



The Windsor Woman's Club

Of Connecticut and GFWC



Facts and Fancies ~ April 2021



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Spring!

I'm still 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.

The GFWC/CT District Day for our North Central District is scheduled for April 17th. Under the direction of our own Maureen Fernandes, District President, club presidents were asked to share some highlights of this past COVID, "Stay at Home", Zoom meeting year as part of a collective newsletter. As I was writing this, I realized that we have done so much and have accomplished so much for the Windsor community and our members. I'm very proud to be a member of this club and our ability to carry on in spite of all the hardship. For this month, I thought I'd share what I had submitted for the District Newsletter. Here are some of the highlights:

***Windsor Woman's Club
Joanne Sullivan, President
District Day Newsletter***

This has been a challenging year for all of us, but the Windsor Woman's Club continued 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. We also found ways to reach out to our members to let them know that we are still here and thinking of them during this difficult time.

Project Kindness: *As a way of letting our members know that we were thinking about them, our Project Kindness committee turned their focus on own members throughout the year. The committee established a secret pal program for club members with a focus on our senior members. Those wishing to participate would pick a name out of a bag and would call their secret pal and send cards in the mail. The purpose of the project was to reach out to support our members. Members were encouraged to contact the committee*

chair if they knew of someone who was alone, felt left out, or just needed a friendly voice on the telephone.

Lunch on the Green: While the weather managed to stay warm, we were able to gather a couple of times last fall on the Town Green for some in-person socialization. Approximately 20 -25 members gathered together, maintaining their social distance and wearing face masks. Everyone brought their own lunch and a chair. It was a great activity and the members really enjoyed the comradery and the warm, sunny weather.

Community Service: In December, we held our meeting by ZOOM and members were treated to an ornament making session by one of our crafty members. Ornament Kits were preordered and assembled. Members were asked to pick up their ornament kit ahead of time at the cost of \$5.00 each. The ornament was a simple snow globe with artificial snow, greens, and mini pinecones. Proceeds from the ornament making activity were donated Windsor Social Services.

Programs: The program for the February meeting, held by Zoom was a short book review by members. Four members volunteered to share a brief synopsis of a book they had read while staying at home, self-quarantining.

For the March program, four members volunteered to share a favorite, simple recipe and showed the finished product in our ZOOM meeting. The four volunteers were asked to make a dish in advance, provide the recipe and show the finished product at the meeting. One member made "nice cream" with a blend of mangoes and yogurt. Another member made French Onion Soup in the slow cooker. The meal was rounded out with dessert of pumpkin/brownies and chocolate shortbread cookies. All recipes were sent to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the April newsletter. This was a really fun, yet creative way to engage our members.

Scholarship: In support of our scholarship program for high school students, we host an annual, very successful "Wine & Beer Tasting in April. In preparation for this annual event, donations of gift cards and gift baskets for the silent auction had been previously collected for last year's event. When it became apparent that we would need to cancel this event again this year, our members turned their attention to a "Buy It Now" event for members. An email was sent out to the membership with pictures and a brief synopsis of the available auction items and gift cards that had been donated. Members were encouraged to "Buy It Now" and contact the committee chairs to arrange for payment and pick up of the items. Particularly with the donated gift cards, this was one more way to support the local community during this challenging time.

I hope you all have received the information about the "Buy It Now" event and will participate. The money raised from this event will go towards scholarships for our high school students.

Our next zoom meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 13, 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.

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



COMMUNITY SERVICE



Ginny Conroy 860-688-4816 & Paula Banasiewicz 860-688-0469

A Great Big THANK YOU for your amazing generosity. Unfortunately there is still great need in our community. Again we are asking for your help.

Weekend Wheels is in need of:

Canned Soups and Shelf Milk (it comes in small cartons similar to juice boxes and does not require refrigeration)

Non-Perishable Items for the WFFB:

Baking Mixes (cookies; cakes, brownies, muffins, etc)

Canned Pasta

Crackers and Snack items

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper and Face Tissue

Thank you for whatever you can help the Food Bank and as always monetary donations are always appreciated. Checks should be made out to the WF&FB with Windsor Woman's Club on the memo line.

We will be collecting until April 12. All donations can be dropped off at either of our homes.

Ginny Conroy: 5 Milo Peck Lane or Paula B: 42 Ravine Rd.

Please call before coming. Pick up is also an option.



PROGRAM



The Club's April Zoom meeting will include a *Touch of Spring!* A brief demonstration will show you how to make a basic floral wreath. This will be an indoor wreath that can be used as an accent piece in your home. The finished product will be given to a club member at our first "in-person" get-together. I will have slips of paper available for those members whomever would like to be considered for this drawing.



Recipe Corner

Submitted by: Joanne Sullivan, President, WWC

Chocolate Shortbreads

This is a recipe that I've been making for

the past 40 years! I always make them at Christmastime and have also made them for wedding and baby showers. I'm sure that many of you have made them as well, but they are always a huge hit!

2 cups flour

1 & $\frac{1}{2}$ sticks butter or margarine (softened)

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar

Mix together with your hands and press into a 10x13 cookie sheet (jelly roll pan).

Bake @ 325 degrees 25 minutes until golden brown.

While baking, melt 12 oz bag of chocolate bits in double boiler. Spread evenly over crust, sprinkle with $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ cup finely chopped walnuts. Cut immediately. Do not wait to cool.



