is very much appreciated by Windsor Social Services/Food and Fuel Bank during these difficult times.
Ladies, you are amazing!!



MEMBERSHIP



Alice Schroenrock – 860-658-4021

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The Windsor Woman's Club does it's best to keep our members active and informed via our Monthly Zoom Meetings. Special thanks to all our officers and committee chairs for their continuous support to keep the club flowing during this Pandemic year!

Coming Events . . . we heard it through the grapevine

March, Show and Tell

We all like to eat and we have four members who have graciously volunteered to prepare a special food item. First, they will TELL us what it takes to make their item, and then they will SHOW us the finished product!

April Showers . . .

The grapevine says April will have something to do with Spring! Be thinking about Spring! What could it be?

Also, in April, a Tea Cup Auction is in the planning stages and full information regarding this event will be posted in the newsletter.

For those members who have previously used the services of **AARP** to handle tax preparations at the Windsor Senior Center, they **WILL**, once again, be scheduling appointments – *for previous participants only*. Call the Windsor Senior Center for additional information to schedule an appointment.

A very big thank you to our members for supporting the Windsor Food and Fuel Bank with food items and monetary donations in February. As always, a job well done by our Community Service Committee.

Membership Applications can be obtained at any time by contacting either Alice or Jean. If you have any questions regarding the Windsor Woman's Club please contact Alice, Jean or any Board Member.

WE WANT TO KEEP THE CLUB GROWING IN 2021!

Stay Safe Get Your COVID Vaccines Remember Your Secret Pal



GFWC/CT NEWS



Winter Wonderland Ornament makes GFWC Blog

How special is that?!

In February, Taylor Fussman, PR-GFWC.org, sent a request regarding information about our Winter Wonderland Ornament Kits for GFWC's Blog.

I sent the following information, via E-mail, along with a photo: Taylor Fussman, thank you for your interest in our Club's ornament making activity to fund the Windsor Food and Fuel Bank. This activity was chosen to bring a little cheer to the members during the Pandemic.

Kits were assembled and sold for \$5, with many donating more than the price of the kit.

On December 8, 2020, we held our Monthly Zoom Meeting and each of us assembled our Winter Wonderland Ornaments together. And there you have it! An ***"I made it myself"*** glass ornament. *(I also included the details for assembling.)*

Taylor's response to me:

Hi Jean,

Thank you for sending this additional information and the photo. I am always happy to include the exciting projects our clubs are working on in the GFWC Blog, so as more events or projects come up, feel free to continue to relay that information to me.

Have a great day!

Taylor Fussman

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PROGRAMS



At the February General Meeting, four members gave book reviews for novels you may be interested in reading. Below are the reviews.

Book Review by Pat Mearkle

**“Have You Seen Luis Velez?”
by Catherine Ryan Hyde**

Raymond Jeffe is a teenager who feels disconnected from all those around him. His parents are divorced, and his stepmother does not like having him around, so his time with his dad is limited. He lives with his mother, stepfather and younger siblings in an apartment building in New York City. After his best friend moves away, he befriends an elderly blind lady in his apartment building.

Luis meets the neighbor as she is standing in the hallway calling out “Have you seen Luis Velez?” It seems Luis was her caretaker and he has suddenly disappeared. Raymond begins to help her with her grocery shopping and other household chores she is not able to do herself due to her blindness. They form a warm and loving relationship and have many adventures together. Raymond takes it upon himself to find Luis Velez by first looking in the phone book. Of course, there are many Luis Velez listings, so the task seems monumental. The book is about all the people Raymond meets on his journey and the impact they have on his life. The book introduces you to many interesting people.



Book Review by Muff Fowler

**BEFORE WE WERE YOURS
by Lisa Wingate**

Lisa Wingate has written over 30 novels. She is an award-winning journalism, magazine columnist and best selling author. Wingate is a Goodreads Choice award winner for historical fiction and a Southern Book Prize winner. She resides in Texas. Before We Were Yours was on the New York Times best seller list for Hardcover and soft cover books for over 110 weeks and sold 3 million copies.

