



# The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

JUNE 2011

## WWC JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm Cultural Affairs 8:45 am</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30 am</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Scholarship Awards Breakfast</i>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Club Day</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Bridal Show Mtg 10:00am Gourmet 11:30-1:30pm</i>	<b>8</b> <i>YDF Mtg 10:00am Garden Board 1:30 Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Zumba 11:30am</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>YDF Set up</i>	<b>14</b> <i>YDF Set up Garden Lunch 1:30pm</i>	<b>15</b> <i>YDF Set up</i>	<b>16</b> <i>YDF</i>	<b>17</b> <i>YDF</i>	<b>18</b> <i>YDF</i>
<b>19</b> <i>YDF</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Bunco 7:00pm</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Mah Jong 1 -4pm</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Zumba 11:30am</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Cabaret- Mid Summer Night's Dreamin 5:00pm and 8:00pm</i>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Joint Board Meeting</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>RSVP 1:00pm</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Zumba 11:30am</i>		

**Officers** President Mary Vickery; 1st Vice President (Special Interests) Leah Scherzer; 2nd Vice President(Finance) Wynne Abrams; 3rd Vice President (Ways & Means) Susan Cugliari; Secretary Pat Voris; Treasurer Anne Hunt **Directors** Communications Denise Kuendig; Community Service Jo Fuchs Luscombe; Grounds Brenda Sciarra; House Ruthann Carroll/Conchita Cassell; Membership Clare Clark; Parliamentary Advisor Joyce Netherton; Program Kathy Groener,Mitzi Lyman,Barbara Levy; Rentals Rose Jordan Curio Cottage Carol Goetz , Yankee Doodle Fair Dorothy Curran

**Staff** Office Manager Colleen Fenton ; Resident Manager Dora Sweet

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

June promises to be a very busy month with the Yankee Doodle Fair scheduled for Father's Day Weekend (June 16-19) and the second in the series of the Waiting in the Wings Cabarets—Mid-Summer Night's Dreamin'—on June 25. Both of these fundraisers promise to be wonderful events, and I am most grateful to YDF Co-Chairs Dorothy Curran and Mary Lee Clayton and my Cabaret Co-Chairs Martha Eidman and Karen McCormick for volunteering their time, talent and leadership. I also want to thank the Garden Department for their efforts in co-ordinating the recent Plant Sale. Judging from the vastly increased profits, holding the sale earlier in the season rather than at the YDF was clearly a stroke of genius. The success of the plant sale coupled with aggressive raffle ticket sales is our best insurance against rain at the Fair. So, I am appealing to every member to go out and sell as many raffle tickets as possible!

Unfortunately, in my Bulletin article last month, I made an inadvertent but egregious error by neglecting to thank Rose Jordan, our Director of Rentals and one of the members of the Board who will be stepping down at the end of this term, for her two years of service in this important position. Rose has done an incredible job with rentals; under her leadership, the income from the rental of our Clubhouse has almost doubled. I am in total awe of the tireless efforts, incredible organization skills and constant good humor and grace with which Rose has handled this critical piece of Club business.

I have to admit that writing my final article as President of the WWC is a bittersweet experience. While it will certainly be a relief to no longer have the monthly deadlines looming before me, I will definitely miss being in a position to know about and report on all the good works and wonderful events that are happening at our Club. The last two years have been challenging but ultimately very rewarding, and I want to thank all of our members for everything they do on a daily basis to contribute to our mission. It has been a great honor to represent the WWC at events and on various committees in our community, as our Club has rightfully earned the respect and reputation as a long-time major contributor to the development of our Town.

## PROGRAMS

The Westport Woman's Club is truly a "Rare Woman's Club," and it has been a great privilege to serve as its President.

In closing, I especially want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all the board members with whom I have served. Every officer and director performs a vital function for the Club, and I feel most fortunate to have worked with such intelligent, generous and cooperative women. I also am most grateful to Office Manager Colleen Fenton and Resident Manager Dora Sweet for all of their support and assistance. And, finally, I wish my successor, Mary Lee Clayton, a woman of many, many talents, all the best in the coming year.

Happy summer!

Mary Wells Vickery  
President  
[mwellsvick@aol.com](mailto:mwellsvick@aol.com)

## CLUB DAY

Our next Club Day is June 6th co-hosted by Marilyn Killough, Cultural Affair and Leah Scherzer, Sunshine Girls.

