



HAMDEN WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Welcome back! As we begin another year together, we are excited about the opportunities ahead and the many ways we can grow – not only as an organization, but also as a community of women supporting one another.

One of our goals is to *grow membership and strengthen our relationships within our club*. We want every member to feel welcomed, valued and truly connected. Each of us brings unique ideas, talents, experiences and strengths and we believe every contribution matters.

Empowerment begins when we see our members not simply as volunteers or helpers, but as future leaders. Like a garden, our club grows when we plant seeds of friendship, support, encouragement and opportunity.

When our members feel supported and appreciated, they gain the confidence to participate, share their ideas, take on new challenges and reach their full potential.

This year we hope we will continue to build friendships, encourage participation, welcome new members and create meaningful opportunities to serve the community together. Most importantly, we want our club to be a place where women can connect, grow, make a difference and blossom together. Sharon Nolan and Christy Palumbo

Member News!

Sue Yates is our new Recording Secretary for E-Board Meetings! Thank you Sue!
September Birthdays! Louise DeNard (101) and Sharon Welsh (not anywhere near 101!)

Upcoming Events

Hamden Woman's Club 75th Birthday Celebration and Open House! Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Hamden Senior Center. Members are encouraged to bring guests and will have a chance to win a door prize.

September 8th Book Club at Town House Diner, Hamden (12:30)
September 15th International Lunch Bunch, Transylvania Restaurant, East Haven (12:30)
September 16th EBoard Meeting, Senior Center (6p)
September 23rd Dinner Diva (TBA)
October 7, General Meeting, Senior Center (6:30)

Lyman Pie Fundraiser (September)

Rada Cutlery Fundraiser (ongoing)

Barn Sale Donations (ongoing) We are collecting gently used costume jewelry, earrings, watches, bracelets, rings, etc. to be donated on behalf of HWC.

**GFWC International Day of Service! Saturday, September 26, 2026
End Domestic & Sexual Violence**

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TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING***

Open Positions

Our success is only as good as member involvement. We still have the following positions **OPEN**: Recording Secretary for General Meetings and Newsletter Editor.

Website: Due to the high costs of printing and mailing, we will be relying more upon our website <https://www.hamdenwomansclub.org/>. Please be sure to visit often for up to the minute news and information, including important dates. <https://www.hamdenwomansclub.org/>

Officer's Reports

First Vice President (programs)– Welcome Back Food and Beverages for September Meeting and Open House and HWC 75th Birthday Celebration!

2nd Vice President (communications)– Yearbooks will be distributed at our October Meeting. Eblasts continue and those with no email will receive a copy of the newsletter via USPS.

Treasurer's Report – Distribution of last year's charitable organizations have been mailed. We only received one "thank you".

General Meeting/Recording Secretary – see attached Notes June Meeting

Corresponding Secretary / Sunshine - birthday celebration cards have been mailed.

Committee Reports

All committee chairs are encouraged to bring a short-written report to the general meetings for members to review.

We will no longer go through committee reports at the general meetings to save time for member activities and guest speakers.

AD HOC Committee - This committee has completed the process in reviewing the procedural manual and by-laws for the upcoming year– Carol Passarella, chair

Arts & Literature - Photographs will be the only category at the State level. Our club will offer opportunities for members' crafts to be viewed and judged by members in February.

Communications – Bonnie Anibali will continue with Eblast Communications and Carmela Stora has offered to call members who do not have email. **We are still seeking members to join the phone squad!**

Conservation - Day of Service – Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness. Please see Sue Centone to sign up to volunteer for this event. ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE BY BRINGING TOILETRIES TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Dinner Divas – 4th Wednesday of each month.

Education / Book Club - Next meeting September 8 Town House Diner, book of choice. All are welcomed!

Home Life - Trunk or Treat in October. All Members will have an opportunity to help fill goodie bags at the October Meeting.

Hospitality –Welcome Back Wraps / 75th Birthday Celebration. Hostesses for June Meeting: Ellie Gaetano, Marge Giunti, Pat Johnson, Annette LaValle and Rosalie Loewenbaum. Sharon will be calling each hostess before the meeting.

International – Members who would like to participate in sponsoring a child this coming year, please see Donna Cifaldi. Lunch Bunch September 15 at Transylvania Restaurant. The Lunch Bunch meets the 3rd Tuesday each month. All are welcomed!

Membership - We are gradually increasing our enrollment and hope to secure more new members at the upcoming events Open House at our September 2, 2026 & International Day of Service September 26th.

Programs - Welcome Back food and beverages.

Public Affairs/Veteran's - Flag collection is sometime in November. Stay tuned for dates and locations.

Publicity / Historian - Please continue to send your photos of events to Debbie for publication in the Advisor.

Scholarship - No report.

Ways & Means – Lyman Pie Fundraiser begins! This a fast fundraiser lasting only 1 month. We will profit \$5.25 for each pie sold. The cost of the pies is \$23.00. Members are encouraged to offer these yummy pies to their friends and family. Each member is encouraged to participate in this fundraiser.

Rada Cutlery fundraiser continues. We make 40% on all sales. Stop by the Committee Table at our next meeting to view the catalog or visit <https://www.radacutlery.com/>

Barn Sale Donations are always a great way to clean out what you aren't using and resell. The Barn Sale provides HWC with 50% of sales from our donations. Contact Sharon Welsh if you have items to donate.

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Reflection

In prayer, we call to mind the peacemakers,
Neighbors of differing faiths with different histories,
With different politics, with different emotions,
Who find room for each other in their hearts,
In their dreams, and in their lives.
Those who hold firmly to a vision of
Peace and justice anywhere in the world.

We ask for the love it takes to bequeath peace
To the children of the world,
We ask for the heart it takes to care for all those
Who are hurting, who are hungry.
We ask for the wisdom to know what we can do
And what we need to ask others to do.
Give us the strength and wisdom to do what we can.
Amen.

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Dates to Remember

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