



The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

NOVEMBER 2011

WWC NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Investment Seminar</i> 11:00am <i>Garden Board</i> 1:30pm	2 <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	3 <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba 11:30 am</i>	4	5
6	7 Club Day	8 <i>Garden Board</i> 1:00 pm	9 <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	10 <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba 11:30am</i> <i>GNO 6:30PM</i>	11	12
13	14 <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	15 <i>Gourmet 11:30 am</i> <i>Bunco 7:00pm</i>	16 <i>Antiques 10:00am</i> <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	17 <i>SocialBridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba 11:30am</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>Bridge 10:30</i> <i>WWC Board</i> 1:00pm	22	23 <i>Mah Jong1 -4pm</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26
27	28 <i>Comm Ser. 9:30am</i> <i>Bridge 10:30</i>	29	30 <i>RSVP 1:00pm</i> <i>Garden Boutique</i>	<i>Garden Boutique</i>	<i>Deck The Halls</i>	

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SUNSHINE GIRLS

November: Wendy McKeon, 222-0038
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

I hope that you all enjoyed at least some of the activities that were scheduled in October. One of the goals for this year is to increase the number and quality of activities and events which the Club has for members. Your suggestions and comments are always appreciated. This is YOUR club and making it better and bigger requires us all to work together. So if you have a suggestion or an idea for an event, let me know. I will forward it to the right person, or, fair warning, ask you help out.

On that note, on November 1, we are presenting the first of a series of seminars on managing your finances and investments in this challenging economy. Details are in the Bulletin. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Even if you have a financial manager, another opinion is always beneficial.

Also, still in money mode, you will shortly be receiving our second, annual appeal letter. Please consider contributing whatever you can; it doesn't have to be a great deal. Every contribution will help Community Services, the Scholarship Fund and, of course, the Food Closet all of which are facing increasing requests for their services. We are most fortunate to be able to help those in our community who need the help. So, your support is deeply appreciated.

And, finally, have a most
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Mary Lee Clayton
President

CONDOLENCES

To Edith Forman on the Death of her
Husband, Leon

To Carol Burgess on the death of her husband,
Eugene.

CLUB DAY

Thank you Barbara Raffel, Book Review, and all the Board members who pitched in to help to make it another successful Club Day. Our next Club Day, November 7th, will be hosted by Jo Fuchs Luscombe and Community Service. Lunch will be: Sliced turkey breast (with gravy on buffet for self-service), stuffing and cranberry sauce, green beans, pumpkin pie.

Thank you,
Leah Scherzer, 1st Vice President
leahsart@aol.com 226-3042

THE WOMAN'S CLUB PRESENTS:

We are pleased to present, as a service to our members, a series of seminars conducted by Catamount Wealth Management on managing your finances in a difficult economy:

The first seminar, Investing In A Volatile Economy, will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 10:00 am at the Club

It will cover:

- The current state of the economy
- Keys to a successful investment strategy
- Where to invest to earn a higher income
- How to offset inflation by considering growth oriented investments

The seminars conducted by Catamount at the Senior Center have been very successful and helpful. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn and understand more about investing successfully.

RSVP TO: Mary Lee Clayton,
Claytonmary@att.net
203 878-1486

PROGRAMS

Author Sara Hacala is a certified etiquette and protocol trainer and is a graduate of the Protocol School of Washington. She established her own successful high-end corporate gift firm, Bloodhound, Ltd. which she operated for eighteen years, serving Fortune 500 and Wall Street firms. She obtained a professional cooking degree and apprenticed in a Michelin three-star restaurant in France, using those skills in planning high-level fundraising events and galas.

Growing up south of the Mason-Dixon line where manners were an integral part of life, Ms. Hacala learned from an early age to appreciate the fine points of appropriate behavior as well as the beauty and art of a well-laid table. Her real enthusiasm, however, came with the realization of how social skills could change and elevate peoples' lives, allowing them to communicate respectfully and effectively. This passion led to Ms. Hacala's most recent book "Saving Civility: 52 Ways to tame Rude, Crude and Attitude for a Polite Planet."

