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"I would encourage women to join because the group is a very dedicated, diverse collection of wonderful Women whose main purpose is to help make a difference in this World one step at a time and set examples for our children so that they will follow in our footsteps as they grow to become well rounded young adults. I'd also let them know that we pride ourselves at not being a high pressure group where everyone is obligated to help with all that we do."

Some KWO members joined because they wanted to:

- Meet people in Killingworth
- Have fun
- Meet other movers and shakers
- Make a difference
- Genuinely connect with other women
- Help others in the community
- Network
- Fulfill a need to be part of a community

"What I enjoy most about the KWO is the sense of compassion and caring. I like the fact that I know there are people who can jump in and make things happen in town if need be and there are people who rally behind me when I need it. I remember all coming together when one mom found her toddler in the hospital. We all took turns cooking and bringing over meals. I enjoy taking turns bringing one of our retirees home after a meeting. I enjoy supporting whoever is doing something important to them."

Killingworth Women's Organization
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KILLINGWORTH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



*A Member of the General Federation
of Women's Clubs (GFWC)*

www.kwoct.org

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Who we are and our mission

We are a local group of women volunteers dedicated to helping others in our town and building a stronger sense of community. We are affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC). The GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

Our history

The Killingworth Women's Organization (KWO) was formed in April of 2003. The idea took shape shortly after co-founders Mary Ellen Wilson and Gena Murray met through an activity at the town library with their children. Their common resolve to help others along with their desire to build a deeper sense of community sparked the idea for establishing a group for women in Killingworth.

The KWO's areas of service to the community abound. A few examples include:

- Holiday Lights Spectacular
- Halloween Happenings
- Relay for Life Fundraising
- Scholarships
- Assisting with the Greg Bousquet Holiday Wish Fulfillment Drive for children and seniors
- Providing an informational website at: www.kwoct.org
- Making and distributing comfort pillows to area mastectomy patients

The KWO holds wonderful social outings for members that include:

- Annual family picnic
- Scrapbooking Nights
- Annual Dinners
- Dessert Outings

Presently: *We strive to fulfill our founders' vision. While the KWO has received grants and certificates of achievement for a variety of its endeavors, its collective members continually look for voids in our community and creative ways (and hands) to fill them. In addition to the KWO's dedication to helping others, many deep friendships have been formed and, in our midst, a true sense of community has evolved.*

Visit or join: *We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Killingworth Library, with a social at 7PM and business at 7:30PM. Meetings are frequently accompanied by an artistic, inspirational, or informational presentation such as: tastings from Savvy Tea, Trooper Ward for Neighborhood Watch, jewelry-making, therapist Sarah Suatoni, Professional Organizer Lisa Lelas, H-K Youth & Family Services, Helping Hands, and women's health professionals.*

Visitors are more than welcome and membership is open to any woman at least eighteen years of age from any local town. If you are interested in learning more about our organization or wish to attend a meeting, please contact Suzanne Sack at dsack@aol.com, visit our web site at www.kwoct.org or call 860-663-5675.