

The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

MAY 2012

WWC MAY CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| | | 1 <i>Garden Board</i> 1:30 pm | 2 <i>Mah Jong</i> 1:00pm | 3 <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30 am | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 <i>Club Day</i> | 8 | 9 <i>YDF Meeting</i> 10:00 <i>Mah Jong</i> 1-4pm | 10 <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am | 11 | 12 <i>Food Drive</i> 1:30 pm |
| 13 | 14 <i>Bridge</i> 10:30 am | 15 <i>Gourmet</i> 11:30am <i>Garden General</i> 1:30pm <i>Bunco</i> 7:00 pm | 16 <i>Mah Jong</i> 1-4pm <i>Garden General</i> 9:30 am | 17 <i>SocialBridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am | 18 <i>Community Service Awards Breakfast</i> | 19 |
| 20 | 21 <i>Bridge</i> 10:30 am <i>WWC Board</i> 1:00pm | 22 <i>Ladies Who Lunch</i> 12 Noon | 23 <i>Cultural Affairs</i> 9:30 am <i>Mah Jong</i> 1-4pm <i>RSVP</i> 1-4pm | 24 <i>SocialBridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am <i>Book Review</i> 1:00pm | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 29 | 30 <i>Antiques Luncheon</i> 12 Noon | 31 <i>SocialBridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am | | |

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SUNSHINE GIRLS

May SUNSHINE Girl: Elfriede Lafferty, jlaffe1057@aol.com, 227-

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

There is a lot happening in the "Merry Month of May":

At the May Club Day Tea, we will be honoring Jo Luscombe, our VAC award winner for 2011/12, and Rose Jordan, who has been named Most Active Member. Both women are respected and active members of the Club. The enthusiasm, cheerfulness and dedication that they bring to everything they do for the Club and the Community is an inspiration to us all.

Also, at the May Tea we will be holding our second annual plant sale. The selection of annual plants promises to be even more varied and fabulous than last year. The proceeds will all go to our Community Services programs.

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR is in 6 weeks...so this is "crunch time". As always, please:

VOLUNTEER – Either Leah Sherzer or a committee chair will be calling to ask for your help. Make their month and say "yes."

RAFFLE – Please plan to buy one raffle book, then sell another. We have a nice line-up of prizes this year. I am sure all your friends and family will want at least one ticket!

JOIN US: Help us represent the Club at the Second Annual "Art About Town" festival opener on Thursday, May 24th from 5:30 – 8:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to be at the table and to sell raffle tickets.

I hope to see all of you at the May Club Day Tea wearing your hats, of course. We will be giving a prize to the best hat.

Mary Lee Clayton
President

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

The next YDF meeting will be:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th
10:00am

Please join us for almost the last YDF meeting of 2012.

Mary Lee Clayton

CLUB DAY

May 7th is our next Club Day which will be hosted by Antiques, The Board and Zumba. You will not want to miss this special club day. It has become our Annual Plant Sale and Tea. Please be sure to make your reservation through the office. 227-4240.
Leah Scherzer, 1st VP
leahsart@aol.com, 226-3042

HELPERS WANTED - MARK THE DATE SATURDAY MAY 12th

The United States Postal Service will be holding their annual Food Drive on Saturday, May 12th... We will be the recipients of all the donations. "Many hands make light work"!! Please consider volunteering your "hands" and your time to help us date, sort, box and/or put away the food. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

The hours are from 1:30 p.m. until approximately 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet (pink!) will be on the board in the coatroom...or call us...or just show up!!!

You have all been very generous with your time in the past and we look forward to, once again, seeing many willing helpers.

Wendy McKeon, 226-0038
Karen Center, 226-5207
Food Closet Co-Chairs

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

"Ghost"
Wednesday May 23rd
New York

The show that thrilled London last year has come to Broadway. "Ghost" is a new musical adapted from the hit film by its Academy award-winning screenwriter, and directed by Tony award winner Matthew Warchus ("God of Carnage"). The original score is by multiple Grammy award winners Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard.

"Ghost" is a timeless fantasy about the power of love. While walking back to their apartment one night Sam and Molly are mugged, leaving Sam murdered on a dark street. 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, Oda Mae Brown, Sam tries to communicate with Molly in the hope of saving and protecting her.

What the critics said in London –

"Ghost the Musical is a gleaming piece of stagecraft to smoke and mirrors, full-throttle heartache and beguiling special-effects putting it light-years ahead of its competitors." -Time out London; "Simply out of this world." -The Sun; "A dazzling display of undying love." -The London Times; "Genuinely moving and brilliantly funny." - Sunday Telegraph; "A stunning visual spectacle." -The Guardian; "Masterful and larger than life." -Playbill; "Ghost" should run and run for years to come." - OK. The cost of this theater trip is \$122 per person. The bus leaves from the lower-level woman's club parking lot at 9:30 am Wednesday, May 23rd and returns to Westport immediately following the matinee performance

Marilyn Killough, 259-1833

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the following new Member:

Claire Blum
150 Carroll Road
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clair@snet.net

