

# THE BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

JANUARY 2015

## WWC JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bridge 10:30 am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Ways & Means 10:00 am Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>8</b> Bridge 9:30 am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bridge 10:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>15</b> Bridge 9:30 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Office Closed Bridge 10:30 am Board Mtg 10 am	<b>20</b> Bunco 7:00 pm	<b>21</b> Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>22</b> Bridge 9:30 am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Bridge 10:30 am Community Services 10:30 am	<b>27</b> Ladies Who Lunch 12:00 noon	<b>28</b> Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm	<b>29</b> Bridge 9:30 am	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

### Officers

**President** Dorothy E. Curran, **1st Vice President (Special Interest Groups)** Dorothy Packer, **2nd Vice President (Finance)** Arlene Johnson, **3rd Vice President (Ways & Means)** Suzan Murphy, **Secretary** Becky Ruthven, **Treasurer** Barbara Szefc. **Directors: Communications** Josephine Calcagni, **Community Service** Nancy Saipe, **Membership** Susan Hricik, **Parliamentary Advisor** A. Elizabeth Donofrio, **Grounds** Janette Duchnicki, **Program** Rose Jordan, **Rentals** Susan Loselle, **Curio Cottage** Jerilyn Deveau, **Yankee Doodle Fair** Dorothy E. Curran and Christina McVaney, **Past President** Mary Lee Clayton

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

At December Club Day, thanks to the Garden Dept.'s festive seasonal greenery, Suzan Murphy's snowflake ceiling project for The Nutcracker Tea, another sumptuous luncheon from The Pantry and Dr. Joe Utterback's dazzling piano rendition of the American Songbook, our members launched the holiday season together in style. Guest of honor was Robin Penna (head table guest of Janette Duchnicki and Barbara Szefer), in appreciation for Mr. Penna/Penna Construction's extraordinary pro bono work to improve our Imperial Ave. site access, visibility and safety. Jen Murchie, the 50-50 winner, donated her proceeds back to the WWC, for the Food Closet. Barbara Raffel won the Door Prize.

Notably, this was the LAST Club Day prior to our Ceiling Renovation, which runs from Dec. 19 to late January, but should be complete and ready to celebrate by February Club Day. During that time, Special Interest Groups may continue to meet in the main house, but the kitchen only will be accessible from the parking lot entrance.

Meanwhile, THANK YOU ALL for the privilege of serving as your President. You are amazing in your commitment to the Club, the work you do for the community and the fun we share. I wish each of you a joyous holiday season and a HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Dorothy E. Curran, President, 203-246-0543

### CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to Jo Luscombe on the death of her Mother. Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, dmpacker@aol.com, 203-227-7769

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

It has been a busy time for Community Services. Barbara Butler, Sarah Heath and our very own Patty Haberstroh from Westport's Human Services Department spoke to us about the incredible programs they have in place for Westport residents; everything from the popular Teen Center at Toquet Hall to calling residents that might be at risk before and after a storm.

Leah Scherzer led a team to sew, stuff, buy and assemble Necessities bags for breast cancer patients. Thanks to all who participated: Vivian Rosenberg, Rose Jordan, Suzan Murphy, Mary Gladden, Karen Center, Jean Anderson, Joan Miller, Amy Schneider, Dee Zaslow, Dorothy Packer, Linda Amos, Marion Potter, Susan Hricik, Jeannette Tewey, Joyce Netherton, Dorothy Robertshaw, Mary Lee Clayton, Sue Mahar and Jean Simmons and a big thank you to all who bought supplies! Through the efforts of so many we were able to supply 100 bags! Great job and thank you to all, especially Leah.

Leah has also been busy working with the Town of Westport's Human Services to send Stop & Shop gift cards to 215 households in Westport in time for Thanksgiving and Holiday food shopping. Leah ALSO coordinated the delivery of 30 meals to the homebound for Thanksgiving (another 30 will be delivered on Christmas and New Year's). In Good Taste catered the Thanksgiving dinner and will cater Christmas; Sherwood Diner will cater the New Year's Day meal. A real community effort. Thank you to Leah and to the Klinge family that arranged for the delivery of the meals.

