

The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

AUGUST 2015

Dear Ladies,

Hope that you are having a slow, relaxing summer, mostly next to a chilled glass topped by a tiny umbrella!

Wherever you are on Wednesday, August 12th, please raise that glass and wish OUR Westport Woman's Club a VERY HAPPY 108th BIRTHDAY! Though it may seem like yesterday that our first president, Mrs. William G. (Mary Coley) Staples, and 75 of her closest civic-minded friends from the Compo Reading and Current Events Clubs met to form the Woman's Town Improvement Association and plan our first fundraiser, it really was FIVE score and eight years ago! SO MANY CANDLES! How pleased our founding ladies would be to know that the 2015-16 Board already has hit the ground running! In addition to closing the books on our rain-diminished-but-SUCCESSFUL! YDF 2015 (Whew! Thanks to Raffle and Sponsor revenues!), we are gearing up for our **Oct. 2-3 ENCORE CLOTHING & Accessories SALE**.

- **NOW** is the time to set aside those gently-worn-but-seen-once-on FaceBook treasures (and take the other donations to Goodwill)
- **AFTER LABOR DAY** is the time to bring the better clothing and accessories to our new 2nd floor "Fundraising Room" (former home of the the Westport Young Woman's League)

NOW also is a GREAT time to volunteer for the **ENCORE CLOTHING & Accessories SALE Committee**. Sorting of donations will begin Wednesday, September 9th at 10 am. Set up for the Sale begins Mon. Sept. 29th.

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Mon. -Fri.
9:00 am-4:00 pm
12:00-1:00 Lunch

What ELSE to do in August? First, **by Aug. 31st**, send in your Member Renewal check/updates along with contact info (name, e-mail, phone) of a prospective NEW Member for Susan Hricik to invite. The New Member Wine & Cheese is **Thursday, Sept. 10th**, and you can bring your nominee, too. If you prefer, bring your new member prospect to our first Club Day, on **TUESDAY, Sept. 8th**, the day AFTER Labor Day. What better way to see and hear what we're all about?

MANY THANKS!

Dorothy

Dorothy E. Curran

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P.S. Starting August 12th, you also may stop by to check on the progress of our exciting Fire Escape Refurbishing Project, as required by the Westport Fire Dept and in compliance with Westport Zoning and Building. The existing structure and flat roof underneath are over 60 years old and need some "joint replacement surgery," upgrades, sanding and a few fresh coats of paint. The good news: no physical therapy required! HOWEVER, that's why you need to wait until after Labor Day to donate clothes. While the work is going on, Dora will be displaced from her 3rd floor quarters to the former WYWL room.

Dorothy

Dorothy E. Curran, President

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AUGUST 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	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 108th Birthday	13	14	15

			of our CLUB!			
16	17	18 <i>Bunco 7:00pm</i>	19	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Ladies Who Lunch 12:00Noon Office Closed</i>	26 <i>Office Closed</i>	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28 <i>Office Closed</i>	29
30	31 MEMBER RENEWAL CHECKS DUE					

CLUB DAY

Please note that our First Club Day of the season will be the day after Labor Day: Tuesday, September 8th. To add your name to this year's Permanent Lunch List or to make a reservation call the Office at 227-4240 or email Colleen in the Office at westportwomansclub@sbcglobal.net Please make sure you make a reservation by **Wednesday, September 2nd. You must renew yourself for Permanent lunch List each year.** Club Day Lunch is \$20.00.

If you have a serious food allergy or are a vegetarian, please let me know. If you need to cancel a reservation, **please call the Office 203-227-4240 by 1 PM Wednesday before Club Day to avoid being charged.**

Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, dmpacker@aol.com, 203-227-7769

8th ANNUAL BLUES, VIEWS & BBQ FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed to work again at this year's Blues, Views & BBQ Festival on Saturday, September 5th and Sunday, September 6th (Labor Day weekend). Our "job" is very easy: sit behind a table (under a tent) at the

entrance booths and collect the admission fees. The location of the Festival will again be on the upper parking lot of the Westport Library and the Levitt Pavilion.

This is the 8th year that the BBQ Festival, a community-wide event, is being held, and the Woman's Club Food Closet has received generous grants over the years, totaling more than \$12,000 (!) from the Downtown Merchants Association, the organizer of the event.

By volunteering at the Festival, we are expressing our appreciation and gratitude for the monies we have received, as well as showing support for a community event. If you are interested in helping out, there is a sign-up sheet at the Club or contact **Audrey Rabinowitz** at bxiteb4@aol.com or **227-6010** to be assigned a shift. Please indicate which day you would like to work.

BOOK REVIEW

Book Review does not meet in August.

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

BUNCO



Date: Tuesday, August 18th
Time: 7:00 p.m. Chat & Chew.
7:30 p.m. games begin!
Cost: \$5.00
Hostesses: TBD

The "CORONATION"!!!

At our July Bunco Night, we crowned our "Bunco Queen - 2015" DIANA ZASLOW! Diana has been a bunco player for several years and this is her 3rd "crowning!" We all bid her a fond farewell as she will be moving but encourage her to continue her bunco playing in her new location.

