

# The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

FEBRUARY 2012

## WWC FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

**Officers** *President* Mary Lee Clayton; *1st Vice President (Special Interests)* Leah Scherzer; *2nd Vice President (Finance)* Wynne Abrams; *3rd Vice President (Ways & Means)* Martha Eidman; *Secretary* Susan Fox; *Treasurer* Barbara Szefc **Directors** *Communications* TBA; *Community Service* Jo Fuchs Luscombe; *Grounds* Brenda Sciarra; *House* Clare Clark; *Membership* Bobbie Herman; *Parliamentary Advisor* Arlene Wolfe; *Program* Kathy Groener, Mitzi Lyman; *Rentals* Shirlee Gordon *Curio Cottage* Ruthann Caroll, *Yankee Doodle Fair* TBA  
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### SUNSHINE GIRLS

**February: Leah Scherzer.**  
**leahsart@aol.com. 226-3042.**

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

It's not too late to purchase tickets for the February 4th Cabaret, the first in the 2012 Cabaret series.

The Cabaret team, headed by Martha Eidman, has worked long and hard on this series. Their goal is to create a major fund raiser which is entertaining, profitable, relatively labor free and which draws participants from outside the Club, thus taking some of the fund raising burden off of our members.

We also have the support of six of the best and most popular restaurants in Westport: Matsu Sushi, Bobby Q's, Blue Lemon, Da Pietro, River House and Rizzutos. Not only are they providing snacks for the event but also coupons which can be used for dinner or lunch at any of the restaurants.

I urge you to give the Cabaret a try. This one really promises to be a great show. The committee has worked so diligently to bring a different approach to our fund raising and deserves our whole hearted support.

For complete details on the entertainers, the orchestra, the restaurants and purchasing tickets go to our web site at [www.Westportwomansclub.org](http://www.Westportwomansclub.org).

Hope to see you the 4th. If you can't make that one, we have two more coming up!

Mary Lee Clayton, 878-1486  
President

### YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

HI ALL

Come and help us plan the 2012 Yankee Doodle Fair:

Wednesday, February 8th at 10:00am

See You there!

Mary Lee Clayton  
President and temporary YDF Chair

## CLUB DAY

Welcome back. Hope everyone had a good holiday season.

Our first Club Day of the New Year is Monday, February 6th hosted by Chairperson Mary Jane Cross and Tournament Bridge. Please be sure to make your reservation through the office, 227-4240.

Many thanks to the affiliated Special Interest members and unaffiliated members who signed up to help on Club Day: Bobbie Herman, Mince Kohler, Jo Calcagni, Penny Pearlman, Mary Attanasio, Judi Freedman, and Jeanie Snell. Looking forward to the continued interest in the coming months.

Leah Scherzer, 1st Vice President  
226-3042

## PROGRAMS

Our speaker for the February 6th Club Day is Lisa Wexler, award winning creator of The Lisa Wexler Show, the most popular talk radio show in Fairfield County, CT. (The show airs Monday-Fridays, from 4-6 PM at AM 1230 WFAS as well as via internet streaming on [lisawexler.com](http://lisawexler.com).) In 2011, The CT Press Association gave The Lisa Wexler Show top prize as Best Radio Show in Connecticut.

Lisa appears regularly on television as well. She has appeared often with her sister Jill on Bravo's The Real Housewives of New York City, and she is on CTFOX61 every Monday in a feature entitled "WEXing Poetic" in which Lisa discusses an underreported news topic. Lisa has also appeared on The Today Show, Morning Joe, The Early Show, Sean Hannity, Huckabee, and many other regional and local television shows.

Mitzy Lyman, 254-2062

## WAYS AND MEANS

CABARET - February 4  
Take a peek at the multi-talented band behind our cabaret singers:

Tyler Beattie on Piano, is an accomplished composer, writer and music director who has been featured in Playwrights' Horizons composers showcase.

