

The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

JUNE 2015

Dear Ladies,

There's a special music in the air at the WWC in June, for which our YDF logo--the carousel horse--is a fitting metaphor. As the annual calendar comes around to June, think of lilting calliope music and the carousel coming to a stop as one set of riders steps off and the next group steps up.

On June 1, at Club Day, our new 2015-16 Officers and Directors will be sworn in. Happily, many of the 2014-15 Board will be staying aboard, while others will rotate off, for a rest, and an opportunity to explore "other rides" at the WWC.

It's also "Post Time" at the Yankee Doodle Fair starting gate! PLEASE make your Club Day reservation, sell and return your Raffle Tickets by June 12, sign up for your Volunteer Shifts, sign up to bake--or sign a donation check--for the Bake Sale.

At Club Day, I also will be recognizing and thanking some of YDF's longest serving volunteers--Joyce Netherton (Permits), Linda Amos (Rides Tickets) and Elfriede Lafferty (Raffle Tickets)--along with the \$1,000 sponsor of our new Children's Garden Area, our own Rose Jordan. And--I'll be thanking some of our newest members who have stepped up to help YDF refresh its leadership: Christina McVaney, YDF co-Chair; Linda Calper, Rentals (stepping in for long-serving Fay Farquhar, who despite moving to Arizona and handing off Rentals, will be back selling Rides Tickets at the Fair); Lina Mak-Chin (and Joann Lindwall), Face Painting; Bernadette Stiskal (mentored by Catherine Smith), Sand Art.

And then we have others, like Susan Hricik, whose fractured right hand in a queen-sized splint is NOT going to stop her from fulfilling her

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Sunshine Girls

June Sunshine Girl :

Jeanne Gulick,
203-858-5893

commitment as YDF Beverages Chair! I am in AWE of our Members who prevail through their own personal adversity to ensure the success of our signature fundraiser. PROFOUND THANKS to each of you!

SO...For the sake of next year's Community Grant recipients and need-based Scholarship recipients (to say nothing of WWC PRIDE!!!), let's make this year's YDF our BEST EVER! Stop by on Monday morning, June 15, to lend a hand with set-up and see how the Fair comes together. Spend time AT the Fair June 18-21, before or after your blue-apron shift, to see why YDF is Westport's FAVORITE FAIR! The eyes of the community are upon us...Warm memories and new friends are made here...Make them YOURS! "See you there, At THE Fair!"

WELCOME to the newly-elected 2014-15 WWC Board! The following Officers and Directors will be sworn in on Monday, June 1, at Club Day:

President: Dorothy E. Curran

1st Vice President: Dorothy Packer

2nd Vice President (Finance): Barbara Stemmer

3rd Vice President (Ways & Means): Suzan Murphy

Secretary: Wynne Abrams

Treasurer: Robin Clark

DIRECTORS:

Communications:

Community Service: Mary Gladden

Grounds: Janette Duchnicki

House: TBD

Membership: Susan Hricik

Parliamentary Advisor: Susan Fox

Program: Jerilyn DeVeau

Rentals: Lina Mak-Chin

Curio Shop Representative: Susan Loselle

Yankee Doodle Fair: TBD

Immediate Past President: Mary Lee Clayton

Dorothy

Jeannegulick@gmail.com

Thank you to Pat Vezendy, Sunshine Girl for May.

Dorothy Packer, 1st VP
dmpacker@aol.com, 227-7769-

Office Hours

Mon. -Fri.

