



# The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

JANUARY 2011

## WWC JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 <i>Bridge 10:30am</i>	4 <i>Undeck the Halls Garden 10:00 am</i>	5 <i>YDF 10:00am Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	6 <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am</i>	7	8
9	10 <i>Bridge 10:30am</i>	11	12 <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	13 <i>Social Bridge 10:00 am</i>	14	15
16	17 <i>Board Meeting 10:00am Bridge 10:30am</i>	18 <i>Gourmet Bunco 7:00 pm</i>	19 <i>Warmu-up Mailing 9:30am Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	20 <i>Social Bridge 10:00am</i>	21	22
23	24 <i>Comm.Svcs 9:30 Bridge 10:30am</i>	25 <i>Play Reading 10:30am</i>	26 <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm RSVP 1:00pm</i>	27 <i>Social Bridge 10:00am Book Club 1:00pm</i>	28	29
30	31 <i>Bridge 10:30am</i>					

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Office Hours M-F 9:00am-4:00pm  
12:00-1:00 Closed for Lunch  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

As usual, the WWC marked the Holiday Season with the Community Services Holiday Greeting Cards, Food Gift Cards, Catered Meals and Toy Drive programs coordinated by Club members Nancy Saipe and Diana Zaslow. Thanks so much to these two dedicated women and everyone else who contributed to the effort. In addition, I want to extend our sincere appreciation to Honorary Club Members Jack and Jeanne Klinge and their family and friends who once again delivered our catered meals to all of the recipients. I also want to thank all of our members who made financial contributions to help underwrite these important programs, as well as everyone who responded to our first annual appeal. We truly appreciate your support, especially in these trying economic times.

I am happy to report that we are kicking the new year off with several exciting initiatives. The first is the imminent launching of a new Club website. Lorraine Feliciano has been hard at work with professional web designer Fredi Bremond to give our website a new look and help make it an exciting, informative and vibrant Internet Destination for our members and the public alike. In addition to show-casing all the good works and activities of the Club, the site will include a comprehensive calendar and a special members-only section, including the up-to-date membership directory and key items from the Membership Handbook. The second area we are working to ramp up is the Ways & Means Committee. In addition to the April 13 Fashion Show being chaired by Jo Fuchs Luscombe, under the leadership of Martha Eidman, the Ways & Means Committee is exploring several new ventures, that if successful, will provide the Club with new sources of ongoing income. Stay tuned for more information on these exciting new projects.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Board, I wish you all a very happy new year!

All the best,

Mary Vickery

## CLUB DAY

Thanks to Mary Lee Clayton (Garden Dept) and Anne Hunt (Gourmet) Club Day was spectacular. Our next Club Day is February 7th hosted by Mary-Jane Cross and Barbara Culp who co-chair Tournament Bridge.

Please check your new directory and handbook for all the important information regarding lunch and Club Day.

Thank you,

Leah Scherzer, 1st Vice President

## WARM-UP FUND MAILING

Mark your calendars for the Warm-Up Fund mailing, which will be held in the Club's banquet room on Wednesday, January 19th at 9:30 am (snow date is Wednesday, January 26th). The WWC has participated in this annual project for many years, in conjunction with the United Way and Westport's Department of Human Services. Letters are mailed out to Westport residents requesting financial contributions to the town's Warm-up Fund to assist our neighbors needing financial aid to pay their fuel bills during the cold winter. Our members stuff letters, affix labels, and seal envelopes. Please join us for this community service activity - there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

Clare Clark & Audrey Rabinowitz  
Co-Chairs

## In Memorium

Our Condolenses to the family and friends of Jacky Booth who passed away December 12th. Jacky was a past president of the Woman's Club .

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Service Committee will resume the review of grant applications on Monday, January 24. Two agencies have been invited to give oral presentations. I hope to see many of you at that time and hope that you enjoyed a healthy and happy holiday season.

Jo Fuchs Luscombe  
Director, Community Service

Folding, stuffing, sealing, stamping and addressing envelopes sounds pretty boring, but thanks to a group of funny, witty and hardworking Club members we were able to laugh and enjoy M&Ms as we did the tedious tasks! Thanks to the folders, sealers, stampers, and address writers group 512 Westport people will have a more enjoyable holiday! Thank you for helping.

Nancy Saipe

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR MEETING

Hi All!

We hope you had wonderful holidays!

The first YANKEE DOODLE FAIR PLANNING MEETING of the New Year is Wednesday, January 5th at 10:00am

See you there,

Mary Lee Clayton  
Dorothy E Curran  
Yankee Doodle Fair Co-Chairs



## SUNSHINE GIRLS

January: Fay Farquhar:  
855-9759

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

War Horse  
Wednesday, March 30, 2011

There are five Wednesdays in March in 2011. Therefore, I have booked a new play from London: "War Horse." Lincoln Center is presenting the American premier of the National Theatre of Great Britain's production. "War Horse" is a thrilling and spectacular creation based on the celebrated novel by Michael Morpugo.

