



The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

OCTOBER 2009

WWC OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm	1 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	2	3
4	5 Club Day <i>1st LWV Candidate Forum 7-9pm</i> <i>Town Hall</i>	6 <i>YDF Meeting</i> <i>Garden Board</i> 1:30pm	7 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm	8 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	9	10
11	12 <i>Bridge 10:30</i>	13 <i>Garden</i> <i>General 1:30pm</i> <i>Bingo Meeting</i> 3:00pm	14 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm <i>2nd LWV Candidate Forum 7-9pm</i>	15 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	16	17 <i>Gourmet 11-4</i> <i>New Pond Farm</i>
18 Goal Post Bingo 1:00PM 2:00 PM Start	19 <i>Bridge 10:30</i> <i>Board Meeting</i> 10:00AM <i>Enterprise 1:00pm</i>	20 <i>Bunco 7:00PM</i>	21 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm <i>3rd LWV Candidate Forum 7-9pm</i>	22 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i> <i>Book Review</i> 1:00pm	23	24
25 <i>ACS Walk</i> <i>Sherwood Island</i> 11:00Am	26 <i>Community Service 9:30am</i> <i>Bridge 10:30</i>	27	28 <i>Antiques 10:30</i> <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm <i>RSVP Knitting 1pm</i>	29	30	31

***Please note new office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am to 4:00PM
12:00-1:00 closed for Lunch. Wednesday 9:00am to 12:00 noon.**

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

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members

October promises to be another active month at the WWC with Club Day on October 5, our Goal Post Bingo fundraiser on Sunday afternoon, October 18, and the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer on October 25. Many thanks to Amy Schneider and Doris Smart for working so hard over the summer to pull together what promises to be a wonderfully uplifting schedule of Club Day programs for the year, to Susan Cugliari, our 3rd V.P. for Ways & Means, for spearheading the Bingo Committee, and to Linda Clair for leading the WWC's team for the Cancer Walk. By the way, anyone who isn't able to participate in the cancer walk with the Club group on October 25 is definitely welcome and encouraged to make a contribution to ACS in the team's name either on-line or through the mail to support our effort. Please read the Community Services article for more information.

This month the Club will also be cosponsoring with the League of Women Voters three candidate forums to be held in the Town Hall auditorium on October 5, 14 and 21. The first forum on Oct. 5 will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and will feature the candidates for Planning and Zoning, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Board of Assessment Appeals. The Oct. 14 forum will also take place from 7 to 9 p.m. and will showcase the candidates for the Board of Education and the Board of Finance. The final forum on Oct. 21 will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and will feature the candidates for Selectmen. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend these important town meetings!

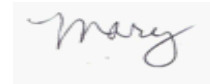
Kudos to our new membership chair, Clare Clark, for coordinating last month's very successful and enjoyable wine and cheese event for new and prospective members and to Lorraine Feliciano for all her help and effort with the publicity. Special thanks also to Wendy McKeon and Karen Center and their dedicated Food Closet Committee. Through the efforts of this group, over the summer months alone, the Club provided 245 bags of food to Town Hall, feeding approximately 34 adults and 38 children. And, it appears the demands on the Food Closet will be equally high this fall. So, please do keep in mind that food item donations are always welcome, especially as we head into the November and December holiday season.

And finally, I would be remiss if I didn't single out Dorothy Packer for her tireless efforts coordinating all the repair work and improvements to our beautiful Clubhouse, the 1881 Sidney Watts House. We are also most fortunate to have had Beverly Ellsley working with Dorothy and donating her design services to help us update the interior spaces so that we can increase our rental activity and maximize our revenues in this area.

There are many other members who should be individually recognized, but if I tried to highlight all the good work being done, there would be no end to this article. Let me just say that it is truly inspiring to see so many of our WWC members contributing so much to our Club and our community.

I'll look forward to seeing you at Club Day, Goal Post Bingo, the Cancer Walk and the three candidate forums. In the meantime, I hope you will continue to take advantage of all that the Club has to offer.

All the best,



Mary Vickery

President,

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please join us for our monthly meeting on Monday, October 26 at 9:30 am. Our guest speaker will be Maxine Bleiweis, Director, Westport Public Library who will discuss the new Jobseeker Services Programs available at the library. We will also start our review of grant proposals for which input from our membership is very helpful.

