

# THE BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

APRIL 2015

## WWC APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <i>Mah Jongg 1:00 pm</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Bridge 9:30 am Zumba 10:15 am</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Club Day</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Garden 1:30 pm</i>	<b>8</b> <i>YDF 10:00am Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm *</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Bridge 9:30 am Zumba 10:15 am</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Office Closed Bridge 10:30 am Board Mtg 10 am Pot Luck 5:00 pm</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Office Closed Garden 1:30 pm</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Office Closed Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm</i>	<b>16</b> <i>Office Closed Bridge 9:30 am Zumba 10:15 am Book Review 1:00</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Office Closed Foreign Film 2:00pm BYOB 4-6 pm</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Bridge 10:30 am Board Meeting</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Gourmet 11:30 Bunco 7:00 pm</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Mah Jongg 1:00 - 4:00 pm WWC Knitters 1:00 pm New Members</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Bridge 9:30 am Zumba 10:15 am Book Review</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Community Services</i>	<b>28</b> <i>Ladies Who Lunch 12:00</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As I peer through the office window, eager to spot the returning blue-aproned, bronze-throated, Bunco-loving, WWC snowbirds from their Naples, Florida winter habitats to their 44 Imperial Ave. nesting grounds, I do hope that they won't miss Grounds Director Janette Duchnicki's glorious symphony of 1,000 yellow daffodils on the Lower Lot hillside! BUT...before we talk APRIL, let's look back at March!

First, who knew? Not only was March "Women's History Month," but the 2015 theme selected by the Women's History Project (Writing Women Back into History) was: "Weaving the Story of Women's Lives." How fitting then that our WWC (est. 1907) and the Westport Young Woman's League (est. 1956, share our address) for the FIRST TIME EVER co-hosted an event. Our March 18 Brown Bag Luncheon Panel & Roundtables attracted 65 WWC, WYWL and leading civic/community organization/public sector women. Panelists-moderated by our own eminent Jo Luscombe-were me and WYWL president Nathalie Fonteyne. Each Roundtable explored one part of a larger question: "What is the role and future of women's volunteer organizations in the 21st century?" MANY had so much fun they want to gather again on other topics! That and our March 1st Ribbon Cutting with First Selectman Jim Marpe and Bedford descendant, John McKinney, along with Dan Woog's 06880 blog on March 16, brought welcome public visibility for our renovated facility. (Thanks to Communications Director, Jo Calcagni!)

Another WWC joint venture "first" in March: Cultural Affairs co-hosting Water with the Y's Women Foreign Film Series, followed by BYOB Friday.

Community Services Director Nancy Saipe and her hard-working committees completed 2015 Ruegg Grant selection (Re-Mapping of Earthplace Trails; dedication on Earth Day, April 22) and community organization grants. Looking ahead to next year, the Monday, April 27 CS meeting will use the Panel & Roundtables questions to frame grant guidelines and priorities. Plan to attend!

What will help CS more than anything is to have more funds available to give. YOU can help make that happen in April: 1) come to April 6 Club Day and collect your YDF Raffle Tickets to buy/sell; 2) attend the April 8 YDF meeting and volunteer to help; 3) send Membership Director Susan Hricik names of prospects for the April 22nd 7pm New Member Reception (and come with them); 4) mark your calendar and invite friends to our May 2 & 3 ART SHOW (chaired by Jo Luscombe, curated by Miggs Burroughs, 30% of sales benefit WWC Staples Scholarships); 5) block out YOUR volunteer shifts for YDF set-up June 15 and the FAIR, June 18-21!!!!