9:00 am-4:00 pm

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Dorothy E. Curran, President
203-246-0543

JUNE CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 Club Day	2	3 Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00pm	4 Bridge 9:30am Zumba 10:15am	5	6
7	8	9 Garden Dept 12:00 Noon	10 Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00pm	11 Bridge 9:30am Zumba 10:15am	12	13
14	15 YDF Set-up	16 YDF Set-up	17 YDF Set-Up	18 YDF	19 YDF	20 YDF
21 YDF	22	23 Ladies Who Lunch 12:00 Noon Bunco 7:00pm	24 Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00pm	25 Bridge 9:30am Zumba 10:15am	26 YDF Wrap-up 3:00pm B.Y.O.B 4:00-6:00pm	27
28	29 Joint Board Meeting 10:00am	30				

CLUB DAY

Join us Monday, June 1st for Club Day, hosted by Cultural Affairs, chaired by Dorothy Curran; Sunshine Girls, chaired by Dorothy Packer; and Zumba chaired by Leah Scherzer.

Please make sure you make a reservation by **1 PM Wednesday May 27th before Club Day**. Lunch is \$20.00. Plan to arrive by 11:30 AM to enjoy... Bloody Mary Flank Steak; Tomatoes topped w/Pesto & Goat Cheese; Pasta Primavera Salad (pasta with raw and/or lightly cooked veggies & vinaigrette); 8-grain Dinner Rolls; Pots de Creme Milk Chocolate.

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



For our final program this year, I am pleased to present Eric D. Lehman & Amy Nawrocki, English professors at the University of Bridgeport. They are the authors of a "History of Connecticut Wine and Food," published by The History Press. With traditional recipes and fascinating new classics, there's something here for all tastes, from familiar comforts

like chicken pot pie and fried oysters to curious concoctions like Grape-Nuts pudding and steamed cheeseburgers!

Eric teaches literature and creative writing at the University of Bridgeport, and his essays, reviews, poems and stories have been published in dozens of journals and magazines. He is also the author of several books including *Bridgeport: Tales from the Park City*, *Becoming Tom Thumb: Charles Stratton, P. T. Barnum and the Dawn of American Celebrity*, and most recently *Homegrown Terror: Benedict Arnold and the Burning of New London*.

Eric believes that history and travel help us know the place we live, and therefore know ourselves.

Please join us for this interesting presentation and bring your questions about Connecticut travel and history, as well as food and wine, just in time for summer vacations.

Rose Jordan, jordport@optonline.net, 203-227-1809

COMMUNITY SERVICES

It has been a great year for Community Service Activities. I would like to thank Wendy McKeon and Karen Center for coordinating and running the Food Closet, Leah Scherzer for her efforts on Necessities, Holiday Meals and Gift Cards, Diane Zaslow for the Toy Drive, Wendy for Scholarships, Patria Swann for the Canal Park Luncheon, Audrey Rabinowitz for the Breast Cancer Walk,

Jeannette Tewey and Susan Hricik for Westport Beautification Day, Rose Jordan for the Grant breakfast and Arlene Thrope, Jo Luscombe, Mary Lee Clayton and Barbara Szefc for serving on the Ruegg Committee.

I would also like to thank everyone who came to the monthly Monday meetings: Wendy McKeon, Dorothy Curran, Audrey Rabinowitz, Carol Goetz, Jo Luscombe, Jeannette Tewey, Mary Lee Clayton, Rose Jordan, Susan Loselle, Dorothy Packer, Barbara Raffel, Susan Hricik, Jo Calcalgni, Mary Gladden, Clare Clark, Patty Haberstroh, Susan Mahar, Mary Attanasio, Arlene Thrope, and Pat Wettach.

I am looking forward to a great 2015-2016 under the leadership of Mary Gladden. Thank you for a great year.

Canal Park Luncheon

The annual luncheon from Community Services for the residents of the Canal Park housing complex was held on May 8, 2015. The weather was absolutely gorgeous. The response to this year's call for food donations was amazing.

The room, which had been repainted and decorated for the tenants, was further adorned by us with butterflies, as well as color-coordinated tablecloths, napkins, settings and balloons for the luncheon. We had 20 residents who came and sat down for lunch. This was the most we've ever had for the lunch sitting down altogether. It was wonderful.

