

# Voices & Visions



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

*General Assembly meeting, November 18th, 6:30PM*  
**STW Community Center**

## Presidents' Report

*Courtney Cleary & Nicki McNeill*

Hello Ladies,  
Fall has just flown by so fast and the holidays are fast approaching. Make sure to join everyone at the Dutch Auction on Tuesday, November 18th. Bring something to auction, a food to share and invite a friend if you can. We had a great time last year and raised a lot of money! Then right around the corner will be the holiday party at John & Maria's Pizzeria on Tuesday, December 2nd. That will be our last gathering in 2025. If you haven't already, start working on your project reports. And finally think about what position you want for the next two-year term and if you want to be on the nominating committee.

Tuesday, 11/18/25 **6:30PM** General Assembly Meeting/Dutch Auction at Stanley T. Williams Community Center

Tuesday, 12/02/25 **6:30pm** Holiday Meeting/Dinner at John & Maria's



## Vice-President/Membership

*Leslie Ciarleglio*

We will be installing Cathy Iaquinto and Sue Calamita at the December holiday dinner.

Membership information will be brought to the Dutch Auction meeting for prospective members.

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

## Treasurer's Report

*Elissa Orio*

Checking: \$6,375.59

Savings: \$2,744.59

We made a profit of \$506.17 on the Military Whist.

## Corresponding Secretary

*Liz Boissard*

A condolence card was sent to Ivey on the death of her mother, Selma Cooley.

We received thank you letters for our donations to New Reach, the Kenyan Healthcare Initiative and Columbus House.

## Programs

### ***Lynne Nielsen***

There is no speaker this month due to the Dutch Auction.

## Social Media/Publicity

### ***Lisa King***

An article about the November Dutch Auction and the Scholarship was sent to the Totoket Times, the Advisor and Shoreline Publishing (The Sound).

Information about the Dutch Auction was placed on the club's Facebook page. Please share if possible.

## Website

### ***Patty Meglio***

The website has been updated with pictures of the Trunk or Treat. The Education page has also been updated and a link to the scholarship has been added.

## Hospitality

### ***Barbara LaFrance & Cathy Cook***

There is no hostess or co-hostess for this month. Members should bring a appetizer or dessert for the Dutch Auction.

Please see information about our December holiday dinner on the following page.

## 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***

An article was sent to the papers with information about the GFWC scholarships that are available. Information was also added to the webpage.

## Garden

### ***Mary Connolly***

No report.

## Parliamentarian

### ***Kim Wollman***

No report.

## Trees of Hope

### ***Patty Meglio***

The committee met on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at Patty's house. The theme was changed to A Glittery Trip to the North Pole due to availability of ornaments. The wreath is complete. Thanks to Liz, Rose, Kim, and Cathy Iaquinto for the great job.

Trees of Hope will be held from December 6<sup>th</sup> until December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Maritime Center in New Haven. There is no charge for entry and you are welcome to purchase raffle tickets to support Ronald McDonald House if you would like. For more information: <https://www.rmhc-ctma.org/event/ct-trees-of-hope>.

It is a beautiful event!





### **Dutch Auction:**

Our meeting this month 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 information was emailed to all members. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO BRING FRIENDS!

### **December Meeting/Holiday Dinner:**

Tuesday, December 2nd at John and Maria's, 280 Foxon Road, East Haven. We will be having their pizza buffet package which includes a variety pizza buffet table and salad. It includes soda, coffee and tea. A cash bar is available. The cost is \$23. We need a minimum of 25 people, so we hope that you can all come!

### **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 2026 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.