Dorothy Abrams, Chairperson of Holiday Meals and Mailings, is currently making arrangements to provide shut-ins with delivered meals for the Holidays. With the help of volunteers from our Group, she will send out holiday greeting cards to nursing home residents and gift cards to families and singles in need of assistance. This past year we sent out holiday gift cards to 143 families and 358 singles in need in the amount of \$7,990 and provided meals to a total of 61 people for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.

Many thanks to our Food Closet Co-Chairs, Karen Center and Wendy Mckeon and their volunteers who have been working extremely hard to meet the needs of our community. They have organized numerous campaigns to keep our food closet well-stocked. Over the past year, ended August 31, 2009, they gave out 501 bags of food with an estimated value of \$17,000. All the food was either donated or purchased with donations and amounts to an increase of over 100 bags from the previous year.

It is not too late to register for Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk at Sherwood Island State Park on Sunday, October 25 at 11:00 a.m. A Westport Woman's Club Team has been set up on the event website. You can register for the walk or make a donation at www.cancer.org/stridesonline. Registration will also be available at the park starting at 9:00 am. You can also write a check to the American Cancer Society and put it in my box in Colleen's office and it will count for our WWC Team.

Arlene Thrope
Director, Community Services

In Memoriam

We would like to express our condolences to Rona Cohen on the Death of her husband and to Cindy Buckley on the death of her father-in law, Willard "Big Buck" Bulkeley

CLUB LUNCHEONS

Thank you to Wendy McKeon, Fay Farquhar and the Bunco Group for hosting September Club Day, our first luncheon of the new Club Year.

October Club Day will take place on Monday, October 5th. Our menu will consist of Vegetable Lasagna with Marinara Sauce, a Green Salad, Bread Sticks and Cannoli for dessert.

October Club Day will be hosted by Diana Zaslow and the Mahjongg group and Pat Wettach and the Book Review 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 (September 30). 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 October 5th.

Linda Clair, First Vice President

PROGRAMS

We are delighted that our first event this season was honored by Senator Toni Boucher as our speaker. Her topic encompassed Connecticut's New Biennial State Budget. In this time of health care uncertainty, there's no time like the present to develop tools necessary to help you take greater responsibility for your health care future. On October 5, 2009 Susan O'Halloran, founder of Here's to Life Now, will present a fun, interactive experience on crafting a strategic plan that can impact your health and wellness. Join us for a round table format at this event.

Doris Smart
Amy Schneider
Programs

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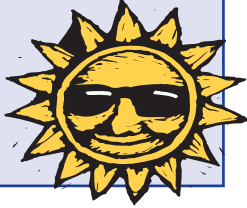
THE SUNSHINE GIRLS

Thank you to Zita Casey, Sunshine Girl for September.

Our October Sunshine Girl is Rosalie Puglia, . Thank you, Rosalie, for substituting for Inge Van Gelder.

Please let Rosalie 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
1st Vice President



ANTIQUES

Braswell Antiques and Auction House will host our Wednesday, October 28th meeting. They have graciously invited us for refreshments and coffee prior to our presentation at 10:30. They will speak to us of their business, and take us on a guided tour of their facility. They are located in the Old Norwalk Lace Factory at 1 Muller Ave., Norwalk, CT, 06815. Driving directions will be available at the WCC office.

Gary Braswell opened Braswell Galleries auction house in Norwalk, CT in the 1980's. They relocated to Stamford, CT in 2001 and in 2008 returned to Norwalk. The Gallery has grown from a small local auction house to one of the Northeast's largest antique and auction centers. They have been featured in numerous publications such as CT Cottages and Gardens, Architectural Digest and Veranda Magazine. The company has two divisions. The first is their antique warehouse dealing in furniture, rugs, paintings, fabrics, jewelry and antique clothing. The second division is their auctions which take place once a month. On September 21st, they auctioned rare photographs and memorabilia of Marilyn Monroe, The Beatles, and Greta Garbo.....

When they are available, Braswell offers its services to Charitable Organizations free of charge. They will buy single items or entire estates.

This promises to be a most interesting meeting.

