Wake Up Wednesday Donation Day



New Haven: The Probus team donated many of YOUR collected clothes, winter jackets, shoes, Bombas socks, hats, gloves, sweaters and much more to those in need. This project is every Wednesday on Whalley Avenue. The PROBUS members will be there, NOT every Wednesday but often enough to provide comfort to those who come each week. All winter long we have agencies coming to our facility (in Bethany by appointment) to shop for their clients' needs - families and more. Soon, PROBUS will be back with some spring and summer clothes to continue supporting this program and other agencies who have the same goal, improving the lives of others. This is only ONE of many PROBUS programs, since 1921 involved with the IDD community as we continue expanding in other areas with assistance and compassion. All volunteers but sincerely interested in our mission- "Where there is a need...you'll always find PROBUS." Our WRAPPED IN LOVE program will soon be looking for donations, watch for our date and location. Reach out for more information on Probus- Gnhavenprobus.com. An organization that offers you a sense of satisfaction, while never requiring more of your time than you can give.

HAMDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY CARD DESIGN CONTEST

The Hamden Public Library is excited to announce its first-ever library card design contest!

Hamden residents of all ages are invited to submit a design for one of three different cards: Adult, Teen, and Children. Finalists in each category will be selected by library staff, and the winning designs will be voted on by the public. Designs must be original works created by the participant without the use of generative AI.

Full rules and regulations as well as a template and submission form are available on our website: https://hamdenlibrary.org/library-card-design-contest/

All designs must be submitted by April 16th. No late entries will be considered.

For more information, please call (203) 287-2682.

WANTED: Looking for 1967 Lyman Hall High School graduates and also Ernie Canelli and Lee Serafin. Contact: Skip Partyka, 203B Tyson Avenue, PMB 107, Paris, TN 38242; (731) 540-2837 •

FOR SALE: Art portfolio carry case, black durable fabric, very slim, hand held or shoulder strap, 26"Wx20"T $15; (203) 239-8060 •

Hamden Woman's Club Holds New Members' Orientation Luncheon



Picture (L-R) Clockwise new members have *): Carol Noble, Karen Hamm*, Leigh Cassidy*, Joan Landino*, Carolyn DellaPietra, Co-President Linda Melillo, Sharon Nolan, Christie Palumbo, Donna Cifaldi, & Camele Wanat*.

Hamden: On Saturday, March 28, the ladies of the Hamden Woman's Club held a lovely Orientation Luncheon for new members at The Landing in North Haven. Its purpose was to provide information so that they can become more familiar with the HWC and its operations as well as the role of the State of Connecticut. A history of the GFWC-CT (General Federation of Woman's Clubs) was presented as well as a review of our various committees, focusing on the important charity work that we are involved in. We want to thank Membership Committee Chairwoman Sharon Nolan and Parliamentarian Carol Noble for organizing this inspiring and informative event - Well done!

A message to women in the Greater New Haven area: Please consider joining us - the Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC. The HWC is open to any 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 organized in 1950 and then joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) in 1951. Our Motto is "A Group that Cares and Shares" - which we demonstrate by our many charitable activities to improve the quality of life within our community.

The HWC also provides many fun social benefits to our members. We also have many fun monthly activities - a unique Book Club that meets at a local restaurant, our "International Lunch Bunch" and our "Dinner Divas" evening group. Everyone loves our seasonal choral group as well as our annual banquets, day trips, Military Whists, Bingo and Trivia Nights, Arts & Crafts Competitions, and other fun activities. You do NOT have to live in Hamden to join - many of our members reside in area towns.

The next meeting of the Hamden Woman's Club will be on Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30 pm in the Hamden Senior Center (located in the rear entrance of the Miller Library). PLEASE JOIN US! NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND MEETINGS & SOCIAL HOUR! We would like to invite YOU to attend a meeting, book club or luncheon to get to know what we are all about. Please visit our new website - www.hamdenwomansclub.org. Also, we encourage anyone interested in learning more about our wonderful club, please contact Sharon Nolan @ Snolan_@yahoo.com. or call 203-248-2538.

K of C March Family of the Month

Hamden: The Knights of Columbus Saint Paul VI Council 14664 has selected the Walsh Family as March's Family of the Month.

Gary and Mary Walsh have been parishioners of Saint Paul VI for many years. They can be seen worshipping as a family at St. Rita's Church. Gary and Mary are educators working in education for their entire professional career. Their children, Ryan and Juliette attended St. Rita's School.

Gary is currently working at St. Rita's School, teaching science to our children. Prior to this position, he worked in both the public and private (Catholic) school systems. Mary taught in a variety of settings and is now an English professor at the college level. She has served as an educator for a variety of Catholic publications. Both Gary and Mary continue to support different activities held at St. Rita's School. Mary heads an empowerment group called Endow which helps to foster growth, insight and independence in our young girls. Mary also serves as the chairperson for the parish Vocation Committee.

