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# Bulletin

## Westport Woman's Club February 2022 Bulletin

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Dear Ladies,

In a year of ups and downs (already!), I'd like to thank all of you for your flexibility and resilience since March of 2020 and the onset of Covid.

The Westport Woman's Club has helped connect us all (especially those of us who live alone) and provide some fun distractions by playing games, having lunch, or

### ***Sunshine Girl:***

This month's  
Sunshine Girl is  
Leah Scherzer  
[leahsart41@gmail.com](mailto:leahsart41@gmail.com)  
m 203-856-6189.  
Thank you to Gloria

shopping for the holidays. At the same time our inner-spirits have been buoyed by Donna Richardson and her Community Services Committee, which through many of you is ready to give out grants to those in need. It is through the WWC's fellowship and giving that we can all persevere!  
Stay well!

Karen Kleine  
[kkleine3@gmail.com](mailto:kkleine3@gmail.com)  
 203-858-4010

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Smithson for being  
 January's Sunshine  
 Girl!

**Office Hours:**

Noel Baldwin, your Office Manager will be in the office Monday through Friday: 9AM-12PM. and 1PM to 4PM To access the clubhouse at other days and times, please call the number below.

President  
 Karen Kleine  
 203-858-4010

## February Dates to Remember!



## February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 Canasta	2 10:00 YDF Meeting 1:00 Mah Jongg	3 10:00 Bridge 2 Curio open	4 11-2 Curio open	5
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## Club Day Lunch

The results from our poll of members who have recently attended Club Day are in. More than half of the responses indicated that those members would **not** be at February Club Day. This could be due to an abundance of caution about Covid (not feeling at ease about being unmasked while eating lunch). We do not want anyone to feel uncomfortable about attending any WWC function. Or, possibly some of our members might be snowbirds who have headed south for the winter months.

Therefore, I'm sorry to report that we will **not** be having our monthly luncheon on Monday, February 7th. There will be no in person or Zoom meeting. Hopefully, we will have better news about upcoming Club Days as March approaches!

Kim Reichert  
1st VP

## Club Day

Hi, All --

I'm really sorry we have to cancel Club Day, but it really is for the best. The way things are now, I don't go anywhere, except to Stop & Shop, which is my big excitement for the day.

Bobbie

## Book Group



“The Invention of Wings” by Sue Monk Kidd is our choice for the Thursday, February 17 1pm Book Group meeting. Hetty “Handful” Grimke is an urban slave in early 19th Century Charleston who yearns for life beyond the walls of the wealthy Grimke household. She was given to Sarah, the youngest daughter, as a birthday present. Through the next 35 years both will endure loss and sorrow, betrayal, love, and ostracism. Sarah Grimke was an actual person living in a society that was totally segregated. Her struggles and that of her sister Angelina, and “Handful’s”, are illustrations of women’s struggle for liberation and

women's rights.

Please join us for a discussion of this beautifully written story, based on actual people and their quest for freedom and a desire to have a voice in the world.

Barbara Raffel (203)-226-3954

Heike Martin (203)-761-2448

## Bridge Group



We are very excited about getting back to playing social bridge at the Club on Thursdays at 10am. We currently have two tables of players. If you know of any other members who would like to join us please let me know.

Barbara Stemmer

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## Bunco



BUNCO

Hope all are well and using the cold, winter days to stay safe and warm at home...practicing rolling dice (to better your Bunco game!)... For those of you who have never played Bunco...I am joking! Nothing can improve your chances of winning at

Bunco...except LUCK!

As I am in Florida, and uncertain at this time when I will be returning, the next Bunco date is TBD... I believe it will be later in the month.

An email blast will be sent as soon as it is determined.

All are welcome! No experience (or practice! LOL) is required!

Wendy McKeon

## BYOB Friday February 18th



**Date: Friday, February 18th**

**Time: 4-5:30pm**

**Place: ZOOM meeting (link below)**

Please join us on **February 18th** for **BYOB FRIDAY** via **ZOOM!**

Omicron, Shnowmicron! Let's play it safe, warm and dry, but still have fun with WWC friends! Join us to sip, nosh, nibble and dish at February 18th BYOB Friday! (Shhhh! 2/18/22 already is on my calendar because the LONG-delayed new season of *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* returns then to Amazon Prime, but we can watch that AFTER our BYOB!).

After all, we can't miss our one chance in February, the shortest month of the year, to gather for BYOB Friday! Are you following the Curling matches at the Winter Olympics? How did you usher in the Year of the Tiger, Ground Hog Day, Super Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day? Do you have reservations for Presidents' Day, or are you holding out for Washington's Birthday? What about Yankee Doodle Fair? Have you signed up yet to help? Just click on the **BYOB Friday** Zoom link below anytime from 4 to 5:30 on 2/18 and let us know! Bring along your favorite February beverage and leftover V-day chocolates.

"Bring something to sip and nibbles to share; it won't be the same if you're not there!"

And why not recruit a WWC friend to come, too?

**Bring Yourself Over Briefly**, to say hello (or linger longer). Be sure to **Bring Your Own Beverage** of choice and nibbles to share. As always--but especially when we meet on Zoom (hohoho)--we operate picnic/tailgate style, so please arrive equipped with your own napkins and provisions. And remember, when we finish, as we disappear, we leave no footprints or fingerprints!

