

# Voices & Visions

A Newsletter of the Northford-North Branford Women's Club GFWC  
January 2021



**Reminder:** Next General Assembly meeting is 01/19/2021

Meetings are currently held remotely by Zoom, be on the lookout for the link which will be sent by email. We look forward to a time when we can meet in person!

## *President's Report*

*Michele Nilson & Cyndi Basil*

Happy New Year!! We are looking forward to a new year filled with less challenges and renewed energy! We are just finishing up reports for the state. In spite of the pandemic we managed to raise funds, hold a blood drive, and generously "adopt" a family in town. All this with only virtual meetings...quite impressive!!

## *1st Vice President*

*Kathy Tobin*

We will be installing our three new members at our January 19, 2021 Zoom meeting. I am asking all members to have a **candle** ready to light for the installation, and to wear your **GFWC pin** on your left collar. I will mail the new members their pins to put on during the ceremony.

## *Treasurer's Report*

*Elissa Orio*


Checking: \$3563.74  
Savings: \$2679.03

## *Corresponding Secretary Vicki Lanza*

No important mail ☺

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Standing Committee	Chair	Comments
Garden	Mary Connolly	No report
Hospitality	Barbara LaFrance and Christine Crotta  We hope everyone had a happy holiday and we wish you a happy healthy 2021!	Our dessert for the night will be to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or coffee and a cupcake or doughnut.
Newsletter	Leslie Ciarleglio	<a href="mailto:Jingle38@sbcglobal.net">Jingle38@sbcglobal.net</a> Please use "Women's Club" in the subject so I don't miss your message!
Parliamentarian	Liz Boissard	No report
Publicity	Mary Ellen Collett	
Scholarship	Rose Lynch	Info to go into paper
Social Media	Vicki Lanza	
Website	Patty Meglio	No report

Fundraisers	Chair	Comments
Pals Socks	Andrea Alexander	<p><a href="https://palssocks.rallyup.com/nbwc">Palssocks.rallyup.com/nbwc</a> \$450.00 raised! Congratulations and Thank You Andrea!</p> <p>"A woman owned business that promotes positive social change"</p> 

Special projects	Chair	Comments
Flip Top Can Collection	Mary Ellen Collett	If you have any, bag them up and drop in Mary Ellen's mailbox.
Food Pantry	Volunteers limited to BOD only	<a href="http://www.foodpantrynb.org">www.foodpantrynb.org</a>
Soles 4 Souls		<a href="https://soles4souls.org">https://soles4souls.org</a>  Ongoing through Zappos
Program for January 2021 General Assembly Meeting	Carol Cornachini from IMX Pilates North Branford	New Year, New You: Spine Health

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Women's Club Spotlight:	Comments
<p>The Mission of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) is to enhance the lives of others through <b>volunteer service</b>.</p> <p>Since 1890, GFWC's impact has been felt throughout communities across the United States and the globe!</p> <p>To that end, <b>please keep track of any volunteer/service hours you accumulate</b>. This information will be combined with all Northford-North Branford members, and submitted to the state federation!</p>	<p>Thank you Barb LaFrance for this tip sheet:</p> <p>Service hours are earned for non-pay service for other than family. (No hours for paid jobs)</p> <p>Baking (1 recipe) = 2 hours (Includes regular or board meeting baking)</p> <p>Donations to Veterans, Food Bank, etc. \$10 spent = 2 hours</p> <p>State meetings for Board officers and members(drive time not included)</p> <p>Other services include:</p> <p>Blood drives, helping at library, care for Northford garden, driving for elderly or disabled, clean-up drives, working food bank or food drives, recycling, hazardous waste. Club fund raisers, schools, Historical Society, Ronald McDonald House, shelter and shelter donations(clothing, toys, toiletries, etc.), and Veterans,</p>

**STAY SAFE, BE WELL!**