



The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

AUGUST 2011

WWC AUGUST CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 <i>Garden Christmas Boutique Planning 1:30pm</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15 Office Open 9-12 Noon	16 Office Open 9-12 Noon	17 Office Open 9-12 Noon	18 Office Open 9-12 Noon	19 Office Open 9-12 Noon	20
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12:00-1:00 Closed for Lunch
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Thanks to everyone who helped make this a wonderful Yankee Doodle Fair. With your help, we have added greatly to our scholarship and grant's fund. A special thanks to Dorothy Curran who is "retiring" after having unerringly led the YDF for the last several years. Job well done, Dorothy and Committee!

And many thanks, also, to Mary Vickery and her Board who have guided the Club expertly through a time of economic difficulty; developed the first, much needed Membership Handbook, doubled rental income by redecorating the Clubhouse, oversaw the relandscaping of the grounds which earned a beautification award, increased the Club presence and involvement in the Community and designed a blueprint to move the Club into the digital 21st century among other accomplishments.

JOB VERY WELL DONE!

Thanks to you all. Everyone enjoy the Summer!

Mary Lee Clayton
President

CLUB DAY

The new improved menu will be ready before our first Club Day in September.

New changes in Club Day reservations will be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

Leah Scherzer, 1st VP

SUNSHINE GIRLS

August: Gerry Munce, 227-7362

4th ANNUAL BLUES, VIEWS AND BBQ FESTIVAL

The 4th Annual Blues, Views and BBQ Festival will be held Friday through Sunday, September 23-25 on the grounds of the Levitt Pavilion and the Westport Library. Hours are Saturday, 11am-7pm, and Sunday, 11am-6pm. On the schedule are entertainment, "backyard" BBQ championship, children's activities, cooking demonstrations, and a food court. The WWC, a collaborator of this community wide event since it started, has received a generous grant each of the past three years from the Downtown Merchants Association, which arranges this Festival.

We are very fortunate that our Food Closet has been chosen again as this year's charity recipient for the funds raised from the "Cookin' for a Cause" portion of the Festival.

As we have done for the past three years, our members will again volunteer to work at the entrance booths on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24th and 25th. Please sign up for a shift, or two, for one or both days. Not only is it a way to show our appreciation, you'll have lots of fun. There will be assigned shifts. Contact Audrey Rabinowitz at 227-6010 or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the Club's bulletin board.

BRIDAL SHOW FUNDRAISER

If you are interested in joining us, we meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10AM in the boardroom. Contact Leah Scherzer, leahsart@aol.com, . Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Wine and Cheese

A Wine and Cheese Social will be held on Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. to introduce prospective members to the Club and tell them about our Philanthropic and Social activities. All members are welcome. If you have any friends whom you think might be interested in joining, please give their names and addresses to Colleen or me, so we may send them an invitation. You are also encouraged to join them at the Social. All Department Chairs are requested to attend.

Membership Dues

You should have received your dues invoice by now. Please be sure to return them by September 1, so we can include you in the Membership Directory.

Bobbie Herman
Membership Chair

RSVP KNITTING

There will not be a meeting in August.

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.

ZUMBA

We are taking a break due to the installation of a new floor in the banquet room and other summer activities. We will be back in September on Thursday following our first Club Day. Same time and place. Everyone is welcome.

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

HOORAY! Thanks to all of YOU, Yankee Doodle Fair, our largest annual fundraiser, which provides the funds for our Staples scholarships and many community service organization grants, had another financially successful year!

Except for Friday night's rain, we had good weather and good crowds. Our amiable members, in blue YDF aprons, were gracious hosts and sharp salespeople, on behalf of the many charities we support, and Westport was VERY grateful for another year of wonderful memories.

Fittingly, three out of four Raffle prize winners (Marion Mahone (the \$1,000 grand prize), Rosalie DaSilva (the Lux Bond & Green jewelry set and gift card procured by Linda Debo) and Molly Small (Westport Country Playhouse tickets) were our own WWC members, and the fourth, the winner of the \$500 Brooks Bros. gift card donated by Bev McArthur, was the mother of one of our Scholarship winners! The Garden Department's decision to host the Plant Sale in May proved to be brilliant, and will become the regular routine.

Gourmet's Bake Sale sold out, Lucky Prize had winners for all 78 donated items, Curio Cottage was busy, Kiddie Games and Sand Art were a magnet for young families, Ride Ticket Sales were brisk (except Friday night) and the Food Court, featuring our chilled beverages, did very well. Behind the scenes, our cash counters in Treasury, our Rentals and Set-Up, our Volunteers Coordinator and our highly skilled Publicist provided amazing results. In the September issue of the Newsletter, we'll provide the very long list of thank you's to individuals, and more detail, for the benefit of new members.

Meanwhile...IMPORTANT...Remember that Mary Lee Clayton (our new WWC president) and I are both retiring as YDF co-chairs. If YOU have been thinking that maybe 2012 is a good year for YOU to take a turn as a YDF chair/co-chair, and you'd like to learn more, here's a NO RISK OFFER: Let me/Mary Lee Clayton know, and we'll talk about it over lunch. MY TREAT!

Dorothy Curran & Mary Lee Clayton
Co-Chairs, Yankee Doodle Fair 2011

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The first Cultural Affairs trip of the club year is to New York City to see the revival of "Follies," winner of seven Tony awards in 1971. "Follies" features a star-studded cast including Bernadette Peters, Jan Maxwell and Elaine Paige. Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. We have tickets for the Wednesday Matinee, September 21st. Cost of this trip is \$117.00 per person.

Wednesday, October 19th will be something a bit different; three one act plays by Woody Allen, Ethan Coen and Elaine May are coming to Broadway entitled "Relatively Speaking." Woody Allen's play is a broad comedy. This Theatre trip is \$110.00 per person.

December 7th we tentatively intend to book the Tony Award winning musical revival "Anything Goes." Music and lyrics by Cole Porter. The response to Colleen's email blast has been reasonably positive so far. If you really think you will purchase a ticket or two at the quoted price (between \$140.00 and \$143.00 per person) please sign up with Colleen, in the office ASAP. If we get enough members signing up, we will book the show.

Marilyn Killough

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Christmas Boutique Planning Meeting will be held on August 9th at 1:30 pm.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

We are taking the month of August off and will plan a GNO for Wednesday September 7 at 6:30 at the WWC. Watch for an email blast or the signup sheet at the Club for more details and to RSVP.

If you haven't come to one yet, try and join us for a fun evening with members of all ages with very varied interests who have one thing in common...we all enjoy a night out with the girls!

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