As usual we had our fun drawing with beautiful geraniums and dahlias. The lovely gift bags from L' Occitane were a huge success. The social gathering of residents seemed especially friendly this year.

A very touching moment came when we were presented with a Thank-You card to the Westport Woman's Club for all of the wonderful lunches, etc. that we have given to them year after year. It was signed by many of the people who came for lunch.

Thank you's go to my wonderful volunteers: Mary Attanasio, Mary Lee Clayton, Virginia Ferrari, Susan Fox, Carol Goetz*, Jo Luscombe, Sue Mahar*, Wendy McKeon, Jennifer Murchie, Audrey Rabinowitz, Barbara Raffle, and Patria Swann*. *=Hostesses

Thank you to everyone who participated. You always help to make the day very special.

Patria Swann, Canal Park Luncheon

Nancy Saipe, ncsaipe@aol.com, 203-454-0033

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BBQ FESTIVAL

Volunteers are needed to work again at this year's Blues, Views & BBQ Festival on Saturday, September 5th and Sunday, September 6th (Labor Day weekend). Our "job" is very easy: sit behind a table (under a tent) at the entrance booths and collect the admission fees. The location of the Festival will again be on the upper parking lot of the Westport Library and the Levitt Pavilion.

This is the 8th 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 \$12,000 (!) from the Downtown Merchants Association, the organizer of the event.

By volunteering at the Festival, we are expressing our appreciation and gratitude for the monies 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 contact **Audrey Rabinowitz** at bxiteb4@aol.com or **227-6010** to be assigned a shift. Please indicate which day you would like to work.

BOOK REVIEW

Book Review does not meet in June.

Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904.

BUNCO



Date: Tuesday, June 23rd
Time: 7:00 p.m. Chat & Chew.
7:30 p.m. games begin!
Cost: \$5.00
Hostesses: Audrey R. & Marge D.

Now is the time to come out and play bunco...
For our "seasoned players," it is the last month to make your play for the title of "Bunco Queen 2015!" She will be "crowned" in July.
So--before you work you hands to the bone at YDF--come and roll the dice!!!!
Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Wendy McKeon, XWAMX50@aol.com, 203-222-0038

BYOB FRIDAY



4 to 6 pm, Friday, June 26, following the YDF Wrap-Up Meeting at 3pm.

Dorothy E. Curran, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203-246-0543

CURIO COTTAGE



Just another invitation to think about working one, or more, shifts at the Curio Cottage. With so many workers taking vacations, we really need extra workers during this time...and it really is fun! Hope to see many new workers. Just let Colleen, Jackie Froelich, Lorraine Feliciano or Karen Eickhoff know and we will put your name on the sub

list..Thanks.

Curio Cottage Committee

Karen Eickhoff, kayrog@optonline.net, 203-454-3889

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

There's only ONE Cultural Affairs event scheduled this month, from **June 18-21: YANKEE DOODLE FAIR!!!** Free admission! Featuring an All-Star Cast of Blue-Aproned Volunteers! Produced and directed by the proud Members of the Westport Woman's Club. Always receives rave reviews!

Dorothy E. Curran, Cultural Affairs Chair

DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203-246-0543

GARDEN DEPARTMENT



On **Tuesday June 9, 2015** the Garden Department will hold their annual luncheon at Arezzo Restaurant at 5 Riverside Ave. Westport, CT. Lunch will begin at **12:00 noon**. It will include the installation of officers for the coming year. The cost of the lunch is \$32.00, including a selection of entrees, coffee and dessert. Members are requested to have the exact amount if paying by cash. Checks made out to the Garden Room also will be accepted. Reservations are required. Please contact Jerilyn Deveau at 203-372-2920, or by e-mail at jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

Jerilyn Deveau, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com, 203-372-2920

GOURMET



contact Lisa Allison.

