



The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

FEBRUARY 2010

WWC FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CLUB DAY	2 <i>Garden Board 1:30</i>	3 <i>YDF Meeting 10:00am Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	4 <i>Bridge 9:30</i>	5	6
7	8 <i>Bridge 10:30 Enterprise 1:00pm</i>	9 <i>Garden General 1:30 pm</i>	10 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	11 <i>Bridge 9:30</i>	12	13
14	15 <i>Bridge 10:30 Board Mtg 10:00am</i>	16 <i>Bunco 7:00pm Gourmet 11:30</i>	17 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4pm 4:00 pm</i>	18 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	19	20
21	22 <i>Bridge 10:30 Community Service 9:30am</i>	23	24 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm RSVP Knitting 1:00</i>	25 <i>Bridge 9:30am Book Club 1:00pm</i>	26	27

28 **NOTICE**

Notice is given of Bylaws revisions as recommended by the Bylaws and Rules Committee and approved by the Board on January 18, 2010. Notice is being sent in this Bulletin to the Voting Membership of the revisions (see pages 7 to 10) which will be voted on at Club Day on Monday, March 1, 2010. Each Voting Member shall be given an opportunity to vote thereon in person or by the mail ballot included on the last page of this Bulletin and also available in the Club office.

EMAILS When you send an e-mail to the office (your Bulletin article or just a message), our office manager, will send an acknowledgment. If you do not receive her e-mail, please call to confirm that your e-mail went through.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

This past holiday season was truly a time of giving, and the Club was the beneficiary of a number of very generous donations, thanks in large part due to the tireless efforts of Barbara Levy and Jo Fuchs Luscombe, co-chairs of the Club's Corporate Sponsorship Committee. In addition to the grants noted in last month's Bulletin, the Club recently received several additional noteworthy contributions. First, I want to extend our sincere thanks to Janet and Fred Plotkin and the Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Foundation for their generous \$1,000 grant to help fund our Holiday Food Certificates and Meals programs. The Club also received a \$1,000.00 contribution from the Downtown Merchant's Association for our participation in the 2nd Annual Blues, Views and BBQ Festival held in September and an anonymous donation from an individual in support of the Club's Scholarship Program. We are most grateful for these and all donations, especially in these difficult economic times.

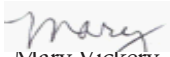
I want to also thank Joyce Netherton for arranging this year's Warm-Up Fund mailing and Clare Clark for coordinating the special evening set-up and mailing session for our members who work during the day. This is a wonderful service that the Club provides for the community and is also a very pleasant social event for our members.

Looking ahead, there are a number of special events in the works. The Curio Cottage Tag Sale will be held the first weekend in March, and the Curio Committee is hard at work soliciting donations and preparing for this important spring fundraising event. Remember that the Curio Cottage is always receiving new items, so be sure to check out the inventory periodically. Please do remind family members, friends and neighbors who are moving or redecorating that Karen Eickhoff and the Curio Cottage crew are always grateful for donations of furniture and other special household items.

The Yankee Doodle Fair Committee is gearing up and beginning to plan for this year's Fair to be held Thursday, June 17, through Sunday, June 20 and featuring all the regular attractions. This year, in conjunction with the Bake Sale, Beverly McArthur is spearheading a new committee to publish and sell a cookbook of bake sale item recipes. Anyone who hasn't yet submitted her recipe(s), please get them to Bev immediately.

As we head into February, I hope that all of you will fight off the winter doldrums by taking advantage of all the regular activities that the Club has to offer: Antiques, Book Review, Bridge, Bunco, Cultural Affairs, Garden Department, Gourmet, Mah Jongg, and RSVP Knitters. What you get out of membership is commensurate with what you put in, so come down to the Club and get involved. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

All the best,



Mary Vickery

P.S. When you are doing your weekly shopping, if possible, please pick up a few additional items to help replenish our Food Closet. These difficult times have been devastating to so many in our Westport community.

CLUB LUNCHEONS

Our February Club Day will take place on Monday, February 1st. Wine and Punch is served at 11:30 and Lunch begins at 12:00 Noon. Our menu will consist of Vegetarian Penne Pasta with Roasted Eggplant and Zucchini in Vodka Sauce, Green Salad, Italian Bread, Lemon Ice and Sugar Cookies for Dessert.

February Club Day will be hosted by Mary Jane Cross, Doris Farquhar and the Tournament Bridge Group.

Cost: The cost of Club Day, \$15, may be paid in cash (the exact amount, if possible), or check, payable to WWC (preferred method).

To Reserve: To make a reservation; please call Colleen Fenton at 227-4240 by 1:00PM on the Wednesday prior to Club Day (January 27th). If you are on the permanent lunch list, there is no need to call for a reservation.

Cancellations: If you are on the permanent list, let Colleen know by 1:00PM on the reservation deadline date (the Wednesday before Club Day) if you cannot attend. Unfortunately, anyone who does not cancel either a permanent or monthly reservation by the reservation deadline is expected to pay for the cost of the lunch, since the WWC must pay the caterer for the number of lunches ordered.