Submitted by: Sue Ellen Hewitt

French Onion Soup

- 1 stick of butter
- 1 LB. of fresh sliced mushrooms or 2 large cans
- 5 large sweet onions (Vidalia)

- Put butter and mushrooms in bottom of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ qt. or larger Crock-pot set on low temperature
- Chop up onions and add to Crock-pot on top of mushrooms and butter

- Cook on low for 24 hours (smelly so put in garage or basement if possible) - I put on top of my stove w/ hood vent on low and it was fine
 - Put onion mixture in large pot (6-8 Qt.) after cooked
 - Add consommé or beef broth until reach desired consistency
 - Add a can of water for each can of consommé
 - No water needed for beef broth
 - I usually add 6-8 cans of beef broth (16 oz) 32 oz cartons (3-4)
 - Let mixture cook down for a couple of hours on low
 - Soup freezes well
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- To serve:
 - Toast an English muffin half and put bottom side up on soup
 - Top with slice of provolone cheese
 - Melt cheese under broiler till brown



SPRING FUNDRAISER



Hi to All,

Thank you for supporting the “Buy It Now” sale that replaced our Wine and Beer Auction of 2021.

It was very successful, we raised \$1101.00 which is earmarked for scholarships for graduating high school seniors. We want to thank all of you who participated in this successful endeavor.

And on an added note, we raised \$180.00 towards scholarships with the sale of the Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Ginny Conroy
 Lisa Miller
 Mary Vaca
 Barbara Zawrotny



MEMBERSHIP



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SPRING IS IN THE AIR . . .

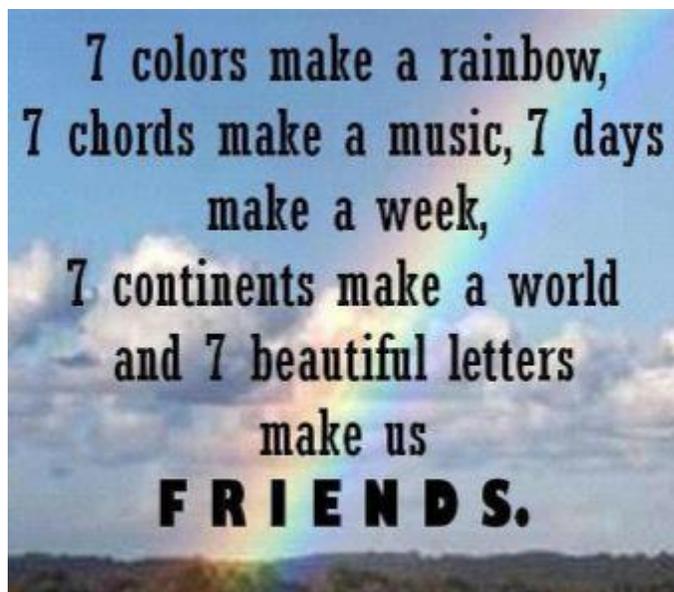
At last, a welcomed change is happening with our weather -- warm, sunny days! And, with so many receiving the vaccine, lots of things are actually “opening-up!” However, we cannot let go of our masks and must continue to maintain a respectful distance! It is going to be so nice to once again be able to have outside activities with our members.

Spring is a growing season and, as always, LET’S KEEP OUR CLUB GROWING! Membership Applications, and any questions you may have about the club, are readily available by contacting Alice or Jean.

Also, in April, we will hold our “Buy it Now” Spring Scholarship Fundraiser. The success will depend on the support we receive from each of our members.

April is a busy month for all Woman’s Club Members at every level -- Local/District/State/Regional/International. More information about virtual activities taking place in our area will be forthcoming.

*Stay Safe ... by wearing your mask and keeping 3-6 feet apart!
Do Remember your Secret Pal!
Happy Spring to all of our members!*





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.

April

Sharon Weaver 10
Eileen Mitchell 13
Kathleen Carroll 15
Linda Dinucci 20
Pat Congelosi 26
Pat Mearkle 27
Kathy Sevenoff 28



STATE REPRESENTATIVE JANE GARIBAY

WHAT I'M FIGHTING FOR

- Safety and a community-driven recovery

WHAT I'M WORKING ON

- COVID-19 Vaccine Research and Distribution
- Lowering the Cost of Prescription Drugs
- Creating a Public Option for Healthcare
- Legalizing Sports Betting
- Funding Green Energy Initiatives
- Voting Rights and Access:
 - Early Voting
 - No Excuse Absentee Ballots
- Downtown/Small Business Development
- Legalizing Recreational Marijuana
- Tax Equity
- Pedestrian Safety



**I WANT
TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**

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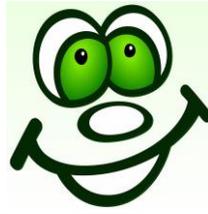
www.facebook.com/RepJaneGaribay

 To find out when and where you can receive the COVID-19 vaccine, visit portal.ct.gov/Vaccine-Portal. Let's all do our part to keep our communities safe!



The photo on this mailer was taken March 2019 when the Windsor Women's Club visited the State Capitol. The tour of the Capitol was excellent. Representative Jane Garibay met us and after the tour followed up again for a "technical session" in the House of Representatives which is where the photo was taken. Windsor Woman's Club members led the session in the Daily Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pictured: l. to r.: Marion Gorecki, Pat Mearkle, Wendy Mitchell and in the upper row Mary Jane Shay.



THE "FUNNIES"



COFFEE IN HAND, SUPPLIES AT THE READY, ALICE SETTLES IN, WAITING FOR THE FIRST TELEMARKETER TO CALL.

I feel like I should clean up the house, so I'm going to lay down and nap until that feeling passes...



I'm never lonely because, I have four men in my life. I get up with CHARLIE HORSE. I spend the day with ARTHUR ITIS. I dine with WILL POWER. and I go to bed with BEN GAY.





APRIL 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 Happy Easter Passover  Passover ends	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 General Mtg via Zoom 7:00	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Board Mtg via Zoom 7:00	28	29	30	