

The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Ladies,

After the heat this summer, let's treasure these approaching cool autumn winds, painting our town in shades of red, orange and gold.

Calendar Alert:

Once again, this month we have **Club Day** delayed until the second **Monday, October 10**, due to religious holidays. Also add to your calendar our own two fundraisers slated for October:

Bingo - Sunday, October 16

One of our most requested events! Come to The Westport Woman's Club for for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon of Bingo. Suzan Murphy's Ways & Means article gives all the details.

Encore Tag Sale - Friday and Saturday, October 28 - 29

Donations are still being accepted for this important fundraiser. We are receiving men's, women's and children's items (clothes, shoes, accessories) so if you have anything you no longer need, please bring them to our Club Coat Room. Then come and work... or come and buy...on Friday and Saturday, October 28-29.

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Also on Sunday morning, **October 16**, join the Westport Woman's Club Team at Sherwood Island State Park in **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. See our Team Captain, Audrey Rabinowitz's article for details. (Walk in the morning and Bingo in the afternoon...why not?)

A special thanks to Robin Clark who organized through her bank, a food drive that contributed significantly to our Food Closet and Holiday Meals

Dorothy M. Packer
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Monday Bridge

Ways & Means

Sunshine Girls

October Sunshine Girl:
Ellie Hale 203-227-8237,
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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
 Lunch
 Office Manager
 Colleen Fenton
 203-227-4240

OCTOBER CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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2	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00-4:00pm	6 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30am	7	8
9	10 CLUB DAY	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 <i>Office closed</i> <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00-4:00 pm	13 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30am <i>Garden</i> 9:00 am	14	15

16 <i>Strides Against Breast Cancer 9:30 am</i> BINGO <i>1:00 pm</i>	17 <i>Monday Bridge 10:00am</i> <i>Board Meeting 10:00am</i>	18 <i>Gourmet 11:00 am</i> <i>Bunco 7:00pm</i>	19 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00- 4:00pm</i>	20 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i> <i>Book Review 1:00 pm</i>	21 <i>BYOB Friday 4:00pm to 5:30pm</i>	22
23	24 <i>Monday Bridge 10:00am</i> <i>Comm. Services 1:00pm</i>	25 <i>Ladies Who Lunch 12:30 pm</i>	26 <i>Encore set-up</i>	27 <i>Encore set-up</i>	28 <i>Encore Tag Sale</i>	29 <i>Encore Tag Sale</i>
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CONDOLENCES

On behalf of our membership, sincere condolences to Mary Attanasio and her family on the death of her husband, Dominick. And our sympathies also to the family of deceased member Joan Balas on the death of her husband, Alexander.

Jeannette Tewey, jtewey@optonline.net, 203-227-5089

CLUB DAY

Join us **Monday, October 10**, for **Club Day**, co-hosted by Community Services (Sarah Menchaca) and our Book Review group (Lee Mennitt). Again, this is again the **second** Monday of the month due to the Rosh Hashanah holiday.

Please be sure to make your reservation by **1:00 pm, October 5**, the Wednesday before Club Day. Plan to arrive by 11:30 am for refreshments and to enjoy a tasty luncheon of Seared Salmon with mango salsa, orzo and rice pilaf with roasted seasonal vegetables and lemon tarts topped with fresh blueberries. **If you have a serious food allergy or are a vegetarian, please be sure to let me know as soon as possible.**

If you must cancel a reservation please call the office at 203-227-4240 by 1:00 pm the

Wednesday before Club Day, to avoid being charged.

Jeannette Tewey,
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PROGRAMS



Guest speaker at our October Club Day meeting will be Catherine Onyemelukwe, author of "Nigeria Revisited: My Life and Loves Abroad." Catherine, who lives in Westport, will speak about her decades in Nigeria, starting in the Peace Corps, and spanning her life as an educator, entrepreneur, parent and wife. She will cover Nigeria's history, people, customs, and culture. Catherine has been published in The New York Times and blogs at www.catherineonyemelukwe.com. Please join us for this most interesting presentation.

Ana Hitri, anahi3@aol.com, **203-939-2129**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Our October meeting will be held on **Monday, October 24, at 1:00 pm.** Mary-Margaret Walsh from the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County will be presenting information about that organization. All Club members are encouraged to attend our meetings.