I look forward to seeing you on February 1st.
Linda Clair, First Vice President

THE SUNSHINE GIRLS

Thank you to Fay Farquhar, our Sunshine Girl for January.

Our Sunshine Girl for February is Sue Mahar (227-7774)

Please let Sue know if you hear of a member who is going through a difficult time or needs assistance. It is through the Sunshine Girls that the WWC can take care of its members.

Linda Clair

First Vice President

226-7006 / clairfamily@optonline.net

Thoughts from Sarajane Lynch

My gratitude to Dorothy Packer, Leah Scherzer, Dorothy Curran and Lorraine Feliciano for visiting and preparing Soup and Meals for me and my family. Thank you to all the WWC members who sent thoughtful and beautiful get well cards



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please join us for our monthly meeting on Monday, February 22, at 9:30 am. We will continue our grant review process and have a guest speaker from one of our agencies.

Arlene Thrope
Director, Community Services

Scholarship Committee

It has been my pleasure to have served, in the past, on this committee with Carole Hendrickson as the Committee Chairwoman. As this year's chairwoman, I will use the knowledge gained from her leadership to the best of my ability.

If you are interested in being part of the Scholarship Committee, or have any questions, please contact me. I guarantee you will find it a very rewarding experience.

Wendy McKeon
Scholarship Committee Chairwoman

PROGRAMS

We are delighted to have professional wizard Watts Wacker as our speaker for our February program. Watts is a lecturer, best-selling author, political commentator and social critic. He predicts future trends and gives advice on how to interpret them to enhance our lives. We are looking forward to hearing what he has to say.

Doris Smart
Amy Schneider
Programs

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ANTIQUES

We will not meet in February. Our next meeting will be March 24, 2010 at 10:00 am. Mr. Kassery, specializing in polishing and repairs of antique metals, will be our guest speaker. Extensive information will appear in next months bulletin.

Edith Forman

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR PLANNING MEETING

The February YDF Meeting will be held:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

10:00am

The YDF is our largest Fund Raiser. We already have some exciting new plans for the Fair. Come to our February Meeting; find out what those plans are and contribute some ideas of your own.

ML Clayton,
Dorothy Curran,
Sarajane Lynch,

YDF Chairs

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING: Tuesday,
February 2, 2010, 1:30pm
GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday,
February 9, 1:30pm

GARDEN ORNAMENTATION:

Colleen Plimpton will be giving us a talk on how to use ornamentation effectively in our gardens. Colleen, a Bethel resident, teaches gardening at her home and at the New York Botanical Gardens. She is a member the Garden Writers Assn, Mad Gardeners and the Tri-State Hosta Assn. In addition to numerous articles about gardening, she has also written a gardening mystery: "Gone To Jericho." Please plan to come, this sounds like a great program.

For more information on Colleen, go to her web site: Colleen Plimpton's Web Site.

RSVP – PLEASE!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Lisa Garten
24 Turkey Hill S

Kathy Groener
44 Bulkley Ave

Mary Hanrahan
11 Belaire

Susan Hawley
12 Taylor Lane

Mary Heery
26 Logan Trail

Mince Kohler
22 Pequot Trail

Denise Kuendig
54 Center Street

Welcome to the Garden Department!
Hope to see you all at the February Meeting!

Mary Lee Clayton Programs

RSVP KNITTING



RSVP Knitting will meet on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 1 p.m. in the Board Room. All knitters, including beginners, are welcome (nothing too complicated)!

Sue Mahar
Gerry Munce

BOOK CLUB

The Book group will meet on February 25 in the living room at 1:00. The book will be *Netherland* by Joseph O'Neil. It is about a banker originally from the Netherlands who struggles to find himself in New York after 9/11. Barbara Raffle will lead the discussion. All are welcome.
Pat Wettach

Enterprise

WWC Enterprise Investment Group will meet at the Club house on Monday, February 8 at 1:00pm.

Barbara Hart
Secretary

Cultural Affairs

“The Addams Family”
Wednesday, April 28, 2010

As of this writing, there are still a few tickets available for the new musical comedy, “The Addams Family” starring Nathan Lane and Bebe Neuwirth. Most musical adaptations for Broadway come from movies or books, “The Addams family” is based on the Charles Addams cartoons, mainly published in the New Yorker magazine in the ‘1940’s and 50s. The musical reflects the mordant wit of the cartoons, showing us characters who were off-center, reveling in unhappiness, but who also loved one another and were never actually shown harming anyone.

Cost of this theatre trip is \$123 per person. The show is playing at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, 205 West 46th Street, NYC.

American Ballet Theatre
“Lady of the Camellias”
Wednesday, May 26, 2010
Metropolitan Opera House,
Lincoln Center

Based on Alexander Dumas’ famous novel which inspired Verdi’s opera “La Traviata,” and George Cukor’s film “Camille,” starring Greta Garbo. In turn, choreographer John Neumeier creates a riveting dance- drama set to music by Frederic Chopin.