Please check your new directory and handbook for all the important information regarding lunch and Club Day. **IMPORTANT REMINDER: IF YOU ARE ON THE PERMANENT LIST OR HAVE MADE A RESERVATION AND CANNOT ATTEND, YOU MUST CALL THE OFFICE BY 1:00PM THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO CLUB DAY. NOTE: ANYONE WHO DOES NOT CANCEL A PERMANENT OR MONTHLY LUNCH RESERVATION IS EXPECTED TO PAY FOR THE COST OF LUNCH SINCE WWC MUST PAY THE CATERER FOR LUNCHES ORDER. THANK YOU.**

Leah Scherzer, 1st Vice President

Our guest speaker for June is Michael Evans. Michael graduated from Hamilton College in 2005 and played for and captained the Men's Varsity Basketball Team. After graduation, Michael moved to Northern Ireland to pursue a semi-professional basketball dream, coupled with community work in Belfast, the nation's capitol and the world's most segregated city. While there, Michael formed the first ever high school basketball team comprised of equal number of Catholic and Protestant members. These youth were from extremely segregated backgrounds and neighborhoods and were tied directly to the city's terrorist groups. The team, the "Belfast Blazers", went on to lose just one game in their controversial season together.

Michael was selected by CNN's segment "Young People Who Rock" in 2009 and several film companies are considering his story for feature film production.

Michael has since gone on to explore the role of basketball in other troubled societies. He has spent time in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, the world's deadliest city, and Havana, Cuba, under the guise of the nonprofit organization he founded, "Full Court Peace." He has been selected to be a blogger for the Huffington Post, where he writes about the politics of sports in Mexico, Northern Ireland and the rest of the world. He recently graduated from Harvard's Kennedy School and the Graduate School of Education and was a Graduate Assistant of the Men's Basketball Team. The Harvard Crimson won its first Ivy League title in school history.

Barbara Levy

## SUNSHINE GIRLS

**June:** Jeane Gulick, 203-454-3517.  
Thank you.

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

This is it! Our last meeting before the Fair:

Wednesday, June 8, 2011  
10:00am

WHAT YOU CAN DO to help BEFORE the June 16-19 Fair:

1) Pick up your Raffle ticket envelope at the Club. Buy 5, sell 5 more and return the stubs and money to Colleen. If everyone in the Club buys 5 and sells 5, the income will be \$30,000, a good cushion against rain.

2) Volunteer to help with set-up (June 13), take-down (June 19) or at a booth. Call or email Leah Scherzer, 203.226.3042, leahsart@aol.com. Some areas where help is needed:

- Children's Activities
- Face Painting
- Sand Art

3) Contribute to the Lucky Prize Drawing. We can still use a few more gifts or gift certificates. Call Audrey Rabinowitz (227-6010, BXITEB4@aol.com) or Jane Potkin (226-6172, jptk@optonline.net) for information.

4) Contribute to the Bake Sale. Members of Gourmet will be calling you shortly to ask you to contribute a baked item or make a cash donation to the Bake Sale.

And finally, attend the Fair and bring your appetite and your wallet! Include your friends and family in what promises to be a great event.

Dorothy E. Curran  
Mary Lee Clayton  
YDF 2011 Co-Chairs

## Bake Sale Booth – YDF

It's that time of year again for the Gourmet Group's annual solicitation effort for the Yankee Doodle Fair. Group members will be calling Club members to ask for contributions for our Baked Goods Booth. Please be nice to them – they all hate this job, but if they did not do it we would not get enough to stock our Booth! If you are unable to bake this year, we hope you will consider sending us a cash donation, since these gifts provided a considerable share of our profits last year.

We have some fantastic bakers in our Club. However, a contribution does not have to be extraordinary in content or appearance, (although needless to say, we welcome those). People buy our goods because they are homemade! In today's society, many homemakers do not have the time to bake and look forward to the Fair for the kinds of goods our mothers used to make.

As always, we must conform to Health District regulations. Please be sure to comply with the following:

- All donations must show the name of the donor.
- All donations must include the name of the food item and a list of the ingredients.
- All donations must be wrapped. It would be very helpful if small items such as brownies, cookies etc could be wrapped individually or in small numbers.
- We cannot accept donations which require refrigeration, so no cheesecakes please.
- No item or frosting should contain uncooked eggs or egg products.
- No cream cheese frostings please.
- Items without nuts are preferred. If your recipe does contain nuts please make sure that this is clearly indicated on the label.

Please do not donate store-bought items. They do not sell. Save yourself a trip to the store and send us the money instead!

Please note that for your convenience there will be a "Drop Off Station" located by the road (Imperial Avenue) in the front of the Clubhouse, as we had last year. This will be available 9:30 – 11:30am, Thursday, June 16th – Saturday, June 18th.

