

THE BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

MAY 2015

WWC MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>ART SHOW</i> 5:00 pm-8:00pm
3 <i>ART SHOW</i> 12:00-4:00 pm	4 <i>Club Day</i>	5	6 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm *	7 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30 am <i>Zumba</i> 10:15 am	8 <i>Garden Trip</i> <i>HillStead Museum</i>	9 <i>Post Office Food</i> <i>Drive</i> 2:00 pm
10	11 <i>Bridge</i> 10:30 am	12 <i>Gourmet</i> 11:30 <i>Bunco</i> 7:00 pm	13 1:00 pm <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm	14 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30 am <i>Zumba</i> 10:15 am	15 <i>BYOB</i> 4-6 pm	16
17	18 <i>Bridge</i> 10:30 am- <i>Board Mtg</i> 10 am	19 <i>Ladies Who Lunch</i> 12:00 Noon	20 <i>WWC Knitters</i> 1:00 pm <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm	21 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30 am <i>Zumba</i> 10:15 am	22	23
24	25 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Parade</i>	26	27 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm	28 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Bridge</i> 9:30 am <i>Zumba</i> 10:15 am <i>Book Review</i> 1:00	29	30/31

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring is the peak season of FUN(d)raising and Funds-giving at the WWC. So, how do you know it's REALLY May at the Woman's Club? No more snow days? Janette Duchnicki's cascade of daffodils on the Imperial Ave. hillside? The YDF volunteer sign-up Board asking for your name? The YDF Bake Sale sign-up? The envelope with check(s) and stubs from the YDF Raffle tickets you've sold that you've been meaning to return to Colleen (and ask for more)? All good answers, but--for me, at least--I know it's May at the WWC when we have our May Club Day TEA Luncheon and (new members, are you listening?) wear our festive HATS! There's nothing quite like seeing the hall blooming with our ladies and their chapeaux. Can't wait to see YOURS! And, along with HAT DAY, and the voting on our 2015-16 Board Slate (see below), and the announcement of our Most Active Member Award (congratulations, Karen Center!), this year's Club Day will be enhanced by walls covered with ART by local artists! Remember--our Art Show Fundraiser's free Opening Reception is Sat. May 2, 5-8 pm, last day for the public is Sun. May 3, 12-4 pm, and last day for our members is Mon. May 4th. Mark your calendars and bring your friends! More signs of Spring at the WWC: Nancy Saipe's Community Services team is awarding about \$30,000 in grants to some 30 community organizations, plus our \$5,000 Ruegg Grant to EarthPlace (see below). And Wendy McKeon's Scholarship team is finalizing their awards, including this year's Gerry Munce Award and needs ALL of US (see Christina McVane's message below). Plus, we ARE planning a Clothing Sale for late September, so HOLD THOSE still-wonderful, hardly-worn, nicely-cleaned clothes for donation then! Finally, some GOOD NEWS! The promise of increased rentals revenue in our newly renovated Bedford Hall is starting to take hold...Susan Loselle reported 14 inquiries last month, including some 2016 weddings, and is setting a personal record for BOOKED RENTALS (even with YDF times not available) in June! CONGRATULATIONS to ALL! **Dorothy E. Curran, President, 203-246-0543**

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to the family of long time member Jean Montaperto. **Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, dmpacker@aol.com, 203-227-7769**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thanks to the hard work done by our women gathering on the 4th Monday of every month, our Community Services group has allocated about \$30,000 in grants to over 30 local non profit organizations and offered the use of the Westport Woman's Clubhouse to eight others (potential value, another \$6400). We have awarded our \$5,000 Ruegg Grant to Earthplace for use in revitalizing and remapping their walking trails system to benefit over 17,000 visitors per year. We also will award over \$30,000 in need-based scholarships, including a \$3500 grant from a former awardee and--thanks to the individual generosity of many of you--\$1500 in memory of Gerry Munce. The Food Closet also continues to flourish in partnership with Westport's Health & Human Services Department, and the annual townwide Food Drive is Saturday, May 9 (help needed!). Altogether, it has been a banner year for us, impacting 40 local organizations and myriad families at many levels. Our 2015 community grant recipients will receive their checks on May 21st at a breakfast hosted by us in Bedford Hall. Please let me know if you would like to attend or--better yet--if you would like to assist with the breakfast. **Nancy Saipe, ncsaipe@aol.com, 203-454-0033**