Thanks to Audrey Rabinowitz, our Food closet was designated by the Downtown Merchants Assoc as the Beneficiary for the Blues, Views & BBQ Festival "Cookin' for a Cause". As a result the Food Closet recently received a DMA check for \$1800.00.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Community Service Meeting at 10:30 on January 26, 2015. Have a great holiday season.

Nancy Saipe, ncsaipe@aol.com, 203-454-0033

### CLUB DAY

There will be no Club Day in January. Our next Club Day will be Monday, February 2. Several Members have asked who our Caterer is: The Pantry 1580 Post Rd in Fairfield prepares our Club Day lunches. They are a grocery store and sell prepared foods. If you visit them, please tell them you found them through The Westport Woman's Club. Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, dmpacker@aol.com, 203-227-7769

### BOOK REVIEW

The Book Review will not meet in January. Our next meeting is February 19th and our book for then is *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904.

### BUNCO!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Start the New Year off with a fun game night! Date: Tuesday - January 20th (WEATHER PERMITTING!!!!)

Time: 7:00 p.m. "Chat & Chew;" 7:30 p.m. game begins Cost: \$5.00 Hostesses: Bev McArthur, Sandy Attwood and Joan Bassett. Sign-up: on board in foyer.

When you read this, it will be after our annual Bunco Holiday Party...Just want to thank all the Bunco ladies for their delicious goodies that they provided. It is always a fun-filled, food-filled night...Hope to see you all on the 20th!!!

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

## B.Y.O.B

Due to the Ceiling Renovation, we will defer our next BYOB Friday to February. At that time, please plan to join us in the Kitchen to identify and solve the world's problems, evaluate the pros and cons of the current weather, admire the NEW Auditorium Ceiling and Lights and discuss the progress of Fay Farquhar and her little dog, Suzie, in taming The Wild West. Dorothy Curran, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203.246.0543

## CURIO COTTAGE

The Cottage will be closed from Dec. 24 through Jan 5, 2015. Please don't forget to shop here for some wonderful holiday serving pieces or great gifts...and please remember that the shop is a perfect place to donate gifts that you received and just can't use. Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday Season, full of love and joy. Karen Eickhoff, 203-454-3889, kayrog@optonline.net

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Our participation levels are growing! Following a lovely pot luck at the WWC and reading of The Mousetrap at the WCP in December, we'll take a brief break in January to recover from the Holidays. Then, February and March are busy, so plan ahead. First, Hooray! The Westport Country Playhouse just added 2 Script-in-Hand dates (plays TBD) on Monday, Feb. 9 and March 9. For those of us who go, knowing the plays in advance really doesn't matter. It's always sold out anyway! Just buy your ticket (now \$20) and let me know if you will be coming to: Mon. Feb. 9, 5 pm Potluck Supper in the Kitchen, 7 pm Script-in-Hand at the WCP. Mon. March 9, 5 pm Potluck Supper in the Kitchen, 7 pm Script-in-Hand at the WCP. Next, with our new "home theatre" capability in the renovated Auditorium, there's a good chance that we will "test drive" a Friday matinee foreign film event to our February, March and April schedule. Stay tuned. Dorothy E. Curran, Cultural Affairs Chairperson, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 20-246-0543

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

While there will be no official Garden Department meeting/program in January, we will meet to "undecorate" the Club on January 6th at 10 a.m. Remember, many hands make light work. On Tuesday, February 10th, at 1:30 p.m. the Garden Program will feature Nick Mancini from Westport, a Master Gardener, author, teacher, lecturer, garden consultant and coach with decades of experience. Nick was instrumental in starting the Newtown, CT Victory Garden which supplies the various food pantries in the area. Please check out Nick's website [organicgardeningssimplified.com](http://organicgardeningssimplified.com) for detailed information. February's bulletin will have more information about the workshop. Jerilyn Deveau, 203-372-2920, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com

## GOURMET

Gourmet Group is not meeting in January. Lisa Allison, 203-227-9563, liallison@optonline.net, Barbara Gladnick, 203-854-0424, bagladnick@optonline.net.