Edith Forman,

BUNCO

While autumn winds begin to blow... Come out and play bunco...Come give it a go!!!

Our next Bunco fun night is Tuesday, October 20th... We "chat & chew" at 7 p.m. and begin play at 7:30 p.m... Cost is \$5.00 ... a real bargain! Our hostesses are Karen Center and Catherine Smith.

Let me take the time to THANK all the Bunco volunteers for September Club Day. I was out of town but appreciate all the helpers who set-up on Sunday, served, poured and cleaned up on Club Day. Though several of our "regulars" were away and we were "short-handed," those of you who were there did a great job (I've been told). Again – thank you all.

***FYI – Kudos to Daisy McCann who rolled 3 buncos in one round – all by herself (without the help of a partner) and Jeanne Gulick who rolled a bunco on the very first roll at the head table... These are amazing events!!!!**

To any new members of the club, I invite you to come out on the third Tuesday of each month and join us for our Bunco night.

Just sign your name on the pink sheet on the bulletin board outside the office. You are guaranteed a night of food, fun and laughs...(and the chance to win some \$\$)

Wendy McKeon

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Board Meeting: October 6th, 2009
1:30pm

General Meeting: October 13th, 2009
1:30pm

FALL PLANTERS – GILBERTIES
HERB GARDEN

This month we will meet at Gilbertie's Herb Gardens, 7 Sylvan Lane where Carrie Gilbertie will demonstrate how to do great fall window boxes and containers using a variety of fall flowers, herbs and greens. I have seen some of the fall boxes Carrie does; they are spectacular! Hope you can all attend.

Please R.S.V.P by Friday, October 9th to me either by phone or email.

BOUTIQUE WORKSHOP #1:

October 23rd, Making Gift Tags.
More information on this at the October Meeting.

Mary Lee Clayton



RSVP KNITTING

RSVP Knitting will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, at 1 p.m. in the Board Room. All knitters, including beginners, are welcome (nothing too complicated)!

Sue Mahar
Gerry Munce

Cultural Affairs

Tickets are still available for the Wednesday, December 2nd matinee performance of the revival of the Bernstein/Sondheim/Robbins musical "Westside Story" now playing at the Palace Theatre, Broadway near 46th Street, New York City. This classical musical is back on Broadway in a groundbreaking new production directed by its legendary librettist, Tony winner Arthur Laurents. The score, by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim, includes *Tonight, American, Maria, I Feel Pretty and Somewhere*. It is one of the most memorable musicals and greatest love stories of all time. The production features the Jerome Robbins original Tony Award winning choreography, as well as a bold new design that embodies the original spirit of the show while creating a fresh new experience, unlike any before it. I understand some of you have been reluctant to purchase tickets because of the bilingual feature of this show. I have talked to four people who have seen this show, including our ticket provider, and can assure you that only one song is sung in Spanish. When the show opened there were two songs delivered in Spanish, but that is no longer the case. There is NO dialogue in Spanish – none – nada! English only! The cost of this theatre trip is \$137 per person. The seats are in the orchestra on the right and are really quite good. They are down front, not in the rear or on the extreme sides of the theatre.

Marilyn Killough

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,

See You in September has been the theme song for the Cottage. We have seen so many new, excited shoppers and 2 of our most wonderful sources have not let us down this month. If you attend, or know anyone who attends, Emmanuel Congregational Church in Weston, please give them a BIG Thank You and even a hug! For many years now, the Cottage has received fantastic things from their annual fair and this year is no different. We will be unpacking and pricing their things for a few weeks.

Also, if you are shopping in New Canaan, please stop in and tell the wonderful ladies at the Linen Shop on Elm Street Thank You! They donate to us a few times each year and their things are new and fantastic! To get new and quality items is such a great thing for our money goal and such fun for our customers.

So, as always, please come for all your "needs" and if you find some spare time, please sign up to be a worker. Hope to see you in October, too.

Karen Eickhoff and Cottage Committee

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 would like to join us.

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR PLANNING MEETING

OCTOBER 7th, 10:00am
Please join us for the first, brief 2010 YDF meeting to share ideas, opinions, and thoughts.

As always, everyone's help is needed. Hope to see you there.