With all the "fanfare," I was remiss in not thanking our hostesses for the night - Kim Reichert & Lorraine Feliciano - for the fabulous feast that they prepared. Everything was great!

A reminder - The "hostess sign-up sheet" needs to be filled!!!! If you are a regular bunco player, please decide on a month to host with a friend.

Once a year is all that is required. Thanks!

If you haven't played Bunco with us before, please sign up (sheet in foyer) for the next time. No experience necessary!!!! Come out and have a fun night. You could be the next "Queen"!!!!

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

BYOB FRIDAY



In August, BYOB Friday will be by independent study, with reports due in September.

Dorothy E. Curran, DorothyECurran@aol.com,

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CURIO COTTAGE



Just another invitation to think about working one, or more, shifts at the Curio Cottage. With so many workers taking vacations, we really need extra workers during this time...and it really is fun! Hope to see many new workers.

Just let Colleen, Jackie Froelich, Lorraine Feliciano or Karen Eickhoff know and we will put your name on the sub list.

Thanks.

Curio Cottage Committee

Karen Eickhoff, kayrog@optonline.net, 203-454-3889

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

We will be traveling to Manhattan on **Wednesday, November 11**, to see **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS**, which won four Tony Awards, and is one of the top shows on Broadway.

Tickets, including transportation, are \$149. The tickets will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis, with your check required to make a reservation. You are welcome to invite significant others, husbands, family and friends. If you wish to sit with a particular person, please indicate that when you bring your check to Colleen, or you may both bring your checks at the same time.

Lunch is on your own, but a list of restaurants will be given out with your tickets.

For further information, call **Bobbie Herman at 203-255-1577** or email her at sangazure1@aol.com

GARDEN DEPARTMENT



Garden Club does not meet in August.

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203-372-2920**

GOURMET



Gourmet group will not meet during the summer months. Our next meeting will be in **September**.

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Barbara Gladnick, bagladnick@optonline.net,**

203-854-0424

LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month we'll be heading back to Fairfield to visit **The Chelsea**.

Date: Tuesday, August 25 at noon

Location: 12 Unquowa Place (across from the Community Theatre)

They offer a variety of small plates, salads, sandwiches, etc. If the weather permits, we'll be seated on their covered patio.

The menu can be found at:

<http://thechelseaaff.com/food-drink#lunch-menu>

Here's a review of **The Chelsea** from *The New York Times*:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/12/02/nyregion/a-review-of-the-chelsea-restaurant-in-fairfield-conn.html>

Please let me know by **August 21st** if you'll be joining us so I can let them know how many to expect. And, as always, I ask that you call or email me, as I may not remember if you tell me in person.

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

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg meets every **Wednesday from 1-4 pm** in the living room. Please call Diana Zaslow if you are interested in playing.

Diana Zaslow, deezaslow@aol.com, 203-227-1346

MEMBERSHIP

Hope your summer is going along well and that you will be bringing renewed energies and interests to WWC this fall.

We will be holding a Meet 'n Greet evening reception for Prospective & New Members on **Thursday September 10th.**

This is a great time for your input and bringing prospective new members to this casual evening event.

Let me know if you have anyone you would like me to personally invite.

Stay cool.

Susan Hricik, Membership 203-226-1372

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

Tournament Bridge will start **September 21st** due to the Holidays.

Tommie Ross, 203-227-2444

Helen Doxtator, 203-221-7934

WAYS & MEANS

CLOTHING SALE

Planning ahead:

- the Clothing Sale dates reserved on the RENTALS Calendar are Tuesday, **Sept. 29 through Saturday, October 3. (Sales on Fri. Oct. 2 and Sat. Oct. 3)**
- "Hold those (still wonderful, gently used) clothes!" for our Sale
- Co-Chairs and Captains wanted! (Anyone with clothes shopping experience is eligible!) Our last sale 2 years ago earned over \$8,000!

Suzan Murphy, 3rd VP Ways & Means

WWC KNITTERS



The knitting group will not meet in August.

Joan Miller, mmiller@optonline.net, 203-226-7036

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR



I want to start off by thanking everybody who made my first year as YDF co-chair so successful and pain-free. Everybody was so welcoming and helpful and patient! The net proceeds from our 4 - day Fair--despite the impact of rain-- was \$39,000.00. The role that the Raffle played in this success and those who bought and sold tickets is immeasurable. That leads me to the other "safety net" we have for crummy weather; **sponsorships**. I am thinking ahead for next year's fair which will be **June 16th thru the 19th**. I would like to have sponsors lined up for 2016 by early February if possible so put on your thinking caps and let's start identifying any new sponsors and courting the old ones!

P.S. I want to remind each of the booth captains who haven't turned in their reports for the big Report Book to do so as soon as possible. I have received a few already; thank you to those who have turned them in.

2015 Co-Chairs; Christina McVaney, cmcvaney@yahoo.com, 203-293-5190 and Dorothy E. Curran, 203-246-0543

ZUMBA



We will start up again in September...Look for information in the next Bulletin.

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