

# The BULLETIN



WWC JUNE CALENDAR

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>CLUB DAY</b>	3	4 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00-4:00 pm	5 <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am	6	7
8	9 <b>YDF SET UP</b>	10 <i>Garden</i> 1:00pm <b>YDF SET UP</b>	11 <b>YDF SET UP</b>	12 <b>Yankee Doodle Fair</b>	13 <b>Yankee Doodle Fair</b>	14 <b>Yankee Doodle Fair</b>
15 <b>Yankee Doodle Fair</b>	16	17 <i>Gourmet</i> 11:30am <i>Bunco</i> 7:00pm	18 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00-4:00 pm	19 <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am <i>Book Review</i> 1:00pm	20	21
22	23 <i>Board Meeting</i> 1:00pm	24 <i>Ladies Who Lunch</i> 12:00 Noon	25 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00-4:00 pm	26 <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am	27	28
29	30					

**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

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Office Hours M,T, Th, F 9:00am-4:00pm Wed. 9am-3pm..

12:00-1:00 Closed for Lunch

## Letter From The President

Since this is my final letter as president, it is time to say "thank you" to the many people who make this Club such a special place:

Three boards all of whom did a wonderful job. Our grounds sparkled, the house finally costs us less money, the membership rolls have increased, our finances are looking good, rentals are humming along; we are regulars in local papers, the minutes are accurate, the food is good, the Curio Cottage looks great and the programs have been very,very entertaining.

Community services - As usual, they have done an excellent job of awarding community grants and scholarships. The Ruegg grants have gone to three very worthwhile programs. We have collected toys, packed necessities bags and sent out dozens of gift cards and hot meals. One can never say enough about our Food Closet which has supplied and will continue to supply bag after bag of food to Westporters in need.

Fund Raisers - It has been all about clothes, women, plants and bingo these last couple of years. Cheers to all of you who ran a fund raiser, large or small. Every bit helps; every effort is worth it. The recipients of our meal cards and grants and scholarships thank you as well.

Curio Cottage - The curio cottage staff just keeps doing it - bringing in a solid income from bits and pieces (all too many of which have traveled to my house.)

Yankee Doodle Fair - A very big thanks to everyone who works on it, buys raffle tickets and brings friends and family to our big event!

And, of course, thank you to our intrepid house and office staff who provide member services - not always an easy task for two hundred plus women.

Finally, thank you to all of you who have made the last three years interesting and enjoyable. It is you- all of our members - who make the Club a very rare woman's club.

I have loved every minute of the last three years (almost) and I know that you will give Lorraine and Dorothy the same warm support that you have given me.

Thank you,

Mary Lee Clayton

## CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to Kim Reichert on the death of her husband Leland.

## CLUB DAY

Summer is almost here...let's celebrate Yankee Doodle style with some good old fashion barbeque!

Join us Monday, June 2nd for the last club day before summer break. Lobster, Pulled Pork and Beef Sliders, Corn & Edamame Succotash, tomatoes, peppers, fresh basil, Broccoli Salad w/ pine nuts, bacon, cranberries, mayo and dessert Strawberry shortcakes...Yum! It will be hosted by The Sunshine Club.

Please make sure you make a reservation by Wednesday, May 28, 2014. Westportwomensclub@sbcglobal.net. Lunch is \$20.00. Any food allergies please let Colleen know when you make your reservation.

Laurie Stefanowicz, 1st VP, lstefanowicz@catmg.com, 226-0603

## Free Book Exchange

Bring your books to the club and at the June meeting, collect new ones for the Summer.

## PROGRAMS

Come and be entertained by Michelle Abbruzzese, owner and founder of Work It Dance and Fitness in Norwalk. You will experience fun, music and a new way to exercise. Some may call it "Dancing Yourself Healthy" or "Dance for the Mind, Body and Soul". Call it what you want but do come and discover a new world of exercise through Burlesque and Pole Dancing, Leah Scherzer, Leahsart@aol.com, Program Chair

## BUNCO

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH -TIME: 7:00 P.M. (CHAT & CHEW) - 7:30 P.M. PLAY BEGINS

COST: \$5.00 SIGN-UP - ON BOARD IN FOYER HOSTESSES: AUDREY RABINOWITZ & MARGE DiPIPPPO. Come relax after the Yankee Doodle Fair (Hope you all have volunteered to help there!) and play BUNCO!!!!

