

The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

MARCH 2012

WWC MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30 am Cel. Comm 10:00am New Mem. Wine & Cheese 7:30pm	2	3
4	5 <i>Club Day</i>	6 <i>Tag Sale Set Up</i> Garden Board 1:30 pm	7 <i>Tag Sale Set Up</i> YDF Meeting 10:00am Mah Jong 1-4pm	8 <i>Tag Sale Set Up</i> Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am	9 <i>Tag Sale</i>	10 <i>Tag Sale</i>
11	12 Bridge 10:30 am	13 Garden 1:30 pm (open to all Club Members)	14 Mah Jong 1-4pm GNO 6:30 Financial Seminar	15 Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17
18	19 Bridge 10:30 am WWC Board 1:00pm	20 Gourmet 11:30am Bunco 7:00 pm	21 Mah Jong 1-4pm Financial Seminar	22 Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30am- Book Review 1:00pm	23	24
25	26 Community Service 9:30 am Bridge 10:30 am	27 Ladies Who Lunch 12:30pm	28 Antiques 9:30am Mah Jong 1-4pm RSVP 1:00pm Financial Seminar	29	30	31

Officers President Mary Lee Clayton; 1st Vice President (Special Interests) Leah Scherzer; 2nd Vice President (Finance) Wynne Abrams; 3rd Vice President (Ways & Means) Martha Eidman; Secretary Susan Fox; Treasurer Barbara Szefc
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SUNSHINE GIRLS

March: Carol Goetz
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

Congratulations to the entire Cabaret Committee, Martha Eidman and Mary Vickery on a very successful Cabaret! The refreshments and entertainment were enjoyed by all.

A thank you to our 6 restaurant partners: Matsushi, The River House, Blue Lemon, Rizzuto's, Bobby B Ques, and Da Pietro for participating in our dining dollars program as well as supplying food for Cabaret. And another thank you to Castle Wine for donating wine for the evening.

Please take the time to thank all of these donors when you are in their establishments.

If you are planning dinner or lunch out, stop by the office and purchase dining dollars for \$10.00. Remember the \$10.00 goes directly to our scholarship fund, and then you can use the dining dollars to take \$5.00 off each \$25 you spend at any of our restaurant partners.

How can you lose? A \$10.00 donation to scholarships for which you get \$10.00 off dinner out at a fine Westport restaurant!

Mark your calendars now for the April 28th Cabaret. If you would like to help, call or email Mary Vickery. I encourage you to do so. All of the proceeds from Cabaret will go to our scholarship fund and there are so many deserving students who can use our help.

It's almost spring! Enjoy.

Mary Lee Clayton
President

PS: March means that its time for Curio Cottage's big, blow-out March sale. They can still use donations (closet cleaning time) and volunteers—a good way to work off those winter pounds.

Mary Lee Clayton, 878-1486
President

HELP WANTED

There are several openings on next year's Board and your Nominating Committee is looking for a few good women to volunteer.

The following positions are currently available. If you feel you have the experience required or if you feel you could make a valuable contribution to the Westport Woman's Club, please let us hear from you.

- 1st Vice President, Special Interests
- 3rd Vice President, Ways & Means
- Chairperson, Community Services
- Chairperson, Rentals
- Chairperson, Yankee Doodle Fair

Each of these positions has a one-year term with the option to renew for an additional year. Job descriptions can be found in your Club Handbook.

If you wish to apply, please send an email to any of the members of the Nominating Committee, no later than March 1st:

Rose Jordan – jrdport@optonline.net
Barbara Gladnick –
bagladnick@optonline.net
Jo Luscombe – jpluscom@att.net
Barbara Raffel – tuletton@sbcglobal.net
Dorothy Packer – dmpacker@aol.com

Thank you ~ and we look forward to hearing from you.

CLUB DAY

March 5th is our next Club Day and will be hosted by our Garden Department overseen by Jeannette Tewey and all her helpers. Please be sure to make your reservation through the office. 227-4240.
Thank you.

We are still looking for people to help on Club Day. If you do not belong to a Special Interest Group but want to participate in any way on Club Day, please call me for any questions or use the sign-up form in the coatroom. Thank you.

Leah Scherzer, 1st VP
leahsart@aol.com, 226-3042

PROGRAMS

Weston based Alison Wachstein, an award winning photographer, will share techniques for making and taking pictures of the most special people in your life. She is the recipient of many state, regional and national awards, including the Kodak Gallery Award and the Epcot Award for photography. Ms Wachstein has displayed and published her photographs internationally and has taught photography at Seton Hall, Fairleigh Dickenson and Fairfield University. Bring your cameras! She is happy to help you "capture the magic", and answer your photography questions

Mitzy Lyman, 254-2062

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Service Committee meets the 4th Monday of every month, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor, unless otherwise announced. All members are welcome. A special invitation is extended to new members to learn more about the Club's philanthropic activities.