## HOUSE

Our Auditorium will be off-limits until late January as our Ceiling Renovation Project is underway. Access to the Kitchen will be by key only, from the Parking Lot, and not encouraged. A 25-yard dumpster and contractor trucks and equipment will occupy the parking lot area near the Kitchen. Special Interest Groups may continue to have access to any other available Clubhouse rooms during this time. MANY THANKS for your patience through any inconvenience you may experience.

On Wednesday, January 28, two teams from Triple S Cleaning Service are providing FREE commercial (organic) cleaning of our carpets, upholstery and drapes! We will endeavor to minimize inconvenience, but--by accepting their timing--this gift saves us about \$2,000. To thank them, we will feature them as a sponsor of upcoming events. Please show your personal appreciation by patronizing Triple S and mentioning that you are a grateful WWC Member!

Dorothy E. Curran, Acting House Director

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

Back to Fairfield this month for Southwestern cuisine in a recent addition to the dining scene. Geronimo's opened several months ago to rave reviews. They have a varied menu at moderate prices. Date: Tuesday, January 27 at noon, Location: 2070 Post Road, Fairfield (corner of Pine Creek) The menu can be found at: <http://geronimobarandgrill.com/menus/view/1>

Please let me know if you'll be joining us by Friday, January 23 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, 203-255-1577, sangazure1@aol.com

## MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg meets every Wednesday from 1:00 pm-4:00 in the living room. Please call Diana Zaslow if you are interested in playing. Diana Zaslow, 203-227-1346, deezaslow@aol.com

## TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

Our next session begins on Monday, January 5th (as there is no Club Day in January) and continues on the next three Mondays, the 12th 19th and 26th. We will be meeting in the living room and dining room as the auditorium ceiling is being renovated. We will not have access to the kitchen so be sure to bring your drink with your sandwich. Our next Club Day is February 2nd and it is Tournament Bridge's turn to hostess. Hope you will all help out. Remember, during the winter months, the Club is closed on snow days when the Westport School System is closed or delayed. Check TV Channel 12 or call Staples High School for information at 341-1766. If you are interested in joining us, we need substitutes. Please give us a call. Tommie Ross, 203-227-2444, Helen Doxtator, 203-221-7934

## WAYS and MEANS

ALL INVITED! 2015 MEETING  
Wednesday, January 7, 2015 10:00 am

At the meeting we will discuss a wine tasting, the Art Show and the Yankee Doodle Fair.

Suzan Murphy, 3rd VP, Ways & Means; murphy05@aol.com, 203-222-9117

## WWC KNITTERS

The Knitting group will not be meeting in January. Joan Miller, mmiller@optonline.net , 203-226-7036

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

There will be a Yankee Doodle Fair meeting on Wed. January 7th at 10am. Anybody interested in helping with the fair is urged to attend since we will begin allocating responsibilities. Plus--We still are working on sponsors, so especially would appreciate help with that if you have a contact or an "in" with any potential sponsors, ie banks, local companies or businesses etc. All are welcome! 2015 CO-CHAIRS Dorothy E. Curran, 203-246-0543, Christina McVaney, 203-293-5190

## ZUMBA

Everyone is welcome to join us for Zumba on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:15. The fee is \$40 for the month whether there are four or five Thursdays. Please make checks payable to Jill Franke. Walk-ins are \$12.00. Due to Banquet Room renovation, Zumba will resume on Thursday, February 5th. For further information please contact me. Leah Scherzer, Chair, Zumba; 203-226-3042, leahsart@aol.com

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