



The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

APRIL 2010

WWC APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	2	3
4	5 <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	6 <i>Garden Board 1:30pm</i>	7 <i>YDF 10:00am Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	8 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	9	10
11	12 CLUB DAY	13 <i>Garden General 1:30pm</i>	14 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4pm 4:00 pm Ways & Means 5:30pm</i>	15 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>Board Meeting 10:00am Bridge 10:30 am Enterprise 1:00pm</i>	20 <i>Gourmet 11:30am Bunco 7:00pm</i>	21 <i>Mah Jongg 1-4:00 pm</i>	22 <i>Book Review 1:00pm Bridge 9:30 am</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>CommSer 9:30 am Bridge 10:30 am</i>	27	28 <i>Cult. Affairs 9:30 RSVP 1:00pm Antiques 10:00am Mah Jongg 1-4:00</i>	29 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	30	

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members:

Hearty congratulations to the Curio Cottage Committee for a very successful Tag Sale during the first week of March. Between the sale itself and sales in the Cottage, it looks like we raised approximately \$5,500. This is very good news, and we hope that the Curio Cottage's sales will remain strong for the remainder of our fiscal year.

A big thank-you goes to this year's Nominating Committee—co-chairs Pat Jensen and Mary Lee Clayton, Barbara Levy, Audrey Rabinowitz and Jeannette Tewey. The slate for the 2010-2011 Board is listed in a separate article in this Bulletin. The Committee did an excellent job matching members to the positions, and the slate will be voted on at the May 3 Club Day General Meeting.

If you haven't done so already, I hope you will take a minute to support our Mother's Day fundraiser to benefit the Club's Food Closet. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the special women in your life while making a much-appreciated donation to our Food Closet and Food Gift Card programs. There has been a great increase in the demands for food this year, and we don't see any signs of this trend changing over the summer. Your contributions will help ensure that our pantry shelves remain full. I want to extend my sincere thanks to Ways & Means Chair Susan Cugliari for coordinating this fundraiser for us and to our Food Closet Committee for all their hard work throughout the year.

Our 103rd Yankee Doodle Fair will occur in less than 3 months, June 17 – 20. As all of you know this is our largest annual fundraiser, and we need every member to participate in order to make it as successful as possible. Our co-chairs Mary Lee Clayton, Dorothy Curran and Sarajane Lynch are working hard riding herd on all the committees responsible for coordinating the different components that make the Fair a financial success. Also, our raffle ticket sales are a critical piece of the Fair and are our best insurance against rain or inclement weather. Please purchase and/or sell at least one five-pack booklet of tickets. The more tickets we sell, the more funds we are guaranteed to raise. This year we have another new smaller insurance policy against bad weather in the form of the delightful Yankee Doodle Fair Sweets & Treats: Baking in Westport recipe book, compiled by Bev McArthur and her committee of four. The book, a must-have for every Club member and a wonderful gift, will be on sale at Club events prior to the Fair and at the YDF Bake Sale booth during the event. Please do as much as you can in advance to support the Fair through raffle ticket sales and cook-book purchases, and come join our committee. The YDF is a wonderful place to socialize with new and old friends, while raising the funds the Club needs to continue its good works.

I wish you all a very happy Easter and Passover!

All the best,

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathies to
Helen Luedke on the passing of her husband Bill
Karen Eickhoff on the passing of her mother
Barbara Culp on the passing of her husband Charlie
Ellie Hale on the passing of her sister, and Club Member, Jean Plasan

CLUB DAY

Thank you to Jane Potkin, Jeannette Tewey and the Garden Department for hosting March Club Day.

Our April Club Day will take place on Monday, April 12th. Wine and Punch is served at 11:30 am and Lunch begins at 12:00 Noon. Our menu will consist of Spinach Quiche; Corn, Onion, Tomato and fresh basil Salad; rolls and lemon squares.

April Club Day will be hosted by the Antiques, Intermediate Bridge and Enterprise Groups. 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 (April 7th). 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.

Have a Blessed Easter and Passover Holiday. I look forward to seeing you on April 12th.

Linda Clair, First Vice President

Ways and Means

Ways and Means: Follow Up Meeting--

Thank you to all of the members who took the time to attend one of the two Ways and Means meetings on the 24th! It was a great meeting; the turnout was terrific and many wonderful ideas were discussed.

For those interested in continuing the process and working on one of the fundraisers discussed, there will be a follow up meeting on Wednesday, April 14th at 5:30pm in the Living Room.

All members of the Woman's Club are members of Ways and Means. So, if you were unable to join us on the 24th, but want to get involved and work on a fundraiser, please join us on the 14th. Remember, the more the merrier!

