



Thank you for your interest in the Monroe Women's Club!

This document will serve as an informational guide for you – included is a short overview of the club, our club's history, details about previous and current projects and fundraisers and an application should you seek to join! We look forward to welcoming you!

The club has made many changes in the past year, including having our meetings on ZOOM once a month at 7:30 pm. Below you will find a summary of projects our club participated in from mid-2020 until now.

Monroe Women's Club Highlights July to December 2020

The Monroe Women's Club took a short summer break before starting a Light the Night for Hope fundraiser for July 25th (Christmas in July). The club sold and delivered paper luminaries & candles to Monroe homes prior to the event. The purpose was to promote home in the community during this time of uncertainty due to the pandemic. Quite a few homes in Monroe participated and many posted photos on social media. The good weather added to the beauty of the evening.

By August, the club started our annual Flamingo Fundraiser to support Swim Across the Sound. Club members would place a flock of pink plastic flamingos near a recipient's mailbox for \$15 for a 2-day stay. Our response to the fundraiser was very good! The fundraiser ended on October 1st, the start of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The early fall and the postponement of our annual fundraiser due to COVID opened the door for our Boo Bag Fundraiser – a socially distanced way to remember friends, neighbors and relatives in Monroe with a bag of Halloween themed treats and items. Adult/Teen bags sold for \$20 while Kid's Bags sold for \$15. We purchased black bags and Halloween tissue paper and attached a note saying "You've been boo-ed!" The bags were left secretly & the sender could remain anonymous if wanted. This fundraiser kept us very busy making bags and delivering them all around town. Some of the kids even posted pictures of themselves smiling with their bags on our Facebook page.

With a little quiet before the busy holiday season, we concentrated on projects that helped our fellow neighbors. One member started a Coat, Sock, Mitten, Scarf Drive for Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Another made thirty fruit baskets for residents of an assisted living facility. The club made a monetary donation to Wounded Warriors for Veteran's Day and a Thanksgiving Dinner Donation to Bridgeport Rescue Mission. One member had signs made to say "Thank You to our Essential Workers", which will be placed all around town expressing our appreciation.

For the holidays, we participated in our town's Giving Tree by purchasing grocery gift cards for residents, decorating the town green and getting a tree donated for the Town Green Gazebo. Our annual tree lighting was canceled due to COVID-19, but we took the opportunity to sell beautiful holiday poinsettias, luminaries and mystery gift bags to spread Christmas cheer. We are honored our fallen soldiers again with a donation to Wreaths Across America and helped others around the world with a donation to Heifer International. We are continuing our monthly club meetings via Zoom!

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Monroe Women's Club

Incorporated Dec 1, 1976

Community Service, Community Strong

About the Club

Co-Presidents:	Adele Buck, Mary Christian-Hein
Treasurer:	Debbie Heim
Membership:	Veronica Condon
Recording Secretary:	Adele Buck (acting)
Corresponding Secretary:	Veronica Condon (acting)
Parliamentarian:	Annemarie Hughes

ORGANIZED: The Monroe Women's Club was established on December 1, 1976 and is part of a state-wide non-profit organization of Junior Women's Clubs. Our parent organization is Connecticut Junior Women, Inc. (CJW)

PURPOSE: Our purpose is the promotion of civic interests through cultural, educational and social activities among women.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is open to any woman, resident or non-resident of Monroe, age 18 or older, who would like to volunteer her time and talents to serve the Monroe Community. Current membership is 12 members with up to 20 years of club experience.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- Pay Annual Dues of \$30
- Attend Monthly Meetings in person (currently we are using Zoom)
- Support & assist other members with their projects
- Be an active participant!

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Upon joining and paying your club dues, you will receive a Club tote bag. Your dues cover membership dues and insurance through our parent organization, CJW.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: Meetings are held once a month, usually the second week of the month, September through June. Day of the week may vary from Monday to Thursday.

Monroe Women's Club

Our purpose is to promote educational and philanthropic community service and give its members an opportunity for personal enrichment, leadership experience and social interaction. We are a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. All our members are volunteers.

The Monroe Women's Club was started in December 1976 by 6 local women who formed the Junior Women's Club of Monroe. In July 1977, the club held a Swim-A-Thon and raised \$8,000 to help open the town's new pool. Around 1979 the club and 73 other clubs from the state of Connecticut left the General Federation of Women's Clubs to become the CT Junior Women's Club (CJW) allowing all clubs to have more voting power and a change in age limitations. As a part of the CT Junior Women's Club, each club in the state contributes to a state project.

The Monroe Women's Club currently has 12 members which includes 5 officers – Co-Presidents, Treasurer, Membership Chair and Parliamentarian. Some officers do double duty as Secretary & Recording Secretary. The club meets monthly (currently via Zoom) and completes several projects during the year. In normal times, the club met once a month rotating members' homes.

Notable Past Projects:

- Country Treasures Craft Show (1985-2014)
- Funds to start the Sensation Trail and publishing the Guide to the Chalk Hill Nature Trail (1988-1990)
- Half Ton Sundae: A 75-gallon ice cream sundae in a kiddie pool; individual ice cream cups were sold as a fundraiser
- Take A Stand Lemonade Day: lemonade stands all over Monroe raised money for charity
- Vidbel's Circus: family entertainment on Fireman's Field
- Large donation given to Edith Wheeler Memorial Library to help restore the historical mural by artist David Merrill

Current Projects/Fundraisers:

- Valentine's Day Bags for Women's Shelter
- Feed Your Birds, Feed Your Neighbors – benefits Monroe Food Pantry
- Thank You Signs for Teacher's & Staff
- Easter Baskets for the Monroe Food Pantry
- Teacup Bird Feeders
- Mother's Day Bags for Women's Shelter
- Spring Fundraiser – Kentucky Derby Luncheon, Magic Show (currently on hold)
- Light the Night for Hope – July Luminary Sale
- Flamingo Fundraiser – Comedy Night for Murder Mystery Dinner (TBD)
- Halloween Costume & Candy Drive
- Boo Bags
- Thanksgiving Harvest Baskets for Fairway Acres Residents
- Adopt a Neighbor at Christmas
- Poinsettia Fundraiser
- Christmas Luminary Fundraiser
- Holiday Mystery Bags
- Town Green Gazebo Tree Lighting with Santa Visit

Once a year, at the end of May, the club disperses all its funds less than 15% operating costs for the following year. The club has given monetary donations to Project Warmth, Monroe Food Pantry, Monroe Firehouse, Monroe EMS, Masuk High School, EWML, Monroe Scholarship Fund and Monroe Playground Foundation, among others.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Our purpose is to promote educational and philanthropic community service and give our members an opportunity for enrichment, leadership experience and personal interaction. The Monroe Women's Club is a member of Connecticut Junior Women's Club (CJW) and is a non-profit 501 C 3, non-sectarian and non-political organization.

Date Joining _____

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Occupation _____

Birthdate _____

Do you have a talent or expertise in any area that you would be willing to share? _____

Are you a member of any other organization? _____

Membership dues are collected yearly and include dues and insurance for our parent organization, CJW, along with membership items. Meetings are once a month, rotating members' homes or virtually by ZOOM.

Mail your completed membership application with your \$30 annual membership dues (made payable to Monroe Women's Club) to Monroe Women's Club PO Box 73 Monroe Ct. 06468.

Our Membership Chairperson, Veronica Condon, will contact you soon.

For more info, call or text Veronica at 203-331-6662.