



Westport Woman's Club
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Past President-Christina McVaney



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To All Members of our Wonderful Club,
THANK YOU!! I want to sincerely thank each one of you for your membership and participation in the Westport Woman's Club over the past two years. I like to think that you all have been here for the Club, while at the same time, the Club has been here for you. It's been a difficult couple of years for all of us; and I'm so glad we

Sunshine Girl:

This month's
Sunshine Girl is
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have been here for each other.

There are so many highs and lows, and our resilience has made us stronger than ever. We went from NO Yankee Doodle Fair, to having TWO in one fiscal year with record sales. We went from NO Mah Jongg to playing at a member's house to FOUR tables in Bedford Hall at the Club. Curio went from closed to online sales to open fewer days per week, making just as much money, and taking us through our most fiscally difficult months. And we donated an ambulance!

At the same time, some members have passed away. Let's make sure to think of them often and keep them alive in our WWC stories.

There are so many members I would like to thank for helping me during my term as WWC President. Unfortunately, I can't thank everyone (it would be too long a column) but I sincerely thank the 2020-2022 Boards, the Nominating Committee, and Bet and Noel for keeping us open.

I am very proud to have been your President. I'm sure you'll join me in supporting our next President Robin Clark and her Board, who I am sure will excel in their roles.

Cheers!

Karen Kleine

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et Thank you to
Ellen Hooker for
being May'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

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June Dates to Remember!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00 Mah Jongg	2	3	4
5	6 11:30 Club Day	7 1:00 Canasta	8 10:00 YDF Meeting 1:00 Mah Jongg	9	10	11
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Club Day Lunch



YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPRING TEA PARTY!

For Club Day on **Monday, June 6th** we are having a high tea

luncheon! We decided to splurge to celebrate that we made it through the last two years and are still thriving.

We are having a lovely lunch catered by Aux Delices which will be so appropriate for our celebration. The lunch will be:

- Three tea sandwiches:
Smoked Salmon
Cucumber and Watercress
Roast Turkey and Swiss

- Hummus and Avocado on a Mini Brioche

-Two roll-ups:
Roast Beef
Roast Turkey and Avocado

-Two Mini Quiches:
Broccoli and Cheddar
Quiche Lorraine

-Crudite Cup with Hummus

and for dessert:

-Fresh Fruit Skewer
-Four Assorted Cookies

Each member will be served a plate already prepared with all these delicious selections.

We are hoping that many members will wear their prettiest hats if they are so inclined. There will be prizes for:

-the Best Hat
-the Biggest Hat
-the Best Floral or Fruitiest or Feathered Hat
-the Best Fascinator

What a festive time we will have!

Please be sure to **call the office by Wednesday, June 1st** to reserve your spot because this is sure to be our most popular luncheon! First come, first served! Remember that if you are on the permanent lunch list you only need to call if you are not able to attend. Otherwise, you will be charged the \$20 fee.

Wine, punch, and Pellegrino will be served in the Dining Room at 11:30 and luncheon will be served at 12:00. After lunch, the new WWC Board will be installed during our Rose Ceremony.

Looking forward to seeing many members (both old and new) at our **SPRING TEA PARTY!**

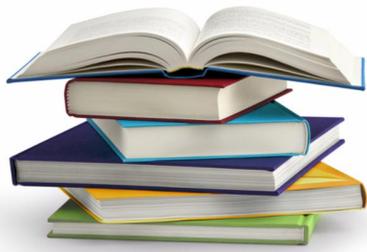
Kim Reichert
1st VP

Club Day



Swearing in of the NEW BOARD!
and
Best Hat Awards

Book Group



The Book Group is on hiatus till September due to the very busy June activities at the Club. Please keep on reading and if you find a book that you think our group would enjoy, please drop us an email! We need input from our members and anyone who would like to join us. Fiction, nonfiction, biography, best sellers (not new ones- they are hard

to get from the library) anything you think a group might enjoy discussing. We are open to any suggestions! In the meantime, enjoy your summer beach books and join us in September.

Barbara Raffel (203) 226 3954
Heike Martin (203) 227 2448

Bunco



BUNCO

“Come have fun after Yankee Doodle Fair is done”...

