



# The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

DECEMBER 2011

## WWC DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Garden Christmas</i> Workshop 10:00 am Zumba 11:30 am	<b>2</b> <i>Deck the Halls</i> 10:00am	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <i>Garden Boutique</i> set-up 2:00pm	<b>5</b> <b>Club Day</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Cultural Affairs</i> 9:30am <i>Mah Jong</i> 1-4pm	<b>8</b> <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am Book Review 1:00pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <i>Bridge</i> 10:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <i>Mah Jong</i> 1-4pm GNO 6:30PM	<b>15</b> <i>SocialBridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am <i>Antiques</i> 12:30 <i>Oseteria Romana</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Bridge</i> 10:30 WWC Board 1:00pm	<b>20</b> <i>Gourment</i> 11:30 am <i>Bunco</i> 6:30 pm	<b>21</b> <i>Mah Jong</i> 1-4pm	<b>22</b> <i>SocialBridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Zumba</i> 11:30am <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>31</b>

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### SUNSHINE GIRLS

**December:** Carol Burgess  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

Merry Christmas!  
Happy Hanukkah!  
Joyous Kwanzaa!  
And for some of you: A Happy Festivus  
What ever your beliefs, what ever your  
attitude Remember to always be kind  
And have most Happy Holidays and  
a very Happy New Year!

Mary Lee Clayton, 878-1486  
President

## ANNUAL APPEAL

By now you will have received the Annual Appeal letter.

I hope you will consider contributing to the Club. As I said in the letter: the economic situation remains difficult, not only for us but for the constituency we serve: the non-profits who have seen their funding cut, the scholarship applicants who in the face of rising tuition costs need all the help they can get and of course, those members of our community who badly need the Food Closet.

This Club and its members have always worked hard to be of service to the community. Your contributions will help us to continue that tradition not only this year but in the years to come.

Anything you can contribute is deeply appreciated.

Mary Lee Clayton, 878-1486  
President  
The Westport Woman's Club

## CLUB DAY

### CLUB DAY:

Many thanks to Jo Fuchs Luscomb and Community Service who helped to make another successful Club Day. Also, special thanks to Mary Lee Clayton and Jo Fuchs Luscombe who topped our tables with beautiful centerpieces filled with food they donated to the Food Closet. Our next Club Day, December 6th, will be hosted by Anne Hunt and Gourmet. Please check your new directory and handbook for all the important information regarding lunch and Club Day. Thank you,  
Leah Scherzer, 1st Vice President  
226-3042

## PROGRAMS

Miss Megan Watt will perform our favorite Holiday tunes for the December Program. Megan's beautiful voice and her sparkling personality will be the perfect fit to help bring in our Holiday Season. Come join us for this really fun experience and meet Megan who happens to be a Staples graduate.

Kathy Davis-Groener, 255-1892  
Mitzi Lyman, 254-2062  
Programs

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Service will continue to review grant applications through the fall. At our next meeting, representatives of Builders Beyond Borders will be our guest speakers. BBB is a first time applicant.

Due to inclement weather, the walk in support of the cure for cancer, did not take place. Kudos to Arlene Thrope for organizing the event nonetheless and to all the ladies who would have walked if Mother Nature had been more kind.

Last, but not least, thank you to all who participated in setting up, serving and cleaning on Club Day. Everyone's help was most appreciated.

Special thanks to Leah Scherzer for providing us with some hard-working Board members whose assistance was most valuable and to our Club President, Mary Lee Clayton, for helping me with the table arrangements.

A special invitation is extended to new WWC members who would like to get involved to join Community Service. We will not meet in December.

Jo Fuchs-Luscombe  
Director Community Service  
203-227-0393

## Warm-up Fund Mailing

We will not be doing the warmup fund mailing as planned on December 2nd at Town Hall. The town has made other arrangements this year. We may be doing a project with the town and United Way in January. You will be notified as soon as plans are finalized.

Amy Schneider, 226-0173  
Warmup Fund

## Thanksgiving Mailing

Thanks to Audrey, Jo, Amy, Vi, Pat, Brenda, Mary, Clare and Colleen we were able to gab, fold, stuff, stamp and seal the Holiday mailings to the 148 families in Westport in record time. If you would like to help with the December mailing, we will be meeting at 9:30 in the Boardroom on Wednesday, November 30th.

Nancy Saipe, 454-0033

## WAYS AND MEANS

The Westport Woman's Club kicks off the 2012 Waiting in the Wings Cabaret series on February 4, with an evening of familiar standards from the Golden Age of the American Musical: Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Rodgers/Hart/Hammerstein, Judy Garland, and Cole Porter. Don't miss this opportunity to see NYC's stars of tomorrow, up close and personal as they entertain you with classic renditions and new arrangements of the Broadway standards you've come to love. Under the music direction of NYC's Tyler Beattie, this will be a wonderful evening that capitalizes on your feedback from our two pilot shows last spring. Patron Tickets \$35; General Tickets \$25. Shows at 5pm and 8:30pm. Watch for more information about our restaurant partnerships. You will soon be able to visit [www.westportwomanclub.org](http://www.westportwomanclub.org) or call 203-227-4240 for information and reservations. Future shows for the season will be March 17 and April 28.

Martha Eidman, 222-4909

## BUNCO

"BUNCO HAPPY HOLIDAY  
POTLUCK PARTY" !!!

Come join us for an evening of fun, food and merriment!

Date: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

Time: 6:30 P.M. – ½ hour earlier than usual!!