CLUB DAY

Join us Monday, May 4th for our Annual Tea Club Day, hosted by Diana Zaslow and Mah Jongg, Joan Miller and WWC Knitters and The Board. We hope to have special teas provided by DAVIDsTEA. At May Club Day, our tradition is to wear festive hats. Please make sure you make a reservation by **1 PM Wednesday before Club Day (April 29)**. Lunch is \$20.00. Plan to arrive by **11:30 AM** to enjoy: Assorted Tea Sandwiches: Cucumber & Boursin Cheese w/fresh Dill on Honey Wheat Bread; Smoked Salmon & Wasabi Cream Cheese on 7-Grain Bread; Deviled Egg Salad on White; Pantry Chicken Salad with Dried Cranberries & Toasted Walnuts on Whole Wheat Bread; Shrimp Salad with Remoulade in Mini Pita Pocket Half; Tomato & Fresh Mozzarella with Basil Pesto Focaccia Bread. Fresh Fruit Salad; Assorted Mini Scones; Assorted Mini Pastries.

Terrariums will be featured as our May Club Day centerpieces and will be for sale. Bring a little bit of nature into your home. A magical, miniature garden behind glass. A lovely gift for any occasion.

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

No Program for May. Rose Jordan, jordport@optonline.net, 203-227-1809

BOOK REVIEW

Our book for May is Euphoria by Lily King. We will meet in the living room on **May 28th at 1:00 pm.** **Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904.**

BUNCO

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 19TH TIME: 7:00 P.M. "CHAT & CHEW" - 7:30 P.M. PLAY BEGINS. COST: \$5.00 SPRING IS HERE ... TREAT YOURSELF TO A NIGHT OUT! COME JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND LOTS OF LAUGHS...NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!! **Wendy McKeon, XWAMX50@aol.com, 203-222-0038**

B.Y.O.B. FRIDAY

SHHH...Don't tell anyone that ALL Club Members & prospects are invited! Next BYOB will be **Friday, May 15, 4-6 pm**. Let's start in the Kitchen, and--if the weather's nice--try strolling the Courtyard/Gazebo al fresco? SO MUCH weather and daffodils and Art Show to discuss! **Dorothy Curran, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203.246.0543**

CURIO COTTAGE

The WWC and the Curio Cottage are very lucky to have businesses and members who go out of their way to contribute and help us. We would like to give them a "Thanks" and to let everyone know of these supportive businesses. Sadly Westport lost Silver's but the Curio Cottage received bags of fantastic new donations from them. And thanks to Dorothy and Fred Packer for making this happen. We have sold most of it, and at great prices. Then, during the Tag Sale, Izzo's Garden Shop bought all of our remaining gold pots, and gave a \$60 donation besides the price of the pots. Another business that gave us a monetary donation was Resnick Advisors, and Mr. Martin Resnick. This is in addition to other ways that they support the WWC. And...Westport National Bank has been wonderful. Through our member, Robin Clark, we have had many of their ladies come and work, filling many needed slots and all of this is for a community outreach for the Bank. We are so thankful that they have chosen our club as a place to give back. Thanks to all of them and if you get a chance, thank them, again. **Karen Eickhoff, 203-454-3889, kayrog@optonline.net**

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

To start, DO COME with your friends and checkbook to our WWC ART SHOW/Fundraiser: Opening Reception (**Sat. May 2, 5-8. FREE. Bring FRIENDS**) OR stop by on **Sunday, May 3, 12-4** OR (**reserve by 4/29**) enjoy on Club Day, **Mon. May 4** and--in keeping with Club tradition--WEAR A FESTIVE HAT, **Cultural Affairs Chairperson, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203.246-0543**