MANY THANKS! And stay tuned for the DAFFODILS!!! **Dorothy E. Curran, President, 203-246-0543**

### CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Patricia Apoian on the death of her husband, Jerry. We also extend our sympathy to Priscilla Christianson on the death of her son, Patrick Crossin. **Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, dmpacker@aol.com, 203-227-7769**

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thank you to everyone in Community Services for working incredibly hard to evaluate the grant requests that we have received; we have reviewed close to 50 requests! A special thanks to Jo Luscombe, Mary Lee Clayton, Arlene Thrope and Barbara Szefer for reviewing applications for the Ruegg grant. We will be presenting the grants at a breakfast on **Thursday May 21st at 8:00 am**. If you would like to help with the breakfast please let me know. **Nancy Saipe, ncsaipe@aol.com, 203-454-0033**

### CLUB DAY

**Join us Monday, April 6th for Club Day, hosted by New Members, chaired by Susan Hricik...and Ladies who Lunch, chaired by Bobbie Herman.** Please make sure you make a reservation by **1 PM April 1st, the Wednesday before Club Day**. Lunch is \$20.00. Plan to arrive by 11:30 AM to enjoy...Leek, Goat Cheese & Black Olive Quiche and Broccoli, Sausage & Cheddar Quiche; Baby Kale "Caesar Salad" with Croutons, Parmesan, Caesar dressing; 8 grain dinner rolls; Cookie Trays.

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

We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker Dr. Jan Yager, speaker, consultant, trainer and author of 35 award-winning books and over 250 articles in major publications. She is regularly quoted in the media and interviewed on TV/Cable programs including the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *The View*, *Oprah*, and National Public Radio. She will be speaking about the power of friendship and how it shapes our lives, a subject she has been studying since the 1980's. I hope you will all join us for this interesting and meaningful presentation. **Rose Jordan, jordport@optonline.net, 203-227-1809**

### BOOK REVIEW

Our book for April is *The Lucky One* by Nickolas Sparks. We will meet in the living room on Thursday April 16th at 1:00 pm. **Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904.**

## BUNCO

DATE: **Tuesday, APRIL 21st** TIME: **7:00 p.m.** - "chat & chew" - **7:30 p.m.** - game begins. COST: \$5.00 HOSTESSES: Viv Rosenberg & Dorothy Packer

WOW - We had a great turnout for March Bunco...Everyone needed a night out with food, friends and lots of laughs!! It's been a long time since we all yelled "Bunco!!!" Mark your calendars and come out in April for more fun and the chance to win \$\$\$\$ ... **Wendy McKeon, XWAMX50@aol.com, 203-222-0038**

## B.Y.O.B. FRIDAY

What can beat "Happy Time" on **Fri. April 17, 4-6 pm** in the WWC Kitchen? Do a fly-by or linger. Bring beverage/nibbles/good stories/laughter to share. If you like, make it a two-step! Come early (by 2 pm) to Bedford Hall to start the afternoon with *The Last Train Home*, a Chinese film, we're viewing with our special WWC Cultural Affairs Matinee guests, the Y's Women Foreign Film Series (see), then stay for BYOB! **Dorothy Curran, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203.246.0543**

## CURIO COTTAGE

Another big THANKS to everyone for the success of the Tag Sale, in spite of Mother Nature. So many came out to work and all of the groups that were displaced because of the sale and clean up kept their smiles. Much old merchandise was cleared out and the shop looks great now. We have a few shelves of items from Silver's, all new and in boxes...not too early to think of graduation presents. Please stop in and also think of the shop as you spring clean. A good way to get rid of cabin fever is to consider working at the cottage, too. **Karen Eickhoff, 203-454-3889, kayrog@optonline.net**

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**Mon. April 13 AND Fri. April 17! Mon. April 13, 5:00 pm** Pre-Theatre Potluck Supper\* at WWC Kitchen (Please notify Colleen or me by Wed. April 8 that you will join us!) **7:00 pm Westport Country Playhouse Script-in-Hand: *Painting Churches*** by Tina Howe

\*AFTER you buy your own \$20 ticket from the WCP, THEN register for Potluck!

P.S. I thought that nothing could top seeing Edward Hermann in *Trying*, on Mon. Nov. 10 (who knew that he was ill?), his final Script-in-Hand. Can the April 13th's *Painting Churches* script reading possibly top March 9th's 5-star, Standing-O for Flyin' West??? We shall see!!! (As Pat Powers says, "It just keeps getting better and better!")

**Fri. April 17 FOREIGN FILM MATINEE at 2 pm!** *The Last Train Home*, a Chinese film. Come join Doris Skutch and other movie buffs from the Y's Women in our Auditorium on **Friday, April 17, 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

Learn About Foraging with Naturalist "Wildman" Steve Brill on **Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.** the Garden Program will include a foraging presentation at WWC, plus a foraging tour of Sherwood Island State Park by Steve Brill.