This book is a historical fiction novel based on a Memphis adoption organization that illegally obtained or kidnaped poor children. These children were then sold to wealthy families all

over the country. This book brilliantly fictionalizes and brings to life a shocking facet of American life. The author does this in her book by introducing us to Rill Foss and her four younger siblings. The children were living a happy carefree life with loving parents who lived on a river boat. They were snatched from this peaceful life and found themselves in strange orphanage where they were separated and alone. Lisa takes us through a “heart-racing and shocking tale of struggle, hope, and redemption.



Book Review by Jean Keating

WATCH ME DISAPPEAR
by Janelle Brown

About the author: Janelle Brown lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two children. Previous books by Janelle include: *All We Ever Wanted Was Everything* and *This is Where We Live*. Her latest novel, *Pretty Things* is now available in bookstores. You will find Janelle’s books contain flawless suspense and are filled with compelling, tantalizing twists and very shocking deception!

This is a riveting page turner... you won’t want to put this suspenseful story down. *Watch Me Disappear* is about a mother with a troubled past who disappears while on a solo adventure hike and vanishes from the trail, leaving just one hiking boot and a shattered cell phone behind. Now her husband and teenage daughter need to piece together the hidden secrets of her past...leaving them wondering - what is going on here? And, just when you think you know what happened to her, a new twist develops moving you into a new direction.

You know, *who we want people to be makes us blind to who they really are!* So, where is she? What happened to her? There is shocking deception involved and you’ll just have to read the novel to find out the answers to all your questions!

This interesting novel definitely has it all: It’s tantalizing, twisty, compulsive, quite suspenseful, full of surprises and just plain compelling.

An easy-to-read novel! Enjoy!!



The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek

By

Kim Michele Richardson

During the 1930's the federal government started a program to bring books to people who had no access to them. The program was called the Pack Horse Library Program.

In this book, we meet Cussy Mary Carter who traveled the mountains of Kentucky on her horse delivering books and periodicals to the poor rural residents. Her travels took her many miles and sometimes through dangerous areas. Cussy Mary was dedicated to her customers. Some lived on farms or just plots of land. One even lived in a fire tower. She was genuinely concerned for her customers. Cussy Mary had been taught to read. She used her skill to read to a blind customer and also taught a customer to read.

Cussy Mary was one of the last "blue people". Yes, that's a real thing. She was subjected to prejudice and suspicion for the blue color of her skin. In the book, she was examined and tested at the university hospital to determine the cause of her blue color. The results and treatment are covered in the book. Some people called her Bluet. Besides prejudice, this book deals with many themes including poverty, illiteracy, anti-feminism, murder and love

When I finished reading this book, I was most impressed that Cussy Mary endured many hardships, but she was compassionate, loving and merciful and she made a difference in her world.



FINAL FUNDRAISER

Coming soon!

Plans are in the works for our final fundraiser of the club year, to benefit scholarships. We will be having an online auction or raffle during April to take the place of our annual Wine & Beer Tasting/Silent Auction.

Anyone wishing to donate an item or make a monetary contribution may do so by contacting one of our committee members.

More details will follow shortly.

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MEMBER NEWS



In this section we want to include items that are happening in our member's lives. If you have anything you'd like to share with each other, i.e. births, marriages, awards received, etc., please let me know. These happy events can be conversation starters and keep us in touch with each other.



Cheers and hats off to our Windsor Woman's Club member, **Sue Ellen Hewitt**. Sue Ellen has been selected by the Windsor Food and Fuel Bank, as one of Windsor's remarkable individuals. Her extraordinary dedication and involvement has been exceptional. We are all so proud of her for this award. Great job Sue Ellen!



Directory Update: Please add:

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We received a lovely thank you card addressed to the Windsor Woman Club from Ann Cecere, which states:

"I would like to express my appreciation for the warm reception that was given toward me as I was attending Christina Wilson's wake. It was so good to know that all the WWC members there expressed their care and concern regarding my health and well being. Again, thank you."

March

- Patricia Auten 15
- Maureen Andryuk 19
- Janet Fisher 22
- Kay Jaroczyk 24
- Elaine Traverso 26





THE "FUNNIES"



MARCH 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 General Meeting via Zoom	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17  shutterstock - 2446737929	18	19	20
21	22	23 Board Meeting via Zoom	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			