If any of our members know of a non-profit organization that may qualify, please encourage them to submit a proposal for consideration. The due date is March 1, 2012. Members of the Ruegg Grant Committee are: Jo Luscombe, Chair, Rose Jordan, Barbara Raffel, Vi Takahashi, Amy Schneider and Joyce Netherton. Community groups with positive projects for this year should submit their proposals by March 1, 2012, to the Westport Woman's Club, Ruegg Grant Committee, 44 Imperial Avenue, Westport, CT 06880.

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

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy to Dorothy Curran on the death of her father.

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

The next YDF meeting is

WEDNESDAY, March 7th
10:00am

Hope to see you there!

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR NEWS

The 2011 Fair is June 14th through 17th,
Father's Day weekend, as usual.

The hours are changed slightly: The Fair will
not open until the Rides do so:

Thursday and Friday: The Fair will open at
6:00; close at 10:00pm

Saturday: The fair will open at 1:00; close at
10:00pm

Sunday: Open at 1:00; close at 5:00pm

Melissa and Doug toys will be taking over
our children's area. They had a very colorful
and popular tent at last Fall's barbecue festival.
Parents and grandparents enjoyed it as much
as the children, so we are looking forward to
welcoming them to the Yankee Doodle Fair.

Mary Lee Clayton
President and temporary YDF Chair

LUCKY PRIZE DRAWING

The Lucky Prize Drawing has become
a traditional part of the Yankee Doodle
Fair. Many prizes and gifts are needed
to make the Lucky Prize Drawing suc-
cessful. All we ask is that you visit just
one store or business to request a dona-
tion of a gift. Select one from our list or
suggest a new one. Please contact Jane
Potkin (349-5752) or Audrey Rabi-
nowitz (227-6010) for suggestions and
to receive a packet with a letter and do-
nor form for each store. We appreciate
your participation.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

"Nice Work if You Can Get It"
Wednesday, April 11, 2012

This musical is about a playboy who gets
mixed up with bootleggers in the 1920's, it
has songs by George and Ira Gershwin and
will be directed and choreographed by the
Tony winner Kathleen Marsha ("Anything
Goes"). The leading man is Matthew Brod-
erick in his first Broadway musical since the
"Producers" in 2001. The leading lady is Kelli
O'Hara back on Broadway after her starring
roles in "South Pacific," "The Pajama Game,"
and "The Light in the Piazza."
Cost of this theater trip is \$122.00 per per-
son.

"Ghost"
Wednesday, May 23, 2012

The Broadway production of "Ghost the
Musical" will be directed by Matthew
Warchus, a Tony winner for "God of Car-
nage," who is the director of current West
End production. The London cast will trans-
fer to Broadway in April at a Nederlander
theater. "Ghost" features music by Grammy
Award winner Dave Stewart of the Euryth-
mics and Grammy Award winner Glen Bal-
lard. The musical is adapted from the hit film
by its Academy Award winning screenwriter
Bruce Joel Rubin.

Cost of this theater trip is \$122 .00 per
person

Marilyn Killough, 259-1833

Future Event: A CELEBRATION OF FASHION/PAST, PRESENT AND FU- TURE

Sunday, October 21, 2012, 3-6PM in
collaboration with the WHS.

Some ideas for the event:
showcase our beautiful house as a
Rental Venue;
showcase the Costume Collections of
the WHS;
showcase other fashion themes; other
ideas; speakers; raffles, etc.
To learn more about this exciting event,
please join the 'Celebration' Commit-
tee Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 10AM
in the Boardroom.

Mary Lee Clayton
Leah Scherzer

CURIO COTTAGE

TAG SALE TIME IS HERE!

From Tues, March 6 - Sat, March
10, many volunteers are needed.
We will have the shop open,
staffed by the regular workers and
need many more to help in the
auditorium. We unpack, set up,
price and laugh a lot. Please con-
sider working any time that you
can. Also, the most important
shift is the clean up crew. There
will be sign up sheets at the shop
and by the office.

If anyone knows of a great charity
or organization that would come
and pick up the unsold items at
the end of the sale, please let me
know. Since we also solicit more
furniture for this sale, it helps us
and helps the next charity, too.

So clean out closets, share the
dates with everyone you know
and hopefully, we will surpass all
previous sales.

Karen Eickhoff and the Cottage
Committee

MEMBERSHIP

Please join me in welcoming the fol-
lowing New Members:

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Jenn Bond Huisiking
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Fairfield, CT 06824
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Bobbie Herman
Membership Chairman
203-255-1577

ANTIQUES GROUP

After a winter respite, the Antiques group is going on a field trip on Wednesday, March 28th to Fleur de Lis, a recently opened antique store in West Redding – a short ride from Westport. Dottie DeLuca, the owner, has a background as a professional dancer and singer, and has also been collecting, buying and selling antiques for 25 years. Her store has antiques from many periods, including a collection of mid-century (20th) furniture and décor and vintage jewelry. You can check out her website www.fleurdelist.com.