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Susan Cugliari
Ways and Means

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please join us for our Community Service meeting on Monday, April 26, at 9:30 am. We will finalize our plans for the Annual Awards Breakfast and Canal Park Luncheon.

Hope to see you there!

Arlene Thrope
Director Community Service

Arlene Thrope

PROGRAMS

It was such a pleasure to share the talents of Colleen Fenton, our office manager, and Trish Westfield, who played several entertaining songs on the bagpipes to kick off the Gaelic Celebration for our March Club Day. We experienced a spectacular display of Irish Dancing by the 5 time medal award winning Lenihan School of Dance. We want to extend a special thank you to all.

Our April Event will feature a Vintage Fashion Show. We are delighted to have one of our new members, Bonnie Dreifuss, assist with her expertise. She will take us on a journey with fashion through the ages, as we honor the Westport Woman's Club and Brooks Brothers with over 100 years of community history. We invite you to join us by wearing something special from your "vintage" wardrobe, and look forward to seeing you on April 12.
Amy Schneider
Doris Smart
Programs

Note of Thanks

David and I are so thankful for so many of our friends to remember Charlie. We will save the cards for our family to read when we celebrate Charlie's life on June 26th at the Woman's Club from 2:00-4:00pm. I feel very blessed to have so many friends.

Barbara Culp

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THE SUNSHINE GIRLS

Thank you to Carol Goetz, our Sunshine Girl for March.
Our Sunshine Girl for April is Lucille Kear (227-9263, snowfalls@sbcglobal.net). Please let Lucille 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



ANTIQUES

Our next meeting will be Wed., April 28th. Sophia, owner of Sophia's Great Dames, located at 1 Liberty Way, Greenwich, CT will be our guest speaker. She has a beautiful collection of Victorian and vintage pieces on the first floor of her shop. Some of what she carries are silver, leaded glass lamps, crystal, and candelabras. On the second floor are vintage textiles and linens. She houses an extraordinary collection of quality costumes for sale and for rent. There are costumes for children and adults, and they are designed for many kinds of events, theatrical productions, movies, commercials, parades and masquerade balls. The collection spans all historical periods, eras, and decades. Sophia's Great Dames is open Mon. through Sat - 10 am until 5:30 pm.

We will meet at WWC at our usual time of 10:00 am for refreshments and at 10:30 am our meeting will begin.

Edith Forman

Enterprise

WWC Enterprise Investment Group will meet at the Club house on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 1:00pm.

Barbara Hart
Secretary

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING:

Tuesday, April 6, 1:30pm

GENERAL MEETING:

Tuesday, April 13, 1:30pm

Depending on the landscaping project, we will either be cleaning up the Club Ground or having a guest speaker. We will let all of you know as soon as we do, but one way or the other, hope to see you all there.

Mary Lee Clayton
Program Chair

Tournament Bridge

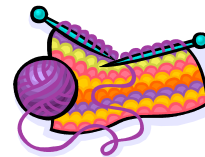
Tournament Bridge is a competitive bridge game. You and your partner play 6 games against each of 5 other teams each week (30 games each day). We meet every Monday (except on Club Days), from 10:30am to 2:00pm. We play 5-week sessions, from September through May, with prizes handed out at the end of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

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,

RSVP KNITTING



RSVP Knitting will meet on Wednesday, April 28, 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 selection for April 22 will be *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer. It is a novel about the inhabitants of a British Island who survived German occupation. Ellie Hale will lead the review. The book group meets in the living room at 1:00 on April 22. All are welcome.

Pat Wettach

Bunco

Spring is here ... It's beautiful weather Let's play "Bunco" all together...

Our next Bunco Fun Night is Tuesday, April 20th...

We meet at 7:00 p.m. to "chat & chew" and play begins at 7:30 p.m.
The cost is \$5.00...

Our hostesses are Audrey Rabinowitz and Marge DiPippa.
Sign-up sheet is on the board outside the office.

All members are invited to join us. We are a friendly group!
We guarantee a "stress-free" environment, good snacks, lots of laughs... and the chance to win some \$\$\$\$\$\$....

Leave those winter doldrums behind and enter spring with some fun...
Hope to see you on the 20th!

