



# The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

JANUARY 2012

## WWC JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Undeck the Halls 10:00am</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm GNO 6:30pm</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30 am</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Bridge 10:30 am WWC Board 1:00pm</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Bunco 7:00 pm</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	<b>19</b> <i>SocialBridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Community Services 9:30am Bridge 10:30 am</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>RSVP 1:00pm Mah Jong I -4pm</i>	<b>26</b> <i>SocialBridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am- Book Review 1:00pm</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	<b>29</b> <i>SocialBridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

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### SUNSHINE GIRLS

**January:** Fay Farquhar, 855-9759  
[btrend@optonline.net](mailto:btrend@optonline.net)

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope you all had wonderful holidays and celebrated the New Year well and wisely!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our annual appeal. The additional funds will go a long way toward helping us maintain scholarships, community grants, the Food Closet and a healthy financial situation. It's not too late, incidentally. You can still contribute. Any amount is very much appreciated.

2012 is shaping up to be a great year. In February, the Cabaret series begins again. In response to your comments, the Cabaret committee, working with a producer in New York, is focusing on a program of standards and Broadway show tunes. In a slightly new twist, you can purchase a "patron" ticket for \$35 (regular tickets are \$25) which includes a \$10 coupon that can be used at one of 4 participating Westport restaurants. Complete details are in the Bulletin.

Marilyn Killough has scheduled an impressive line-up of plays for the spring season, including the London hit "Ghost". (Yes, that "Ghost"!)

We are also working with the Playhouse to schedule an evening of theater for the WWC.

There will also be a surprise or two. We are working on something a little different for the June lunch (and, no, it has nothing to do with Yankee Doodle.) Speaking of the fair, it is definitely time to plan for the 2012 Yankee Doodle Fair. That meeting will be in February; the date will be in the February Bulletin. A Chair or Co-Chairs is still needed for this beloved town wide event. Thanks to the many committed Club volunteers, organizing the Fair is not difficult, but someone does need to keep track of the bits. So, please, consider chairing. The free lunch offer still stands!

Enjoy the month

Mary Lee Clayton, 878-1486  
President

## CLUB DAY

There is no Club Day in January, next Luncheon will be February 6, 2012

Leah Scherzer, 1st Vice President  
226-3042

## WAYS AND MEANS

Don't miss Feb 4 Fundraiser:  
**WAITING IN THE WINGS:** Broadway and Jazz Classics. Purchase tickets now!

Do you love the songs from the great Broadway musicals of the '40's, 50's and 60's? Then you won't want to miss ***Waiting in the Wings Cabaret***. The Golden Age of the American Musical on Saturday, February 4, at 5pm and 8:30 pm. This first performance of the 2012 series will bring you New York City's stars of tomorrow, up close and personal as they entertain with classic renditions and new arrangements of enduring musical favorites: songs from Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Rodgers/Hart/Hammerstein, Judy Garland, and Cole Porter.

New York-based Music Director Tyler Beattie and Producer Lindsay Meck are teaming up to spearhead the 2012 season. "We're delighted that performers Andrew Keltz and Andi Alhadeff have agreed to headline this first show," said Lindsay. "Andrew has gotten rave reviews for his professional performances in a number of shows including "Fiddler on the Roof" in Chicago. Now based in New York, we are delighted to have him kick off our series. Andi, a recent graduate of Northwestern University, has performed in regional theater and is now starting on the New York circuit, participating in readings and workshops. She has trained with two-time Tony Award winner Sutton Foster and with her Ethel Merman "belter" singing style, we think she's really one to watch." The two vocalists will be fully supported with a band that includes Tyler on piano, in addition to viola, violin, guitar, bass guitar and percussion players.

As an added bonus, purchasers of \$35 Patron Tickets will receive a glass of wine, and 2 - \$5 Dining Dollar Certificates\*, each certificate redeemable with every \$25 spent on meals at Bobby Q's, Blue Lemon, Da Pietro, Matsu Sushi, and Rizzuto's. These 5 restaurants have very generously teamed together with us as Community Partners for the entire 3-performance series, donating all appetizers to our shows, and contributing 100% of proceeds from Dining Certificates directly to our Student Scholarship Program! Thank these restaurants, by taking friends along and patronizing them! Each Dining Dollar\$ Certificate is redeemable through May 20, 2011!

The cabaret will be Saturday, February 4 at 5:00PM and 8:30PM in The Club Room. Tickets are \$35 for Patron Tickets and \$25 for General Tickets. Free appetizers available. Wine and other beverages will be available for purchase. Seating is limited. Advance reservations are strongly encouraged and may be made online at [www.westportwomansclub.org](http://www.westportwomansclub.org) or by calling the WWC at 203-227-4240. Mark your calendar for future performances on March 17 and April 28.

Martha Eidman, 222-4909

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to Richard Montague, on the death of his wife, long time club member Joan Montague.

Our condolences to Becky Ruthven, on the passing of her Father.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Service Committee will meet on Monday, January 23rd at 9:30 a.m. All members are welcome to attend the meeting and take part in reviewing grant applications. Final review of all the Westport Department of Human Service and Senior Center requests will take place. A speaker for the day has been invited.

We all owe a vote of thanks to Nancy Saipe for insuring that those in need were adequately fed during the holidays. Kudos, Nancy.

I hope a very Merry holiday season was enjoyed by all. May the New Year be joyous and productive

Jo Fuchs-Luscombe  
Director Community Service  
203-227-0393

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

January 3, 2012 – Undeck the halls.

On Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., we will welcome noted floral designer and Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Judge, Melinda Wolcott for a program featuring “Valentine Line Design.” This program will be limited to 20 people, the cost is \$10 per person, which covers the cost of provided materials; you will need to provide your own clippers and scissors. Registrations forms are available in the Garden Department mail slot in the office of the WWC. Please make your check payable to the Garden Room.