Now it is your time to play!!

Date: Tuesday, June 21st

Time: 6:30 pm “chat & chew” - 7:00 pm game begins

Place: Bedford Hall

Cost: \$5.00

Please sign up on sheet in the foyer.

Bring your favorite snack and drink...maybe some to share!
Everyone is welcome...Hope to see you there!

Wendy McKeon
246-2496

BYOB Friday, June 24th, in the WWC Kitchen! *(the Friday AFTER YDF!)*



Date: Friday, June 24th

Time: 4-5:30pm *(LET's CELEBRATE another successful YDF!)*

Place: WWC Kitchen

Please join us on **June 24th** for **BYOB FRIDAY** to celebrate **YDF** and the arrival of **SUMMER '22!**

YES! LET's gather and CELEBRATE another successful YDF!

There's no better way to plan ahead for 4th of July weekend (and the rest of Summer!) than gathering at BYOB Friday in the WWC Kitchen! This is the LAST BYOB until September, so mark your calendar. Swing by and join the fun with chips+dip and a chilly beverage to sip. Showcase your beach picnic hosting skills by bringing your own kit (including napkins and--if needed--corkscrew)!

We can toast the heroes of YDF, salute the outgoing and incoming WWC Board, and compare Summer Vacation itineraries.

Please do stop by the WWC Kitchen anytime from 4 to 5:30 on June 24th and let us know! "Bring something to sip and nibbles to share; it won't be the same if you're not there!"

Bring Yourself Over Briefly, to say hello (or linger longer). Be sure to **Bring Your Own Beverage** of choice and nibbles to share.

Remember--We operate picnic/tailgate style, so please arrive equipped with your own napkins and beverage 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, enjoy the longest days of the year, learn which YDF rides Alexa and Siri prefer, or simply launch a leisurely weekend.

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.

Donna Richardson, donnarichardson4@yahoo.com, 203-354-8743

Community Services

This year has definitely been a very busy and successful year for Community Services and WWC. Buying the ambulance for Westport EMS, \$39,000 in grants to nonprofits, and finishing the \$36,000 in scholarships has made a full year. Hopefully, we will have everything finished in June. A short rest this summer, after the Yankee Doodle Fair, and we will be working again on grants in October. Please consider joining in our effort to support nonprofits with our grants.

Thank you everyone for your support and the time you gave to our efforts.

Have a wonderful summer.

Donna Richardson
Chairperson of Community Services
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Curio Cottage



A huge THANK YOU to all members who have shopped and donated. With the warmer weather many of us have started our "spring cleaning." We hope some of your "treasures" will find their way into Curio.

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

We accept donations during these times. If you have a large donation, or can't make it during these times, please call Susan Loselle to make special arrangements. Thank you.

Food Closet



The USPS Food Drive on May 14th was a tremendous success and **many** of the shelves (especially the pasta, pasta sauce, and cereal sections) in the WWC Food Closet are now overflowing! However, if anyone is so inclined, we could still use the following:

- Dinty Moore beef stew
- Sloppy Joe mix
- Corned beef hash
- 1lb. canned hams (available at CVS and Rite Aid)

The weather cooperated almost the entire afternoon, and many members turned out to volunteer in various capacities. It is heart-warming to see that so many people in our club and in our town recognize the significance of our Food Closet and how much it means to needy individuals and families in Westport.

We send out our deepest gratitude out to non-members Ross McKeon, Erzsebet Laurinyecz, and Carine and Nina Lauterbach for their exceptional efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

And our never-ending thanks go to all of you who volunteered; we're sure the camaraderie was wonderful to observe, even though (unfortunately) both Wendy and Kim were at home self-isolating. As always, the WWC members came through for us!

Wendy McKeon
Kim Reichert

Garden Room



We are excited to announce our upcoming trip to the D'Esopo garden in Avon, CT. This real-life wonderland and the ultimate gardener's dream is the true definition of a labor of love. We will tour Chrissie and John D'Esopo's garden and the house the couple restored and resided at for almost four decades. Join us and tour these magnificent gardens that have been featured in the

famed *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Fine Gardening* magazines.

