



HAMDEN WOMAN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

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<https://www.hamdenwomansclub.org/>

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 24 Dinner Divas - *Il'Gabbiano* – Long Wharf

October 7 – General Meeting Lyman Pie Orders are DUE

October 13 – Book Club

October 20 – International Lunch Bunch Belvedere Restaurant & Café

October 21 – Eboard Meeting

October 28 – Dinner Divas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due the high costs of printing and mailing, we will be relying more upon our website. Please be sure to visit often for up to the minute news and information, including important dates.

<https://www.hamdenwomansclub.org/> Minutes and Member Information is password protected.

We will no longer go through committee reports at the general meetings

GFWC International Day of Service! Saturday, September 26, 2026

End Domestic & Sexual Violence

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE BY BRINGING ART SUPPLIES, PAPERS, PENS, CRAYONS, ETC. TO THE HAMDEN LIBRARY on September 26, 2026.

General Meeting-Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Hamden Senior Center. Members are encouraged to bring a guest. Guest Speaker Mayor Sendroff

Hamden Woman's Club 75th Birthday Celebration continues all year long with monthly member spotlights! Thank you, Marg Giunti for sharing your member experience since 1968!

Don't forget to order your Lyman Pies! COMPLETED ORDER FORMS AND MONEY DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 7, 2026. Other arrangements can be made by contacting Christy Palumbo (203) 215 0812. You can order pies, cookie dough, popcorn and other goodies that will be delivered directly to you by using this link: <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/groupleader/> **All pie orders will be delivered on 11/16/2026 to Christy Palumbo who will distribute to those who ordered.**

Member News!

Linda Mellilo is our new Recording Secretary for General Membership Meetings! Thank you Linda!

It's Your Birthday! Antonette Antonucci, Carolyn DellaPietra, Rosalind Novala – We Celebrate You!

Bring your polo shirt, t-shirt or sweat shirt to the next meeting if you want "the Hamden Woman's Club" to be placed on it. The cost is \$8.00 as you are providing the apparel. Please see Donna

Open Positions

Our success is only as good as member involvement please consider volunteering for Treasurer or Newsletter Editor.

Display Case Items

Do you have keepsakes to go into the display case at the library? Pins, notable events including announcements or proclamations or rewards received. Please bring them to the October meeting. If you are interested in helping with this project, please see Sharon Nolan.

Officer's Reports

First Vice President (programs)– Welcome Back Food and Beverages for September Meeting and Open House and HWC 75th Birthday Celebration was a GREAT success! Stay tuned for other member activities during the entire year long celebration!

2nd Vice President (communications)– Yearbooks are a work in progress. Thank you for your patience. Eblasts continue and those with no email, a copy of the Newsletter and general meeting minutes will be delivered via USPS.

Treasurer's Report – To be provided at the general meeting

General Meeting/Recording Secretary – *see* attached Notes September Meeting

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

Committee Reports

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Arts & Literature -Photographs will be the only category at the State level. Our club will offer opportunities for 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 - Recycle your bottles and cans at Hot Diggity Dog Grooming, 2676 Whitney Avenue to support Where the Love Is / or Mount Carmel Veterinary Hospital, 3320 Whitney Avenue to support 1/2 Way Home Rescue.

Dinner Divas – 4th Wednesday of each month.

Education / Book Club - Next meeting October 13th Town House Diner, book of choice. All are welcomed!

Home Life – We are planning on filling treat bags at the Oct. 7 general meeting. All supplies will be provided. The Children's Center will be holding their annual Trunk or Treat on Thursday Oct. 29, arrive by 4:30. Children will trick or treat from 4:45 to 5:15 (sometimes runs a little later). I decorate my car and we will handout the candy for 100 children from the car. All club members are welcome to attend and dress up if you would like. The cars handing out treats will be in the round driveway in front of the buildings. There is other parking on the property. If a few members would like to attend, I would suggest carpooling. During the month of October call, me to let me know if you are attending and if needed, we can figure out carpooling. If the weather does not cooperate the event will be held in Building 5. My phone number is 203 387-2990. (Linda). Thank You - Shirley Mero and Linda Bishop

Mitten Tree Collection. New Scarfs, Hats, Gloves, and Warm Socks for adults and children will be collected for the Mitten Tree at the Thornton Wilder Memorial Location. Members are encouraged to bring items to the November Meeting.

Hospitality – Hostesses for October Meeting: Deborah Boyaji, Judy Bram, Linda Canales, Leigh Cassidy. Sharon will be calling each hostess before the meeting. **As a reminder**, your responsibilities include bringing a “lite bite” to share, help with set up and clean up. Be reminded of food allergies and offer to bring alternatives. Please bring what you say you are bringing. There is a “\$10 contribution” for forgotten participation.

International – Members who would like to participate in sponsoring a child this coming year, please see Donna Cifaldi.

Lunch Bunch met on 9/15/2026 at the Bistro Mediterranean Restaurant in Milford. The food was fantastic.

Next Lunch Bunch is October 20th at Belvedere Restaurant & Café 82 Broad Street, New Britain. RSVP is REQUIRED BEFORE 10/15. All are welcomed! Carpooling available.

November 17th Honey Baked Ham Co. 1270 Boston Post Rd Milford
December 15th Mona Lisa Restaurant 10 Wakelee Rd Wolcott

Membership - We are gradually increasing our enrollment and hope to secure more new members. Please bring a friend or 2.

Programs - Gratitude Jar Project for Veterans!

Public Affairs/Veteran's – November we will collect flags from 3 cemeteries in Hamden. Stay tuned for dates and locations.

Publicity / Historian - Please continue to send your photos of events to Debbie Boyaji (boyaji@attn.net) for publication in the Advisor.

Scholarship - No report. Thank you note has been received by Sophia Lundenmood.

Ways & Means – **No major fundraiser this year.** Members are encouraged to sell Lyman Pies to their friends and family. Use this link <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/2026-fall-hamden-womans-club/christy--palumbo/> to order and pie directly online or search for other items including: POPCORN, FUDGE, BEEF JERKY, SOUPS, GRANOLA BITS, COOKIES and much more. Delivery date: 11/16/2026

Please return your ORDER FORMS and PAYMENTS are due at the October Meeting. This is the only time to turn in pie orders and monies unless you make other arrangements with Christy.

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 and she will be glad to pick them up. **We are collecting gently used personal apparel, scarfs, shoes, belts, costume jewelry, earrings, watches, bracelets, rings, etc.**

Reflection

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is pardoning that we are pardoned...Amen