

Voices & Visions



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

General Assembly meeting, January 20th, 7:00pm

NORTH BRANFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Presidents' Report

Courtney Cleary & Nicki McNeill

Welcome back! The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 20th at 7pm. We will be meeting at the North Branford Police Department at 305 Forest Rd, Northford, CT 06472. Hopefully we will be getting a tour of the station. It will be great to see everyone after our long break for the holidays. At the meeting, we will be reviewing plans for the next few months including a date for the Spring Whist. Hope to see everyone there!

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday, 1/20/26—General Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, 2/3/26—Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Edward Smith Library

Tuesday, 2/17/26—General Assembly Meeting/Soup and Bread Night

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

Vice-President/Membership

Leslie Ciarleglio

Kathy Iaquinto was installed into the club at the holiday dinner in December. We are hoping to install Sue Calamita at the January general assembly meeting.

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

Treasurer's Report

Elissa Orio

Checking: \$7,256.10

Savings: \$2,744.82

Our Dutch Auction was a huge success! We raised \$1,634 towards next year's budgets. Thank you everyone for your contributions.

Corresponding Secretary

Liz Boissard

Condolence cards were sent to former members, Vicki Lanza and Ruth Norman, on the death of their father/husband.

We received thank you cards for donations to Columbus House, North Branford Food Pantry and Quilt of Valor. We also received a thank you card for Participating in Trees of Hope.

Programs *Lynne Nielsen*

Our meeting this month is being held at the North Branford Police Department at the usual time of 7:00. We are hoping to have a tour of the facility that night.

Social Media/Publicity *Lisa King*

The Scholarship article will be re-submitted to the papers and will be posted on our Facebook page. Information on our General Assembly meeting will also be posted.

Website *Patty Meglio*

The website has been updated with new photos and information. If anyone has recent photos, please forward them to Patty.

Hospitality *Barbara LaFrance & Cathy Cook*

The hostess for this month is Rose Lynch. The co-hostesses are Ivey Cooley and Mary Connolly. The theme is hot cocoa and muffins. A sign-up sheet for Soup and Bread night will be passed around at the January meeting.

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. Applications are due by February 10, 2026 and can be obtained at www.northfordnbwomensclubgfwc.org.

Garden *Mary Connolly*

No report.

Parliamentarian *Kim Wollman*

No report.

Trees of Hope *Patty Meglio*

The wreath for Trees of Hope came out beautiful and the event was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped with it.

State Federation

The GFWC/CT Board meeting will be held on Saturday, February 7th in Madison at the American Legion.

Our Southeast District Day will be held on April 11th at the Westbrook Elks Club. SAVE THE DATE!

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.



Installation of new member, Kathy Iaquinto, at the holiday dinner.
(Pictured: Leslie Ciarleglio, Courtney Cleary, Kathy Iaquinto & Nicki McNeill)



Wreath for Ronald McDonald House Trees of Hope.