

THE BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

OCTOBER 2014

WWC OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm	2 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i> <i>Zumba 10:15</i>	3	4
5	6 Club Day	7	8	9 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i> <i>Zumba 10:15</i> <i>Book Review</i> 1:00pm	10	11
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19 Making Strides BreastCancer Walk 9:00 am	20 <i>Board 10:00am</i> <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	21 <i>Gourmet 11:30</i> <i>Bunco 7:00 pm</i>	22 <i>WWC Knitters</i> 1:00 pm <i>Mah Jongg</i> 1:00 - 4:00 pm	23 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i> <i>Zumba 10:15</i>	24	25
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Following a very busy September, with lots of progress made, let's make October a month to check out our Special Interest Groups and consider joining something new.

But first remember to reserve your luncheon seat for October Club Day (Directories should be ready for pick-up) and submit New Member invitation nominees to Susan Hricik, who plans a Reception/Info Session on Tuesday evening, Sept. 30.

Many thoughtful questions at September Club Day led to unanimous approval of our 2014-15 budget, including capital improvements to the Auditorium ceiling. That project--guided (pro bono!) by Architect Vesna Juresko-Herman-- and Interior Designer Beverly Ellsley is scheduled for late December through January. Special thanks to 2nd VP Finance, Arlene Johnson, for preparing and presenting the Budget.

Elfriede Lafferty won the Club Day 50-50 Raffle and graciously donated the funds back to our Scholarship Fund. The program--featuring Karen Bussolini's Powerpoint of her exquisite color garden photography--showed off the excellent functionality of our Auditorium's newly painted "screen wall."

Speaking of gardens...thanks in part to Janette Duchnicki's use of charm to elicit outright donations of trees, plants and labor, improvements to the grounds continue, building on the work of such distinguished predecessors as Nancy Holland.

The deteriorating tub and shower in Dorá's apartment have been replaced, thereby protecting the first floor Foyer, Ladies Room and Office from risk of water damage. Remarkably, though the space was small, the contractor's demolition removed 840 lbs of 19th c. plaster to clear the way for re-tiling!

Our first BYOB Friday--on Sept. 12--offered an encore presentation and informal discussion of the ceiling renovation plan blended with social time. Scheduling of future BYOBs will vary according to the availability of the space. Renters have priority!

Community Services Director Nancy Saipe is expanding the types of grants we offer non-profits to include (in lieu of cash) one-time use of our Clubhouse for friend-raisers or fundraisers. ALL WWC Members automatically belong to Community Services, so please support Nancy by attending meetings to help decide WHO should receive our grants.

On Oct. 8, we are continuing our civic-minded WWC tradition of co-sponsoring (no funding involved) the League of Women Voters' public service Candidate debates. Attending them is even more civic-minded!

Finally, I am SO committed to bringing back Cultural Affairs as an active Special Interest Group that I am making myself Acting Head. I am confident that I will succeed because longtime C.A. Leader Extraordinaire--Marilyn Killough--has agreed to train me. If you'd like to join this conspiracy for GOOD TIMES, please let me know!

Dorothy E. Curran, President, 203.246.0543

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is gearing up for a great year of giving and getting involved in Westport and surrounding towns. During the first Community Service meeting we will be discussing opportunities to partner and get involved with local organizations - please bring your ideas! I look forward to a year of true community service!

We are setting up for Club Day on Sunday, October 5th and serving at Club Day on Monday the 6th. Audrey Rabinowitz is organizing the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, Sunday October 19th.