Ms. DeLuca has kindly offered to open her shop at 10am - an hour earlier than she does for regular business - to meet with our group and share her knowledge about antiques.

We will be leaving promptly at 9:30am from the Merritt Parkway exit 42 commuter lot in order to arrive at the store and start the meeting at 10am. After the meeting you are welcome to stay and look around the store.

Please let me know if you will be going to the meeting. Car pools can be arranged or you can meet us there. The address is 4 Long Ridge Rd., West Redding. Refreshments will be served at Fleur de Lis. All Club members, as well as guests, are welcome to join us. Also, for those of you who may be interested in having lunch afterwards, there are a couple of restaurants in the immediate vicinity.

Audrey Rabinowitz, 227-6010
Antiques Chairperson
bxiteb4@aol.com

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.

RSVP KNITTERS

All levels of knitters are welcome and we are happy to teach beginners. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 28th at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room. For questions, please contact Joan Miller, 226-7036 or mmiller@optonline.net.

BOOK REVIEW

The selection for the March 22 meeting of the Book Club is “Unbroken” by Laura Hillebrand. This is the story of Louie Zamperini, a track and field star of the 1930’s, who participated in the Berlin Olympics. He was part of the US air force in WWII, was shot down over the ocean and was adrift in the Pacific for over a month. He was held as a POW by the Japanese forces and finally made it back to his life. This inspiring story is a real page turner! All are welcome to attend the meeting at 1pm on Thursday March 22, which will be led by Rose DiMartino.

Barbara Raffel
(203) 226-3954

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

March 6 - Board Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

March 13 - General Meeting - Horticulture Q&A and Annual Plant Sale Preparation Meeting - Open to All Club Members

All club members are invited to our Q&A with Janette Duchnicki, a member of our garden department and a landscaper designer in her own right. Janette will give us tips on preparing our gardens for spring and will answer any questions you may have concerning damage to your garden do to the wild weather patterns we experienced this past year. She will also give us tips for planting hummingbird and butterfly gardens. Following the Q&A will be an open discussion and planning session for the May 7th Annual Plant Sale, which is now a Club Ways & Means fundraiser.

Hope to see you on March 13.

Catherine Smith, 454-8724

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

After a wonderfully mild winter, we are gearing up for the spring. Our next menu is in the works and we will be meeting on the third Tuesday which is March 20. We gather at 11:30 in the auditorium. 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. Hope to see you there!

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BUNCO

Come on ladies! Come out and play...

Date: Tuesday, March 20
Time: 7:00 p.m. (“chat & chew”) – Play begins at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$5.00
Fun quotient: PRICELESS

Hopefully, many new members will come join us –
Come meet all the “fun loving bunco ladies”!!!
Sign up on the sheet in the coat closet...and get ready for FUN...

Wendy McKeon, 222-0038

ZUMBA

Thursdays at 11:30-12:30. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fun, and dance to a healthier you.
Classes are \$8.00 with instructor Jill Franke.

Leah Scherzer, 1st V.P.
leahsart@aol.com, 226-3042.

CONVERSATIONSWITH WOMAN: FINANCIAL SEMINARS

In March, Catamount Wealth Management will conduct a series of Seminars on managing your money, the dates are:

Wednesday, March 14th: A Plan That Protects With Tax Strategies For Success;

Wednesday, March 21th: To Be Announced;

Wednesday, March 28th: Taking the Worry Out Of Retirement.

More details about each can be found on the Club Bulletin Board and in the Office.

All will be held in the Conference Room on the second floor. Refreshments will be served.

I hope you will mark your calendars for this informative series. Please RSVP to me if you plan to attend.

Mary Lee Clayton
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Claytonmary@att.net

GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

Calling all girls for a new year of GNO! We have planned 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! Cost is \$10.00 and reservations needed by the Monday before.

Please save these dates:

March 14
April 4
May 2
June 6

Hope to see you there.
Clare Clark,clarec@optonline.net
Betty Brower,eab@bertralaw.com

LADIES WHO LUNCH

We have received a great deal of interest in our newest Group. We will be meeting for luncheon once a month in area local restaurants. We will select from the regular luncheon menu and separate checks will be given. We hope to dine at a variety of interesting restaurants and invite you to join us on Tuesday March 27 at 12:30 pm. at Bombay Club at 616 Post Road East (next to Ed Mitchell's).

They have a wonderful buffet luncheon with a variety of delicious Indian delicacies for \$9.95, plus tip and tax. You may also order from the regular menu. Wine and beer are additional.

A link to their menu is <http://www.bombayct.com/pdf/Bombay-lunch.pdf>

Please let me know before March 27 if you'd like to join us. We are limited to the first 20 respondents.

If you have any questions, call me at 203-255-1577 or email sangazure1@aol.com

Bobbie Herman

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