We are very grateful to all those who contribute their time, their talent, and their assistance to our Bake Sale.

Lisa Allison  
Barbara Gladnick  
(Gourmet Group Bake Sale Organizers)

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Brooklyn Botanic Garden  
Cafe Aperitivo  
Brooklyn Museum  
June 1st

The Cultural Affairs bus to Brooklyn will leave the lower parking lot at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 1st for our guided tour of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden located near the Prospect Heights, Crown Heights and Park Slope neighborhoods. Lunch will be at Cafe Aperitivo in Park Slope at noon. Our guided tour with docents of the Brooklyn Museum begins at 2 p.m. Your lunch includes your choice of 3 Panini Sandwiches, soup or salad and Tiramisu or Pear Tart. Please let the office or me know your luncheon selections ASAP. They are: Panini Sandwich Selections (please choose one) Grilled Vegetables with Fontina Cheese, Grilled Chicken with Arugula, Tomato, Fontina Cheese and Pesto or Prosciutto with Mozzarella Cheese & Basil. Home-made dessert (please choose one) Tiramisu or Pear Tart. You will make your soup or salad selection upon arrival. I will be pre-ordering all your luncheon selections on Tuesday, May 24th in order to speed-up the luncheon process. We must be on time for our museum appointments or risk losing our docents. For anyone wishing to be on the wait list, the cost of this Cultural Affairs trip is \$85 per person and we always NEED a wait list. As of this writing, we no longer have a wait list.

Marilyn Killough

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

### Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 8, 1:30pm

### End Of year Lunch

You ahould have already received the details via email or phone call. If not, call me!

### Yankee Doodle Fair

Since this year we are free (!), please volunteer to help out at another venue: Childrens Activities, Face Painting, Sand Art and Food and Beverages will need help. And we can always use folks to wander about and sell raffle tickets at the Fair!

Mary Lee Clayton  
Garden Chair 878-1486

## ZUMBA

Thursdays at 11:30-12:30. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fun, and dance to a healthier you.  
Leah Scherzer, 1st V.P. at leahsart@aol.com, 226-3042.

## RSVP KNITTING

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 is Wednesday, June 29 at 1 PM in the Conference Room. We will be having an end-of-the-year celebration.

## 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, if you are interested.

## GOURMET

Besides working on the Baked Goods Sale for the June Yankee Doodle Fair, members of Gourmet will be having a luncheon June 7th from 11:30 AM to after 1:30 PM. We will meet in the auditorium of the clubhouse.

After lunch we will be having a business meeting. The co-chairs Barbara Gladnick and Lisa Allison for the YDF Baked Goods Sale will give us an update on the progress made in organizing this project and will point out where additional help is needed from our Gourmet members. Also, the next years calendar - luncheons, trips and outings for 2011-2012 will be discussed.

I will be chairing this meeting. If you have any suggestions for improving the WWC Gourmet experience let me know by e-mail jlaffe1057@aol.com and by phone 203-227-9407. Leave a message on my voice mail if you cannot immediately reach me.

Anne Hunt Co- chair  
Elfriede Lafferty Co -Chair

## ANTIQUES GROUP

The Antiques Group is having its end-of-year Spring Luncheon on June 2nd at 11:30 at the home of Bobbie Herman. It is a pot luck lunch. Please notify me if you will be attending and which of the following you are bringing: wine, hors d'oeuvre, salad, entrée/ sandwich, dessert. A big thank you goes to Bobbie for once again hosting this luncheon.

I also thank Jo Luscombe, for getting and setting up our refreshments at our monthly meetings, and Jeanne Harris, for making the coffee. Their help was very much appreciated.

Over the summer we will be working on the program schedule for the coming year, so if you know someone in the antiques field whom we can invite to speak at our meetings, please contact me. Have a wonderful summer!

Audrey Rabinowitz  
Antiques Chair,

## WAYS AND MEANS

### Cabaret- Mid Summers Night's Dreamin

A flyer announcing the Club's newest fundraiser is in this newsletter. Mid-summer Night's Dreamin' cabaret, featuring New York City's emerging young talent, will take place Saturday, June 25, 5 and 8:30pm performances. The cabaret is perfect for before- or after-dinner entertainment. Tickets are at the great price of \$25 and are available online with credit card at the WWC website, or through the office for cash or personal check. Matsu Sushi restaurant is partnering with us and will provide appetizers at the event, included in the ticket price. Cash bar available. Anyone interested in helping with this event should contact Martha Eidman(martha.eidman@gmail.com) or Mary Vickery(mwellswick@aol.com).

