

# Voices & Visions



A Newsletter of the Northford-North Branford Women's Club GFWC  
February, 2026

*General Assembly meeting, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM*

**STW Community Center**

## Presidents' Report

***Courtney Cleary & Nicki McNeill***

Greeting ladies, we hope that you are staying warm. There will be lots of good soup and bread and conversations to warm you up at our next General Assembly meeting. There will also be people describing the duties and responsibilities of their current board positions so you can think about what you would like to do for the next two-year term. Let Liz and Elissa know if something sounds interesting to you.

Please note that the meeting starts at 6:30PM.

### ***Upcoming dates:***

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>—General Assembly Meeting—6:30PM**

**Tuesday, 3/3/26—Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Edward Smith Library**

**Tuesday, 3/17/26—General Assembly Meeting, 6:45PM**

**Saturday, 4/11/26—District Day at the Westbrook Elks Club**

**Friday, 4/17/26—Military Whist**

## Vice-President/Membership

***Leslie Ciarleglio***

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

## Treasurer's Report

***Elissa Orio***

Checking: \$5,385.78

Savings: \$2,744.82

Two of the three books were purchased for members' grandchildren born in 2025. One more book will be purchased.

## Corresponding Secretary

***Liz Boissard***

A condolence card was sent to Sue and Paul Calamita. Get well cards were sent to Lisa King and Kathy Delfino.

We received thank you cards from Honor Flight and the Regional Water Authority Watershed Fund for our donations.

## Programs

### ***Lynne Nielsen***

The February meeting is Soup and Bread Night. Please bring any can tabs if you have them. The March meeting may possibly be held at the Police Department again. We will keep you posted.

The speaker at the April meeting will be from Cat Tails in Middletown. We will be collecting Pelletized Bedding which are available for purchase at Tractor Supply (\$7.39 for a 40 lb. bag).

## Social Media/Publicity

### ***Lisa King***

An article about this month's program was sent to the Totoket Times, the Advisor and Shoreline Publishing (The Sound) and placed on Facebook.

## Website

### ***Patty Meglio***

The website is being updated on a regular basis. If you have any recent photos, please forward them to Patty.

## Hospitality

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

This month is Soup and Bread Night. We will be starting the meeting at 6:30PM. Here is a reminder of what members signed up to bring:  
**Soups:** Kathy Iaquinto (Pasta Fagioli), Mary Ellen (Butternut Squash & Sausage), Cathy Slobowski (Broccoli & Cheddar), Courtney Cleary (Chicken Noodle).

**Bread:** Rose Lynch (Irish Soda Bread), Mary Connolly (Stuffed Bread), Kim Wollman (Sourdough Bread), Cathy Johnson (Stuffed or regular bread), Cyndi Basil (Cheddar Bread)  
**Desserts:** Leslie Ciarleglio, Cathy Cyr Cook, Elissa Orio, Liz Boissard

## 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).

Please supply your recipes from Soup and Bread night and I will publish them in next month's newsletter.

## Education/Scholarship

### ***Rose Lynch***

We currently have at least one applicant.

## Garden

### ***Mary Connolly***

No report.

## Parliamentarian

### ***Kim Wollman***

No report.

## **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.

