

# The BULLETIN



## WWC MAY CALENDAR

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Ruegg Grant 2:30 Plant Sale Set-up 9:00am
<b>4</b> Plant Sale 12-3:00pm	<b>5</b> <i>CLUB DAY &amp; Plant Sale</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm	<b>8</b> Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Post Office Food Drive 2:00-6:00pm
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Bridge 10:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm	<b>15</b> Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am Book Review 1:00pm	<b>16</b> <i>Community Service Awards Breakfast</i>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bridge 10:30 am Board Meeting 1:00pm	<b>20</b> Gourmet 11:30am  Bunco 7:00pm	<b>21</b> Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm RSVP Knitters 1:00pm	<b>22</b> Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Memorial Day Parade 8:30am	<b>27</b> Ladies Who Lunch 12:00 Noon	<b>28</b> Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**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

Hi All;

As we head toward the end of our year and our largest fund raiser, it is good to review why we need to do the Yankee Doodle Fair, why we need to ask you to buy and sell raffle tickets and why we need to raise funds throughout the year from the Curio Cottage and various small fund raisers. The Westport Woman's Club is first and foremost a community service organization. Our mission is volunteerism and the raising of funds to support the educational, charitable, cultural and public health services in Westport and the surrounding towns. Toward that end over the past ten years, we have donated in excess of \$300,000 to community organizations, we have awarded \$250,000 - 300,000 in need based scholarships, we have provided innumerable bags of food, several hundred hot meals and close to \$90,000 in holiday gift cards to those in need in Westport and we have awarded the Ruegg grant to well over a dozen worthy programs in the community. Our R.S.V.P. knitters have sent thousands of hats, gloves, scarves and prayer shawls to Head Start and the Norwalk hospital. We have collected toys for the Children's Connection, packed hundreds of Necessities bags and been there for the Westport Department of Human Services whenever they have needed help with a project such as the Warm-up fund. Asking you to work at a fund raiser, buy and sell more raffle tickets and contribute your time and skills to this organization is no hollow request. The Club has done wonderful things in this community.

Thank you for everything you have done for the Club. With your continued support, we can and will do more and better.

Mary Lee Clayton

## CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Leah Scherzer on the death of her husband Saul.

## CLUB DAY

Please join us May 5th for our annual Tea and Plant Sale. Please be sure to make your reservation with Colleen in the office by Wednesday April 30th, 227-4240. Laurie Stefanowicz, 1st VP, lstefanowicz@catmg.com, 226-0603

## PROGRAMS

May's Club Luncheon is a Tea and the annual Plant Sale. Leah Scherzer, Leahsart@aol.com

Program Chair

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The next Community Service meeting on April 28 at 9:30 will be devoted to planning our Awards Breakfast on May 16, and finishing this year's business. Join us for this important planning session . Barbara Raffel, 226-3954 tuletton@sbcglobal.net

## BOOK REVIEW

Our book for May is "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman. We will meet in the living room on Thursday May 15. at one. See you soon. Lee Mennitt, 523-0904, leemennitt@gmail.com

## BUNCO

DATE: Tuesday, MAY 20th TIME: 7:00 P.M. "chat & chew" - 7:30 P.M. - PLAY COST: \$5.00

SIGN UP: board in hallway HOSTESSES: Diana Zaslow, Catherine Smith, Rose Jordan

All are welcome!! Come out for an evening of fun, food and Friendship...

"Buncos", "Babies", Big Winners, Big Losers...All have a chance to go home a "bit richer"...LOL All are welcome!!!

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

## CURIO COTTAGE

Another successful Tag Sale and there are so many to thank that one, big, blanket Thanks is going out to all. From the fantastic publicity, the great flyers that were put out all over town, the great donors and donations....and to the workers, so many who came numerous days and stayed many hours....THANK YOU. There were some new faces and old friends who all made this possible. We netted almost \$4,000 and with so many items costing less than a dollar that was a lot of "stuff" sold to make this kind of money. The Cottage is now, again, clean, neat, and ready for more great donations. And as always, we need volunteers to work. It is fun, you will make new friends, and get a lot of your gift shopping done, early. Hope to see everyone soon. The Curio Cottage Committee

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

We will have our annual plant on Sunday, May 4 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. and on Club Day, May 5. Volunteers are needed for the following days:

Saturday, May 3 at 9 a.m. for set up. Sunday, May 4 at 10 a.m. Plant sale will be held from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Monday, May 5 at 9 a.m. Plant sale will be held through early afternoon.

Please make an effort to lend a hand at some time during the plant sale.

A trip to the Central Park Conservatory Gardens is a possibility on May 21st. Please let Jerilyn Deveau know if you are interested.

A trip to Elizabeth Park in Hartford is being planned for June - this will include our end of year luncheon.

