



The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

DECEMBER 2009

WWC DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Garden-Decorating Grounds 10:00am</i>	1 <i>Garden 10:00am Decorating</i>	2 <i>Garden 10:00 Cultural Affairs 9:30 Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	3 <i>Garden 10:00am Bridge 9:30 am- Book Review 1:00</i>	4 <i>Garden 10:00am</i>	5
6	7 Club Day	8	9 <i>RSVP Knitting 1:00pm Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	10 <i>Bridge 9:30</i>	11 	12
13	14 <i>Bridge 10:30 Enterprise 12:00noon</i>	15 <i>Gourmet 11:30 Bunco 6:30PM</i>	16 <i>Board- Meeting 10:00AM Antiques Adams Rib 12:00 Mah Jongg 1-4pm</i>	17 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>Bridge 10:30</i>	22	23 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	24 Office Closed	25  Office Closed	26
27	28 <i>Bridge 10:30</i>	29	30	31 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	Office Closed 	

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,

A belated happy Thanksgiving to you and your families! On behalf of the Club, I want to extend our sincere thanks to WWC member Dorothy Abrams for once again spearheading our holiday mailings and the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day Holiday Meal Programs. For their ongoing and exceptional service in delivering the Club's holiday meals, we will be recognizing Jack and Jeanne Klinge at our next Club Day. I hope that all of you will join us on December 7 and take this opportunity to personally thank this very special Westport couple for their exemplary generosity and volunteerism.

At its last meeting, the WWC Board approved this year's Nominating Committee, to be co-chaired by Pat Jensen, a member of last year's Nominating Committee, and Mary Lee Clayton, an out-going Board member. Barbara Levy will serve another year on the Committee, and will be joined by Audrey Rabinowitz and Jeannette Tewey. On behalf of the Club, I want to extend our sincere thanks to these five noble individuals for the important commitment they are making to the future of the Club. Anyone who would like to be considered for a particular office or position is encouraged to contact one of the members of the new Nominating Committee.

The Westport Historical Society's major fundraiser, the Holiday House Tour, will be held this year on Sunday, December 6. As in the past, many of our Club members are volunteering to help with a variety of tasks, including ticket sales, set-up for the silent auction to be held the night before, or serving as tour guides at the various houses. All WWC volunteers are encouraged to wear badges identifying themselves as members of the Westport Woman's Club in order to promote the Club and its ongoing commitment to community service. This is a rewarding and enjoyable volunteer opportunity, especially for those of you looking for evening or weekend shifts. If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact WWC member Dorothy Curran.

On behalf of the Board, I want to wish you all a very happy and joyful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mary

Mary Vickery

President,

CLUB LUNCHEONS

Thank you to Pat Jensen and club members representing Community Services for hosting November Club Day. Our sincere thanks to Carol Goetz for the very attractive food basket centerpieces which she donated to the WWC Food Closet.

Our Holiday December Club Day will take place on Monday, December 7th. Wine and Punch is served at 11:30 and Lunch begins at 12:00 Noon. Because of the popularity of our December Club Day, we are unable to accommodate guests for this luncheon. Our menu will consist of Grilled Flank Steak with Mushroom Gravy, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls and Apple Cake for dessert. A chicken alternative is offered but you must let Colleen Fenton know if that is your lunch choice so the caterer can prepare for the right amount of food. December Club Day will be hosted by Elfriede Lafferty and the Gourmet 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 (December 2nd). 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 December 7th. Have a healthy and enjoyable holiday season.

Linda Clair, First Vice President 226-7006 / clairfamily@optonline.net

IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathies to Helen Massa on the death of her husband Robert. Condolenses to Jean Bosch on the death of her husband Robert.

PROGRAMS

Thank you for the overwhelming response for our November Program. Both Wendy Kann and Douglas Rogers were so pleased by the warm reception they received from the Westport Woman's Club. Their book sales provided the club with a profit that will be used for those in need.

Our Holiday Concert will feature the multi-talented musician, Chris Coogan. He is a well-known singer-pianist and arranger, and he'll be directing the amazing "Hoot Owls"
We hope you will join us for this special event.

Doris Smart and Amy Schneider
Program Directors

Amy Schneider
Programs

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our holiday volunteer activities are in full swing thanks to our dedicated members.

Toy Closet

Many thanks to Diana Zaslow, our veteran Holiday Toy Drive Chair, who has done a wonderful job collecting unwrapped presents and monetary donations to buy gift cards for the Children's Connection whose recipients are neglected and abused children. They will receive presents on Christmas thanks to the kindness and generosity of our members. You can drop off toys or checks made out to Children's Connection through December 7.

Holiday Mailings and Meals

Dorothy Abrams is also chairing the Club's Holiday Meals Program which provides meals to shut-ins on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Approximately 75 meals will be delivered over the 3 holidays by Jack and Jeannie Klinge who have been delivering meals for us for a quarter century. We will honor them at our December Club Day lunch.