Catherine Smith, 454-8724

## MEMBERSHIP

Reminder -- if you haven't picked up your Membership Directory, they're waiting for you in the office.

New members -- if you haven't picked up your Membership Handbook, they're also waiting for you in the office.

To all members -- we are planning a reception for prospective members in February. Please give the names and addresses of anyone you might like to invite to Colleen.

Please join me in welcoming the following new member:

Susan Hricik  
15 Gray's farm Road  
Westport, CT 06880  
226-1372  
susanwhim@yahoo.com

Bobbie Herman, 255-1213  
Membership Chair

## CURIO COTTAGE

The shop will be closed from Dec. 20, 2011 until Jan 2, 2012. We hope everyone has a wonderful time during this special season. And remember, if you receive a gift that really doesn't work for you, we will be so glad to give you a tax slip for your donation of this “gift”.

As winter is now here, please workers, remember that if schools are closed, so are we. And never try and drive to the shop if you feel unsafe doing so. Having you safe and in one healthy piece is far more important than being open that day. To our snow birds, please travel safely and we will see you in the spring.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holi-

## BUNCO

Happy New Year!!!  
Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season...

Now -- 2012 and time to “delve” ... into BUNCO!!

If you haven't played before, mark your calendar and plan to come ...

DATE: Tuesday, January 17th  
TIME: 7:00 p.m. (“chat & chew”)  
– Game starts at 7:30 p.m.  
COST: \$5.00  
Sign up sheet (in coat closet)...

Hope to see many new faces in the new year!

Wendy McKeon, 222-0038

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Please save the following dates:

April 11, 2012 for “Nice Work If You Can Get It” and May 23rd for “Ghost,” more information in the February Bulletin.

Marilyn Killough  
259-1833

## ANTIQUES GROUP

The Antiques Group will not be meeting in January or February. See you in the Spring.

Have a very Happy New Year!

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

## GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

GNO!

Calling all girls for a new year of GNO! We have planned one a month, the dates may change based on the WWC rental calendar but get ready for some laughs while getting to know each other. Looking for a few of you to take turns hosting...please get in touch with us to sign up! Cost is \$10.00 and reservations needed by the Monday before:

Please save these dates:

January 4  
February 1  
March 14  
April 4  
May 2  
June 6

Hope to see you there,

Clare Clark, clarec@oponline.net  
Betty Brower, eab@bertralaw.com

## ZUMBA

Thursdays at 11:30-12:30. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fun, and dance to a healthier you.

Leah Scherzer, 1st V.P.  
leahsart@aol.com, 226-3042.

## GOURMET

Because of bad weather for the past two years, we will be planning a trip to a local restaurant rather than risk cooking and having to cancel our meeting. If you are interested in getting out in January, please let us know so we can put you on our list. Happy New Year!

Anne Hunt, rahuntclu@sbcglobal.net  
Betty Kaye, bak24@aol.com

## RSVP KNITTERS

This is a project that started in 1991 and it is still going strong! It is run by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP, in Norwalk. The group knits scarves, hats and blankets for a wide range of children and adults in Norwalk, including Neon Childcare and the children who attend Head Start among others. We also knit healing shawls for the Cancer Society that are given to women undergoing treatment for cancer. All levels of knitters are welcome and we are happy to teach beginners. For questions, please contact Joan Miller, 203-226-7036 or mmiller@op-online.net.

The next meeting is Wednesday, January, 25 at 1 PM in the Conference Room.

## MAH JONGG

We play every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted on the calendar) from 1:00- 4:00PM. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome. T. Please call Diana Zaslow, 227-1346 if you are interested.

## BOOK REVIEW

We start out the new year with a thriller reminiscent of the gothic novels "Rebecca" and "Jane Eyre." "A Reliable Wife" by Robert Goolrick is set in Wisconsin, 1909. In the bitter cold, Ralph Truitt, a successful businessman, stands alone on a train platform waiting for the woman who answered his newspaper advertisement for "a reliable wife." But when Catherine Land steps off the train from Chicago, she's not the "simple, honest woman" that Ralph is expecting. Everyone is welcome to join us on January 26 at 1pm in the living room for the discussion of this suspenseful novel, led by Susan Fox.

Barbara Raffel, 226-3954

## TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

If you are interested in playing or being a sub please contact Mary Jane Cross, 227-7135.

## SOCIAL BRIDGE

If you are interested please contact Tommie Ross, 227-2444 .

# BROADWAY AND JAZZ CLASSICS BY

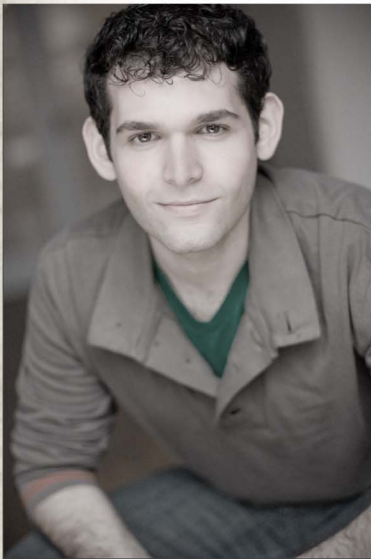


*Andi Alhadeff*

New York's  
**BRIGHTEST**  
Rising Stars



## Waiting in the Wings Cabaret



*Andrew Keltz*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012**

5:00pm & 8:30pm

Tickets - \$35 patron\* \$25 general

*(All proceeds support the WWC's Scholarship Program)*

**44 IMPERIAL AVENUE**

**(203) 227-4240**

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