Catherine Smith, 454-8724, smitier@att.net

## GOURMET

Please plan to join us for our annual End-of-Year Hors d'oeuvres and Dessert Pot Luck on Tuesday, May 20 at the Clubhouse! Please email Lisa Allison at [liallison@optonline.net](mailto:liallison@optonline.net) to let her know what you will be bringing to avoid duplication. Also, Ladies, we need volunteers to sell the delicious baked goods at the Yankee Doodle Fair. Even if you have signed up for collecting the contributions, please sign up for a shift during the fair. The sign up board is in the hallway or contact any one of us. Thank you in advance for your help - we really need it!

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Josephine Laska 227-7631 [jlaska55@aol.com](mailto:jlaska55@aol.com)

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month we'll be heading into Fairfield to Osianna Mediterranean Taverna at 70 Reef Road (just down the road from Victoria's Secret). It's been voted one of the favorite restaurants in Fairfield. They have a Prix Fixe luncheon for \$13.00, or you may order from the regular menu. DATE: Tuesday, May 27 at noon. The menu can be

found at -- <http://www.osianna.com/menus/prix-fixe> or <http://www.osianna.com/menus/lunch>

Please let me know by Friday, May 23 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](mailto: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 Zaslow if you are interested in playing. Diana Zaslow, 227-1346 [deezaslow@aol.com](mailto:deezaslow@aol.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

Please join us in welcoming the following new members:

Elizabeth Auber, Eileen Belmont, Caroline Calder, Dr. Ellen Lewis, Caroline Elizondo, Valeria Garrido-Bisceglia, Eileen McManus and Christina McVaney. Thank you, Shirlee Gordon and Cathie Hurwitz

## 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 for children in Norwalk and Bridgeport. All levels of knitters are welcome. We are happy to teach beginners. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 21, at 1:00 downstairs in the dining room. Joan Miller, 226-7036, [mmiller@optonline.net](mailto:mmiller@optonline.net).

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

Sign up - sign up - sign up - on the volunteer sign-up board to work a shift or more during the Fair. Your participation will help to make the Fair a success. Buy - buy - buy or sell - sell - sell raffle tickets. The revenue that the raffle tickets bring in will help insure the Fair will be a financial success, in the event of rain. Visit - visit - visit local stores and businesses to ask for a gift for the Lucky Prize Drawing. But before you do, please check with Audrey to make sure another member hasn't been assigned to that store. We thank each member for doing her part in making this year's Yankee Doodle Fair the best it can be! Josephine Laska, [jlaska55@aol.com](mailto:jlaska55@aol.com), 227-7631 Audrey Rabinowitz, [bxiteb4@aol.com](mailto:bxiteb4@aol.com), 227-6010

## ZUMBA

Looking for a few more people to join the Zumba class on Thursday, 11:30-12:30. As most of you know Zumba has been ongoing for the last few years but the time has come to simplify the fee structure and make it fair for instructor Jill and the participants. We will be paying once a month (\$40). Cost of class is \$8-10 depending on # of Thursdays in the month. \$10 drop-in fee. Holidays, snow days, etc will always be made up. It's a great way to enjoy your exercise. I would like commitments to resume classes in May. Please contact me. Thank you. Leah Scherzer, 1st V.P.

## RUEGG GRANT

### **SATURDAY, MAY 3 - 2:30 PM GREENHOUSE DEDICATION CEREMONY PRESENTATION OF 2013 RUEGG GRANT AWARD TO WAKEMAN TOWN FARM**

On Saturday, May 3, "Greenday" will be celebrated at the Wakeman Town Farm from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. At this event, there will be a Greenhouse Dedication Ceremony recognizing the Westport Woman's Club's 2013 Ruegg Grant Award of \$5,000 towards the purchase of the greenhouse. The greenhouse will be used to extend educational programming by providing year-round growing opportunities as well as offer rain-or-shine indoor gardening education programs in conjunction with local schools.

The ceremony will take place at approximately 2:30 pm and we would like to have as many members from our club in attendance as possible. The Wakeman Farm is located at 134 Cross Highway, Westport. Please plan to attend as the Westport Woman's Club is recognized for its generous contribution to this worthwhile organization.

Members of the 2013 Ruegg Grant Committee:

Rose Jordan, Chair; Susan Hricik, Arlene Johnson, Jo Luscombe, and Barbara Raffel

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Come march with other Woman's Club members at Westport's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th. Have fun waving to your friends and neighbors and hear shouts from spectators praising our Club and the Yankee Doodle Fair. For additional information, contact Laurie Stefanowicz, [lstefanowicz@catmg.com](mailto:lstefanowicz@catmg.com), 226-0603.

## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Volunteer at the annual Postal Workers' Food Drive on Saturday, May 10 from 2:00-6:00. Many people are needed to help sort the food that is donated to our Food Closet. For additional information, contact Karen Center ([kscenter@optonline.net](mailto:kscenter@optonline.net), 226-5207) or Wendy McKeon ([xwamx50@aol.com](mailto:xwamx50@aol.com), 222-0038).

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