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

## CURIO COTTAGE

### Help Wanted!

The Curio Cottage is in need of a few new workers. It is an easy job, lots of fun and you can work as much, or as little, as you wish. Please contact Jackie Froelich or put your name in the Curio Cottage mail slot, in the office.

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, June 10th, the Garden Department will be visiting Elizabeth Park in Hartford, CT. There will be a self-guided tour of the Rose Gardens, as well as other areas of the Park. At 1:00 p.m. we will have lunch at the Pond House Cafe. This is the year end luncheon with the installation of officers. Attendees will select from the Pond House Cafe menu and pay for their lunch on the day of the tour. For more information please check out the following three websites. [elizabethpark.org](http://elizabethpark.org), [elizabethparkct.org](http://elizabethparkct.org), [pondhousecafe.com](http://pondhousecafe.com). For reservations, contact Jerilyn Deveau at 203-372-2920 or email at [jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com](mailto:jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com). Please advise if you are available to drive.

## 7th ANNUAL BLUES, VIEWS & BBQ FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed to work again at this year's Blues, Views & BBQ Festival on Saturday, Aug 30 and Sunday, Aug 31 (Labor Day weekend). Our "job" is very easy - sitting behind a table at the entrance booths, collecting the admission fees. The location of the Festival will return to the upper parking lot of the Westport Library and the new Levitt Pavilion. This is the 7th year that the BBQ Festival, a community wide event, is being held, and the Woman's Club has received generous grants over the years, totaling more than \$10,000, from the Downtown Merchants Association, the organizer of the event. By volunteering at the Festival, we are expressing our appreciation and gratitude for the money that we have received, as well as showing support for a community event. If you are interested in helping out, there is a sign-up sheet at the Club or you can contact Audrey Rabinowitz at [bxiteb4@aol.com](mailto:bxiteb4@aol.com) or 227-6010 to be assigned a shift

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month we'll be heading into Fairfield to the Barcelona Wine Bar at 4180 Black Rock Turnpike in the Hi-Ho Motor Lodge (at Exit 44, Merritt Parkway). If the weather permits, we'll dine outdoors on their patio. Barcelona features Spanish cuisine and was voted #5 out of 178 restaurants in Fairfield. DATE: Tuesday, June 24 at noon.

The menu can be found at -- <http://www.barcelonawinebar.com/fairfield.htm> Please let me know by Friday, June 20 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. NOTE: Although the restaurants usually have been accommodating, occasionally we may have a problem getting separate checks, so please remember to bring your credit card with you -- "just in case."

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)

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

Now is the time...to pull together and make it happen!

If you have not, as yet, signed up for your shifts, please do so as soon as possible. The schedule of shifts is on the Sign-up Board in the hallway of the clubhouse. Please note that Face Painting, Sand Art and the Pizza Tent have the most openings as of this writing. The Gourmet Group is counting on your donations of home-baked goods for our very popular Bake Sale (Monetary donations are welcomed from the non-bakers among us) Please keep buying - and selling - raffle tickets! Please return the stubs and cash or checks to Colleen by June 7.

Please bring the grandkids and please tell your friends, relatives and neighbors about YDF - word of mouth goes a very long way!

We thank each of you for all you have done and will be doing!

Most importantly, please take time while you are working your shifts to look around for a minute and drink in the atmosphere - the crowds of people who come to "our house" to have a wonderful time, while supporting our grants, scholarships and food closet. Listen to the sounds, look at the happy faces and partake of our food vendors offerings.

ENJOY!!

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., 226-3042

## BAKE SALE

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 or emailing 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.

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 12th – Saturday, June 14th.

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

Lisa Allison (Tel 203-227-9563; email [Liallison@optonline.net](mailto:Liallison@optonline.net))  
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(Gourmet Group Bake Sale Organizers)

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