***Please note the time...***

Please plan on bringing some "goodie" for our buffet table -  
(Please write on the sign-up sheet in the closet what you plan on bringing – This helps in planning!)

To all our Bunco players, I wish you a very Merry Christmas,  
Happy Hannukah and health and happiness in the New Year!

Wendy McKeon, 222-0038

## MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Directories are here! Those of you who didn't receive them at the November Club Day, may pick up your copy in the office.

Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

Ellen Hannes  
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Westport, CT  
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Westport, CT  
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Bobbie Herman, 255-1213  
Membership Chair

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT

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

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

Catherine Smith, 454-8724

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

"Anything Goes"  
Wednesday, December 7th  
Stephen Sondheim Theater  
New York City

The bus for the final Cultural Affairs theatre trip of 2011 will leave the lower parking lot at 9:30 am Wednesday, December 7th for New York City.

As of this writing (Nov. 9th,) this show is sold-out; however, there is a very short wait list of three. There are almost always cancellations, so if you would like to be on the wait list there is still time and it costs nothing but you must write the Woman's Club a check in the amount of \$143.00 per person. If there are no cancellations, your check is returned to you.

We now come to the sensitive subject of money. We NEED to collect \$3.00 from each "Anything Goes" ticket holder. Kindly refer to the August 2011 Bulletin of the Westport Woman's Club, page 3, paragraph 3. Note the words in the parenthesis ( between \$140 and \$143 per person.) After the Bulletin came out, along with an e-mail blast, members immediately sent in checks to the Woman's Club in the amount of \$140.00 without waiting for a final decision regarding cost of the show.

It was decided to wait and have Colleen collect the needed \$3.00 from each member as she picks up her ticket.

Your tickets will be ready for your pick up from the Woman's Club office by Wednesday, November 30th.

The Stephen Sondheim Theater is located at 124 west 43rd st. Running time of the musical is 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Marilyn Killough  
259-1833

## ANTIQUES GROUP

The Antiques group will not have a regular meeting in December, but will be getting together for a Holiday luncheon on Thursday December 15th at Osteria Romana, 250 Westport Ave Norwalk, CT at 12:30 pm.

Please contact Audrey 227-6010, by December 10th if you plan to attend.

Happy Holidays!!!

Audrey Rabinowitz, 227-6010  
Antiques Chairperson

## GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

Calling all Girls for GNO!  
Wednesday, December 14

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!

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

## GOURMET

The Gourmet Group is pleased to announce our annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 20 at 11:30 AM in the auditorium at the clubhouse. The group is preparing a variety of seasonal dishes and promises to be a delightful event. Non-members are welcome to join us in the fun with a \$15 fee. Please let us know if you would like to attend...that goes for regular members too!

Anne Hunt, rahuntclu@sbcglobal.net

## RSVP KNITTERS

No Meeting in December.

## 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 .

## MAH JONGG

We play every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted on the calendar) from 1:00- 4:00PM. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome. T. Please call Diana Zaslou, 227-1346 if you are interested.

## BOOK REVIEW

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Book Group will postpone the discussion of "Let the Great World Spin" by Colum McCann until THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 1pm. The story begins with a mysterious tightrope walker running, dancing, leaping between the towers, suspended a quarter mile above the ground. In the streets below, a slew of ordinary lives become extraordinary in bestselling novelist Colum McCann's stunningly intricate portrait of a city and its people. Our discussion, led by Betty McGrath, is open to everyone.

## CURIO COTTAGE

A rare blizzard in October didn't stop many people from coming to our "first" Appraisal Fair. The turn out was really a wonderful surprise, considering falling trees and power lines outside. The Club made a little over \$1,000. Our advertising was wonderful and so many members came to work. Thanks to all of you. A few people had items worth quite a bit of money. Everyone had a great time and all want to know when we will have the next fair. The appraisers seem willing to do it again, and they were outstanding! Hopefully next year we can even pick a pretty week-end.

The donations have been fantastic and the Cottage has many wonderful items, both for decorating and gift giving--many new items. Shopping here is a great way to support the local community and help so many others. Word of mouth is always the best advertising so please remind friends and neighbors to give us a visit.

And for any new members who might be thinking of volunteering at the shop, we always need new workers and please give the shop a try.

Curio Cottage Committee



## **GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN**

### **“The Children’s Connection”**

Summer has gone by so quickly. It is time to think of the holidays and those who are not as fortunate as we. There are many little ones and teenagers who are neglected, abused, and are considered “at risk” children.

We will have our traditional drive for donations of **NEW, UNWRAPPED** gifts. Please bring your gifts to the Westport Woman’s Club no later than Club Day on December 3rd. (The Connection will pick up the toys the first week of December). We will also accept rolls or packages of gift wrap along with ribbons and/or bows. There will be a drop off box outside the office next to the grandfather clock during the month of November.

You may bring your items any time you are at the Club.

Cash contributions will also be accepted. Checks should be made out to The Children’s Connection – and given to Colleen in the office. Your check should contain your name, address and a reference to the WWC.

#### **Favorite Requests:**

**Infant toys and clothing**

**Fisher-Price, Playskool and similar sturdy toys**

**Dolls, all sizes**

**Disney items**

**All kinds of balls**

**Trucks**

**Remote control cars and batteries**

**Sports Equipment**

**Hand-held video games and batteries**

**Walkmans, small radios and batteries**

We must not forget the older children. Gift certificates to Kohl’s, Target, Bobs and Old Navy are good gifts. Sweatshirts, sweaters, hats, cosmetics, organizers and manicure kits are also appreciated by the older kids. These items must be new.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Diana Zaslow

227-1346

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