

Voices & Visions



A Newsletter of the Northford-North Branford Women's Club GFWC
January, 2025

General Assembly meeting, January 21st, 7:00pm

STW Community Center

Presidents' Report

Courtney Cleary & Nicki McNeill

Happy New Year! It seems like forever since we were all together. We can't wait to see everyone at the general assembly meeting on Tuesday, January 21st. Not only will it be nice to catch up, but we have a great program scheduled with A Place Called Hope. They will be bringing two birds of prey with them and explaining their organization. I think we will have a few prospective members joining us too. And finally, we will discuss some plans for this spring. Hope to see everyone there!

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, 1/21/25—General Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, 2/4/25—Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Edward Smith Library

Tuesday, 2/18/25—General Assembly Meeting/Soup and Bread Night



Vice-President/Membership

Leslie Ciarleglio

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

Treasurer's Report

Elissa Orio

Checking: \$7,503.02

Savings: \$2,743.45

Our Dutch Auction was a huge success! We raised \$1,189 towards next year's budgets. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

Corresponding Secretary

Liz Boissard

A card was sent from the club to Stephanie Capasso. She had hip surgery. If you would like to send a card, her address is:
1877 Middletown Avenue, Northford, 06472.

Programs
Lynne Nielsen

Our program this month is A Place called Hope. They are a 501C3 non-profit rescue organization run entirely by volunteers along with donations of time, supplies and money from their supporters. One of their goals is to teach the public how to protect and respect wildlife, in particular raptors. They will be bringing two birds to our meeting. Please come and enjoy this wonderful program and bring a friend!

Social Media/Publicity
Lisa King

An article about this month's program and also the state scholarships was 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 this month is Rose Lynch. The co-hostesses are Liz Boissard and Mary Connolly. The theme is hot cocoa and muffins.

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.

Education/Scholarship
Rose Lynch

An article has been sent to the papers with information about the GFWC scholarships that are available. We are been receiving requests for information, but as of yet no applications have been received.

Applications are due by February 10, 2025 and can be obtained at www.northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org.

Garden
Mary Connolly

No report.

Parliamentarian
Kim Wollman

No report.

Trees of Hope
Patty Meglio

We were informed by Melanie from Ronald McDonald House that our wreath sold \$1,287 worth of tickets at the December Trees of Hope. Wonderful job ladies!!!

St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford
Elissa is collecting household items, clothes, bedding, sheets, etc. for the pantry at St. Joseph's Cathedral. She visited the pantry and they are doing great work with the homeless and low income families. She and a friend are going each month with a car load of items, which is much appreciated by them. If you have anything, please let her know.

NAMI Card Project (Lynne Nielsen):

If anyone has completed NAMI cards to return, please bring them to the general assembly meeting.

Collections:

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

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.

St. Joseph's Cathedral Pantry: Household items, clothes, bedding , sheets, etc. Please pass them along to Elissa.