### Bridal Show Fundraiser 2012

Has someone in your family married recently; are you creative; or, would you like to get more involved? It's not too early to join our committee. We need your help to make this the next biggest fundraiser. We are pleased that Westport Country Playhouse is joining us as a Community Partner, and will be a vendor at the show promoting their space for wedding events. We have preliminary plans to use their venue for live DJs/bands, since our own building will not easily accommodate them simultaneous with the other vendors. WCP has enthusiastically offered to host a press party next fall in conjunction with a wedding-themed play in their season (Shakespeare's "12th Night"), as a way of announcing the Bridal Show to the public. MORE, GREAT IDEAS ARE BREWING! Come join us for a creative fun time! Please contact Leah Scherzer, leahsart@aol.com , 226-3042. Thank you.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Service Committee has completed another successful year. Thirty Thousand Dollars in the form of grants have been distributed to worthy area agencies and organizations and another Twenty Thousand in the form of scholarships will be distributed to deserving high school graduates college bound on June 3rd.

I take this opportunity to thank the entire Community Service Committee for their on-going commitment and support. Special recognition goes to Patria Swann and her committee for the lovely and delicious luncheon they organized for the residents of Canal Park; to Wendy McKeon and her Scholarship Committee for the outstanding job they did in selecting students deserving of scholarships; to Karen Center and her Food Closet Committee for the on-going work they do in over-seeing the food closet and distribution of food to those in need in our community; to Nancy Saine for the outstanding job she did in soliciting and distributing hot meals to those in need at holiday time; and to Rose Jordan and Bobbie Raffel and their committee for organizing a most pleasant Grant Awards breakfast.

None of this would have been possible without our Club's fund-raising efforts. Thank you one and all. You have earned a restful and happy Summer.

Jo Fuchs Luscombe,  
Director Community Service

## Necessities Bag Project

The assembly of the Necessities Bags, to be distributed to breast cancer surgery patients, was held at the end of April. Many members donated tank shirts and wipes, which were some of the items that went into the bags. And about 30 additional members participated in this project – from sewing comfort pillows to filling the tote bags with essential and helpful items. Our appreciation goes to the women who cut the fabric, and sewed and stuffed the pillows: Joan Bassett, Rosalie DaSilva, Fay Farquhar, Rose Jordan, Sue Mahar, Bev McArthur, Jennifer Murchie, Joyce Netherton, Marion Potter, Dorothy Robertshaw, Vivian Rosenberg, Nancy Saine, Jean Simons, Mary Vickery, and a special thanks to Leah Scherzer, who coordinated the pillow project. And thank you to the members who participated in the assembly of the tote bags: Josephine Calcagni, Lucie Christian, MaryLee Clayton, Mary Jane Cross, Fay Farquhar, Arlene Johnson, Rose Jordan, Josephine Laska, Jo Luscombe, Bev McArthur, Wendy McKeon, Jane Potkin, Marion Potter, Barbara Raffle, Vivian Rosenberg, Nancy Saine, Leah Scherzer, Amy Schneider, Jean Simons, Catherine Smith, Fran Thomas, Mary Vickery, Pat Wettach, Diana Zaslow.

The contribution of everyone is very much appreciated. We hope to do our next Necessity Bag assembly in October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Audrey Rabinowitz,

## MEMBERSHIP

Hello all and a big thank you to those new members who helped with the May Club Day. We took our turn and all went smoothly, now you all are pros in the WWC kitchen! Also thank you to those members who have introduced the WWC to their friends and acquaintances over the year, at last count we had 35 new members!

In addition, thanks to the enthusiastic support of all members, we have launched a new night time social, Girls Night Out, GNO! Our next one will be watching the sunset and the moon rise over Compo Beach in July...stay tuned for the date on the website!

Please welcome these new members and add their info to your Directory/Handbook:

Annie Lee

Lucy Martinez  
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Clare Clark

## GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

We had another fun night mixing and mingling at our own very welcoming Clubhouse. Many thanks to Karen Harman and Penny Pearlman for hosting!

We are taking the month of June off so we can all focus on end of year activities including the Yankee Doodle Fair... watch the bulletin for a GNO at Compo Beach to enjoy the sunset and the moon rise one night this July!

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# Waiting in the Wings Cabaret



Saturday  
June 25  
5 & 8:30 p.m.

Westport Woman's Club  
presents an evening of  
NYC's rising stars

Tickets \$25  
203-227-4240  
[westportwomansclub.org](http://westportwomansclub.org)

Appetizers provided by Matsu Sushi

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