

# THE BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

MARCH 2015

## WWC MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Club Day</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>Ways &amp; Means/ YDF 10:00am Mah Jongg 1:00 pm</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Bridge 9:30 am Zumba 10:15 am</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Bridge 10:30 am Pot Luck 5:00pm Script in Hand 7:00 pm</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Garden 1:30 pm</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm Bunco 7:00 pm **</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Bridge 9:30 am Zumba 10:15 am</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Bridge 10:30 am Board Mtg 10 am</i>	<b>17</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <i>Gourmet 11:30</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Bridge 9:30 am Zumba 10:15 am Book Review 1:00pm</i>	<b>20</b> <b>Foreign Film-</b> <i>Water 2:00 pm B.Y.O.B. Friday 4:00-6:00 pm</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Comm. Services 10:00 am Bridge 10:30 am</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Ladies Who Lunch 12:00</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm WWC Knitters 1:00 pm</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Bridge 9:30 am Zumba 10:15 am</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	<b>31</b>				

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

With Feb. 2 Club Day's shift to "Sunny 2/3 Tuesday", we outsmarted the Groundhog! Many thanks to our crack Winter Club Day team: 1st VP Dorothy Packer, Helen Doxtator-Schwindeman /Tournament Bridge hosts, Programs Director Rose Jordan, Grounds/snow removal Director Janette Duchnicki, our plowman, Chico, and office manager, Colleen Fenton, for the needed e-blast/Bulletin Communications. The good news, with SO MUCH going on: we accomplished our Bylaws-prescribed monthly general meeting, enjoyed our very first post-renovation Club Day, thanked Vesna Juresko Herman (ceiling architect) and Beverly Ellsley (interior design) with Life Memberships AND enabled Mary Munce Brewster to thank us for donations to the Gerry Munce (her late mother) Scholarship Fund. Plus, our speaker, Nina Sankovitch, was fabulous and 6 members won copies of her best selling books. The bad news: Club Day "no shows" left us with a catering budget shortfall which we are choosing--this once--to absorb. SO, lessons learned? Going forward (March?), we'll try SOONER to assess Club Day weather, identify "Plan B" options and alert "booked" members of theirs. We may also switch to a more casual Plan B menu (sandwich platters? brown bag?) or even have a Coffee instead. Meanwhile, on Wed. Feb. 4, Steve DeMarco/Triple S organically cleaned our house textiles, top-to-bottom: carpets, upholstery and drapes (even Doras 3rd floor) at NO CHARGE. Value: \$3,600! As thanks, please consider choosing Triple S for your own cleaning needs--and say WHY! Our house now is SO READY for rentals! Why not plan your own event here? Rentals Director, Susan Loselle, awaits your call! (And JUST WAIT for Janette Duchnicki's "Daffodil Hillside" this spring and the Garden Dept's additional improvements!) Upcoming events that will give you a taste for what's possible beyond March 2nd Club Day: on March 6-7, Curio's hosting its BIG Tag Sale; on Wed. March 18, with the WYWL, we're co-hosting a Brown Bag Panel Discussion/Luncheon on today's women's volunteer organizations; on Fri. March 20, with the Y's Women's Foreign Film Group, we're co-hosting a showing of *Water*, followed by BYOB Friday; our first Art Show Fundraiser in ages happens May 1-4 (concurrent with the Garden Dept. Plant Sale). Finally, after monitoring the Downtown Steering Committee planning process for months, attending their special Feb. 10 Downtown Master Plan presentation and watching the Ch. 79 Presentation & Comment, I wrote a WWC Response. Goals: WWC support of Downtown improvement, but caution as to scope and possible interference with the Town's contractual obligations to WWC's 100 parking spaces. (Stay tuned! Westport's latest New Senior Housing Complex Plan has an Imperial Ave. entrance, instead of Compo Rd. South, due to objections by Thomas Rd. residents.) Finally, YDF is a Board position. Christina McVaney, YDF Co-Chair, has been doing the work without Board status. At our Feb. Meeting, we voted to fill that vacancy by adding Christina. Best way to welcome Christina a-Board? Come to the Wed. March 4th 10 am planning meeting and ask her how you can help make 2015 YDF our best ever. **Dorothy E. Curran, President, 203-246-0543**

### CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to Emily Lemond on the death of her husband, Lou. Our sympathies to Catherine Smith on the death of her sister Eileen. **Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, dmpacker@aol.com, 203-227-7769**

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stop by at the next Community Services meeting **March 23rd** to read many of the beautiful thank-you notes that we have received from the recipients of the meals and of the Stop & Shop gift cards. The next Community Services Meeting is at **10:30 on Monday March 23rd, 2015**. Nancy Saipe, [ncsaipe@aol.com](mailto:ncsaipe@aol.com), 203-454-0033

### CLUB DAY

Join us Monday, **March 2nd** for Club Day, hosted by Garden Department, co-chaired by Jeannette Tewey and Vivian Rosenberg. Please make sure you make a reservation by **1 PM Wednesday before Club Day**. Lunch is \$20.00. Plan to arrive by 11:30 AM to enjoy. Pan Seared Salmon Fillet w/Mustard & Dill Cream Sauce; Salad Bar Chef Choice w/5 toppings: Carrots, Grape Tomatoes, Edamame, Feta Cheese; Smashed Sweet Potatoes; 8 grain dinner rolls; Gluten-Free Brownies. 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**

### PROGRAMS

John Barricelli, creator and owner of the well-known SoNo Baking Company & Café in South Norwalk. John is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, and the author of two cookbooks, *The SoNo Baking Company Cookbook*, and *The Seasonal Baker*. **Rose Jordan, jordport@optonline.net, 203-227-1809**