Ben Lively on violin and guitar, is currently playing viola with The Addams Family on Broadway. He is also an active freelancer in NYC, and divides his time between the classical, jazz and pop music worlds. He spent two years on the road playing violin and guitar for the first national tour of Spring Awakening. He also plays the mandolin.

Emma Lively is a classical violinist-turned musical theater writer, composer and lyricist. Her first book is being published this month, and in her spare time, she is owner and executive chef of Bunny's Bakery, a custom catering company based in NYC.

Stephanie Sherline on Guitar/hand percussion is a composer, who has written, performed, and sound designed extensively in Chicago, Detroit and New York City.

## CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to the family of Vivian Johnson. Vivian was president of the Womans Club from 1989-1991.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Service Committee meets on the 4th Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held in the clubhouse parlor at 9:30 a.m. All members are welcome. A special invitation is extended to new members.

The Committee continues the review process of grant applications.

### WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB ANNOUNCES RUEGG GRANT FOR 2012

The Westport Woman's Club has announced that proposals are now being accepted for its \$5,000 Ruegg Grant. Non-profit organizations are invited to submit their grant requests for projects that will make a continuing difference in our community.

If any of our members know of a non-profit organization that may qualify, please encourage them to submit a proposal for consideration. The due date is March 1, 2012. Members of the Ruegg Grant Committee are: Jo Luscombe, Chair, Rose Jordan, Barbara Raffel, Vi Takahashi, Amy Schneider and Joyce Netherton.

Community groups with positive projects for this year should submit their proposals by March 1, 2012, to the Westport Woman's Club, Ruegg Grant Committee, 44 Imperial Avenue, Westport, CT 06880.

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

## MEMBERSHIP

We will be holding a reception for prospective members on Thursday, March 1st at 7:30 pm. If you would like to invite anyone, please give their names to Colleen or me. Thank you.

Please join me in welcoming the following new member:

Robbie Gendels  
56 Strathmore Lane  
Westport, CT 06880

Bobbie Herman, 255-1577  
Membership Chairperson

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

"Nice Work if You Can Get It"  
Wednesday, April 11, 2012

Mathew Broderick is returning to Broadway with Kelli O'Hara to star in "Nice Work if You Can Get It." Kathleen Marshal, who just won her third Tony Award for directing "Anything Goes" will choreograph and direct the new show. The musical is built around George and Ira Gershwin's songs. Broderick has been on Broadway many times, most recently in "The Producers," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and "Brighton Beach Memoirs." It would be his first time back on Broadway since teaming up with Nathan Lane in "The Producers."

Kelli O'Hara was last on Broadway in the hit revival of "The Pajama Game" with Harry Connick Jr. Prior to that performance, she was at Lincoln Center in "South Pacific" and "The Light in the Piazza."

Cost of this trip is \$122.00 per person.

"Ghost the Musical"  
Wednesday May 23, 2012

"Ghost the Musical," now at the Piccadilly Theater in London, is a timeless fantasy about the power of love. After his murder, Sam is trapped as a ghost between this world and the next and unable to leave Molly, who he learns is in grave danger. With the help of a phony storefront psychic, Sam tries to communicate with Molly.

The Broadway production will be directed by Matthew Warchus a Tony Award winner for "God of Carnage" who is the director of the current West End Production.

The London Times, Time Out, Bloomberg News, The Sun, Metro, Daily Expressions, OK Magazine and the Daily Telegraph all gave this show four stars, The Times of London said "A dazzling display of undying love—resistance is futile." Cost of this trip is \$122.00 per person

Old News— I have been working on acquiring tickets for the Gore Vidal play "The Best Man" for the March 21st matinee, timed with the 2012 election in mind. The play has a starry cast including Candice Bergen, Angela Lansbury, John Larroquette and James Earl Jones. The play is set during an American presidential convention. There are no group discounts available because of this celebrated cast and all of their Tony Awards. If we are able to book this show the price will be at least \$153.00 per person. As of this writing we do not have a contract. See the next Bulletin and watch your computers. Also the bus price has increased. Happy New Year.

