

# Voices & Visions

A Newsletter of the Northford-North Branford Women's Club GFWC  
September 2023



*General Assembly meeting 9/19/2023 7:00 pm*  
STW Community Center

## *President's Report*

*Liz Boissard & Mary Ellen Collett*

Happy New Club Year! We hope you had a nice summer and are ready for a busy fall. Thanks to another successful August picnic, 8 prospective members may be attending our first meeting. We know you will make them feel welcome with your friendliness. At our September meeting, Rise and Shine CT will be presented with a check from our Golf Tournament and we will vote on our proposed 2023-2024 Charity Budget. There are lots of other topics to discuss so we hope many members will attend. Please see important upcoming dates to remember below.

**Tuesday, 10/3/23 6:30pm**

Board meeting at Smith Library

**Saturday, 10/14/23 2-3:30pm**

Trunk or Treat STW parking lot

**Tuesday, 10/17/23 7pm**

GA Meeting Stanley T Williams  
Community Center

## *1st Vice President/Membership*

*Victoria Lanza*

The Summer Meet & Greet was very successful with many potential new members! Thank you to current members for the lovely refreshments!

**INVITE A FRIEND TO A MEETING!**

We would love to have them!

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR PINS!!!**

## *Corresponding Secretary*

*Victoria Lanza*

Thank you notes received from Gabby Schmidt, 2023 Scholarship recipient, Kathy Johnson, and Leslie Ciarleglio. Sent a letter to Carmel Gennara, who is recouping in a nursing home!  
Carmel Gennara/Attn: Donald Brombacker  
1936 Middletown Avenue  
Northford, CT 06472


## *Treasurer's Report*

*Elissa Orio*

Checking: \$5440.89 Savings: \$2681.63


**Please review the attached Proposed  
Charity Budget for 2023-2024!**

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Standing Committee	Chair	Comments
Programs	Lynne Nielsen	<b>September:</b> <a href="#">Christine Lee Rise &amp; Shine CT</a> <b>October:</b> Craft night! <b>November:</b> 60 year Anniversary! <b>December:</b> Christmas Party <b>January:</b> Art Therapy/Wendy Clery <b>February:</b> Soup & Bread <b>March:</b> After the Storm <b>April:</b> Craft night! <b>May:</b> TBD <b>June:</b> End of year dinner
Social Media	Victoria Lanza	Lake Gaillard Walk 10/1/2023
Website	Patty Meglio	<a href="http://northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org">northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org</a> Updated
Publicity	Cyndi Basil	September GA Meeting and Lake Gaillard walk already published. Fall Whist information and October meeting info to be published next.
Newsletter	Leslie Ciarleglio	Newsletter will now go out the Thursday before the GA meeting!
Hospitality	Christine Crotta and Barb LaFrance	 <b>September:</b> Cookies & Ice Cream Hostess: Stephanie Co-hostess: Barb and Chelsea
Education/Scholarship	Rose Lynch	~NO REPORT~
Garden	Mary Connolly	~NO REPORT~
Parliamentarian	Kim Wollman	~NO REPORT~
State Federation:	<b>New England Regional Conference:</b> 9/22-24/2023 in RI <b>Honor Flight:</b> 9/2/2023 <b>Fall Conference:</b> 10/28/2023 Farm View Golf Course, Harwinton, CT	

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Fundraisers	Chair	Comments
<b>Military Whist</b> at Stanley T. Williams Community Center Doors open: 5:30 pm Game starts: 6:00 pm	Patty Meglio \$10 per ticket (\$15 at door) 	<b>Fall Whist 10/20/2023</b>  <b>WANTED:</b> Raffle Basket Chair and items for raffle baskets!
 <b>TWIN LAKES GOLF CLUB</b>	Leslie Ciarleglio	<b>Planning for June 2024 !!!</b>  <b>2023 Tournament made \$1375.82</b>
Flags on the Green	Mary Ellen Collett	2023: raised \$799.68 profit
<b>Lake Gaillard Walk</b> October 1, 2023 \$10 in advance \$15 day of the walk Park at Atwater Library, bus to walk	Victoria Lanza	8:00 am – 1:00 pm Need <b>volunteers</b> for: Parking Check in Check out Donate apples and water

Special projects	Chair	Comments
Flip Top Can Collection	Mary Ellen Collett	Bag and deliver to Mary Ellen's mailbox, or bring to a meeting. These support the Shriners!
Food Pantry	Christine Crotta	<a href="http://www.foodpantrynb.org">www.foodpantrynb.org</a> Collect canned goods at Fall Whist 1 can = 1 raffle ticket
Little Free Library	Mary Ellen Collett	ALMOST THERE!!!! 
Trees of Hope	Patty Meglio	12/2-10/2023

New Business	Comments
<b>GFWC National Day of Service</b> <b>Saturday 9/30/2023</b>	Issue of Focus: FOOD INSECURITY

**STAY SAFE, BE WELL !!!**

## 2023-2024 Proposed Charity Budget

TOTAL MONEY RAISED IN 2022-23:	\$5356.08
ROUND UP	+3.92
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	\$5360.00
Required for Finance Budget:	-672.00
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Total for Charity Budget:	\$4688.00

**PROPOSED DONATIONS:**

Rise and Shine CT	\$ 610	
Veterans Organizations	1,800	(\$450 each to Quilts of Valor, Honor Flight & Veteran Angler Charters \$225 each to House of Heroes CT & Homes for the Brave)
North Branford Scholarship Assoc.	200	
Food Pantry	200	
Project Graduation	100	
Animal Projects	200	(\$100 each to Compassion Club & Animal Haven)
Ronald McDonald House	150	
Community Dining Room	100	
North Branford Libraries	200	(\$100 each)
Women's Health (Days for Girls)	200	
Little Red School House	100	
After the Storm	200	
Charity Walks	50	
Homeless Shelters/Domestic Violence	200	(\$100 each to Columbus House & Prudence Crandall Center)
Christmas Wish for Seniors or Families	200	
Special Interests	178	
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	\$4,688	