Date: Thursday June 23, 2022

This event is for the members of The Garden Room only and space is limited. We will meet at the parking lot of The Westport Woman's Club at 9AM. Carpooling is available and encouraged. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP by June 15, 2022 via email to Mira Auxier at miraauxier@gmail.com

Mira Auxier and Jeannette Tewey
The Garden Room Co-Chairs

Gourmet

No Gourmet for now. Check back soon :-)

Ladies Who Lunch

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ladies Who Lunch will not meet during May and June as I will be moving. As much as I would love a break from the chaos surrounding this ordeal, I'm afraid it will be too much to handle.

Please look for us in July.

Bobbie

Mah Jongg

Wednesday **MAH JONGG**

Date: Wednesdays

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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 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 email list. All players are welcome, regardless of skill level and

experience.

You do not have to own a set, but if you have one, please bring it. You do not have to make a weekly commitment. Come when you are available.

Audrey Rabinowitz will be available on Wednesdays to give Mah Jongg lessons again. This is perfect for new players, new members and anyone who needs to be refreshed. If you are interested, please contact Audrey at: bxiteb4@aol.com.

Masks are optional.

Leah Scherzer, Mah Jongg Chair
leahsart41@gmail.com. 203-856-6189

Membership

Based upon the ideas formed at our first Membership Committee meeting, we plan to implement some membership drives, as well as Club social events in the days and weeks to follow. If you were unable to join the Membership Committee for our first meeting, but would like to be part of the group, please contact me at Lauri@optonline.net - your ideas are Always welcome!

Lauri Weiser
Chair- Membership and Retention
lauri@optonline.net

Ways & Means

After a very successful Art Show, our final Fundraiser - The Yankee Doodle Fair, will be held Thursday, June 16th - Sunday, June 19th.

This is the Club's largest fundraiser and we need all hands on deck! Please make sure to volunteer for as many days as possible, in whatever capacity possible, to ensure that this fundraiser is a huge success!

Yankee Doodle Fair



YDF IS COMING TO TOWN!!

Remember to:

- Attend our last meeting on June 8th at 10 am
- Sign up for shifts at the fair
- Sell, sell, sell those raffle tickets and ask for more to sell
- Attend the Memorial Day Parade and march with us

See you at the fair, June 16-19th!!

Christina McVaney

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Yankee Doodle Fair Bake Sale

I hope everyone will be happy to hear that the Great Westport Woman's Club Baking Show aka the YDF Bake Sale will be back this year!

If you are unable to bake, we hope you will consider sending us a cash donation, since these gifts always provide a considerable share of our profits. Checks should be made out to "Westport Woman's Club" with "Bake Sale" in the memo section and sent in to the office.

We have some fantastic bakers in our Club. However, a contribution does not have to be extraordinary in content or appearance, (although needless to say, we welcome those). People buy our goods because they are homemade! These days, many people do not have the time to bake and look forward to the Fair for the kinds of goods our mothers used to make.

As always, **we must conform to Health District regulations.** Please be sure to comply with the following:

- All donations must show the **name of the donor.**

- All donations must include the **name of the food item and a list of the ingredients.**
- All donations must be **wrapped.** It would be very helpful if small items such as brownies, cookies etc could be wrapped individually or in small numbers.
- We cannot accept donations which require refrigeration, so no cheesecakes please.
- No item or frosting should contain uncooked eggs or egg products.
- No cream cheese frostings please.
- Items **without nuts** are preferred. If your recipe does contain nuts please make sure that this is clearly indicated on the label.

Please do not donate store-bought items. They do not sell. Save yourself a trip to the store and send us the money instead!

You may leave baked goods in the kitchen on the designated workbench when you volunteer at the Fair. Alternatively call or text Lisa Allison at 203 247 8435 to arrange a time to drop off your donated items. **When you leave your baked goods, please make sure that your name and a list of ingredients are attached to your contribution.**

We are very grateful to all those who contribute their time, their talent, and their assistance to our Bake Sale.

Lisa Allison (Tel 203-227-9563; Liallison@optonline.net)
Barbara Gladnick (Tel 203-854-0424; Bagladnick@optonline.net)
(Gourmet Group Bake Sale Organizers)