



# The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

OCTOBER 2011

## WWC OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Club Day</b>	<b>4</b> Garden Board 1:30am  GNO	<b>5</b> Mah Jong 1-4pm YDF Meeting 10:00am	<b>6</b> Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30 am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Bridge 10:30	<b>11</b> Garden Board 1:30pm	<b>12</b> Mah Jong 1-4pm 12th Night WCP 6:30 pm	<b>13</b> Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am Membership Wine & Cheese 7:30pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bridge 10:30 WWC Board 1:00pm	<b>18</b> Gourmet 11:30 Bunco 7:00pm	<b>19</b> Cultural Affairs 9:30am Mah Jong 1-4pm Necessities Bags 7pm	<b>20</b> Social Bridge 10:00 am Necessities Bags 9:30am Zumba 11:30am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Comm Ser. 9:30am Bridge 10:30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Antiques 10:00am Mah Jong 1-4pm RSVP 1:00pm	<b>27</b> Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am Book Review 1:00pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Appraisal Fair 12:00 to 4:00pm</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Bridge 10:30					

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

### VOLUNTEER AND FUND RAISING EVENTS:

On the evening of the 19th and morning of 20th, we are packing NECESSITIES BAGS for breast cancer victims. On the 30th, the WWC Team is once again WALKING FOR THE CURE at Sherwood Island. Both of these events give you an opportunity to do something about a disease which has affected us all, directly or indirectly. And, you will be joining a very convivial group of people.

The 29th, the Curio Cottage is sponsoring the FIRST ANNUAL ANTIQUES APPRAISEL FAIR. Tell your friends, tell your family and rummage in the attic, the backs of drawers and the bottom of your closets. This will be terrific fun, the Club will add to its Community Service budget and who knows, you may find that you have America's next great treasure!

### SOCIAL OPPORTUNITES:

On the 12th, in partnership with the Westport Country Playhouse, we are attending TWELFH NIGHT. Husbands and guests are invited to the play, as well as the reception before the play.

Both the GARDEN Department and GOURMET have scheduled wonderful programs this month to which they are inviting the entire Club.

And, we are busing to New York to see "RELATIVELY SPEAKING." If you like the humor of Woody Allen and Elaine May this is the play for you.

On the 13th, we are having our fall WINE AND CHEESE for new and prospective new members. Come; bring a friend. Most of our new members join the Club because of current members.

Details on all of these events are in the Bulletin. I hope to see you at a few!

And, don't forget to attend the Community Services meeting on the fourth Monday in October.

Have a lovely month

Mary Lee Clayton

## CLUB DAY

Our next Club Day is October 3rd Chaired by Barbara Raffel, Book Review and Clare Clark, GNO. Wine and punch is served at 11:30. Lunch is served at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be Crab Salad with celery, scallions and bell pepper on a bed of mesclun greens. All lunches will include rolls and butter.

Please call the office to put yourself on the Permanent Club Day lunch list. Each year you must re-new your status. If you are not on the Permanent list, you must call the office by the Wednesday prior to Club Day before 1:00pm to make a reservation. If you make a reservation and cannot attend, you must cancel your reservation before 1:00pm on the Wednesday prior to Club Day. Since we pay the caterer for the number of people attending, a reservation is a commitment to the WWC. Any member who abuses the cancellation policy two or more times will have to prepay at the time of their reservation. Lunches are \$15.00. A check or exact amount is appreciated. Thank you.

Many thanks to the affiliated and un-affiliated Special Interest members who signed up to help on Club Day: Bobbie Herman, Mince Kohler, Jo Calcagni, Penny Pearlman, Mary Attanasio, Judi Freedman, and Jeanie Snell.

Leah Scherzer, 1st VP  
leahsart@aol.com

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

Hi All

Our first and last YDF meeting (until January) will be

Wednesday, October 5th at 10:00am  
It's a good time to do a little pre-planning and chat about some of your suggestions for the 2012 Fair.