Wendy McKeon

Cultural Affairs

The Addams Family”
Wednesday , April 28th

The bus to new York City will leave the lower level parking lot at 9:30 am for the theatre trip to “The Addams Family.” The bus will return to Westport immediately following the matinee performance. As of this writing, this theatre trip is sold out but we desperately need a wait list. So far we have had two cancellations, which have been filled. However, there is usually a 10% cancellation rate so we will need a wait list of about five. “The Addams Family” is a new musical comedy with Broadway favorites Nathan Lane and Bebe Neuwirth based on the characters and sketches of legendary cartoonist Charles Addams. Also in the cast are Terrence Mann, Kevin Chamberlin, Carolee Carmello and Jackie Hoffman. Cost of this theatre trip is \$123.00 per person. The show is playing at the Lunt-Fontaine Theater, 205 West 46th Street. Running time of the show is 2 hours. Your tickets will be ready for your pick-up from the WWC office by Friday April 23rd.

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

We have signed our contract with the MET/ABT, sent in our deposit --the ballet trip is definitely on for Wednesday, May 26th. We currently have a wait list of two but we need a wait list of at least five, as there are always cancellations-- at a rate 10 % or more.

La Dame Aux Camellias, the novel by Alexandre Dumas is the inspiration for this ballet as well as Verdi’s opera “LaTraviata” and the film “Camille” starring Greta Garbo. A Parisian Courtesan Marguerite Gautier, falls in love with Armand Duval but is forced by his father to renounce her love to safeguard the families honor. The ballet is set to music by Frederic Chopin. Cost of Ballet trip is \$105 per person. It is the 2:00pm matinee performance. Your tickets will be passed out on the bus on the 26th.

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday , September 15th
Good Speed Opera House

“Carnival” is the heart warming story of a naive young woman who joins a traveling circus. Surrounded by acrobats and jugglers, music makers and clowns, she is dazzled at first by the troupe’s manipulative magician. In the end she finds happiness with a disillusioned puppeteer who can only express himself through his puppets. Based on the film “Lili” and with songs like “Love Makes the World Go Round” and “Her Face,” “Carnival” casts a romantic spell.
Marilyn Killough

Membership

Congratulations again to all our long time members who were honored at the March Club Day! I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with many of you during this process and it was a very rewarding experience!

We are working on a social, fun evening in the Spring to get old and new members together with spouses for some laughs and snacks...information to follow. If anyone would like to help please email or call me. Also...it is now half way through our membership year, so your friends can join for \$45.00...please think about women you know who might be interested and invite them to a Club Day to check us out!

A big welcome to our new members, Vesna Herman and Cecile Newberg, please add their info to your directory.

See you at the Club! Clare Clark

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It is a joy to recognize the amazing, dedicated ladies who made the Tag Sale such a success---again! These ladies never let the club down and besides being such great workers, they are such fun. We made over \$5,000 and made new friends for the Cottage. It would take up the whole newsletter to thank each one, so please accept a big THANK YOU to all of you, many who came and worked multiple days. The publicity was fantastic. It brought in many new people and Lorraine Feliciano is outstanding at this. Thelma Allen and Jackie Froelich went above and beyond the “call of duty.” Sadly, I was called home a few days before the sale and had to dump it all in their laps. The totals prove they have very able laps. And thanks to Colleen for making phone calls and coordinating things that I had to leave undone .TEAM EFFORT, TEAM WORK, and a GREAT TEAM, are proven in the results. So, start saving for our sale next year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for the sweet notes, special hugs and condolences that I received. They do mean so much and help in turning tears to smiles.

Karen Eickhoff & Cottage committee

Karen Eickhoff and
Cottage Committee

INTERMEDIATE BRIDGE

Intermediate Bridge meets regularly on Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the living and dining rooms. 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 up to “SUB”.

Helen Doxtator

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR PLANNING MEETING

Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 7, at 10:00am

GREAT FAIR PROGRESS!

COOKBOOK – Our first YDF star spangled cookbook, “Sweet Treats” is on its way to the printers. Many talented members contributed recipes. Dorothy Curran, Bev McArthur and Mary Vickery did yeoman’s work designing it with the illustrative help of several members. It’s a terrific book for the low price of \$10.00!

LUCKY PRIZE DRAWING: Anne Hunt, a new member, has taken this on. The Lucky Prize Drawing is one of our most successful booths, a favorite of members and Fair goers. You are encouraged to plan on soliciting a favorite provider of services, shop or restaurant. The list of shops to be solicited and the solicitation package will be in the office soon. We will let you know when via email blast. Meanwhile if you are planning to solicit a particular business or know of one that should be added to the list, please call or email Anne at 226-3840; rahuntclub@sbcglobal.net.

RAFFLE: Our prizes are in place! As we mentioned at the March lunch, we have raised the price of our ticket to \$10, but as usual are asking each of you to buy only \$50 worth and help with the HEDGE AGAINST RAIN by selling another \$50 worth (5 tickets) to friends and family.