This is ABT Company Premiere of “The Lady of the Camellias.” The probable cost of this Cultural Affairs trip is \$105 per person, if we have 40 members on the bus. However, the response to this Cultural affairs trip so far has NOT been encouraging. If you plan to go on this trip to the MET in May to see this ballet you really must sign up NOW. ABT/MET wants to send us a contract. They have called four times and I have put them off, as we do not have enough interested attendees as of this writing to sign a contract.

Marilyn Killough

Curio Cottage

Help Wanted!
No experience necessary and the rewards are fantastic!

The Cottage is close to being able to open on Tuesdays, and we are also trying to staff Sundays. Please, if you can work, as much or as little as you wish, give your name and phone number to Colleen, or drop it at the desk in the shop. For new members, this is a really fun and unique way to help the community, get to know other members and make new friends with our shoppers.

It is almost time for our Tag Sale. We will start the publicity soon and are asking for donations from the local community. The receiving dates are Mar 2-4. The Sale is Mar 5-6. We need lots of workers each day. Again, wear old clothes, come and work for as little or as long as you can. Tax donation forms are always available and we are asking everyone to share this info with other people in the community. If you have businesses that will let you post a flyer, please do that, too. We will have them available. Thanks, in advance, to everyone.

Katen Eickhoff and
Cottage Committee

Bunco

Brrrrrrr...it’s freezing...winter is here...
Come yell “Bunco” and give a good cheer!

Our next Bunco Fun Night is Tuesday, February 16th.
We meet at 7:00 p.m. to “chat & chew”...We begin play at 7:30 p.m.
The cost is \$5.00 – No experience necessary.
Please sign up on the board outside the office – All are welcome.

To all our new members – Bunco is a great way to meet other members in a relaxed, fun setting...Be prepared to laugh and hopefully, yell “Bunco”...
(...and maybe win some \$\$\$!!!)
Give it a try!!!!

Wendy McKeon

Membership

Well, we are at the half way point of the WWC Membership year! Time does march on...but we are open to new members joining at any time. The benefits of membership and being active in our remarkable club are many. Please “talk us up” with your friends and neighbors. As always I am glad to reach out to whomever you send my way!

A warm welcome to our new members, Lois Harner and Julie Shapiro, please add their info to your directory.

Lois Harner
53 Whitney Glen Drive
Westport, 06880

Julie Shapiro Husband - Steve
1 Sandhopper Trail
Westport, CT 06880

Gourmet

Gourmet began the New Year, 2010, with a bang. A lively demonstration of the art and secrets behind the preparation of Seared Wild King Salmon with Ginger Spinach with Preserved Lemon Vinaigrette and Apple/Cranberry Chutney in Champagne Vinegar was held at the clubhouse January 19. Lisa Allison made the Preserved Lemons and then the Vinaigrette with the Preserved Lemons. Lica Cole and Kamla Hingorani prepared the Apple/Cranberry Chutney in Champagne Vinegar days in advance and Barbara Gladnick and Connie McCormack made enough Indulgent Chocolate Mousse Cake for thirty people. Thank you, Chef Bryan Malcarney, our local Blue Lemon restaurant owner, for having taken time out of your busy schedule to give us this excellent demonstration. And, thank you Gourmet Cooks for having cheerfully done your part in delivering an excellent lunch to our members.

On January 5 the cooks for the February luncheon met in the boardroom of WWC clubhouse. Seven cooks came prepared with recipes that could be used in preparation for the Turkish luncheon to be held on February 16, 11:30 AM at the WWC. The cooks selected to make:

1. Meze – Variety of Appetizers.
2. Turkish Green Olive Salad (Yesil Zeytin Salatasi)
3. (Aubergine) Eggplant Stuffed with Lamb (Karniyarik)
4. Bulgar Pilaf with Chickpeas (Hindi Suyuyla Nohutlu Bulgar Pilavi)
5. Semolina Sponge in Syrup (Revani)
6. Cream-Filled Apricots (Kaymakli Kayisi Tatlisi)
7. Apple Tea

If you wish to come as a guest to the February lunch contact me.
Bon Appétit and keep on cooking!

Elfriede Lafferty
Chairwoman

Tournament Bridge

Tournament Bridge is a competitive bridge game. You and your partner play 6 games against each of 5 other teams each week (30 games each day). We meet every Monday (except on Club Days), from 10:30am to 2:00pm. We play 5-week sessions, from September through May, with prizes handed out at the end of each session.

We always need substitutes. If you are interested in joining us and/or being on the substitute list, please call Mary-Jane Cross,

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE

Intermediate Bridge meets regularly on Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Auditorium.

We really need substitutes to join us, either occasionally or on a more regular basis. If you haven't played in a while, this is a good way to brush up and start playing again.

Please call me if you are interested in signing to up "SUB".

Helen Doxtator

MAH JONGG

We play every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted on the calendar) from 1:00- 4:00PM. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome. Please call Diana Zaslow, if you are interested.