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

The Garden Dept. will be visiting the Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington, CT on **Friday, May 8th**. We will be car pooling. Tickets purchased in advance are \$12, or \$15 at the door. Admission includes a tour of the museum, docents will be available throughout. Reservations are required. Please contact Jerilyn Deveau at 203-372-2920, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com. Please visit the website hillstead.org to order and pay for your ticket in advance. **Jerilyn Deveau, 203-372-2920, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com**

GOURMET

Gourmet Group's next meeting is on **Tuesday May 19 at 11:30am**. This final meeting of the season will be a pot luck. If you plan to attend, please email Lisa Allison, letting her know what you plan to contribute. **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 to TAZZA Osteria & Bar, which was rated as "Excellent" in a recent *New York Times* review and voted *Connecticut Magazine's* Best New Restaurant 2015 and Best Small Plates 2015. Date: Tuesday, May 26 at noon, following Memorial Day, so you can continue your celebration. Location: **116 Post Road, Fairfield** They offer an array of small plates, sandwiches, salads, pizzas and pasta, all of which sound delicious! The menu can be found at: <http://www.tazzaosteriabar.com/menus.php> Please let me know if you'll be joining us by **Friday, May 22** 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

All new members are welcomed to participate in the Yankee Doodle Fair preparations & actual fair days! Do join in, sign up to volunteer and get to meet your fellow members. I'm sure that there is a place for each one of you to input your hands'n hearts'n in making this tradition a wonderful fair experience for WWC, Westport and our philanthropies.

Do note this phone # correction for : Cornelia Olsen to be #203-222-9137. **Susan Hricik ,Membership,203-226-1372, susanswhim@yahoo.com**

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

Spring is here (hopefully)! We are getting back into the swing of things with five tables playing bridge on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Don't forget your lunch. We are planning to continue playing into June as we missed so many snow days this winter. 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, May 20th , at 1:00 pm, in the Dining Room. Joan Miller, mmiller@optonline.net , 203-226-7036**

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

YIKES! Can you help? YDF is our LARGEST annual fundraiser for community and scholarship grants, BUT--just 51 days before YDF Set-up begins--there are quite a few holes in our preparations and volunteer sign-ups and only a few meetings left. Some newer members think they need to be on a special committee list to attend. NOT TRUE! I am a new member, I've never attended YDF and I am co-Chair. We can meet by phone or e-mail! We need ALL members, new and old, NOW! Please call/email/come to the next YDF meeting on **May 6th at 10 am**. We meet again at **10 am on May 20th**.

Other ways to help: Please buy/sell your Raffle tickets if you haven't already done so, then ask for more to sell, sell sell!. It's our second biggest source of revenue and key to YDF \$urvival in case of rain that weekend.

We also need items for Take A Chance (formerly Lucky Prize). If anybody shops/has a connection to any business in town please contact Christina McVaney (cmcvaney@yahoo.com) or Dorothy Curran (dorothycurran@aol.com) and let us know that you will be approaching them for a donation. We want to avoid multiple approaches to the same business.

Finally, PLEASE call me or sign up to help at the Yankee Doodle Fair. The big sign-up poster in the lobby lets you know PART of what we need. Stop on in and sign up with your friends! **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! **Lisa Allison, 203-227-9563, liallison@optonline.net, Barbara Gladnick, 203-854-0424, bagladnick@optonline.net.**

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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Proposed Board Slate 2015 - 2016

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NOTE from the NC: The Nominating Committee held numerous meetings and had many one-on-one conversations with WWC members. Despite our best effort, we have not succeeded in convincing anyone to serve as Communications Chair or House Chair. The YDF position will remain open until the Fair is behind us. The Committee is hopeful that Christina McVaney will be willing to Chair the Committee, but we think it best to wait to ask her after she has had the experience of serving as YDF Co-Chair.

The Nominating Committee will continue efforts to fill the Communications and House positions and will welcome any suggestions.