Mary Lee Clayton
Dorothy Curran
Sarajane Lynch
Yankee Doodle Fair Co-Chairs

BOOK CLUB

The Book Group will meet in the living room on October 22 at 1:00pm. Rose DiMartino will report on *Beautiful Child* by Torey Hayden. It is a moving account of Ms. Hayden's year teaching a class of children with serious emotional and physical problems. All are welcome to the group.

Pat Wettach

Membership

As I write this, we are in the middle of follow up phone calls for Membership renewals and planning for the new member Wine and Cheese to be held on 9/22. Thank you to all returning members for their renewal and a big welcome to all new members! Hopefully we will have more new members to tell you about in the November newsletter!

We are happy to have women join us all through the year, so keep thinking of your friends and neighbors, especially those new to town. If you pass their name and info on to me I would be happy to call them and follow up with a membership packet.

Thank you! Clare Clark

GOURMET

In October, Gourmet participants will be enjoying the Annual Harvest Festival at New Pond Farm in West Redding held on Saturday, Oct. 17th from 11-4 (rain date the next day 1-4 on Sunday). New Pond Farm is located on a spectacular 102-acre property with 25 acres of rolling pastures. By mid-October the pastures are rimming with the warm foliage of sugar maples and the flowers of goldenrods and aster...very pretty. You can access the farm's Webb page at newpondfarm.org. It is a small and non-commercial event where around 800 people come to the Festival each year to celebrate the harvest season.

At the festival we will feast on homemade vegetarian or meat chili with fresh corn bread, wraps, burgers and homemade apple crisp. The Pisgah Mountain Primitives will teach us how the natives and our pioneers cooked their meals in open pit, where corn, regular potatoes, sweet potatoes, squashes of various kinds are roasted in their skin. Even meat is cooked in the open pit. The food is quite good. The cost is \$5 per person and the crafts have a minimal charge (\$1-\$5) to help defray the cost of the material.

There will be hayrides and blue grass music. Perhaps the Fife and Drum Corps will also entertain us. Pumpkin decorating and cornhusk doll making, bittersweet wreaths and grape vine wreaths will be decorated and beeswax candles are there to be rolled. Many of the farm's favorite artisans will be returning: walking stick carver, antique farm tools demonstrations and broom maker. The Pisgah Mountain Primitives, the group that conducts the open pit cooking, will demonstrate kettle corn cooking, rope making and blacksmithing work. If the sky is clear a solar filter will be put onto the farm's telescope and people will be invited to watch the activity on the surface of the sun.

The farm is located on the corner of Marchant and Umpawaug Rd in West Redding.

From Westport you come up Weston Road Route 57 going straight onto Newtown Turnpike/CT 53 going past the reservoir, passing Squire's Redding Roadhouse (restaurant) on the right and Mark Twain Library and John Read Middle School. Take your first left after the school (618 Redding Road on mail box) onto Umpawaug Rd. The second road on the right is Marchant. The farm is located on the right - 101 Marchant, West Redding, CT 06896. This scenic drive takes about 1/2 hour from Main Street, Westport.

Meet us at the WWC Club house Saturday the 17th at 10:30 AM if you wish to carpool or to help with driving. I can be reached at 2 Enjoy the beautiful Indian Summer!

Elfriede Lafferty
Chairwoman

WWC Gourmet Group



Join the "team" for

GOAL POST BINGO

Sunday, October 18th

Doors open at 1:00 with a 2:00 start

15 Games & Plenty of "Specials"

Cash Prizes!!!

Give Colleen a "signal" before October 15th
to reserve your spot "on the bench"

Admission \$2

Basic Card Package \$14

Lucky Card Package \$28

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CHRISTMAS TIME!

It's that time. As always the Garden Club is preparing beautiful fresh wreaths and swags as well as our popular boxwood trees for the holidays. To guarantee that you will be able to purchase what you want, we are offering you an opportunity to order holiday items early. To order, circle the items you want on the form below, please specify ribbon color for wreaths and swags. Place the form and a check made out to the Garden Room in the Garden mailbox in the Office. Contact us if you have questions.

SWAGS..... \$15.00 BALSAM WREATHS..... \$25.00

BOXWOOD TREES.....\$25.00

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

RIBBON COLORS: Circle preference- Red / Blue /white /gold /silver/ burgundy/plaid

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