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Grant Award's breakfast will be May 18th at the Club.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS – 2011-2012

| | |
|--|--------|
| A Better Chance | \$ 300 |
| Breast Cancer Emergency Aid | 750 |
| Builders Beyond Borders | 300 |
| CancerCare for Kids Program | 1875 |
| Cardinal Sheehan Center | 750 |
| Caroline House | 1000 |
| Center for Women & Families | 750 |
| Child & Family Guidance Center of Bridgeport | 500 |
| Children's Connection | 1200 |
| Christian Community Action | 2250 |
| Circle of Care | 800 |
| CLASP Homes | 1000 |
| Domestic Violence Crisis Center | 1000 |
| ElderHouse | 1700 |
| Families in Need Fund (DHS) | 750 |
| Family & Children's Agency | 1500 |
| Friends of the Center for Senior Activities | 300 |
| Hall-Brook Behavioral Health Services | 1000 |
| Home Delivered Meals | 725 |
| Homes with Hope | 900 |
| Kids Empowered By Your Support | 525 |
| McGivney Center | 1000 |
| Mercy Learning Center | 2000 |
| Positive Directions | 1200 |
| Project Go (DHS) | 725 |
| Project Return | 300 |
| Senior Client Needs (DHS) | 750 |
| Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities | 500 |
| Star, Inc. | 1200 |
| Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fairfield | 1700 |
| Westport/Weston Family Y | 750 |

TOTAL: \$30,000

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

RSVP KNITTERS

All levels of knitters are welcome and we are happy to teach beginners. For questions, please contact Joan Miller, 203-226-7036 or mmiller@optonline.net. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 23 at 1:00 upstairs in the boardroom of the Club.

CURIO COTTAGE

Spring cleaning? Don't forget to donate your good--but you don't want it anymore--stuff to the Curio Cottage. Our customers keep telling us that this is the best shop in Fairfield County, maybe the state, and it is only because of such great donations. It is also a wonderful place to shop because of the fantastic workers--and We Need More. Please, if you have thought about working in the shop, consider signing up now. We always need regular workers and can't exist without a healthy, long substitute list. Talk with any of the ladies who work there and you will learn about the fun they have---while doing a good job of raising money for our club's community work. Just give Jackie Froelich or me your name and phone number and we can give you more info about this "job." Hope to see everyone, soon!

Karen Eickhoff, 454-3889
Jackie Froelich, 227-3654

ANTIQUES GROUP

Our end-of-year Spring Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at noon. Thank you to Bobbie Herman who will again host, as she has done for many years, this pot luck lunch at her lovely home. Please contact me if you will be attending and to let me know what you will bring. The choices are hors d'oeuvres, salad, sandwiches, entrée, and desserts.

Looking forward to seeing many of our current – and future - members of the antiques group,

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

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Board Meeting: May 1st -- 1:30 p.m.

General Meeting: May 15th -- 1:30 p.m.-- Location: Wakeman Town Farm, 134 Cross Highway

The Garden Department will have a guided tour of Wakemen Farm, learn about and witness the seasonal work being performed now, as well as gain an understanding of future plans for the farm.

Catherine Smith
454-8724

BUNCO

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 15 TH

TIME : 7:00 p.m. (chat & chew) – 7:30 p.m. play begins

COST: \$5.00

Sign-up sheet is in the coatroom. If you haven't tried a "Bunco Night," please join us for some food, fun and friends! You could win some \$\$\$\$ too!!

Hope to see you there –

Wendy McKeon, 222-0038

BOOK REVIEW

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 24 at 1pm to discuss Pat Conroy's "My Reading Life."

Marion Mahone will moderate our discussion. Copies of the book are available at the library. All are welcome to join us.

Barbara Raffel, 226-3954

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 .

MAH JONGG

We play every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted on the calendar) from 1:00- 4:00PM. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome. Please call Diana Zaslow, 227-1346 if you are interested.

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.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

Hello all,

We have had many great GNO's so far and are looking forward to a few more. We will not meet in May....so save June 6th when Kathy Groener will be our host and we will have a fun night playing around with fashions by CAbi!

Remember to RSVP to Clare, bring \$10.00 in cash and your girls night out attitude!

Then in July we will meet at Compo Beach....details to follow...

New, longtime and prospective members always welcome!

Clare Clark,454-4248

GOURMET

The Gourmet Club Celebrates Mothers.

M is for the wonderful menus she prepared

O is for the special orders she would take

T is for the time she spent preparing our favorites'

H is for her hard work

E is for everything we loved to eat

R is for the recipes that have been handed down

Please join the Gourmet Club in May when we pay tribute to our Mothers' favorite recipes. Members will be asked to prepare a dish their Moms used to make for them. Please contact Betty Kaye at bets224@gmail.com or call her at (203) 228-6774 to coordinate the menu. Members of the club who chose not to cook can pay a fee of \$10.

As always, guests are invited to join us for a cost of \$15.

Happy Mother's Day to all.

Anne Hunt, 203-226-3840
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Betty Kaye, 203-226-6774
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LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month we'll be lunching at The Brasserie -- 52 Sanford Street in Fairfield.

Date -- Tuesday, May 22 at noon.

They have a Prix Fixe menu for \$20.12 that includes a glass of wine, appetizer, entree and dessert, or you may order from the regular luncheon menu.

The link to their website is -- <http://www.the-brasserie.com/menus.htm#>

Please let me know before Friday, May 18 if you will be joining us.

Bobbie Herman
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PHOTOGRAPHY WITH ALISON WACHSTEIN

We will NOT be having a photography class this Spring. Many of you were interested, but unfortunately, also very busy -- not unusual this time of year -- so it was very difficult to schedule.

However, I will try again in the September. The dates are not set, but I do have some details. There will be five classes:

Basics -- Both point and shoot and SLR

Portraits

Travel

Flowers

Computer Work -- both Photo Shop and I-Photo

Each class will run about two hours and cost \$35. You can attend as many or as few as you want. They will be held in Alison's studio in Weston.

So, please, put a note on your calendar and watch for more information in the August Bulletin.

Mary Lee Clayton, 203-878-1486

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