



HAMDEN WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

It is our mission to strengthen and uplift our communities by fostering awareness, encouraging service to others, and creating meaningful opportunities for connection and involvement. We strive to grow an engaged and active membership dedicated to making a positive and lasting impact. We have a many exciting events and opportunities for our members to showcase their talents and volunteer spirit this upcoming year and we are excited to get started. Sharon Nolan and Christy Palumbo

MEMBERSHIP DUES are Due! The cost to be a member is \$40. We take cash or check (made payable to the Hamden Woman's Club). If you do not have any changes to your current information (mailing address, phone number and email) you do not need to complete a Membership form. If you have changes please complete the Membership form.

Meeting Date: June 3, 2026 at 6:30/ Special Guest Lauren from Clutter Kickers. We will also be voting on the operating budget for this upcoming year. Hospitality includes Strawberry Shortcakes.

Hamden Fest June 6, 2026 at the Hamden Town Center. 11-4 p.m. Joy Wildman is chairing this event. We will continue with our theme of "America the Beautiful" and collect American Flags for retirement on June 14, Flag Day by the Elks of Hamden. *THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ENGAGE IN THE COMMUNITY AND GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP.* Volunteers are needed. Please see Joy to sign up.

Hamden Senior Center News! Christy met with Kim Craft of the Hamden Senior Center in an effort to collaborate and promote our club! Kim will include us in her next newsletter and has invited us to partake in the summer party in July and holiday party in December. She will continue to promote our club whenever she can. Please be mindful of the space we use for our monthly meetings. Leave the room as you found it. Do not move tables or chairs but rather reach out to Christy if you have special instructions for table/chair placements.

Open Positions

Our club remains successful with membership involvement. We still have the following positions **OPEN**. Recording Secretary and Newsletter Editor. We are also looking for volunteers for Phone Squad and Membership.

We are excited to announce that Zunny Martinez will be chairing Arts and Literature. Sue Centone will be chairing Conservation, Bonnie Anibali will continue as Communication chair, Annette LaValle will be our new

Sunshine gal, along with her duties as Corresponding Secretary. Thank you for stepping up and filling these vacant positions.

Website: Due 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 – Guest Speaker – Lauren Hass of Clutter Kickers

2nd Vice President – No Report

Treasurer's Report – Voting on operating Budget and Charitable Causes

Recording Secretary – see attached Notes from May Installation Dinner Meeting

Corresponding Secretary - Get well cards to Linda Melillo and Sue Yates. Corresponding Secretary will also include Sunshine moving forward.

Committee Reports

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

Arts & Literature – Zunny Martinez will be chairing this committee!

Communications – Bonnie Anibali will continue with 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 - Sue Centone has volunteered to chair this committee!

Dinner Divas – No report.

Education / Book Club - The book club met at Hamden townhouse diner on May 12. The following books were discussed: 1. The secret book Society By Madelyn Martin (Historical fiction); 2. The story of Sacagawea, by Sara Walsh (Biography); 3. Under the Light of the Italian Moon, by Jennifer Anton (Historical Fiction); 4. The Violin Makers Secret, by Evie Wood (Magical Realism, historical fiction, mystery); 5. Sargassa, by Sophie Burnham (Alternative History, political thriller); 6. The Frozen People, by Elly Griffith (Historical Fiction, crime fiction, time travel); 7. The Cuban Affair, by Nelson DeMille (Action Adventure Thriller); 8. Dear and Glorious Physician, by Taylor Caldwell (Fictional Biography)

The book club meets at 12:30, the second Tuesday of each month at the Hamden townhouse diner
All are welcome

Home Life - Linda Bishop and Shirley Mero will be working through the summer on projects. Upcoming events including Trunk or Treat in October. All Members will have an opportunity to help fill goodie bags at the October Meeting.

Hospitality – Serving Strawberry Shortcakes. Hostesses for June Meeting: Ellie Gaetano, Marge Giunti, Pat Johnson, Annette LaValle and Rosalie Loewenbaum. Sharon will be calling each hostess before the meeting. Please refer to the yearbook regarding your responsibilities.

International - Lunch Bunch met at Aunt Childa's for Taco Tuesday! Next Lunch Bunch will meet for "high tea" on June 16. Location to be announced.

Membership - We are gradually increasing our enrollment and hope to secure more new members at the upcoming events such as the Hamden Fest. We will have an Open House at our September 2, 2026. Please invite your friends!

Public Affairs/Veteran's - American Flags were distributed at two locations in Hamden prior to Memorial Day. We will be at the Hamdfest collecting flags for proper retirement on June 14, 2026.

Publicity / Historian - No report

Scholarship - Christy will be attending Hamden Scholarship Nite on June 4, 2026 to present the scholarship.

Ways & Means - No Report.

Reflection

In prayer, we call to mind the peacemakers, neighbors of differing faiths, with different histories, with differing 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 visions of peace and justice anywhere in the world, but especially today in Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, Iran, Sudan, and the United States.

We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the children of the world. We ask for the heart it takes to care for all 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.

Dates to Remember

June 4, 6-8 p.m. Scholarship Night Hamden High School. Christy will be presenting scholarship to the winner (name to be revealed after this event)

June 6, 11-4 Hamdenfest. Volunteers are needed to "man the table" and "work the crowd". Email or call Joy Wildman jswtwins@sbcglobal.net / 203-314-6590 with your availability. Remember we are still collecting American Flags and will have a drawing to win an American Flag. Drawing tickets are 3 for \$5

June 9, 12:30-2 Book Club – Townhouse Diner.

June 14 – Flag Day Details to follow!

June 16, 12:30 – 2 International Lunch Bunch

June 17, EBoard Meeting 6-8 pm

SUMMER VACATION!

August 19, EBoard Meeting 6-8 pm, the Landing in North Haven

September 2, 6:30-8 Welcome Back meeting with special guest Nancy Dudchek of the Hamden Chamber. This meeting will also be an OPEN HOUSE. Please bring a friend or 2!