Mary Lee Clayton, President  
YDF Co-Chair, Retired

## 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.

Please welcome the following new members:

Susan Baron Mald  
147 Old Hyde Road  
Weston, CT 06883

Alin Chelico  
37 Compo Beach Road  
Westport, CT 06880

Helen Farthing  
15 Marine Ave  
Westport, CT 06880

Gail Goldblat  
45 Hamiltom Court  
Fairfield, CT 06824

Jo Ann Mahoney  
68 Ferry Blvd  
Stratford, CT 06615

Susan Mooallem  
597 Westport, Ave  
Norwalk, CT 06851

Bobbie Herman  
Membership Chair

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Service Committee will continue to meet every fourth Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Club's parlor. New members are welcome. We will review all grant applications received and hear from some interesting speakers. I have appointed the following members to serve with me on The Ruegg Grant Award Committee this year: Rose Jordan, Joyce Netherton, Barbara Scheff and Vi Takahashi. I am grateful to these ladies for their capable assistance.

Karen Center and Wendy Mc Keon and the Food Closet Committee will continue to do their admirable job of providing assistance to those in need in our community. Three cheers for Amy Schneider who will head up the Warm-up fund mailing this year.

Arlene Thrope will once again head up Strides and Audrey Rabinowitz will be in charge of Necessities. These are two very worthwhile projects and we are very fortunate to have Arlene and Audrey take charge. They will keep us informed as to how our entire membership can participate in these Club projects.

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready to join me every 4th Monday of the month.

Jo Fuchs Luscombe  
Director, Community Services  
203-227-0393

Please mark your calendars for Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk at Sherwood Island State Park on Sunday, October 30 at 11:00 am. You can register for the walk and make a donation by going to Westport Woman's Club link at <http://bit.ly/nXzFGo>. Registration will also be available at the park starting at 9:00 am or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Club and drop a check off with Colleen made out to American Cancer Society. We had a great turnout last year, a fun walk and raised over \$1200 for this worthwhile cause. Call Arlene Thrope, Team Leader, at 203-226-0413 if you have questions.

## Necessities Bag Project

For the second consecutive year, in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we will be assembling Necessities Bags in October. These bags are distributed, at no charge, to breast cancer surgery patients through their doctors. The pre-assembly of the bags will be Wednesday night, Oct. 19th at 7pm; the actual assembly will be Thursday, Oct 20th at 9:30am – both in the ballroom. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or contact Audrey Rabinowitz, 227-6010 or [bxiteb4@aol.com](mailto:bxiteb4@aol.com).

This year we are collecting donations of emery boards, lip balm (non-mentholated), and pocket pack of tissues, which are just some of the things that go in the tote bags. Please leave these items in the box located outside the office. Your participation is very

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

“Relatively Speaking”  
Wednesday, October 19th  
New York City

Wednesday, October 19th the Cultural Affairs bus will leave the lower level parking lot at 9:30 am for the theatre trip to see “Relatively Speaking” in NYC. Three one-act plays by Woody Allen, Ethan Coen and Elaine May have been bundled together and are opening on Broadway in October. The new mini plays, titled “Relatively Speaking” will be directed by John Turturro, who has appeared in several films by Coen and his brother Joel.

The cast will include Julie Kavner, a star of several of Mr. Allen's first films, including “Radio Days” and “Hannah and her Sisters”; Steve Guttenberg, whose films include “Cocoon” and “Three Men and a Baby” and who appeared on Broadway in “Prelude to a Kiss”; Marlo Thomas, “That Girl” star and whose Broadway credits include “The Shadow Box” and “Social Security.” Tickets are available are available for purchase. Cost of this Theatre trip is \$110 per person. Your tickets will be ready for pick up from the Woman's Club office Thursday October 13th. The Brooks Atkinson Theatre is located at 256 West 47th St.

“Anything Goes”  
Wednesday, December 7th

“Anything Goes” is sold out but we are taking checks for a paid wait list as there are always cancellations. It cost nothing to be on the wait list. Your check is returned to you if there are no cancellations.

This musical won the 2011 Tony Award for Best Musical Revival. “Anything Goes” stars Sutton Foster, who won the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Musical. Cost of this Theatre trip is \$140.00 per person

Marilyn Killough, 203-259-1833

Wednesday October 12th at 6:30, Twelfth Night at the Westport Country Playhouse. A special evening for our members. The group price is \$35.00 and includes the show, wine, appetizers and what goes on behind the curtain. Tickets will be available to purchase in the our office.