CHILDREN’S EVENTS: The Children’s Games are going to be slightly changed and moved to a spot by the Food so parents can enjoy their lunch or dinner while their children enjoy the games and projects in the tent.

And, after their meal, fair goers can pick up dessert and other treats, as well as a copy of the Cookbook in the Auditorium where we will also have vendors selling some truly delightful products for children.

Despite the fact that we are moving briskly along with 2010 Plans, we can still use help and ideas. The Yankee Doodle Fair is one of our LARGEST FUND RAISERS and while the economic situation is improving slightly, a lot of families and individuals still need help!

Plan on soliciting a business, buying 5 raffle tickets and selling 5 to friends and family, and, as always, plan on volunteering!

And, do attend our next meeting on April 7th!

Mary Lee Clayton
Dorothy Curran
Sarajane Lynch

Gourmet

Our March Irish cuisine lunch was outstanding. Besides the delicious exquisitely well prepared authentic Irish dishes, Barbara Wagner gave the group a synopsis of the history of Irish food. Thank you Wynne Abrams and Barbara Wagner for helping to coordinate, prepare and cook this special meal. The other cooks who did outstanding work on this lunch are: Barbara Hart, Winnie Martinek, Mitzi Lyman and Rosalie Puglia.

On Tuesday, April 20, members of Gourmet will be enjoying a tasty lunch, with soothing ambiance, at the Blue Lemon restaurant in Westport. The cost of the meal is \$24.00 plus tax and gratuity. The price includes a choice of: 1. soup or salad; 2. entree; 3. dessert; 4. coffee or tea; 5. a glass of red or white wine.

Appetizer

Mixed Field Green Salad with Shaved Parmesan and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Cup of Soup du Jour

Main Courses

Open Faced Grilled Vegetable Sandwich with Melted Brie, Fried Potatoes, Baby Greens, and Dijon Mustard

Pulled Chicken and Caramelized Onion Tart with Gorgonzola Cream Sauce

“Blue Lemon” Omelet with Mushrooms, Spinach, Tomato, and Sharp Cheddar Cheese with Fried Potatoes

Arugula and Endive with Granny Smith Apples, Caramelized Walnuts, Celeriac, Danish Blue Cheese and Cider Vinaigrette With Grilled Calamari

Dessert

Ricotta Mascarpone Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce

“Blue Lemon” Tart with Fresh Berries Crème Anglaise Chocolate Almond Cranberry Biscotti

We will gather at the Blue Lemon restaurant located at 7 Sconset Square at 11:30 AM. Non Gourmet members, if you wish to enjoy this lunch with the WWC Gourmet Group on April 20 contact me. I can be reached at 203-227-9407(home) or 203-505-1463 (cell) and jlafe1057@aol.com

Bon Appétit and keep on cooking!

Elfriede Lafferty
Chairwoman

WWC Board Candidates 2010-2011

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the proposed slate for the WWC Board of Directors for the 2010 – 2011 year.

Voting will take place at the May Club Day General Meeting.

Officers:

President	Mary Vickery
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Third Vice President	Susan Cugliari
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Community Services	Jo Fuchs Luscombe
Grounds	Brenda Sciarra
House	Ruthann Carroll & Conchita Cassell
Membership	Clare Clark
Parliamentary Advisor	Joyce Netherton
Program	Mitzi Lyman, Kathy Groener & Barbara Levy
Rentals	Rose Jordan
Curio Cottage	Carol Goetz
Yankee Doodle Fair	By Committee

Do you know an extraordinary woman?

Could there be a better day than Mother's Day to honor the special women in your life? Do you have a mother, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, friend or co-worker that makes your day when you hear their voice? Have you always wanted to do something meaningful to let them know how important they are?

For a donation of \$25 per honoree (or \$100 for five honorees) a card will be sent in your name, telling each of the Extraordinary Women on your list how important they are to you and that a donation has been made in their name to support The Westport Woman's Club Food Closet to help those in need.

So that your honoree will receive her card in time for Mother's Day, please send your list of names and addresses plus your check payable to The Westport Woman's Club no later than April 20th to:

The Westport Woman's Club
44 Imperial Avenue.
Westport, CT 06880

Please complete the following:

Honoree # 1: _____

Address: _____

Honoree #2: _____

Address: _____

Honoree#3: _____

Address: _____

Honoree #4: _____

Address: _____

Honoree #5: _____

Address: _____

My name: _____ Phone: _____

My Address: _____

Please make checks payable to: The Westport Woman's Club

Total amount enclosed: _____ Check # _____

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