The entire Walsh family have a solid foundation and core values strengthened by their Catholic education. How blessed is the SPVI community to have this family that shares their time, talent, treasure and educational skills to benefit other families and parishioners in their quest to embrace God's love for everyone.

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Safety First

Recently, there was a freak accident at a marina that unexpectedly took a life. It was a friend of a friend who was checking his boat at night, slipped, probably hit his head and perished in the freezing cold water of 33 degrees.

Precautions to take and using common sense are as follows:

- Never go down to a marina at night.
- Tell someone of your intentions and the estimated time of return.
- Always bring a friend to ensure safety and support.
- Pay attention to weather conditions and temperatures.
- Watch for icy conditions.
- Bring a flashlight and of course, your phone.
- Don't be overly confident, use common sense and safety first.

Ron Johnson, Hamden

Our Trees Make Good Neighbors

Hamden: Please join the League of Women Voters Hamden/North Haven and the Hamden Alliance for Trees on Saturday, April 11 from 1:30-3:30pm for a conversation about the important role trees play in our Hamden neighborhoods.

HAT will give a brief history of its conservation advocacy and provide information about the Town's current street tree-planting programs. Tree expert Kyle Dougherty will speak and share pictures of spectacular trees in Hamden and the rest of the state that have earned the distinction as "Connecticut Notable Trees." Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is preferred. Please email: lwvhnohvoterservices@gmail.com to register, or if you have questions.

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Hamden Elks Donates To West Haven VA



Hamden Elks Lodge #2224 donated a check for $1500 to the West Haven VA medical center. The check was handed over by Lodge Member Ann Cullinan, who is the Head Nurse at West Haven VA. Ann also brought items valued at up to $1,000, including clothing, toiletries, two cases of books, and snacks to distribute at the VA. In total, this amounts to $2,500. Voluntary Specialist Michael Lejeune was on hand to receive the donations from the Lodge.

The West Haven VA medical center offers primary care and specialized health services, including mental health support, cancer treatment, palliative and hospice care, physical therapy, rehabilitation, and more. The Elks pledge, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks extend that pledge further, vowing service to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on helping those in need.

The Elks are dedicated to charitable and patriotic programs in our community. For membership information, contact Andy Caporossi at 203-248-2224.

Spring Glen Garden Club April 13th Meeting



Pictured: Dawn, a member of The Spring Glen Garden Club giving a workshop on winter sowing, a method of starting seeds in milk bottles and leaving them outside for spring germination. This rapidly becoming a popular method uses seeds that need a cold period to germinate.

Hamden: The Spring Glen Garden Club next meeting will be on Monday April 13, 2026, at Lockwood Cottage, 890 Evergreen Ave. Meeting will begin at 11:30 am with a light luncheon, bring a sandwich, dessert and beverage will be served. After a short business meeting the program will begin a 1 pm. April's speaker will be Cathy Ritch and her topic will be "cute, clever, classic: a floral design for every lifestyle" designs will be raffled. Donation $5.00.

The Club has been a fixture in the Hamden community since 1925, a chartered member of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc., since 1929.

The Garden Club ongoing projects include gardens and planters in Spring Glen, Poppy's Garden on the Farmington Canal Trail and the Historical Herb Garden at The Jonathan Dickerman House.

The Club donated 10 American Elm hybrid trees to the Hamden Center Park as a result of its successful Wreaths for Trees program.

Other projects of the Club are a Rhododendron Garden at the entry to Lockwood Cottage and the Red Oak tree (Quercus rubra) affectionately known as "Annie Oakley" planted in the Eli Whitney Park.

The Spring Glen Garden Club is looking for new members, who are not only interested in horticultural pursuits but civic beautification and preservation of our natural resources. There are no residency requirements to belong, our members are as local as Hamden, North Haven, Branford, or as far flung as Goshen. For further membership information, please call Dorothy at 203.934.5975.

Benefits of Membership

The Spring Glen Garden Club

Fellowship with other garden and flower enthusiasts Educational opportunities through the CT Federation of Garden Clubs

· Flower Show School · Environmental Studies School

· Landscape Design Study School · Gardening Study School

Monthly meetings featuring Professional Speakers on a wide range of topics.

Contribute to your community through civic involvement in the following areas: Dickerman House Herb and Shade Gardens, Town Center lobby planters, Hamden Earth Day Celebration, Tending Plants in the Miller Library, Tending Poppy's Garden at the Lockkeepers House on the Farmington Canal Trail, Maintaining the Planters in Spring Glen Center, Tending the gardens at the Spring Glen Municipal Parking lot. Club members also host informational teas, man booths at the and the annual Brooksvale Park Fair.

FOR SALE: Beautiful cut glass punch bowl with 12 cups and ladle, perfect condition $25; (203) 865-2795 •

FOR SALE: New Cosori Pro LE 5.0 air fryer, model CAF L501 KUS, $55; (203) 865-2795 •