

Historian Report

Our Executive Board Officers for the 2025-2026 term were Co-Presidents—Linda Melillo & Pat Johnson; First Vice- President—Christy Palumbo; Second Vice-President—Melinda Saller; Recording Secretary—Meg Boice; Corresponding Secretary—Sue Centone; Historian—Deb Boyaji; Treasurers—Zunny Martinez ; and Parliamentarian—Carol Noble.

We also thank all of the Chairwomen of our numerous committees and all of their dedicated volunteers who have made our HWC such an amazing civic, social and educational organization in our area and in the GFWC—CT.

Our members met during the long, hot summer for necessary planning for upcoming events and fundraisers, as well as for monthly fun events —International Lunch Bunch, Dinner Divas, and our very unique Book Club which met at Hamden's Town House. We have something for everyone!

Our first meeting in September, 2025, was a Surprise 100th Birthday Party for our dear, lovely Louise's DeNard. It was a wonderful celebration enjoyed by all.

In October, our guest speaker was from LOVE146, the organization we will support with our Fall Fundraiser on Sunday, November 2 at Anthony's Ocean View for a delicious dinner and entertainment. Most club members were involved in this event in some way in such a huge undertaking. We do thank to Anne Wetmore and Joy Wildman for chairing this super successful event that raised approximately \$9,000.00.

Also, the Homelife Committee (chaired by Linda Bishop & Carole Passarelli) again prepared gift bags for our annual Trunk or Treat celebration at the Hamden Children's Center.

In November, this committee collected food and funds for Thanksgiving for those in need, and many members celebrated a Friends-giving" together st the Honey Baked Ham Company in Milford. That month, We also had a special guest speaker from Paradise Winery explain how to pair different types of wine with meals. Four lucky ladies went home with a delicious bottle of red or white wine as a door prize!

Guest Speakers from organizations that we have donated to visited our meetings to express their deep appreciation to our club.

December's meeting was our annual Holiday dinner party, with a surprise gift exchange. This was held at Eli's this year. Also, our Golden Belles Choral Group gave happy holiday performances at several area nursing homes. Special thanks to Carol Noble and Judy Bram for their direction. Everyone LOVED our talented singers!

January & February, 2026.— We honored our brave firefighters with a "Sweets for your Service" Day, followed by a " Cookies for Cops" day. Many members made homemade cookies, cupcakes and brownies which they were very grateful to receive.

February was Arts & Crafts month, but this year only the category of PHOTOGRAPHY was to be judged. We didn't have nearly as many entree. [Congratulations](#) to Zunny Martinez for first prize photo of an elderly woman.

March, 2026, —Much discussion about our new website and nominations for the next Board of Officers. Everyone participated in a fun game of Trivia for prizes!

April, 1, 2016.—

We voted for new Executive Board for next year—June, 2026-May, 2027, who are being installed right here tonight.

A professional photographer took our group photo for our BRAND NEW WEBSITE!

We participated in Earth Day 🌍 by collecting old, faded, tattered or torn American flags to be disposed of in the proper manner on Flag Day in June. We worked with the Hamden Veterans' Commission, and we will repeat this at the Hamden Fest in June.

We should all be very proud of the huge amount of money we raised for LOVE 146 and also the many local charities that we support each year. Special Thanks to the Officers of the Executive Board, all of our Committee Chairwomen, especially to Anne Wetmore and Joy Wildman for chairing the fabulous Fall Fundraiser, and to each and every member who participated in any way to make our year super successful! We couldn't have done it without you, so [CONGRATULATIONS](#) & THANK YOU! ❤️

Respectfully submitted,
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