

The BULLETIN



WWC AUGUST CALENDAR

2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i>	7 <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am</i>	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i>	14 <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am</i>	15	16
17	18	19 <i>Bunco 7:00 pm</i>	20 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i>	21 <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am</i>	22	23
24	25	26 <i>Ladies Who Lunch 12:00 Noon</i>	27 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i>	28 <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am</i>	29	30/31

Officers *President* Dorothy Curran; *1st Vice President (Special Interests)* Dorothy Packer; *2nd Vice President (Finance)* Arlene Johnson; *3rd Vice President (Ways & Means)* by Committee; *Secretary* Becky Ruthven; *Treasurer* Barbara Szeftc **Directors** *Communications* Josephine Calcagni; *Community Service* Nancy Saipe; *Membership* Susan Hrick; *Parliamentary Advisor* Fortuma Mangier; *Program*, Rose Jordan, Rosalie Kaye *Rentals* Susan Loselle, *Curio Cottage* Jerilyn Deveau, *Yankee Doodle Fair* TBD; *Past President* Mary Lee Clayton

Staff *Office Manager* Colleen Fenton; *Resident Manager* Dora Sweet Office Phone #203-227-4240

Office Hours M, T, Th, 9:30am-2:30pm Wed., Fri. 9:30am-12:00.

Letter From The President

Dear Ladies,

Hope you've had a lovely summer, already renewed your membership (due 8/31 to be in the Directory!), selected "YES!" for Permanent Lunch List (subject to billing rules) and chosen at least one new Special Interest Group or Activity for this year.

While you are reading this, your new Board is busy researching, evaluating and implementing Capital Improvements to our Clubhouse. Be sure to let us know what you think!

Last spring, by approving changes in our Bylaws, then electing the WWC's first-ever Co-Presidents (2 women=1 vote) to the 2014-15 Board, you gave our venerable 107-year-old organization a nice balance of fresh energy and continued wisdom. What a gift for the Board transition! After pouring her heart into that effort and accomplishing MUCH in a short period, our talented, tireless and beloved fellow member and elected Co-President, Lorraine Feliciano, has opted not to continue in that role. Please make a point to thank her for ALL that she has accomplished for us all. Meanwhile, this decision means we will move forward in the old-fashioned way, with one president.

Our new Board is particularly grateful to Mary Lee Clayton, after 3 years as President, and many years in other forms of service, for agreeing to continue in the new Past President role. In fact, we are going to declare September 8, our first 2014-15 Club Day, as "Mary Lee Clayton Day!"

Our goals this year include bringing the Board to full strength by filling vacancies. Accordingly--acting at the Joint Board Meeting in June under WWC Bylaws Section 11, "Vacancies occurring on the Board, other than that of the President shall be filled by the President with approval of two-thirds of the full Board"--we are thrilled to announce: Mary Lee Clayton, Past President; Suzan Murphy, 3rd VP, Ways & Means; Janette Duchnicki, Grounds. Please congratulate them and ask how you can help support their work.

Finally, please also consider stepping up to help with two remaining vacancies: House and Yankee Doodle Fair. "A rising tide lifts all boats!" and "Many hands make work light!" To learn more, please contact me!

Dorothy E. Curran

CLUB DAY

Join us Monday, September 8th for the first Club Day of the new season. Make your reservation, by calling the Office at 227-4240 or email Colleen in the Office at westportwomensclub@sbcglobal.net. Please make sure you make a reservation by Wednesday, September 3rd.

If you would like to be on the Permanent Lunch list please call the office. Please note, you must re-new yourself for Permanent lunch List each year. Please call the office at 203-227-4240 or westportwomensclub@sbcglobal.net. Lunch is \$20.00. Plan to arrive by 11:30 AM. Additional Parking in the Lower Parking Lot and Rear Parking Lot.

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

PROGRAMS

Our speaker for September is Karen Bussolini, a widely-published garden photographer, speaker, writer, and eco-friendly garden coach from Kent, CT. Karen trained as a painter and had a career as an architectural photographer before turning her attention entirely to gardens. Her writing and photography appear frequently in many garden publications and she is best known for writing about personal garden experiences. She has appeared on PBS television and has taught at The New York Botanical Garden. Her work explores the many ways gardening connects us to our place on earth and to each other. The topic of her talk is "Naturescape Your Yard," which we are sure will be of interest to those of us who have gardens and those who simply enjoy and admire them. Karen will also have copies of her book, "The Naturescaping Workbook," available for sale. Please be sure to join us for an interesting and educational program.

Rose Jordan and Rosalie Kaye
Program Co-Chairs

BUNCO

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH TIME: 7:00 P.M. (CHAT & CHEW) - 7:30 P.M. GAME BEGINS COST: \$5.00 HOSTESSES: TBD

Thank you to those of you who stepped in to run the JULY BUNCO while I was on vacation. It was most appreciated, as I know the ladies did not want me to cancel. I hope you all had a fun, "winning" time...

The Bunco Queen for this year will be "crowned" at our August Bunco...HMMMMM...Any ideas who that "lucky lady" will be?????

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 August 12th, at 1:30 p.m. at Vivian Rosenberg's home, 9 Pleasant Valley Lane, Westport, CT 06880, there will be a planning meeting for the December Holiday Boutique. Bring your ideas of things that we can make or you would like to see for sale. Pictures of items, prices, sources of where to purchase sale goods are always welcome.