World War I is the setting for this tale of bravery, loyalty and a remarkable bond between a young recruit and his horse. Cost of this theatre trip is \$122.00 per person.

This play is in previews in March. The official opening is in April. Our cost is based on a preview ticket price. Also, our bus price has increased because gas prices have gone up and our postage and handling fee has almost doubled.

To quote London's Peter Brown "every now and then something really different pops up to charm, delight and truly amaze. The National's new play, 'War Horse' fits perfectly into that category...just give this play a chance to work its magic – you couldn't possibly be disappointed."

## PLAY READING GROUP ANYONE?

There has been some interest in the play reading group. We will meet Tuesday morning, January 25th at 10:30 am in the Woman's Club wherever space is available.

I will be visiting the library in early January and try to bring copies of plays to the January 25th get together. All you have to do is show up and bring your ideas.

Have a Grand Holiday.

Marilyn Killough

## MEMBERSHIP

Hope all have enjoyed a peaceful Holiday Season and are ready to jump into 2011!

A reminder that you all are the best ambassadors for new members, so please keep up the good work and invite "potentials" to a Club Day or Bunco or a Community Service project to "check us out".

We are in the early planning stages for an evening "Supper Club". We are working out the details but the basic idea would be to have a restaurant/caterer prepare and deliver dinner to the Clubhouse and we supply the set up, clean up and beverages. We would plan to break even so each attendee would pay to participate. Our thinking is that we have a number of members who cannot come to daytime programs and this would be a social time for all members and a reasonably priced night out. All are welcome to join in the planning, please just get in touch with me.

I hope all new members have been getting The Bulletin and browsing through the Handbook. There is a wealth of activities always happening at the WWC and we need active members to keep up the good work!

Please welcome the following women who have joined recently:

Miriam Bakker  
21 Turkey Hill Rd N  
Westport

Audrey Hertzell  
17B Ludlow Road  
Westport

Betty Kaye  
1 Cartbridge Road  
Weston, Ct

## CURIO COTTAGE

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays,  
A Joyous New Year....  
The Curio Cottage Committee

## BOOK CLUB

The book for "Westport Reads" this year is "Zeitoun" by Dave Eggers. The Book Club will be discussing this book on Thursday, January 27 at 1:00. Please join us if you are going to be a part of this town-wide event. We welcome all comers.

Barbara Raffel

## TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

Tournament Bridge is a competitive bridge game. You and your partner play 6 games against each of 5 other teams each week (30 games each day). We meet every Monday (except on Club Days), from 10:30am to 2:00pm. We play 5-week sessions, from September through May, with prizes handed out at the end of each session.

We always need substitutes. If you are interested in joining us and/or being on the substitute list, please call Mary-Jane Cross

## SOCIAL BRIDGE

Social Bridge meets regularly on Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the living and dining rooms. Please call me if you are interested in signing up to "SUB".

Tommie Ross

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4th,  
10:00am

Thank you to Kathy Groener, Jannette Duchnicki and Audrey Hertz for their contributions to the Holiday Meals raffle success.

On the 4th, we will be UNDECKING THE HALLS and also having a brief meeting to discuss the 2010 Boutique: what worked, what didn't and what we can do better in 2011.

Hope to see you all there!

Mary Lee Clayton

## ANTIQUES

The Antiques group will not be meeting in January or February. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 23rd at 10 am.

All the best for a Healthy and Happy New Year!

Audrey Rabinowitz  
Chair

## RSVP KNITTING

All levels of knitters are welcome and we are happy to teach beginners. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 26, 1011 at 1 PM in the Conference Room. For questions, please contact Joan Miller, 203-226-7036 or mmiller@optonline.net.

## GOURMET

"Here's to you" and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

On January 18 members of Gourmet will be treated to a delectable lunch where all of the recipes are from Mark Bittman. He is a celebrity chef and a food columnist from the New York Times, as well as a writer of many cookbooks. Some of the readers of the Bulletin may know him from television programs.

Guests are welcomed. The guest fee for the luncheon is \$15.00. If you wish to attend the January luncheon call me at home 203-227-9407 or cell 203-505-1463, or send me an email at jlaffe1057@aol.com. Gourmet members will be contacted individually.

Bon Appétit and keep on cooking!

Elfriede Lafferty

## BUNCO

Hope that you all had a blessed holiday and looking forward to joining "Bunco" in the New Year!!!

Date: Tuesday, January 18th

Time: 7:00 pm (chat & chew)...7:30 game begins

Cost: \$5.00 (Cash prizes!!!)

Sign up on the board outside the office

As of this time we need 2 ladies to be our hostesses for January and 2 hostesses for our February 15th Bunco night. If you haven't been a volunteer in the past year, please consider volunteering.

All are welcome... No experience necessary. Hope to see you soon.

Wendy McKeon

