Hamden Woman's Club Donates To Hamden Garden Of Healing



Pictured (L-R): HWC Co-President Linda Melillo and VP Christy Palumbo, Pamela Jaynez (President of the Hamden Botanical Garden of Healing), & HWC Co-President Pat Johnson.

The April 2 meeting of the Hamden Woman's Club was especially interesting, informative and moving as we listened to our Guest Speaker , Pamela Jaynez, President of People Reuniting Over Untimely Deaths (P.R.O.U.D.) tell us true and tragic stories of violence in our community. This is an organization dedicated to making a positive contribution to our community by building a Botanical Garden of Healing - a place of peace, healing and enrichment for those who have lost a loved one through homicide. The location will be a beautiful garden at the Town-owned Eli Whitney Park, 1111 Whitney Ave, near lovely Lake Whitney. At this meeting our Hamden Woman's Club gave a generous monetary donation to help sponsor and support this Hamden Botanical Garden of Healing. Several of our members have also volunteered to help with its maintenance because we are "The Club that Cares and Shares".

The Hamden Woman's Club, Inc., GFWC, 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 joined the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, Inc.(GFWC) in January, 1951.

The HWC also provides many fun social benefits to our members. We have a "revised" Book Club that meets monthly at a local restaurant in addition to the "International Lunch Bunch" and our "Dinner Divas", an evening group. (We really love eating out!). Everyone loves our traveling choral group, holiday parties & banquets, assorted day trips, Military Whists, Bingo Nights, Arts & Crafts Competitions, and other fun activities!

You do NOT have to reside in Hamden to join - and we are very pleased that our membership has grown to fifty (50) members and we won the Best in Membership Award" for the GFWC-CT Southeast District this year! Most meetings are held at 6:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month from September to June, at the Hamden Senior Center (located in the rear of the Miller Memorial Library).

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to attend meetings and we urge anyone interested in learning more about the HWC to please call Sharon Nolan @ 203-248-2538. Also, please look at our Facebook page - Hamden Woman's Club, GFWC, Inc. - for more information and fun photos of our friendly club!

North Haven Memorial Library April Programs

To register for a program at North Haven Memorial Library (17 Elm St.), visit our website at www.northhavenlibrary.net or call us at (203) 239-5803. ***Registration is required for all programs except for those noted otherwise.***

Sock Jellyfish Craft - Middle School Makers: Wednesday, April 16, 3:15pm-4:30pm. Age Group: Grades 6th-8th. We'll use socks, cardboard, yarn, and other goodies to make our jellyfish friends.

Evening Dance Party: Wed., April 16, 6-6:30pm. Age Group: 12-24 mos. to 5 yrs. Join us for this loosely structured dance party to sing, dance and play with instruments.

Baby Rhyme Time: Thurs., April 17, 10:30-11:15am. Ages: 0-24 mos. Registration is highly recommended but not required. Walk-ins are always welcome. This program brings caregivers and babies together to nurture bonds and increase awareness of the child's development.

Superhero Training Academy: Thurs., April 17, 3:30-5pm. Age Group: 4-8. Join our one-day training academy where you will learn everything from leaping buildings and spinning webs to villain busting. Dressing up is highly encouraged!

Kids Who Code: Thurs., April 17, 6-6:45pm. Grades: 3rd-5th. Kids Who Code is a national program that is on a mission to change the image of what a programmer looks like and does.

Silent Book Club: Thurs., April 17, 6:30-7:30pm. This is a "bring your own book" activity-- no assigned reading and no pressure. Come for refreshments and an hour of quiet to focus on your latest read.

Closed Good Friday: Fri., April 18 - All Day. We will reopen on Sat., April 19.

Switch Party: Sat., April 19, 10:30-11:15am. Ages 6-11 yrs. No Registration Required. *We have limited switch controllers here so please bring your own from home to jump in the fun.

Zine Workshop: Saturday April 19, 2pm-3:15pm. Grades: 6th-12th. Registration Encouraged. Come make zines (mini-magazines) with us at the library. We'll scribble, cut, color, and storyboard our way into the best little books North Haven could ever imagine.

Parent Playdate: Monday, April 21, 10-11am. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 years. No Registration Required. Enjoy getting to know other parents/caregivers and their little ones, and check out all that the library has to offer!

Calm Connections: Mon., April 21, 11am-12 noon. Ages: Parents/Caregivers of Children Ages 0-5 yrs. No Registration Required. We encourage parents who have children on the autism spectrum or with sensory needs to come together every Monday in the Children's Story Room.

Tai Chi with Debbie: Mon., April 21, 11am-12 noon. You will be taught the Sun style. If you cannot attend all 4 sessions, please do not register. Reminder: Upon registration, you are automatically registered for each session in this 5-week series.

Minecraft Meetup: Mon., April 21, 6-6:45pm. Age Group: 6-11 yrs. *We will be using the Minecraft Bedrock Edition in this program and have limited ipads so please bring your own device if you can.