The October meeting will be held on Monday October 27th at 10:30; the speaker will be Barbara Butler, Director of Human Services for the Town of Westport. Nancy Saipe, ncsaipe@aol.com, 454-0033

CLUB DAY

Join us Monday, October 6 for Club Day, co-hosted by Community Services and Book Review, chaired by Nancy Saipe and Lee Mennitt, respectively. Please make sure you make a reservation by 1 PM Wednesday before Club Day. If you wish to be added to this year's Permanent Lunch List, please call the office at 227-4240 or send Colleen an email at westportwomensclub@sbcglobal.net. We have to do that each year. Lunch is \$20.00. Plan to arrive by 11:30 AM to enjoy...Braised Beef Short Ribs w/Pinot Noir & Crimini Mushrooms & Caramelized Onions; Polenta Wedge with Grana Padano Cheese Salad of baby arugula & endive with pomegranate seeds & lemon, basil vinaigrette; 8 grain dinner rolls; Apple & Pear Crisp w/Oatmeal & Pecan Topping. If you have a serious food allergy or are a vegetarian, please let me know. If you need to cancel a reservation, do so by Wednesday 1PM before Club Day to avoid being charged. Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, dmpacker@aol.com 203-227-7769

PROGRAMS

Our guest speaker for October is Paul Piorek, Award Winning Meteorologist. Paul began his career at News 12 Connecticut in September of 1989 as the evening weather anchor while also teaching Science and Language Arts. Paul is a ten-year veteran of education and was named Connecticut's Outstanding Elementary Social Studies Teacher in 1993 by the State Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Paul began his weather career in 1986 as assistant at the Western Connecticut State University weather center in Danbury. He provided on-air weather forecasts for a number of local and national commercial radio stations. That led to his position at News 12 Connecticut three years later. Paul is a four-time winner of the Connecticut Associated Press Broadcasters' Association award for Best Weathercast (2006, 2008, 2009, 2012), New York Emmy award winner (2007), and five-time Emmy nominee. He is also a two-time winner of the Communicator award (2012 & 2013). Paul received the Housatonic Community College Distinguished Alumni award and was inducted into the HCC Hall of Fame (2012). He resides in Fairfield with his sons, Billy and Eric. Please don't miss this interesting and educational program by one of our favorite TV personalities. Rose Jordan, Program Chairperson

BOOK REVIEW

Our book for October is *Three Junes* by Julia Glass. We will meet in the living room at one on Thursday Oct 16th. Look forward to seeing you all. Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904.

BUNCO!

DATE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st. TIME: 7:00 pm, "chat & chew"; 7:30 pm game begins. COST: \$5.00. HOSTESSES: Sue Fox, Nancy Holland, Bobbie Herman. Sign-up on board in the foyer... CONGRATULATIONS to our "2014 BUNCO QUEEN" - JEANNETTE TEWEY! For those of you who are just longing to wear a tiara, come out and play Bunco! You could be the next Bunco Queen!!!! No experience necessary! Just the desire to laugh and have fun!!! Wendy McKeon, 222-0038, XWAMX50@aol.com

CURIO COTTAGE

Welcome to all of the new members and good to see "old" friends. Please stop by the shop and see the great selection of merchandise. You might be inspired to shop, to donate and, maybe, to decide to work there. If you can't make the information coffee, on Sept. 23, at 10:00 am, please stop in some other time and see if it looks like something you would enjoy doing. We always need new workers, and our workers love seeing lots of customers. Also, just for fun, visit the YELP website and check out our good recommendations. Karen Eickhoff, 203-454-3889, kayrog@optonline.net

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

On Tuesday, October 14th at 1:30 p.m. the Garden Dept. will host a presentation by Colleen Plimpton, who considers herself both an educator and an entertainer. This presentation of Beatrix Farrand, is done first-person, in costume, backed by a Powerpoint of many Farrand gardens.

This event is open to the entire WWC membership. Everyone is invited to join us here at the club on October 14th at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Please contact Jerilyn Deveau at 203-372-2920, or at jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com for reservations.