Sarah Menchaca, sarahmenchaca@gmail.com, **203-246-1760**

BLUES, VIEWS & BBQ FESTIVAL

The 9th Annual Blues, Views & BBQ Festival was held over the Labor Day weekend. The weather was comfortably warm and sunny, fortunately with no effects from Hurricane Hermine. This well-attended event is sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association, which has donated approximately \$15,000 to the Westport Woman's Club over these nine years.

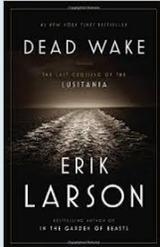
Approximately thirty dedicated Club members stepped up and volunteered their time at the BBQ Festival, many of them having done so in previous years. Their patience and understanding with my numerous emails and beyond our control changes (many last minute) are greatly appreciated. Our Club is very fortunate to have these women as members (in alphabetical order):

Linda Amos, Jean Anderson, Sandy Atwood, Mira Auxier, Jo Calcagni, Mary Lee Clayton, Angela Cockfield, Jerilyn Deveau, Karen Eickhoff, Lorraine Feliciano (and husband David) Sue Fiore Barbara Gladnick (and husband Jerry) Bobbie Herman Barbara Levv

Joan Likely-Cosenza, Jo Luscombe, Wendy McKeon, Kim Reichert, Vivian Rosenberg, Tommie Ross, Barbara Ryan, Leah Scherzer, Barbara Stemmer, Bernie Stiskal, Pat Vezendy, and Pat Voris.

Audrey Rabinowitz, bxiteb4@aol.com, 227-6010

BOOK REVIEW



At our meeting on Thursday, **October 20**, we will be discussing "Dead Wake," by Eric Larsen. We will meet in the Living Room at **1:00 pm**. We have enjoyed other books by this author. The library should have copies.

Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904

B.Y.O.B.

BYOB FRIDAY: October 21, 4:00 to 5:30 pm in The Kitchen.

Please stop by, say hello and linger if you can. Bring something to sip, nibbles to share and updates on what you've bought lately at Curio, reluctantly donated to the Encore Clothing Sale and/or what you're planning to wear for Halloween.

Dorothy E. Curran, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203-246-0543

BUNCO



DATE: Tuesday, October 18
TIME: 7:00 p.m. - "Chat & Chew"
7:30 p.m. - Play begins
COST: \$5.00

Our Hostesses this month are Nancy Holland, Susan Fox, Vivian Rosenberg and Amy Schneider. Please come join us. All are welcome. No experience necessary!!!

It's official! Our **BUNCO QUEEN for 2016** has been crowned - **Conchita Cassell!** Conchita just recently started playing but she definitely has mastered the game! Congratulations, Conchita!!

Wendy McKeon, XWAMX50@aol.com, 203-222-0038

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

As I have previously mentioned, we have not planned any trips this Fall, due to the lack of shows I believe would interest enough people. There are several revivals, Cats, Fiddler, Les Miz, Falsettos, and several long-running shows, but nothing new and exciting.

We are on a list to order tickets for two up-coming shows that will open in the Spring, "Hello, Dolly" with Bette Midler, and "War Paint" with Patti LuPone and Christine Ebersole, about the rivalry between Helena Rubinstein and Elizabeth Arden. As soon as I learn more, I will notify you. If you hear of any trips to these shows offered by other groups, please do not sign up for them until you speak to me.

I am also considering a trip to New York in the Spring to the new Whitney Museum and the High Line. If you are interested in this, please let me know.

There are still a few orchestra seats left for "Something Rotten." They are good for any performance on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$89.00 each, well below the current ticket price. Please email or call me for details.

Bobbie Herman, sangazure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577

CURIO COTTAGE



We are so pleased with the results of our half price sale. Having held the sale for two weeks, the Cottage netted over \$2,300. It cleared a lot of shelves, too. And, this is good because we are getting some great new donations.

So, as the holiday season approaches, we will have lots of decorations, great prices on beautiful plates (think cookie swaps) and so many other items for your homes and for gifts. Thanks to all for your help during this upcoming busy season.

Curio Cottage Committee

GARDEN DEPARTMENT



The Garden Department is planning a visit to the Florence Griswold Museum and Gardens on **Thursday, October 13**. We will meet at the Woman's Club at **9:00 am** and carpool to Old Lyme. The cost for the guided tour of the house, gardens and museum is \$14.00.

The exhibits at the museum are "American Impressionist Art" by First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson, wife of Woodrow Wilson, and "White on White" Churches of Rural New England.