Tutu Tuesday: April 22, 10:30-11am. Age Group: 6-9 mos. to 3 yrs. If you and your child have a tutu or bow tie, wear it while enjoying music, and a story.

Guided Meditation: Tues., April 22, 2-3pm. Join Johanne Vannelli as she leads us through mindfulness and meditation.

Junior Debate Club: Tues., April 22, 6-6:45pm. Age Group: 6-11 yrs. Join our Junior Debate Club to share your thoughts about serious and silly topics, as well as everything in-between.

Women's Self Defense: Tues., April 22, 6-7pm. A program designed to empower women with the skills and confidence to protect themselves in various situations.

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North Haven Rotary *All You Can Eat Dinner*

The All You Can Eat Dinner - For Only $5.00, presented by the North Haven Rotary, will take place Friday, April 25th, from 5-7pm at St. John's Church, located on St. John's Street, North Haven.

Dinner will include PORK entrees with assorted sides, garlic bread, and drinks while supplies last. 100% of donations will go to local charities.

Express yourself in our Letters to the Editor

To submit a letter: **Letters to the Advisor should include the writer's name, address and phone number. The writer's signature should appear at the end of the letter. Unsigned letters will not be published. Letters will be accepted through Wednesday at 5pm. We will extend the deadline if circumstances allow and providing we have space available. Letters must be no longer than 400 words due to space limitations. The Advisor does not edit letters which are published as they are received. If a letter is questionable, the writer will be contacted for verification. The Advisor reserves the right to not publish letters that may be personally offensive.**

Now is Not the Time to Cut Back

To The Editor: April 10, 2025

I attended the North Haven town meeting on Monday night, April 7, and listened to the voices of my community raise their concerns about this year's proposed budget. As it stands today, the budget comes with moderate increases designed to maintain our current level of town services.

In my view, the proposed budget increase is reasonable, responsible and necessary. We are a town that consistently does more with less. When looking at our District Reference Group of 24 comparable school districts, we spend less dollars on each student, yet our kids score near the top on standardized tests. When it comes to public safety, notwithstanding limited staff and aging apparatus, our firefighters respond in a matter of minutes to 911 calls and provide care to our community in their time of greatest need. We are efficient and productive with our resources. Now is not the time to cut back on critical services or ask our schools to continue to produce more with even less.

That's why, as a Democrat, I was extremely disappointed to see our Democrat representatives engage in these budget conversations in bad faith with their colleagues and be dismissive of the legitimate perspectives of many of our residents. One Democrat Board of Finance member relied on misinformation to denounce the budget and sought to malign the character of our Republican First Selectman. Our Democrat Third Selectwoman characterized this vote as a simple question of affordability, "you either have the money or you don't." The town budget and concerns of our residents are far more complex than that – and if our Third Selectwoman spent more time listening to the voices of our community and less time talking, she would have heard that loud and clear. For many residents, affording this increase is a matter of principle, and preserving our town's financial health, services and quality of life is paramount.

When North Haveners walk into the voting booth on May 20, I would encourage everyone to remember that we rise and fall as a community, and we have a responsibility to ensure that our collective well-being is protected and preserved. VOTE YES on May 20th.

Parent of two North Haven students and
North Haven volunteer firefighter, David Cohen

Local Eastern Students Build Home in SC For Family in Need

Over spring break, Eastern's chapter of Habitat for Humanity (HFH) traveled to Lake View, SC, dedicating their time, labor, and resources to help construct a home for a family in need. The mission of the trip was simple: "to remove the barriers that prevent affordable housing for the (Lake View) community."

The group spent five days in the southern community, constructing flooring, walls, window frames, and a porch. The student volunteers learned and utilized various carpentry/construction skills and techniques to help with the safe and timely construction of the building.

Among the students were:

Hamden resident, Sylas Stanley-Barham, a senior studying Communication.

Northford resident, Emily McCormack, a senior studying Social Work.

Vietnam War Veterans Encouraged To Participate in 2025 Memorial Day Parade

To The Editor: April 11, 2025

I am writing in my capacity as the Third Selectman of North Haven. At a recent Board of Selectmen meeting, I made a motion to honor Vietnam War Veterans in this year's Memorial Day Parade. This year is the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. My colleagues on the Board enthusiastically supported my motion, and I thank Mr. Freda and Mr. Pieper for their cooperation.

If you are a Vietnam Veteran and you would like to march in the parade as a part of this tribute, please email me at sbuemi5@comcast.net. American Legion Post 76 is providing a trailer for those veterans who cannot walk the 1-mile parade route. However, the trailer is limited to seating for 15. In your email to me, please mention if you need a seat.

I think it is so important that we, as a community, honor our veterans. Back in 2015, on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II, I organized a similar tribute in the parade. The 12 World War II veterans who participated received thunderous applause.

Please attend the parade this year, Saturday May 24th and show your support for all our veterans. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally J. Buemi, Third Selectman