Also, it is time for garden membership dues for the upcoming year. If paying by check, the amount is \$10, payable to the Garden Room. Checks may be dropped off in the garden department mail slot in the office, or mailed to Catherine Smith at 23 Compo Beach Road, Westport, CT 06880. Jerilyn Deveau, 203-372-2920, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com

LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month, we're trying something different. We'll be going to Flipside Burgers and Bar, 1125 Post Road in Fairfield. As the name suggests, Flipside is a "burger joint," but with a difference! You have your choice of 15 different burgers, which can be made with grilled chicken or veggies, if you prefer. There are also several salads and sandwiches offered, as well. Flipside was voted as having one of the best hamburgers in Connecticut for the past few years.

DATE: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at noon The menu can be found at -- <http://www.flipside-restaurant.com/menu.php> Click on the items in the left hand column to see the variety they offer. If the weather permits, we'll sit outdoors on their patio. Flipside is located just past the Brick Walk in Fairfield. It is next door to the Sprint Store and Shell Station with parking in the rear.

Please let me know by Friday, August 22 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.

Bobbie Herman, 255-1577, 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

MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK - 2014

Please mark your calendar for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 19th at Sherwood Island State Park at 9am. As we have done for the past several years, members (and their friends and family) of the Woman's Club will be walking together as a group to raise funds for breast cancer research and to show support for all the women who have experienced - themselves or loved ones - this disease.

Go to the website for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and register under the Westport Woman's Club, or contact Audrey Rabinowitz (bxiteb4.com or 227-6010) for further information.

MEMBERSHIP

This is a friendly reminder that while summers days are lingering we are planning for the new 2014-2015 year at the Club. You should have now received your annual renewal membership letter. Please submit your dues and updated information form by August 31, 2014 so that you can be included in this year's directory.

Membership will be holding an informal evening reception for prospective new members later in September.

Now is a good time to see if any of your summer friends may have an interest in joining WWC and in September we can invite them to this event. Susan Hricik, 203-227-1372

NECESSITIES BAGS

We anticipate assembling Necessities Bags in October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. These bags are provided free of charge to mastectomy patients and distributed exclusively through surgeons, nurses and hospital affiliated breast cancer support centers, including Norwalk Hospital and Norma Pfriem Center in Fairfield. These reusable totes are filled with a kit containing information, hospital supplies, wound care products and personal hygiene and comfort items for use after surgery and at home.

One of the comfort items are small pillows that are sewn by our members. If you are interested in sewing them - which is an easy thing to do for anyone with a sewing machine - please contact Leah Scherzer, 226-3042 or leahsart@aol.com for instructions, fabric, and/or stuffing.

Next month we hope to provide the dates of the pre-assembly and the assembly itself and the items that we are requesting our members to donate. This will be the 5th consecutive year of the WWC assembling the Necessities Bags.

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

We are very happy to report that, despite threatening bad weather on Thursday night and rain on Friday night, reducing attendance, YDF 2014 was a success and made nearly \$47,000 after expenses, which will help many people through our community service grant program, need-based scholarships to Staples H.S. students, and our Food Closet!

We thank our sponsors: Resnick Investment Advisors; HSBC Bank (program partner); Robert Grant, Esq; Wells Fargo Bank; Dorothy Curran, Weichert Realtors; Westport National Bank; and our friends - in memory of Doris Farquhar; and Harding Funeral Home. Their generosity and support are very much appreciated.

The Yankee Doodle Fair couldn't have been held without the help and involvement of each of the following captains, many of whom were at the Fair each day, all day, and during set-up before the Fair even started:

Bake Sale: Lisa Allison & Barbara Gladnick **Beverages:** Susan Hricik & Pat Vezendy **Curio Cottage:** Karen Eickhoff
Face Painting: Mitzi Lyman **Fair & Town Permits:** Joyce Netherton **Food Court & Pizza Tent:** Diana Zaslow
Lucky Prize Drawing: Audrey Rabinowitz **Publicity:** Jo Calcagni **Raffle:** Susan Loselle **Raffle Sales:** Elfriede Lafferty
Rentals: Fay Farquhar **Ride Tickets:** Linda Amos **Sand Art:** Catherine Smith **Signs:** Mary-Jane Cross **Sponsors:** Jo Fuchs Luscombe & Barbara Levy **Treasury:** Barbara Szefc, Arlene Johnson & Joyce Netherton **Volunteers:** Dorothy Curran **President:** Mary Lee Clayton **Office Manager:** Colleen Fenton **Resident Manager:** Dora Sweet

Our gratitude to: the members who helped during set-up, those who worked one or more shifts during the Fair, those who sold - and bought - raffle tickets, with special mention to Elfriede Lafferty who sold many raffle tickets throughout town in the weeks and days before the Fair began, as well as during the Fair; the almost 20 members who obtained or donated gifts for the Raffle Prizes and Lucky Prize Drawing, with special mention to Linda Debo, who for many years has obtained donated Raffle Prizes, and Zita Casey, who for many years has obtained many gifts for the LPD, the chairs of the special interest groups who made baskets for the LPD; those who bought tickets for the LPD, the many members who baked or donated money for the Bake Sale* our scholarship recipients & Staples Key Club students who volunteered; over 80 local businesses who donated gifts for our Lucky Prize Drawing and Clare Clark and Mary Lee Clayton for sharing their expertise from previous Fairs.

We hope you all felt the same enjoyment and satisfaction that we did in being involved in the wonderful tradition of the Yankee Doodle Fair!

Josephine Laska, jlaska55@aol.com, 227-7631 Audrey Rabinowitz, bxiteb4@aol.com, 227-6010 Co-chairs, 2014 YDF

The BULLETIN
OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB
44 Imperial Ave
Westport, CT 06880