Naturalist "Wildman" Steve Brill takes groups of children and adults on walks through the likes of Central Park, Prospect Park, and other public areas throughout the region. On his walks, he teaches participants how to identify and forage for edible and medicinal wild plants or mushrooms and appreciate their time with nature. Everyone should bring plastic bags for veggies and herbs, paper bags, in case we find mushrooms, which spoil in plastic, wear warm clothing, and have enough drinking water so no one gets dehydrated. Everyone should wear appropriate clothing, including closed shoes. Digging implements for roots are suggested, and there's no smoking at any time. For detailed information, visit Steve's website at [wildmanstevebrill.com](http://wildmanstevebrill.com). All WWC members are welcome to take the foraging tour of Sherwood Island. Please note: Reservations are required. Call or e-mail Jerilyn Deveau 203-372-2920, [jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com](mailto:jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com). **Jerilyn Deveau, 203-372-2920, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com**

## GOURMET

Gourmet Group will meet on **Tuesday April 21 at 11:30 am** at the Club House. Our meeting this month will have an Italian theme and feature Bobbie Herman's "World Famous Lasagna"! Please RSVP to Lisa Allison by April 16th if you plan to attend this meeting. **Lisa Allison, 203-227-9563, liallison@optonline.net, Barbara Gladnick, 203-854-0424, bagladnick@optonline.net.**

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month's culinary adventure takes us back to Pane e Bene, which we visited a couple of years ago. It's one of my favorites, and I dine there as often as I can. If you haven't been there, you're in for a treat! Date: Tuesday, April 28 at noon Location: 1620 Post Road East, in Westport **The menu can be found at: [http://paneebene.com/?page\\_id=6](http://paneebene.com/?page_id=6)**. Please let me know if you'll be joining us by Friday, April 24th 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**

## MEMBERSHIP

We are welcoming Spring and our new Members of 2015. Do give a "Hello" to the following ladies when you see them:

Nancy O'Malley, nomalley@gmail.com, 914-325-8686, Bernadette Stiskal, bfstis@optonline.net, 203-227-7940, Linda A. Carper, linda\_a\_carper@sbcglobal.net, 203-222-9755, Cornelia Olsen, cornart@optonline.net, 203-222-9173

Looking forward to holding our Spring Welcome to New and Prospective Members on April 22nd at 7 pm. Please let me know if you have any prospective members you may want us to invite. **Susan Hricik ,Membership,203-226-1372, susanswhim@yahoo.com**

## TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

Hopefully, spring is here! We are looking forward to getting back into the swing of things-playing bridge on **Mondays at 10:30 a.m.** in the auditorium. Don't forget your lunch! 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**

## 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, April 22nd, at 1:00 pm, in the dining room. Joan Miller, mmiller@optonline.net , 203-226-7036**

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

The next Yankee Doodle Fair meeting will be April 8th at 10:00 am. We are still looking for volunteers to help with lucky prize, rentals and food vendors. We are getting close to the actual event and would really appreciate the help. Dorothy and I can only do so much to make this a successful fundraiser for our club. We need your help. **2015 CO-CHAIRS Dorothy E. Curran, 203-246-0543, Christina McVaney, 203-293-5190**

## Yankee Doodle Fair Bake Sale

The Westport Weston Health District requires us to submit some information on bakers and what they will bake in order to issue a Bake Sale Permit for the Yankee Doodle Fair. In order to comply with this requirement we will be submitting a list of bakers including all members that baked in 2014. If you baked in 2014 and will not be baking this year, or if you do not want your name included for some other reason please email or call Lisa Allison. If you intend to bake items that are different from last year, you should also contact Lisa Allison so that the list can be amended. Any members who will bake this year but did not bake in 2014 should also please contact Lisa Allison so that your name may be added to the list. For your information, the bake sale will run throughout the Yankee Doodle Fair June 18 -21. We need a lot of baked goods to meet the demand of YDF customers so please support us!

## 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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