Whether you are new to the WWC or a Member since "forever," this is an easy and entertaining way to meet fellow members, show off your most exotic Zoom background photo, tell us your new favorite letter of the Greek alphabet (thanks to Covid variant names), bet how soon we'll see daffodils this year, ask Alexa what Siri will be wearing to March Club Day, or simply jump start your weekend.

*The Westport Woman's Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.*

**Topic: WWC BYOB Friday Meeting**

**Time: Fri. Feb. 18, 4 to 5:30 pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96195385156>

THANKS! See you soon!

Dorothy E. Curran  
203.246.0543

Canasta

CANASTA



**Date: Tuesdays**  
**Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Place: Living Room**

We play on Tuesdays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm - if there is a minimum of four players. Emails are sent out at the beginning of each week to members who are interested in playing. If you want to be

included in these weekly emails, please contact me to put your name on that list.

All players are welcome, regardless of skill level and experience. You do not need to have your own Canasta cards and tray but, if you do, please bring them.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED!**

Donna Richardson, [donnarichardson4@yahoo.com](mailto:donnarichardson4@yahoo.com), 203-354-8743

## Community Services

### Community Services Committee

We will have completed our review of the grants by the time this Bulletin is published. Our wish list will be shared with the board on January 24<sup>th</sup>. If it is deemed that we are requesting too much money, we will make the necessary reductions. Everything for this committee is being done by zoom. We hope to distribute the monies in February.

Thank you to everyone who has participated on this committee. Nothing would be accomplished without all of you.

Donna Richardson  
Chair of Community Services Committee  
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## Curio Cottage



The Curio Cottage is OPEN on Thursday and Friday from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

We are also accepting donations during these times.

Note: We follow the Westport School Schedule for weather related closings.

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Suzan Murphy, [murphy05@aol.com](mailto:murphy05@aol.com), 203-247-7726  
Co-Chairs

## Food Closet

In the past month or so our Food Closet has had multiple requests for food by families with several children. As a result, sections of our shelves are looking rather bare.

If fear of Covid or inclement weather does not keep you from doing your grocery shopping, perhaps you could pick up some of the following items for the FC:



- boxes of powdered milk (envelopes)
- jams and jellies
- peanut butter
- canned fruit
- apple sauce (jars)
- canned vegetables (**NO** corn or green beans please)
- canned chile

You can drop off your donations at the WWC any weekday between 9:00-4:00.

We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Wendy McKeon  
Kim Reichert

## Garden Room



Members of the Garden Room are invited to the PLANT SWAP PARTY, a gardening enthusiast's spin on the traditional White Elephant/Yankee Swap type of fun.  
**Date: THURSDAY February 24, 2022**  
**Time: 1:00 pm**  
RSVP: by February 18, 2022  
More information will be emailed to all members of The Garden Room. Please RSVP to [miraauxier@gmail.com](mailto:miraauxier@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

Mira Auxier and Jeannette Tewey  
The Garden Room Co-Chairs

## Gourmet

Every February, the Gourmet Group dines at a local restaurant. However, with Omicron running wild, it's probably not advisable to do so this month. But we're flexible, and if the situation improves, we certainly can plan a lovely restaurant visit. If so, we'll notify all Gourmet members and send out an e-blast.

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Patty Doyle, [pattydoyle235@gmail.com](mailto:pattydoyle235@gmail.com), 203-226-3642

## Ladies Who Lunch

I'm afraid Ladies Who Lunch will continue to be suspended. The Corona virus is spreading and Omicron is affecting more and more victims daily.

But -- we'll be back -- I promise you. Meanwhile, wash your hands, wear your masks, avoid crowded places, and don't forget --KEEP SMILING!

Bobbie Herman

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## Mah Jongg

### Wednesday **MAH JONGG**

**Date:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**Place:** Living Room



#### WEDNESDAY MAH JONGG

**Date:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 1:00-4:00

**Place:** Living Room

Please join us for an afternoon of fun and good company. Emails are sent out at the beginning of each week to the members of the Mah Jongg Group.

If you want to be included in these weekly emails, please contact me to put your name on that list. All players are welcome, regardless of skill level and experience.

You do not have to own a Mah Jongg set, but if you have one, please bring it. You do not have to make a commitment each week. Come whenever you are available.

Please Wear Your Mask!

Leah Scherzer, Mah Jonngg Chair

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## Ways & Means

Covid has once again put the kibosh on our Fun and Fundraising plans - we had to cancel our White Elephant get together along with other winter events...

However, we are working diligently to make our next big fundraiser - the Art Show in mid-May - a success. Although much is still to be determined - like the artists and the members to work the event :-)) we are hoping that, those who are able, will help to fund the event. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated (via check made out to the WWC with the tag line to read Art Show 2022). Please remember that some workplaces still match donations and inquire accordingly. Additionally, if you would like to make a significant donation to help sponsor the event (with your generosity acknowledged on/in publications), please contact Leah Scherzer directly at: [leahsart41@gmail.com](mailto:leahsart41@gmail.com)

Thank you, in advance, for helping to make the Art Show another successful event!! Please say turned for more information about the event and ways that you can help, as we get closer to May.

Lauri Weier and Donna Sedgwick  
Co-Chairs of Ways and Means

## Yankee Doodle Fair

Please join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 10am beginning January 5th for the YDF meetings. We will be organizing the Father's Day Weekend event and as you all know, it takes a few months to get it perfect!!

I hope to see many of you at the meeting...this is our largest fundraiser, I encourage all of our new members to come and find out more and I also hope to see many of our experienced members there to show the way to a successful YDF!!

Christina McVaney

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