Dorothy, who has assisted with Holiday Meals Program for over 13 years, did a great job finding caterers who will prepare meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's days at greatly reduced rates as a service to the our group. They are Chris Negrin of In Good Taste, The Wild Pear, and The Sherwood Diner. All three restaurants are located in Westport. Please patronize these three local businesses, and let them know the WWC appreciates their generosity.

Thanks to our members for their donations at November Club Day for our holiday meals program which brightens the lives of people with no family or friends to be with on the holidays. We will again be collecting at our December Club Day lunch

Food Closet

Wendy McKeon, and Karen Center, Food Closet Co-Chairs wish to acknowledge Long Lots School and Greens Farms School for their generous food drive donations. Though a good amount of food was received, our food closet is in need of certain things. Check out "Food Closet Needs" list on the table in the entrance foyer.

Our next Community Services meeting will be on Monday, January 25 at 9:30 am. Best wishes for a healthy, happy New Year to all!

Arlene Thrope
Director, Community Services

Westport Warm Up Fund

The Westport Warm Up Fund mailing will be held Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 9:30am.

Please mark your 2010 calendar to participate in this annual service to our community. You will have a great time working with other members and meeting new people. Plan to come when you can and stay as long as you're able. Beverages and snacks will be available when you need a break.

There will be signup sheets at each table at the December Club Day and also on the bulletin board in the hall, so please do sign up for this gathering featuring assembly line efficiency.

Joyce Netherton
Warm Up Chair

The BULLETIN

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THE SUNSHINE GIRLS

Thank you to Wendy McKeon, Sunshine Girl for November.

Our December Sunshine Girl is Barbara Cross, 227-7135.

Please let Barbara 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

ANTIQUES

Our annual holiday luncheon will take place at Adam's Rib restaurant in the Norwalk Inn and Conference Center on Wed., Dec. 16th at noon. This is where we all enjoyed ourselves last year. It is located at 99 East Ave., Norwalk, CT 06851. Directions from WWC - Take Post Rd. E for 3 miles, turn left on East Ave. for .4 mile. Come celebrate the season and guests are welcome.

We will not meet in January or February due to winter weather.

Edith Forman

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, 4545938

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE DATES:

All workshops and projects begin at 10:00am. Bring a sandwich, clippers and gloves. And, we are not exclusive: Non-garden club members are most cordially invited to join us!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th:

Decorate the Club Grounds or cut greens in the woods. Meet at the Club at 10:00am. Choose whether you want to "deck the grounds" or cut greens in the woods or both.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st and WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2nd:

Deck the Halls and Gift Baskets.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th:

Boxwood, wreath and swags workshops

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th:

Boutique Set-up at 4:30pm:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th: Undeck The Halls, 10:00am

We can use all your help all the time this year! But, no pressure. Come for some of the workshops, come for all; stay all day or just for a couple hours. Whatever you can do will be deeply appreciated!

Questions? Call:

Mary Lee Clayton
Programs

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 Zaslou

RSVP KNITTING



RSVP Knitting will meet on Wednesday, December 9th at 1 p.m. in the Board Room. All knitters, including beginners, are welcome (nothing too complicated)!

Sue Mahar
Gerry Muncie

BOOK CLUB

The book for the book group on December 3 will be *Becoming Justice Blackmun* by Linda Greenhouse. Linda Greenhouse offers a wonderfully vivid picture of the nation's highest court, including insight into many of the current justices.

Barbara Raffle was supposed to give the report in December but she is going to have her hip replaced so Ruth Ann Carroll said she would switch.

Pat Wettach

Enterprise

WWC Enterprise Investment Group will meet at the Club house on Monday, December 14th at Noon for our annual holiday lunch. Our regular meeting will follow.

Barbara Hart
Secretary

Cultural Affairs

“West Side Story”
Wednesday, December 2nd
New York City

Tickets to “West Side Story” will be ready for your pick up from the Woman’s Club Office during regular office hours on the morning of November 25th. “West Side Story” continues to be sold out, but we are in need of a longer wait list. As you all know, cold and flu season is upon us and we have members on the bus who are experiencing serious medical problems and may need to cancel their plans; therefore, we need stand-bys to buy their tickets. Cost of the theatre trip is \$137 per person.

The bus will leave from the lower level parking lot at 9:30 am on Wednesday, December 2nd for New York City. The show is playing at the Palace Theater, 1564 Broadway, between 46th and 47th Streets. Running time of this musical is 2 hours and 35 minutes. We have eight extra seats on the bus for anyone who would like a day in the City. The price is \$12.00 one way, \$24.00 round trip. The bus leaves the lower lot at 9:30am and will return early evening. Drop off will be somewhere in Midtown and you must meet the bus at the Palace Theater between 46th and 47th Streets for pick up at 4:35pm. Drop off a check in the office if you are interested.

“The Addams Family”
Wednesday, April 28, 2010

A new musical based on the characters, cartoons and sketches by the legendary cartoonist, Charles Addams, starring Nathan Lane and Bebe Neuwirth opens on Broadway on April 8th. We have 53 tickets for the Wednesday matinee on the 28th. Cost of this theatre trip is \$123 per person.