## WAYS and MEANS

### OCTOBER TREASURE HUNT IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!!!

Curio Cottage is excited to announce the October 29 Appraisal Fair from 12 to 4pm. Professional verbal appraisals will be given for only \$5/item. This is a great way for our membership and broader community to establish the value of family heirlooms, antiques or collectibles -- any items of questionable value that might be “forgotten” and tucked away in a back closet. We are asking each member to invite at least 10 friends to this fundraiser, either by sending an email, phoning them, or giving them a ride to the event. This is an easy way to raise money for the club, and have fun with your friends. We are relying on each club member to help us promote this event!

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Board Meeting - October 4, 2011

The Garden Department of the Westport Woman's Club proudly presents Cyrus Paktinat as the featured speaker for their October 11, 2011 meeting at the Westport Woman's Club.

Cyrus Paktinat, is the owner and designer of the Flower Fall of Westport as well as being an artist and poet. He will be demonstrating and sharing his secrets for fall seasonal arrangements and Thanksgiving Harvest décor for the home.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the club located at 44 Imperial Avenue, Westport. All designs created will be raffled. This program is open to the public - however seating is limited so please call the Woman's Club at 203-227-4240 to reserve your seat.

## ZUMBA

Thursdays at 11:30-12:30. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fun, and dance to a healthier you. Leah Scherzer, 1st V.P. leahsart@aol.com, 226-3042.

## RSVP KNITTERS

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

## 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, 227-1346 if you are interested.

## GOURMET

The Gourmet Group is planning a trip to the Hopkins Vineyard and Inn in New Preston on Tuesday, October 18. If you are interested, you may contact us for further details. The cost of the trip is \$85 which covers the cost of the bus, wine tasting and luncheon. Our group treasurer, Cheryl Stoebe, 14 Prospect Road, Westport, will be happy to receive your check/reservation. Anne Hunt, rahuntclu@sbcglobal.net Betty Kaye, bak24@aol.com

## ANTIQUES GROUP

The speaker for the October 26th meeting will be John Edward Clark, Fairfield County antique furniture conservator. Through family tradition, apprenticeship, travel and research, John has over 25 years of experience restoring antique furniture. With extensive training, John utilizes Old European and museum methods in restoration, including marble, leather, upholstery, caning and rushing, gilding of gold and silver leaf.

Refreshments will be served at 10am, followed by a short business meeting and our speaker's presentation. Please join us - everyone is welcome.

Audrey Rabinowitz  
Antiques Chairperson  
bxiteb4@aol.com

## BUNCO

### Drum roll please!

CONGRATULATIONS to our "2011 BUNCO QUEEN" – BEVERLY McARTHUR!

No one wears a crown quite like you...

Come to our next Bunco Night – Tuesday, October 18th to find out how you might become the next "Bunco Queen"... All are welcome – No experience necessary.

Time: 7:00 p.m....

Cost: \$5.00

**Hostesses: Catherine Smith and Karen Center**

## BOOK REVIEW

"Can't cook but doesn't bite." So begins the newspaper ad offering the services of an "A-1 housekeeper, sound morals, exceptional disposition" that draws the hungry attention of widower Oliver Milliron in the fall of 1909. And so begins the unforgettable season that deposits the non-cooking, non-biting, ever-whistling Rose Llewellyn and her font-of-knowledge brother, Morris Morgan, in Marias Coulee, Montana. This book received wonderful reviews! All are welcome to join us in our discussion on Thursday, October 27 at 1pm, led by Pat Wettach.

Barbara Raffel

## TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

If you are interested in playing or being a sub please contact Mary Jane Cross, 227-7135.

## SOCIAL BRIDGE

If you are interested please contact Tommie Ross, 227-2444 .

## GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

Calling all girls for a new season of GNO! We had our first GNO in September on a rainy night and chased the blues away with our laughter! We will plan one a month, the dates may change based on the WWC rental calendar but get ready for some laughs while getting to know each other. Looking for a few of you to take turns hosting...please get in touch with us to sign up! The menu is wine/non alcoholic beverages and "noshy" snacks always with a dessert! Cost is \$10.00 and reservations needed by the Monday before.

Next one is: Tuesday, October 4th and please save these dates on your calendar now too!

Thursday November 10  
Wednesday December 14

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