Marilyn Killough  
259-1833

## CURIO COTTAGE

2011 was a very good year for the Cottage and it is because of such wonderful workers and generous donors. Thank you to everyone. Now to get busy for 2012. The dates for the Tag Sale are March 9 -10. We will be setting up, pricing and marking items from Tues, Mar 6 through Thurs Mar 8. Many workers are needed for all 5 days and for all time shifts. There will be sign up sheets and times by next month. If you have been saving things to donate, it is almost here. During this sale we can take furniture and bulkier items. Look for more details and times in next month's new letter but please start telling friends, neighbors and businesses about this special event.

For the workers who haven't yet worked in 2012, we have a new push button locking system and everyone seems to love it. Any of the committee, your day chairperson and Colleen know the code, so when you work for the first time, just contact one of us.

Curio Cottage Committee

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Board Meeting- Tuesday, February 7,  
1:30pm

General Meeting- Tuesday, February 14,  
1:30pm

At this month's meeting 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

## ANTIQUES GROUP

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

Have a very Happy New Year!

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

## ZUMBA

Thursdays at 11:30-12:30. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fun, and dance to a healthier you.  
Classes are \$8.00 with instructor Jill Franke

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

## 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.

## 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 February, please let us know so we can put you on our list.

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

## RSVP KNITTERS

All levels of knitters are welcome and we are happy to teach beginners. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 22nd at 1 PM in the Conference Room. For questions, please contact Joan Miller, 203-226-7036 or mmiller@optonline.net.

## BUNCO

Come one and all – give Bunco a call!!!

If you haven't tried the game of "Bunco"... now is the time...  
We are a very fun-loving group – Love "chatting, chewing and playing"...  
Date: Tuesday, February 21  
Time: 7:00 p.m. ("chatting & chewing part!)

7:30 p.m. ("playing part)

Cost: \$5.00

Our hostesses will be Jean Simons, Ellie Hale and Sue Mahar.

Plan on joining us – No experience necessary!!

Wendy McKeon, 222-0038

## 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 .

## BOOK REVIEW

Our February 23rd meeting of the Book Group will discuss "March" by Geraldine Brooks. The story is loosely based on the life of Bronson Alcott, Louisa May Alcott's father. It is a story of the Civil War, the effect it had on the country, his family, and on his ardently held beliefs as he leaves home to support the Union cause. Please join us at 1pm in the living room on the 23rd.

Barbara Raffel, 226-3954

## GIRLS NIGHT OUT, 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:

February 1

March 14

April 4

May 2

June 6

Hope to see you there,

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

**\*\*HELPERS NEEDED\*\***

Anyone interested in learning more about the duties of the Food Closet ladies, please contact Karen Center or Wendy McKeon.

We would love to have new "helpers" to share in our obligation to be quick and efficient in filling the needs of those in our community who need assistance.

"Many hands make light work"...  
Can you lend a hand?

Karen Center, 226-5207  
Wendy McKeon, 222-0038

**BROADWAY AND JAZZ CLASSICS BY**

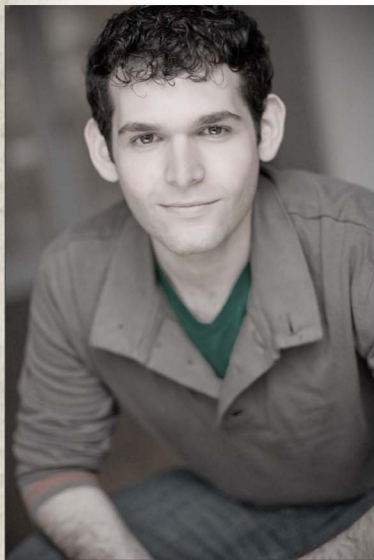


*Andi Alhadeff*

*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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**\*PATRON TICKET INCLUDES DINING DOLLAR CERTIFICATES REDEEMABLE AT COMMUNITY PARTNER RESTAURANTS. GO TO [WWW.WESTPORTWOMANSCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.WESTPORTWOMANSCLUB.ORG) FOR MORE INFO.**

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