Garden Club Membership: as we begin the new Clubhouse year, WWC members are invited to join the Garden Dept. Activities include in-house floral demonstrations, garden trips of interest, the May plant sale and festive tea, in-house workshops for holiday wreath making, etc. and decoration of the clubhouse for the holidays. Annual dues are \$10.00. Payment by check should be addressed to "The Garden Room." Checks may be left in the Garden Mail Box, in the WWC office. Please contact Catherine Smith, 203-454-8724, regarding membership questions. Jerilyn Deveau, 203-372-2920, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com

GOURMET

Gourmet Group will meet on Tuesday October 21. Full details of the meeting will be sent to Gourmet Group members nearer the time. If you would like to join Gourmet Group and the mailing list or if you would like to attend our meeting as a guest, please contact Lisa Allison, 203-227-9563, liallison@optonline.net, Barbara Gladnick, 203-854-0424, bagladnick@optonline.net.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Back to Fairfield to lunch at the Old Post Tavern, 1418 Post Road in Fairfield (next to the old Community Theatre). This charming restaurant offers a variety of dishes at moderate prices. DATE: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at noon. The menu can be found at: <http://www.oldposttavern.com/lunch.html> Please let me know by Friday, October 24, 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. NOTE -- I acknowledge all email reservations. However, I will be away from October 4-20, so if you contact me during that period, I will not respond until I return. Bobbie Herman, 203-255-1577, sangazure1@aol.com

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg meets every Wednesday from 1:00 pm-4:00 in the living room. Please call Diana Zaslow if you are interested in playing. Diana Zaslow, 203-227-1346, 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 203-227-6010) for further information.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back all! Great to have had so many attend the September luncheon.

A special welcome to our new members who attended: Kay Brooks, Cynthia Dul and Anne Salmond.

Please do also extend a warm welcome to our other new members Mary Gladden, Leslie Kerr and Marsha Darmory.

Looking forward to report on additional new members after our September 30th "Meet'n Greet" evening.

Susan Hricik, 203-226-1372, susanswhim@yahoo.com

NECESSITIES BAGS

It's time to start collecting Pillows and other necessary articles for October Breast Cancer Month. For those who have sewed pillows in the past, you know how satisfying that is and I would appreciate if you continue. FOR EVERYONE ELSE, you can help fill the bags by donating the following items:

1. FLUSHABLE WIPES (scented or unscented). OK if they are flushable feminine wipes. Walmart has them in Pharmacy section, Supermarkets, near the toilet tissue.
2. MEN'S WHITE COTTON UNDERSHIRTS/TANK STYLE/LARGE or EXTRA LARGE. Find at Walmart or other discount stores. Hanes or Fruit of Loom are Ok.
3. CASH. Please remit your cash or check to Colleen for Necessities Bags.

There will be a large box outside the office to deposit items 1 and 2. Thank you so much. I am looking forward to another successful Necessities Bags drive. Leah Scherzer, Chair, Necessities Bags; 203-226-3042, leahsart@aol.com

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

Tournament Bridge meets the month of October on Mondays: October 13, 20, and 27.

The second session begins on October 27 and we will again be collecting \$6.00 per member to pay for the cost of cards and prize money. Remember we begin playing at 10:30 a.m. and break for lunch (which we bring) and hot water is provided for tea and coffee.

We welcome newcomers. Anyone interested in playing regularly or substituting, please give us a call. We always need substitutes. We look forward to seeing you. Tommie Ross, 203-227-2444, Helen Doxtator, 203-221-7934

WAYS & MEANS

WWC's first fundraiser of the fall season will be a Nutcracker Tea on Saturday, November 29th between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. The house will be turned into a holiday Candyland, with ballet dancers, sweets and tea, entertainment and of course nutcrackers of all shapes and sizes. Chair: Suzan Murphy

WWC KNITTERS

Westport Woman's Club members have been knitting since 1991 for a variety of local organizations. We make hats, scarves, mittens, and other items for children in Norwalk and Bridgeport. We are happy to teach beginners. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 22, at 1:00 downstairs in the dining room. Joan Miller, 203-226-7036, mmiller@optonline.net

ZUMBA

I am looking forward to another season of Zumba. We will continue to meet on Thursdays with a new time: 10:15-11:15. The fee is \$40 for the month whether there are four or five Thursdays. Classes will start Sept 4th. Please make checks out to Jill Franke. Walk-ins are \$12.00. For further information please contact me.

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