Mitzi Lyman, Program Chair
254-2062

WAYS AND MEANS

Shoppers Wanted

A number of Westport stores have expressed an interest in having a shopping day (or days) for the Westport Woman's Club. Club members receive a discount, usually 10%, and an additional 10% of the sale would be contributed to the Club.

We need a couple of members who LOVE to shop and negotiate bargains to co-ordinate with the local stores which have already expressed an interest in doing this for the Club and to find other shopping opportunities in town or on the Web.

If you are interested in taking on what could be a fun job, please call or email me.

Martha Eidman,
martha.eidman@gmail.com
222-4909, 981-7272

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Service Committee continues to meet the fourth Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Club House Living Room. New members are always welcome.

At our next meeting, we will begin the review of grant applications received to date. Jack Klinge, President of The Friends of Westport's Senior Center, will be our guest speaker. The Friends are first time applicants.

Nancy Saipe, is currently making arrangements to provide Stop and Shop gift cards for those in need of assistance and shut-ins with delivered meals for the Holidays. With the help of volunteers from our Group, she will also send out holiday greeting cards to nursing home residents. Please join Nancy at 9:30 am on Wednesday, November 2nd and on Wednesday, November 30th in the Board Room to help stuff envelopes with gift cards and a Holiday letter from the Westport Woman's Club.

Jo Fuchs Luscombe
Director, Community Service
227-0393

BLUES, VIEWS, & BBQ FESTIVAL

Our appreciation goes to the following members who worked at the admission gates during the recent BBQ Festival, a weekend community event sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association:

Wynne Abrams, Lisa Allison, Karen Center, Clare Clark, Mary Lee Clayton, Helen Doxtator-Schwindeman, Martha Eidman, Fay Farquhar, Susan Fox, Barbara Gladnick, Ellie Hale, Lois Harner, Bobbie Herman, Jo Fuchs Luscombe, Bev McArthur, Wendy McKeon, Audrey Rabinowitz, Leah Scherzer, Mary Vickery, Pat Voris, Arlene Wolfe.

Thank you, Ladies, for a job well-done!

MEMBERSHIP

The Prospective Member Wine and Cheese Party, held on October 13, was a huge success!

Over 35 lovely, lively, interesting women partook of wine and an array of savory hors d'oeuvres and desserts while they met our Board members and Department Chairs to learn about all the Club has to offer.

Our President, Mary Lee Clayton, addressed the group and gave a history of the Club as well as our many activities, both social and philanthropic.

Please welcome the following new members:

Kathleen Black
Sandi Brucato
Mary Dearth
Jerilyn Deveau
Susan Murphy
Cathryn Sebor
Laurie Stefanowicz
Rivers Teske

All new members are welcome to join us at the table especially reserved for them at Club Day, if you wish.

Bobbie Herman
Membership Chair

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Board Meeting: November 2, 2011

General Meeting: November 8, 2011
Joint meeting with the
Westport Garden Club 1:00 p.m.

Program: Creative and Unique Floral Arrangements for the Holiday Season.

Peter Stevens, of Elegant Effects in Southport, will be creating beautiful holiday floral arrangements. This program promises to be very informative and will, perhaps, get our creative juices flowing. The floral arrangements will be raffled with the proceeds going to the Woman's Club Food Closet. Also, a lovely tea will be served. Each Garden Department member may bring one guest. Reservations are required. Hope you see you there. RSVP to me at 203-454-8724 or email to smitier@att.net.

Christmas Boutique Workshops: All workshops begin at 10 a.m. (bring your lunch).

