



# *HWC Hot Line*



**December 2025**

## **A Message from our Presidents**

Ladies,

I do hope your Thanksgiving was a wonderful one. And, as we prepare for this hectic holiday season, I do wish that you will keep in mind the real meaning of this season. The giving of love, friendship, and sharing with the less fortunate. With this in mind, HWC was able to donate seven boxes of Christmas gifts to children in impoverished countries through the Samaritan's Purse Program. Also in the spirit of giving, a local dermatologist and a dental practice helped me in filling over 20 bags of personal items for abused women and their children in shelters under the Umbrella Center. Thank you to those who contributed to both of these projects. That is what HWC is all about! On a lighter note,

Let's celebrate all our hard work at our Holiday celebration on December 3 at Eli's on Whitney. We can share friendship, food and fun. Bring your grab bag gift for more fun and, again, thank you all for all you do!

P.S. Farmer's Almanac says we won't see snow this Christmas

**HAVE A  
MAGICAL  
HOLIDAY**



### **Dates to Remember**

**12-3 Holiday Celebration  
Eli's 5:30**

**12-4 Rehearsal Chorale  
Group**

**12-4 Performances  
Chorale Group**

**12-15 Hanukkah Begins**

**12-16 Lunch Bunch  
Abate's on State Street**

**12-24 Christmas Eve**

**12-25 (25-25-25)  
Christmas Day**

**12/31 New Year's Eve**



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR OFFICERS



## **First Vice President**

### **Christy Palumbo**

Wishing all of you, lovely ladies, a wonderful holiday season filled with love and laughter with your families, whether near or far

We have some exciting events coming up for the beginning of next year, including our trivia night at our meeting in January with prizes!

In February, we will tagalong with the art show and invite members to bring some of their own crafts for a show and tell event!

## **Second Vice President**

### **Melinda Saller**

Wishing you all a blessed, happy and healthy Holiday and New Year!



## **Treasurer**

### **Zunny Martines**

A report will be provided at the next general meeting

## **Recording Secretary**

### **Meg Boice**

A copy of the minutes from general meeting have been submitted. A copy is attached to the Newsletter.

## **Corresponding**

### **Secretary**

### **Sue Centone**

A get well card was sent out to Carol Noble



# COMMITTEE UPDATES

## Education/Book Club - Sue Centone

The book club met at the Hamden townhouse diner on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The following books were discussed:

Camino Ghosts, by John Grisham  
Who was Walt Disney?, by Whitney Stewart.  
The hidden place, by Dinah Jeffries  
The silent wife, by Kerry Fisher  
The Last Trial, by Scott Turow  
Light over London, by Julia Kelly  
No Regrets, by Allen Hurt and Matthew Kelly



The book club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Hamden townhouse diner on Whitney Avenue.

We each read a book of our own choice, have a nice lunch, and discuss what we've read. **All are welcome!**



## Hospitality - Sharon Welch & Leigh Cassidy

There are no December hostesses as our meeting will be the Holiday Party at Eli's

You will receive a call the week before to let you know what refreshment is needed.

If you can't fulfill your obligation, a \$10.00 check needs to be mailed to our Treasurer Zunny Martinez.

Please arrive early to help set up, greet guests and stay after for cleanup.

Please look in your yearbook and highlight the month you will be a hostess. If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know. This will help with our monthly refreshments. We are leaning towards healthier refreshments at our meetings. Such as fruit salad, veggie plate, cheese/crackers.

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## International Lunch Bunch - Donna Cifaldi



The International Lunch Bunch gathered for A Friendsgiving Luncheon on Tuesday Nov 18th at The Honey Baked Ham Co in Milford. A delicious assortment of pulled pot roast, their famous honey baked ham, string bean casserole, scalloped potatoes, turkey sandwiches and chicken salad sandwiches were served buffet style. Kathy Barnes, GFWC/CT Pres attended as a guest speaker and two potential members also attended. The Lunch Bunch meets the third Tues of every month. The next gathering will be on Tuesday, Dec 16th at 12:30 at Abate's located at 61 State Street in North Haven. **Please RSVP by Dec 11th!**

Wishing everyone a happy & healthy Holiday!

*Happy  
Holidays*

## Ways and Means - Melinda Saller

We are considering some exciting new ideas for fundraising - more to follow. As always, if you have anything you would like to donate to the Barn Sale - please contact Sharon Welch. **Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!**

## Home Life - Linda Bishop, Carol Passereli

We will be delivering the Thanksgiving Tray Favors to Whitney Rehabilitation Care Center on Tues. November 25 at 1;00 pm. Let Linda Bishop know if you would like to join us. 203 - 387-2990. We also had scheduled a workshop for stationary sets for Dec. 4 at from 5-7 pm but that has been canceled until after the 1st of the year. Will update when we have a schedule.

Thank you to all who donated to the food drive. We collected 158 items plus \$70.00 in gift cards.

We wish everyone a Happy Holiday.

# Committee Updates



## Arts & Leisure - Susan Yates

Hey! Have you been crafting this summer and fall? Did you take a class to learn a new skill? Are you making something special for the holidays? Our Annual Arts and Crafts Exhibit is coming before you know it.—That event is planned for our February meeting, so I hope you are planning on sharing your new objects of interest or beauty or intrigue with the rest of us!! ( Most) Entries will not be judged; however, HWC members will select the “Best in Show” item. Photographic entries will be judged in order to be able to proceed to the regional and state competitions. Stir up your imagination and surprise us.

**We want to be wowed in February.**

## Reflections - Susan Yates

### A prayer for justice-

Lord, we thank you for your perfect justice. We pray that the systems of our government reflect your righteousness. May those in authority be guided by fairness and truth, always seeking justice for all people. Remove corruption and greed, and instill in our leaders a desire to serve with integrity. Let justice and righteousness flourish in our land, just as you intended. Amen.