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

This is the American Ballet Theatre Company Premiere of “Lady of the Camellias” which follows the original text of Alexander Dumas’ famous novel, *La Dame aux Camellias*, and is the story of a Paris courtesan Marguerite Gautier, who falls in love with Armand Duval but leaves him so his family’s honor is not tarnished by her reputation. Dumas’ novel inspired the opera *La Traviata* and the film *Camille* which starred Greta Garbo in one of her most celebrated roles.

The Ballet is set to music by Frederic Chopin. Cost of this Cultural affairs trip will depend upon the number of members purchasing ballet tickets which are \$74 per person for prime orchestra seats. The more people there are on the bus the lower the cost of the trip, the fewer there are on the bus the more expensive the trip. If we sell 40 tickets to the ballet the trip price should be about \$105 per person. If we sell 50 tickets to the ballet the trip price should be around \$100 per person (including ABT ticket, transportation and driver tip).

Please let the office know ,ASAP, if you are interested in going to this ballet on that date at one of these prices. I really need to know if you are willing to support this ballet trip before signing a contract with the MET/ABT. Thank you.

Marilyn Killough

BUNCO

It is now the month of December
A wonderful time of the year –
Come to our “Bunco Holiday Party”

–
Yell “BUNCO”...and spread some cheer!!!

Our annual “BUNCO HOLIDAY PARTY” will be Tuesday, December 15th, 2009.

PLEASE – NOTE THE TIME - We will “meet and eat” at 6:30 p.m. so we can enjoy sharing some “holiday cheer” before we play...

It will be a “POTLUCK PARTY”...
Wendy and Fay will be “hostesses” –
ALL ARE WELCOME!

There will be a sign-up sheet on the board outside the office –

If you have not already signed up (at the November bunco night) to bring some type

of “edible”, please do so (write what you will bring next to your name on the list) –

Feel free to bring whatever you wish...
During the holidays, calories don’t exist!!!

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy, blessed holiday season...May 2010 be a year filled with peace, joy and happiness...and screams of “BUNCO” for all!!!

Wendy McKeon

Curio Cottage

The ultimate shopping season is here. The sales in the cottage keep improving and our quality of merchandise is keeping pace with sales. We received another donation from the Linen Shop in New Canaan. All of which is new, much is still in its’ wrap and our prices are great...think presents! They told me that there will be much more!

We are almost ready to launch Tuesday hours and that should make more money and more friends for the club. The shop will close from December 23 until Jan 6. Hope all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and may good health, happiness and joy be with each of you as we enter this blessed Holiday season.

Karen Eickhoff and Cottage
Committee

Gourmet

Once again The Gourmet Group will be hosting the Westport Woman’s Club Holiday Luncheon. The event will take place this year on December 7. The Holiday Luncheon has the largest membership attendance. All members of Gourmet, who can walk and, whose hands are whole, have signed up to help fill the many functions that are needed to be filled to successfully complete this assignment from the WWC Board.

With songs of a “White Christmas” and “Sleigh Bells” ringing in our ears, members of Gourmet will be enjoying their Champaign, Hors’ d’ oeuvres and Dessert Holiday Party, December 15, at the clubhouse. This event begins at 11:30 AM and lasts for as long as people want to party. Gourmet members donate food and drinks of various kinds to the party. The individuals that bring the goodies to the party make all the hors’ d’ oeuvres and desserts at home.

While you are preparing for your own Holiday Celebration, think about what baked goods you would enjoy creating for the June 2010 Yankee Doodle Fair and send to Beverly McArthur by land mail (her address is in the WWC Directory) or by e-mail bmbmca@aol.com 1. The title of the recipe 2. Measurements and ingredient list 3. Baking instructions 4. Ending with contributor and your name. Beverly will put this information into the 2010 WWC Gourmet Baked Goods Cookbook, which will be sold at YDF 2010 at the donated Baked Goods Sale. You will be honored as a contributor to this worthy cause.

Happy Holidays!

Elfriede Lafferty
Chairwoman



Childrens Connection

We will have our traditional drive for donations of NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts. Please bring your gifts to the Westport Woman's Club no later than December 7th. (The Connection will pick up the toys the second week of December). We will also accept rolls or packages of gift wrap along with ribbons and/or bows.

There will be a drop off box outside the office next to the grandfather clock during the month of November. You may bring your items any time you are at the Club.

Cash contributions will also be accepted. Checks should be made out to The Children's Connection – and given to Colleen in the office. Your check should contain your name, address and a reference to the WWC.

Favorite Requests:

Infant toys and clothing

Fisher-Price, Playskool and similar sturdy toys

Dolls, all sizes

Disney items

All kinds of balls

Trucks

Remote control cars and batteries

Sports Equipment

Hand-held video games and batteries

Walkmans, small radios and batteries

The older children also enjoy getting gift certificates. Kohl's, Target, Bobs and Old Navy make good gift certificates. Sweatshirts, sweaters, hats, cosmetics, organizers and manicure kits are also appreciated by the older kids. These items must all be new.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Diana Zaslow

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