

# Voices & Visions



**A Newsletter of the Northford-North Branford Women's Club GFWC  
October, 2024**

*General Assembly meeting, October 15th, 7:00pm*

**STW Community Center**

## **Presidents' Report**

***Courtney Cleary & Nicki McNeill***

Happy Fall Everyone! It is a busy time for our club. Don't forget the Whist is this Friday, before the next general meeting. Bring food or water if you signed up for it or come out and play. The next meeting on Tues 10/15 will have a speaker from Ronald McDonald House. Please bring something for the Food Pantry if you can. Also, please bring a bag of candy for the Trunk or Treat on Saturday Oct 19th. Hope to see you there!

**Friday, 10/11/24 6:00pm** Whist at Stanley T. Williams Community Center

**Tuesday, 10/15/24 7pm** General Assembly Meeting at Stanley T. Williams Community Center

**Saturday, 10/19/24 2-3:30pm:** Trunk or Treat at Stanley T. Williams Community Center

**Tuesday, 11/05/24 6:30pm** Board Meeting at Edward Smith Library

## **Vice-President/Membership**

***Leslie Ciarleglio***

If you have any prospective members that you want to reach out to, please forward their name to me.

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR CLUB PINS  
TO THE MEETING!!!**

## **Treasurer's Report**

***Elissa Orio***

Checking: \$6,776.32

Savings: \$2,743.11

The proceeds from the Lake Gaillard Walk were \$2,189.41. We will be sending a check to the Regional Water Authority for \$1,064. Our profit is \$1,125.41.

## **Corresponding Secretary**

***Liz Boissard***

A card was sent to Mary Connolly because her mom was in the hospital.

## Programs

### ***Lynne Nielsen***

The speaker for this month will be Emily Lopez. Emily is the Chief Development Officer of the local chapters of the Ronald McDonald Houses in New Haven and Western Massachusetts. Emily will share with us all of the wonderful services offered to families who are going through difficult times with their children's medical conditions.

The Ronald McDonald Houses serve as safe havens for families with children in need of medical care and keeping families together as they seek essential healthcare services and life-changing medical treatment.

Please come out and show your support. If you have any can tabs, please bring them to the meeting.

## Social Media/Publicity

### ***Lisa King***

Don't forget that a new Facebook page has been created. Please go on to Facebook and "follow", "like" and "share"! You can search it under Northford North Branford Women's Club, GFWC (no hyphen between Northford and North Branford.).

Articles about the Whist and the General Assembly Meeting/speaker were sent to the Totoket Times, the Advisor and Shoreline Publishing (The Sound).



## Website

### ***Patty Meglio***

No report.

## Hospitality

### ***Barbara LaFrance & Mouna Weaver***

The hostess for October's meeting is Elissa Orio. The co-hostesses are Mary Ellen Collett & Lynne Nielsen. The theme is cider and doughnuts.

## Newsletter & Publications

### ***Mary Ellen Collett***

Please email reports for the newsletter to me by the Friday after the board meeting. Send them to my email address: [me.collett@snet.net](mailto:me.collett@snet.net).

## Education/Scholarship

### ***Rose Lynch***

No report

## Garden

### ***Mary Connolly***

No report.

## Parliamentarian

### ***Kim Wollman***

No report.

## Trees of Hope

### ***Patty Meglio***

The committee met and decided on a theme of Champagne Gold and Silver Celebration. We will meet soon to shop for items for the wreath.



## Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>,  
2:00pm-3:30pm**

Chelsea Spencer will be organizing a car for the Trunk or Treat. If you would like to donate candy that the club can hand out, please bring it to the General Assembly meeting. If you would like to help, please let her know.

## Military Whist Card Party Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Stanley T. Williams Community Center  
Doors open at 5:15pm. Games start at 6:00pm  
\$12 per person

## Collections:

**North Branford Food Pantry:** The food pantry is in need of cereal, canned goods, cake mixes and icing. If you would like to donate, it would be much appreciated. Please give items to Lynne Nielsen.

**Calendars for the Veterans:** Carol Bellucci is still collecting 2025 calendars to bring to the veterans. If you receive any calendars that you will not use, please pass them along to her. You can bring them to the meeting.

**Can Flip Tops:** We are collecting flip tops that will be given to Ronald McDonald house. Please bring them along to the meeting and pass them on to Lynne Nielsen.

## Upcoming Programs:

**November Dutch Auction:** This will be our November program. It is a combination fun night/fundraiser. We will have appetizers and desserts. Members are asked to bring something that can be auctioned off. Use your imagination and your talent to come up with an idea. If there is something that you are good at (i.e. painting, quilting, sewing, baking, etc.) that you think someone would buy for a holiday gift, bring it along. It could even be a gift basket of some sort. A flyer with ideas will be passed around at the meeting. **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO BRING FRIENDS!**