

The BULLETIN



WWC FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10 <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	11 <i>Gatden 1:30pm</i>	12 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i>	13 <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am</i>	14	15
16	17 <i>office closed Bridge 10:30 am Board Meeting 1:00pm</i>	18 <i>Gourmet 11:30am Bunco 7:00pm</i>	19 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i>	20 <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am Book Review 1:00pm</i>	21	22
23	24 <i>Comm.Svcs. 9:30am Bridge 10:30 am</i>	25 <i>Ladies Who Lunch 12:00 Noon</i>	26 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm RSVP Knitters 1:00pm</i>	27 <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am</i>	28	

Officers *President* Mary Lee Clayton; *1st Vice President (Special Interests)* Lauri Stefanowicz; *2nd Vice President (Finance)* Arlene Johnson; *3rd Vice President (Ways & Means)* by Committee; *Secretary* Becky Ruthven; *Treasurer* Joyce Netherton **Directors** *Communications* Josephine Calcagni; *Community Service* Barbara Raffel; *Membership* Shirley Gordon, Catherine Hurwitz; *Parliamentary Advisor* Patricia Voris; *Program* Penny Pearlman, Leah Scherzer; *Rentals* Mitzi Lyman, Jennifer Murchie, *Curio Cottage* Jerilyn Deveau, *Yankee Doodle Fair* Audrey Rabinowitz, Josephine Laska

Staff *Office Manager* Colleen Fenton; *Resident Manager* Dora Sweet Office Phone #203-227-4240

Office Hours M,T, Th, F 9:00am-4:00pm Wed. 9am-3pm

12:00-1:00 Closed for Lunch

Letter From The President

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the annual appeal. We very much appreciate your help and support. And, speaking of help: scrapbooker/historian needed. No one has tended to the Club history for several years; there is a basket of papers sitting in the office as well as a stack or two of photos which need to be edited and organized. That consists of sorting them by year and project, then tucking them into a scrapbook - probably several scrapbooks. This is the perfect project for Winter nights in front of the TV or the fireplace. Let me know via email or phone if you are interested.

There isn't much going on in February, but March brings the annual Curio Cottage Tag Sale. As you are cleaning out your cupboards and closets, please remember to set aside items for the sale.

The Yankee Doodle Fair committee is also gearing up for the June fair. Audrey and Jo are doing a fantastic job. We are looking forward to an exciting fair with some lovely changes. Consider attending the next YDF meeting; Audrey and Jo would love to have you.

And speaking of meetings: Once again, I am going to nag you to attend a community services meeting. Community Services is our bread and butter; it is the reason that the Woman's Club exists. It is the reason the Club was praised in Life magazine years ago, the reason that we are lauded in the community and the reason that Westport's new first selectman thanked us from the podium at the tree lighting in December.

By being a Club member, you are also a member of Community Services. They meet the fourth Monday of every month at 9:30.

Finally, if you happen to receive a call from the nominating committee, please say "yes".

Have a Happy Valentine's day. Try not to overdo on the chocolates.

Mary Lee Clayton

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Fay Farquhar and Family on the death of her Mother, long time member Doris Farquhar.

CLUB DAY

Happy New Year! Join us Monday, February 3rd for a "LOVELY afternoon of Theater Talk." It will be hosted by Tournament and Bridge Club, chaired by Tommie Ross and Helen Doxtator.

Please make sure you make a reservation by Wednesday, January 31, 2014. Any food allergies please let Colleen know when you make your reservation. Please call the office at 203-227-4240 or Westportwomensclub@sbcglobal.net.

Lunch is \$20.00. Join us for our lunch... Stuffed Shells with marina sauce, salad with edamame & gorgonzola cheese, garlic bread and brownies. Special guest speaker, Michael Ross, Westport Country Playhouse

Laurie Stefanowicz, 1st VP, lstefanowicz@catmg.com, 226-0603

PROGRAMS

Michael Ross, Managing Director, joined Westport Country Playhouse as managing director in February 2009. His career in theater started in 1986 as general manager, and business and box office manager at Hartford Stage. Since then he served at Long Wharf Theater, the Baltimore Opera Company and Alley Theater amongst others. His many other accomplishments, too many to list, include fundraising, consulting, development, searches and strategic planning with nationwide theaters including (but not limited to) the Trinity Repertory Company and the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center. Other accomplishments include adjunct professor in The Yale University School of Drama Theater Management Program. Michael is an Honorary Board member of the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Leah Scherzer, Leahsart@aol.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The February Community Service meeting will take place on Monday, Feb. 24 at 9:30am in the living room. Our speaker will be Dawn Ladenheim from Circle of Care, an organization that supports the families of children with cancer, who many times are faced with great expense and need help with their basic necessities. Come join us and learn about the work we do for the community. Join us and learn more. Barbara Raffel, 226-3954 tuleton@sbcglobal.net

BOOK REVIEW

Our book for February is Gilead by Marianne Robinson. We will meet in the living room on February 20th at 1:00pm. Lee Mennitt, 523-0904, leemennitt@gmail.com

BUNCO

February - the "month of love" we say Come play "Bunco" ... and shout hooray!!