On the grounds, the "Wee Faerie Village", "A Flutter in Time", is where thirty artists transform the Museum's thirteen acres into a magical land featuring faerie dwellings that represent subject matter found in landscape paintings, including trees, flowers, sunlight, and wind. Visitors explore over thirty hand-crafted, faerie-sized homes. All ages marvel at the detail and craftsmanship as they visit prehistoric caves, pyramids, ancient temples, medieval cottages, and Victorian mansions throughout the Museum's 13-acre campus.

Garden Department members are requested to make reservations with Jerilyn at 203-372-2920 or jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com by October 1. Carpool drivers are appreciated.

**Jerilyn Deveau, Jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com,
203-372-2920**

GOURMET



The Gourmet group will meet at the Clubhouse on **Tuesday, October 18, at 11:30 am.**

Full details of the meeting will be sent to members. Please RSVP to Lisa Allison by **October 11.**

Lisa Allison, liallison@optonline.net, 203-227-9563
Barbara Gladnick, bagladnick@optonline.net, 203-854-0424

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Tuesday, October 25, at 12:30 pm

This month, we'll be dining at the recently-opened **Harvest Wine Bar**, which has received excellent reviews on Yelp. The restaurant is located at **36 Railroad Place, Westport**, the former home of Mario's, and you'll be astonished at what it looks like now!

They serve a variety of interesting "Farm to Table" dishes, which may be ordered via a \$19.00 two course prix fixe, or a la carte. You can view the menu at <http://harvestwinebar.com/westport/westport-lunch/>

Please let me know by **Friday, October 21**, if you'll be joining us, so I may tell them how many to expect. And, as always, I ask that you email or call me as I may not remember if you tell me in person. Incidentally, parking is limited, so I suggest that you car pool.

Bobbie Herman, sangazure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577

MAH JONGG

Wanted: Mah Jongg players!

When: Wednesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: Club House

Did you play years ago and now want to start playing again - or are now playing and looking for another game - or do you want to learn to play this fun game - or are you just curious about what the game is all about?

All of the above are welcome to join us. You do not have to make a long term commitment - play whenever you want - each week, one day a month, or at any time you are available.

If you are interested in playing, please contact Audrey Rabinowitz at bxiteb4@aol.com or 227-6010 before coming, just to make sure we are playing that week.

Audrey Rabinowitz, bxiteb4@aol.com, 227-6010

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

In commemoration of October's Breast Cancer Awareness month, please mark your calendar for the **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk** on **Sunday, October 16, 9:30 am**, at Sherwood Island State Park.

As we have done for the past several years, Woman's Club members (and their friends and family) will be walking together as a group to raise funds for breast cancer research and to show support for all the women, themselves or loved ones, who have experienced this disease. We will meet at a pre-arranged place at Sherwood Island Park. Many women wear pink clothing.

You may go to the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer website to register to walk or to make a donation under the Westport Woman's Club. Please contact Audrey Rabinowitz for further information or to let her know if you will be walking.

Audrey Rabinowitz, bxiteb4@aol.com, 203 227-6010

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome new members:

Karen Amaru, 858-6329, Karen@karenamaru.com

Cheryl Bliss, 226-0523, cherylbliss@gmail.com

Joan Likely-Cosenza, jlikelyc@aol.com, 203 226-0556

MONDAY BRIDGE

Tournament Bridge has changed its name and format. It is now called "**MONDAY BRIDGE**" and is a morning group, starting at **10:00 am and ending at 1:00 pm**.

We will be playing in a more relaxed atmosphere without the bell and without the

accumulated scores. Members are encouraged to bring a snack since we will not be stopping for lunch. After bridge, members may wish to bring their lunch and stay to visit. We play every Monday except CLUB DAY. Please give us a call if you are interested in playing.

Angela Cockfield, cookangela@aol.com, 203-226-1157
Rosalie DaSilva, 203-226-5569

WAYS & MEANS

Bingo Bonanza - Sunday October 16

Doors Open at 1:00 pm - Games Start at 2:00 pm

Cash Prizes - Door Prizes - Food and Fun

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon with friends and family than playing **BINGO!** Join us for this popular fundraiser event. Who knows, you may be a winner!

Encore Tag Sale returns! Friday and Saturday, October 28 - 29

Donations of men's, women's and children's clothing are now being gratefully received in the Coat Room for our Encore Clothing and Accessory Tag Sale. Please email either Suzan Murphy or Dorothy Packer if you would like work on this important fundraiser. Thanks!

Suzan Murphy, murphy05@aol.com, 203-222-9117

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