Wednesday, November 30 – Boxwoods
Thursday, December 1 – Wreaths, Swags and Centerpieces
Friday, December 2 - Pick-up day and Deck the Halls.
Sunday, December 3- Set up at 1:00 pm

Catherine Smith
454-8724

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

"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, 259-1833

RSVP KNITTERS

This is a project that started in 1991 and it is still going strong! It is run by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP, in Norwalk. The group knits scarves, hats and blankets for a wide range of children and adults in Norwalk, including Neon Childcare and children who attend Head Start, among others. We also knit healing shawls for the Cancer Society, which are given to women undergoing treatment for cancer. All levels of knitters are welcome and we are happy to teach beginners. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 30, at 1 PM in the Conference Room. For questions, please contact Joan Miller, 203-226-7036 or 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. The Club recently received a check for \$90 from the Mah Jongg League, based on the number of Mah Jongg cards that members and their friends ordered as a group this past year. Orders for 2012 cards are currently being taken. Contact Audrey Rabinowitz (bxiteb4@aol or 227-6010) if you would like to purchase the new card, which will be mailed out in early April. Please call Diana Zaslow, 227-1346 if you are interested.

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 .

GOURMET

Our next luncheon will be at the clubhouse on Tuesday, November 15 at 11:30 AM. Our chefs are focusing on our upcoming holiday, Thanksgiving. They are choosing recipes from Bon Appétit. Guests are welcome to join us. We request an RSVP...which also goes for our regular members...and a fee of \$15 (guests only). Please contact either Anne or Betty so we can give our chefs an accurate count of diners.

Anne Hunt, rahuntclu@sbcglobal.net
Betty Kaye, bak24@aol.com

ANTIQUES GROUP

Our November meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, the 16th, not the usual fourth Wednesday of the month, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The speaker will be Ann Wilbanks, the proprietor of Find Weatherly, which is located in the Hidden Galleries, 47 John Street, Stamford.

Find Weatherly specializes in fine art, sculpture, folk art and Asian Art, with a particularly fine collection of marine and equine art, 18th & 19th century American furniture from R.I., Mass, & N.H. in cherry, walnut, tiger maple and other distinctive wood, and unique quirky pieces.

Refreshments will be served at 10am, followed by a short business meeting and our speaker's presentation. Please join us – all Club members, as well as guests, are welcome

Audrey Rabinowitz
Antiques Chairperson
bxiteb4@aol.com

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.

BOOK REVIEW

The next book club meeting will be on Thursday, December 8, a week later than usual due to the holiday preparations in the house. Betty McGrath will lead us in a discussion of Colum McCann's "Let the Great World Spin."

This book is a story of New York in the 70's, but it resonates for today as well. A tight-rope walker gains the attention of the world by walking between the twin towers, which becomes the starting point for several intertwined portraits of different people. The book received many great reviews. All are welcome to join us.

Barbara Raffel
226-3954

GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

Calling all Girls for GNO!

If you are looking for a fun night out that doesn't break the bank...this is for you! starts at 6:30, costs \$10.00, RSVP by the Monday prior....that's it!

Thursday November 10
Wednesday December 14

Clare Clark, clarec@optonline.net
Betty Brower, eab@bertralaw.com

BUNCO

For those of you that might not have heard...

BEVERLY McARTHUR was crowned our "2011 Bunco Queen" !!

She received this "honor" with true beauty and grace...and surprise!!

Receiving "Honorable Mention" was Audrey Rabionwitz.

Our next Bunco Night is Tuesday, November 15th .

Our hostesses are Joan Miller, Amy Schneider and Sue Fox.

We meet at 7 p.m. for "chat & chew" and begin play at 7:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheet is in the coat closet -
Cost is \$5.00 – ALL ARE WELCOME –
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Come out and play – You could be the next Bunco Queen!!!!

Wendy McKeon
222-0038



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS – ORDER EARLY!

Once again the Garden Club is preparing beautiful fresh wreaths, swags and boxwood trees for the Holidays. To guarantee that you will be able to purchase what you want, please complete the order form below; then place it and a check made out to the Garden Room in the Garden Department mailbox in the Office. Call if you have questions. Please place your order by November 18th.

Swags.....\$15.00 Balsam Wreaths.....\$25.00

Boxwood Trees..... \$25.00

Name: _____

Telephone Number _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Ribbon Colors: Circle Preference –Red/ White/Gold/Silver/Burgundy/Plaid

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