DATE: Tuesday, February 18th (weather permitting) TIME: 7:00 p.m. ("chat & chew") - 7:30 p.m. play begins

COST: \$5.00 SIGN-UP on board in foyer HOSTESSES: Sue Mahar, Ellie Hale, Jean Simons

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

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

General Meeting - February 11, 2014 - 1:30 pm.

At our February meeting, floral designer, Melinda Wolcott, will conduct a hands-on workshop focusing on a table design with a Valentine Day theme. The workshop will run 1-1/2 to 2 hours, it will be limited to 20 participants at a cost of \$10 per participant (to cover the cost of materials, payable the day of the workshop), reservations are on a first come first serve basis. Contact Jerilyn Deveau - 203 372-2920 or jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com to make your reservation.

The dates of the Philadelphia Flower Show are March 3-7. If anyone is interested in a trip to the Flower Show, via the train from Stamford to Philadelphia, one night at the Hilton (they have special rates for show goers) and a day trip to the Barnes and then back to Connecticut via train, please contact either Mary Lee Clayton 203-878-1486 /claytonmary@att.net or Janette Duchnicki 203 761-8650/ sduchnicki@sbcglobal.net. Catherine Smith, 454-8724, smitier@att.net

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

It seems that my schedule is too uncertain to organize GNO, and while I have enjoyed the evenings we have shared in the past, for now I need to be an attendee rather than an organizer! I hope someone else is interested in running this Special Interest Group and I would be happy to share what I learned while doing it. Please contact me if you are ready and willing to chair or co-chair. Clare Clark, 203 454-4248

GOURMET

Our luncheon will take place on Tuesday, February 18 at the clubhouse. As soon as the menu is set, we will email it to all members of Gourmet. Please RSVP by Monday, February 10 to Lisa Allison (contact info below).

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

Josephine Laska 227-7631 jlaska55@aol.com

LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month takes us back to Italy -- at the Rustico Trattoria, 1431 Post Road East in Westport (next to Balducci's). In its charming, intimate setting you can enjoy a variety of selections including -- hot or cold antipasto, paninis, salads, pastas, fish and meat. The menu can be found at -- <http://www.rusticotrattoria.com/lunch1.html> Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at noon. Please let me know by Friday, February 21 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, 255-1577 sangazure1@aol.com

MAH JONGG

Some new member have expressed an interest in learning to play Mah Jongg. Audrey Rabinowitz will be starting a learner's table. If you would like to learn or haven't played in many years and would like a refresher, please call me. Mah Jongg meets every Wednesday from 1:00pm-4:00 in the living room. Please call Diana Zaslów if you are interested in playing.

Diana Zaslów, 227-1346 deezaslów@aol.com

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to welcome the following new members: Susan Farewell and Katie Gausephol to the club. Please make Susan and Katie feel welcomed !!! As always, if you know of any one who might be interested in joining, please forward their information to us and we will contact them. Shirlee Gordon, 227-0797, Swirlwithshirl@Gmail.com, Cathie Hurwitz, 293-4624, catherinehurwitz@hotmail.com

Membership Co chairs

NECESSITIES BAGS

How are you spending those freezing cold snowy days? This may be the perfect time of year to catch up on your pillow making. We have all the supplies at the club. Please let me know what you need, when you will coming and I will be sure to have everything ready for you.

Thanks. Leah Scherzer, lehsart@aol.com, 226-3042

RSVP KNITTERS

Westport Woman's Club members have been knitting since 1991 for a variety of local organizations. We make hats, scarves, mittens and other items mostly for children in Norwalk and Bridgeport. All levels of knitters are welcome. We are happy to teach beginners. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 26, at 1:00 downstairs in the dinning room.

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

SPECIAL INTEREST

We're thinking of starting a Travel Salon, which would meet once a month. Each meeting will have a focus--be it ancestral travel, multi-generational travel, European travel, you name it. The salon will be moderated by Westport Travel Consultant, Susan Farewell, who recently spoke at one of our lunchtime meetings and is a new member. Susan will do this on a volunteer basis. Please let me know if this is of interest. Also, let us know travel topics you might want to focus on, as well as day of week/times that would be your preference. Thank you. Leah Scherzer, lehsart@aol.com

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

Our next round began on Monday, January 6th and continues through to February 10th. Club Day is February 3rd and it is Tournament Bridge's turn to hostess. We will have a signup sheet available at Bridge. 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 227-2444, Helen Doxtator 221-7934

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.

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