Gourmet group will not meet during the summer months. Our next meeting will be in **September**. **Meanwhile, please put on your baking hats for the Yankee Doodle Fair Bake Sale!** (See below) Thank you to those members who have volunteered for shifts for the "Drop Off" table and to help with selling. If you have not yet signed up to help please

Lisa Allison, liallison@optonline.net, 203-227-9563

Barbara Gladnick, bagladnick@optonline.net, 203-854-0424

Yankee Doodle Fair 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.**

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! These days, 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!

How to Deliver:

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 - 11.30 am, Thursday, June 18th - Saturday, June 20th.**

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

LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month we'll be heading to the Black Rock Oyster Bar & Grill in nearby Fairfield.

Date: **Tuesday, June 23 at noon**

Location: **348 Black Rock Turnpike (very close to BJ's).**

They offer an array of all kinds of seafood, soups, sandwiches, salads, and pasta, all of which sound delicious!

The menu can be found at:

http://www.blackrockoysterbar.com/lunch_page1.htm

Please let me know if you'll be joining us by Friday, June 19 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, sangazure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577

MAH JONGG

Some new members have expressed an interest in learning to play Mah Jongg. 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 1-4 pm** in the living room. Please call Diana Zaslou if you are interested in playing.

Diana Zaslou, deezaslou@aol.com, 203-227-1346

MEMBERSHIP

I hope you all picked up the bright lime green insert (available in the office) with our newest members' information that was not published in our Fall 2014-2015 directory.

Please welcome our newest Spring members:

Kaye Leong, chinashrew@yahoo.com ,203-226-6016

Jana Moorman, Jana@remoorman.com, 203-259-0575

All members:Our YDF Volunteer List still has some available spots. Sign up, meet your fellow members and join in the fun!

Susan Hricik, Membership 203-226-1372

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

We ended Tournament Bridge on May 18th and will have a sign sheet for those who want to play next September. Also anyone interested in joining us, please give us a call. We always need substitutes. Have a wonderful summer.

Tommie Ross, 203-227-2444

Helen Doxtator, 203-221-7934

WAYS & MEANS

ART SHOW

Thank you to Jo Luscombe and her fabulous committee our May Art Show has netted between \$5,000-\$8,000!!! Across the three days, we estimate that about 1000 people visited Bedford Hall. Many raved about the beautiful renovated space and gardens. Best of all, our members loved working on the show, attending the reception, buying art and having the show on display during May Club Day.

CLOTHING SALE

Planning ahead:

- the Clothing Sale dates reserved on the RENTALS Calendar are Tuesday, **Sept. 29 through Saturday, October 3. (Sales on Fri. Oct. 2 and Sat. Oct. 3)**
- "Hold those (still wonderful, gently used) clothes!" for our Sale
- Co-Chairs wanted! (Anyone with clothes shopping experience is

eligible!) Our last sale 2 years ago earned over \$8,000!

Suzan Murphy, 3rd VP Ways & Means

WWC KNITTERS



The knitting group will not meet in June.

Joan Miller, mmiller@optonline.net, 203-226-7036

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR



Next meeting: **Wed. June 3, 10 am.**

- YDF Set-up: **Monday, June 15th, 10 am.** No experience necessary! Lend a hand with set-up and see how the Fair comes together.
- YDF Take-down, **Sunday, June 21, 5 pm.** Usually done in about 45 minutes. Amazing!
- Meanwhile, PLEASE sell and return your Raffle Tickets by **June 12**, sign up for your Volunteer Shifts, sign up to bake--or sign a donation check--for the Bake Sale. Spend time AT the Fair, before or after your Blue-Apron shift, to see why YDF is Westport's FAVORITE FAIR!

2015 Co-Chairs; Christina McVaney, cmcvaney@yahoo.com, 203-293-5190 and Dorothy E. Curran, 203-246-0543

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. For further information please contact me.

Leah Scherzer, Chair, Zumba
203-226-3042, leahsart@aol.com

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