Hamden Woman's Club Hosts "Trunk Or Treat" Event At Hamden's Children'Center



Pictured: HWC's Good Witches Shirley Mero & Joan Landino, & Co-President Cowgirl Christie Palumbo dole out Halloween goodies from their decorated car for "Trunk or Treat." Missing from photo, VP Melinda Saller.

Hamden: The Hamden Woman's Club's annual "Trunk or Treat" Celebration was held on Friday, October 30, for one hundred happy students at the Hamden Children's Center. Members of our dedicated Homelife Committee had gathered together earlier to assemble Halloween bags filled with small school supplies, small toys, goodies and wrapped candles - all delivered from a brightly decorated car trunk. All the students, faculty, and HWC members always look forward to this fun and "Spooktacular" event that has become a delightful annual tradition!

Are you thinking about joining an amazing social group that can make a positive and rewarding difference in your life? If so, please consider joining us - the Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC, Inc. The HWC is open to any area woman over eighteen years of age who would like to volunteer in the community, develop new friendships, and have fun at the same time! We are a civic, educational and social organization that was first organized in August, 1950 - 75 YEARS ago! WOW!! Our Motto is "A Group that Cares and Shares" - which we demonstrate by our many charitable activities. We are a part of the largest volunteer organization in the world, and we continually develop new projects to improve the quality of life within our greater community.

The HWC provides many other enjoyable monthly social activities to our members. Some of these are a unique Book Club, an International Lunch Bunch, and our evening group - "Dinner Divas". (We really enjoy eating out!). Everyone looks forward to our seasonal Holiday choral group in December as well as our holiday parties & annual banquets, Day trips, Military Whists, Bingo & Trivia Nights, Arts & Crafts Competitions and more!

The regular HWC meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month from September to June, at the Hamden Senior Center (located inside the rear entrance of the Miller Memorial Library).

Our next meeting will be our Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, December 2, 2026 at the beautiful Il Gusto Italian Restaurant in Cheshire, CT. Guests and prospective members are most welcome to join us for fabulous food and delicious desserts. More information/details are available on out website.

This season, in lieu of having a "Secret Santa" gift exchange, our members have decided to donate the gift money to a Hamden family in need, yet to be chosen.

Also, our members will all be donating "Gifts of Warmth" (warm gloves & mittens, socks, scarves, hats, etc.). These will decorate the "Mitten Tree" located in the foyer of the Miller Memorial Library. Contributions from residents are greatly appreciated. Our annual HWC Food Drive will take place in January this year, when supplies become deleted again - after the holidays.

For more information, please visit our website: https//:hamdenwomansclub.org

WANTED: Antique country store items, old tins, bins, signs, boxes or anything related; (203) 915-7662 •

FOR SALE: Zero-turn commercial mower with leaf mounted blower, 54" cut $3,900; (203) 239-3239 •



Hamden High School Interact Club Fundraisers



Hamden: The club has raised funds for two causes this school year. The first fundraiser was for the victims of Nepal floods. The second was for Coats for Kids, in which, the Rotary Club of Hamden provides brand new coats to those in need amongst Hamden elementary schools.

For more information, please visit www.hamdensymphony.org or call (203) 230-2140.

WANTED: WWII Vets, immediate cash for all German helmets, hats, daggers, flags, medals, uniforms, patches. Collector will beat all dealer offers; (203) 932-0750 •

FOR SALE: Adirondack basket, wall mounted, 17" high, 13" deep, dark rattan, leather accents $50; (203) 605-4327 •

Hamden Symphony Orchestra Presents "A Place For Us"

The all-volunteer Hamden Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Vesna Mehinovic, will open its 65th season with their Fall performance, "A Place For Us" on Fri., Nov. 20 at 7:30pm in Hamden's Memorial Town Hall auditorium. As America's 250th birthday year begins to culminate, Hamden Symphony will present two works of American music that highlight the varied global influences and styles that have been interwoven from its beginnings, as well as two staples of the European classical music tradition.

Hamden Symphony will perform the Symphonic Dances from West Side Story by the renowned American composer, conductor and scholar, Leonard Bernstein. As one of the most complex works the Orchestra has performed in their 65-year history, it will feature a massive percussion instrumentation, and evoke the soaring melodies, dynamic rhythms and dramatic arc of the original musical from which this suite is derived.

The Orchestra is excited to welcome oboist Pedro Falcón to perform the Concerto in C Major of Antonio Vivaldi. In addition, the Connecticut-based band, Blue Soul Society, will perform an excerpt from William Russo's Three Pieces for Blues Band & Orchestra.

Opening the performance will be the Symphony No. 8 of Ludwig Von Beethoven (both his penultimate symphony and his shortest), which was composed in the year 1812.

No tickets are required in advance. A suggested donation of $20 will be accepted at the door.

This performance is generously sponsored by the Sude/Wang family. Additional support is provided by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of the Arts, which also receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

The Importance of Maintaining

We maintain our house, we maintain our car, but unfortunately many of us neglect to maintain our bodies. Statistics indicate that almost 50% of adults are overweight, which can lead to many medical problems and a shorter life span. Helpful hints are as follows:

- Remember, you are what you eat.
- Exercise on a regular basis will keep you healthy and trim.
- 6-8 hrs. of sleep a night is recommended.
- Maintain your teeth and gums.
- Refrain from smoking, chewing and vaping.
- Be kind and generous, and you will receive the same.
- Setting the right example will allow you to have many friends.
- Think optimistically and have a positive mindset.
- Don't take things too seriously, it may lead to negativity and doubt.
- People who are believers will live a happier and longer life.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

McDonald's Employees Dress Up For Halloween



Pictured: The manager Olga and her employees.

North Haven: On Saturday, October 31, the manager and her employees dressed up for fun and for the customers to enjoy. They looked really good and it was great to see them take care of their customers dressed up in their costumes at the counter and drive thru windows. A fun day was had by all.

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