### BOOK REVIEW

Our book for March is *Without Reservations* by Alice Steinbach. We will meet in the living room on **Thursday March 19th at 1:00 pm**. **Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904.**

### BUNCO!

DATE: **WEDNESDAY - MARCH 11th** \*\*TIME: 7:00 P.M. - "chat & chew" - 7:30 P.M. - game begins COST \$5.00  
HOSTESSES: Jeannette Tewey & Pat Voris **Wendy McKeon, 222-0038, XWAMX50@aol.com**

## B.Y.O.B. FRIDAY

**Fri. March 20, 4-6 pm** in the Kitchen BYOB Friday returns to mark the beginning of Spring! Join us on **Friday, March 20th, anytime from 4-6 pm** with beverage/nibbles to share. If you like, make it a double-header! Come early (by 2 pm) to the auditorium to start the afternoon with *Water*, a beautiful film we're viewing with our special guests, the Y's Women Foreign Film Series (see Cultural Affairs), then stay for BYOB! **Dorothy Curran, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203.246.0543**

## CURIO COTTAGE

Donate! Work! Shop! **TAG SALE TIME** Hope to see many of you, doing one, or all of the above. We will be accepting donations for the sale **Mar. 3-Mar 5 (Tues-Thurs). The sale is Mar. 6-Mar 7 (Fri-Sat)**. The hours for each day are 9-3. Fun, food, and maybe a chance to make a new friend...And we hope to make a lot of money for the Club, so mark your calendars. On Saturday, at the end of the sale, we need a lot of help. Clean-up goes so much better with a bigger group. See you then, and come for as long or as many days as you can. **Karen Eickhoff, 203-454-3889, kayrog@optonline.net**

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**Mon. March 9, 5 pm Pre-Theatre Potluck at WWC Kitchen** (Please notify Colleen or me by Wed. March 4 that you will join us!) **7pm Westport Country Playhouse Script-in-Hand: *Flyin' West* By Pearl Cleage \* Buy your own \$20 ticket from the WCP first, then confirm Potluck!**

**Fri. March 20 FOREIGN FILM MATINEE at 2 pm!** Written and directed by Indian-born Canadian, Deepa Mehta, *Water* (114 minutes long with English subtitles) focuses on a group of women in the 1930s condemned by Hindu law to spend the rest of their lives in an institution, or ashram, on the banks of the Ganges because they are widows. In 2007, *Water* was Canada's first non-French-language film Academy Award nominee for Best Foreign Language Film. **Come join Doris Skutch and other movie buffs from the Y's Women in our Auditorium on Friday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. then compare notes at BYOB Friday, 4-6! Dorothy E. Curran, Cultural Affairs Chairperson, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 20-.246-0543**

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

**Cyrus Paktinat**, award-winning floral designer, poet and owner of **The Flowerfall of Westport**, will be the Garden Department's featured speaker on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 1:30 pm** in the auditorium. Cyrus will demonstrate spring seasonal arrangements and décor for the home. Then all designs created will be raffled. This program is open to all WWC members, but seating is limited and must be reserved by calling/emailing Jerilyn Deveau. To learn more about Cyrus Paktinat, and to see his lovely creations, check out [theflowerfall.com](http://theflowerfall.com). **Jerilyn Deveau, 203-372-2920, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com**

## GOURMET

Our next meeting on **Tuesday March 17 will be at the Club House at 11:30 am** and feature a demonstration by Ralph Hunt and John Zline. Gourmet Group members Anne Hunt, Kim Reichert, Elfriede Lafferty and Marlene Powers will assist in preparing the luncheon. **Please RSVP to Lisa Allison by March 12 to make a reservation. Lisa Allison, 203-227-9563, liallison@optonline.net, Barbara Gladnick, 203-854-0424, bagladnick@optonline.net.**

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

Let's try it again! Our January luncheon was canceled due to one of our many snowstorms. So, we've rescheduled it. We'll be going to **Geronimo's**, a recent addition to the dining scene, featuring Southwestern cuisine. They have a varied menu at moderate prices, and have received rave reviews. **Date: Tuesday, March 24, at noon Location: 2070 Post Road, Fairfield** (Corner of Pine Creek) Please let me know if you'll be joining us **by Friday, March 20**, 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

Due to weather conditions, we have canceled several sessions of Tournament Bridge. Let's hope March brings better weather and we will be able to play on **Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in March**. If there is questionable weather, remember 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 do need substitutes. Please give us a call. **Tommie Ross, 203-227-2444, Helen Doxtator, 203-221-7934**

## WAYS and MEANS

Our next fundraising event will be an Art Show on Friday May 1st, Saturday May 2nd, Sunday May 3rd and Monday May 4th (Club Day). The Garden Department plant sale will run concurrently, on Friday through Monday. Those interested to join the Art Show Committee should contact event chair Jo Luscombe, 203-227-0393. Those interested in assisting with the fall clothing sale and or a wine tasting should contact Dorothy Curran, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203-246-0453.  
**Suzan Murphy, 3rd VP, Ways- & Means; murphy05@aol.com, 203-222-9117**

## WWC 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 for children in Norwalk and Bridgeport. All levels of knitters are welcome. We are happy to teach beginners. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday March 25, at 1:00 pm, in the dining room. Joan Miller, mmiller@optonline.net , 203-226-7036**

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

HELP! We need YOU! The next YDF meeting will be **Wednesday March 4, at 10:00 am** in the living room.  
**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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