



Westport Woman's Club
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Bulletin

Westport Woman's Club March 2022 Bulletin

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Good Day Ladies,

I hope you are all well. In light of some very impactful work by the Community Services Committee, I thought I'd highlight Lea Ruegg, a woman whose name we see often at the Club, but may not know much about.

Lea Ruegg was born in Binghamton, New York to loving parents of modest means. She was the second youngest of five children, one brother and three sisters. Lea moved to Westport in the late 1940s with Erhardt, then two years old. They resided at 35 Prospect Road, where she kept a lovely home and a

Sunshine Girl:

This month's
Sunshine Girl is
Carol Goetz
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beautiful garden. Mother and son were very close and together they planted trees and flowers on the property. Lea joined the Woman's Club in 1976 according to her close friend and club member Carol Panish "mainly to play bridge and to meet more bridge players", which, of course, she did and continued to enjoy until her death in 1983. When Lea became very ill with cancer, she asked her son to remember the Woman's Club in his will. Please see the Community Services article below for more information. The WWC has a great opportunity to help Westport and even save lives. We should all be very proud to be members of this club. Cheers!

Karen Kleine
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Leah Scherzer for
 being February'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

March Dates to Remember!



March 2022

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

The poll that the WWC sent out last week has determined whether we will be able to have an in person Club Day on **March 7th**. Unfortunately, the results indicated that we must have a **Zoom meeting** instead of an in person luncheon at the clubhouse.

Nevertheless, it will be great to "see" our friends from the club. Please plan to join us. You will receive the Zoom information via an email as the date gets closer.

This week the Board and I decided that we would definitely hold an **in person Club Day on April 4th!** It will be wonderful to meet together again, won't it? Fingers crossed that the Covid situation will keep improving. Even if you don't feel comfortable removing your mask to eat, you are welcome to attend and to take your delicious lunch home. The important thing is to get the WWC "back on track"! More details to be revealed in the April Bulletin, so keep watching for additional information.

Kim Reichert
1st VP

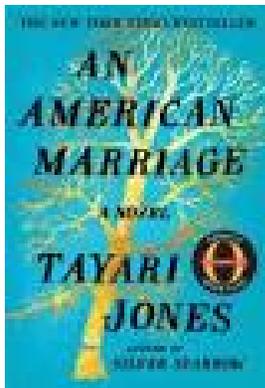
Club Day

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



An American Marriage by Tayari Jones will be our book for the March 17 1pm book group meeting.

Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of the American dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. Suddenly their lives are interrupted by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to 12 years for a crime he did not commit. Their separation takes a toll on their marriage. The book is a masterpiece of storytelling, an intimate look into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while

moving forward with hope and pain into the future.
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

Remember this game???

It has been a long time but Bunco is back! Well....almost... I will be in Florida until the end of March so Bunco will be scheduled for APRIL.

The exact date is not set yet but you will be alerted in plenty of time. I'm sure you all are missing our fun time together...I know I am!

Looking forward to rolling the dice with everyone... Take care...stay safe...

Wendy

BYOB Friday March 18th, back in the WWC Kitchen!!!!



Date: Friday, March 18th
Time: 4-5:30pm
Place: back in the WWC Kitchen!!!!

Please join us on **March 18th** for **BYOB FRIDAY** back in our beloved **WWC Kitchen!!!!**

Come show how ready you are for SPRING with a return to the indoor kitchen tables and stools at the WWC! No need to pack your candelabra, but a dip or hors d'oeuvre would be lovely, along with something to sip, photos to show and some tales to tell. We all miss being TOGETHER like this, so let's be festive at this Kitchen Comeback.

Plus--there's plenty to discuss! The gardens are starting to awaken, and the Art Show and Yankee Doodle Fair are in the works. Have you been following March Madness? With the Farmer's Market closed now until May, where are you sourcing your produce? What about summer plans? Are you booking any travel?

Please do stop by the WWC Kitchen anytime from 4 to 5:30 on Fri. March 18th 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. 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 lengthening afternoons, ask Siri what Alexa's cooking for dinner, or simply launch a leisurely weekend.

THANKS! See you soon!

Dorothy E. Curran
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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!

Community Services



Community Services Committee

BIG NEWS! The WWC Board, based on a recommendation from the Community Services Committee, approved \$150,000 to help buy an entire ambulance for Westport EMS! This \$150,000 comes from a legacy fund from Erhardt Ruegg. We can't thank him enough for his generosity. In addition, another \$150,000 was donated by a WWC member who wants to remain anonymous. This will enable the WWC to buy an ENTIRE, NEW ambulance for Westport EMS. This gift from the WWC is truly extraordinary.

We do have a couple of steps left before we can pop the cork on the champagne. Because our donation is so large, it must first be approved by the Board of Selectmen and then the RTM.

The Board, also based on a recommendation from the Community Services Committee, approved to grant \$39,000 to nonprofits in Fairfield County which will help many needy organizations. These will be awarded next month. All of us should be extremely happy and proud to be a member of an organization which helps others so much.

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, 203-247-7726
Co-Chairs

Food Closet

The WWC Food Closet has had an unusual number of requests for groceries recently. We have had to purchase bags and

bags of food to replenish our shelves.
However, we are still low on the following items:

- Rice a Roni
- boxed muffin mixes
- pasta sauce
- canned fruit

and for treats:

- crackers
- cookies



When you are doing your grocery shopping (whether it's in person or online), please include some of these items. They can be dropped off at the clubhouse any weekday between 9:00-4:00.

Thanking you in advance for the generosity,

Wendy McKeon
Kim Reichert

Garden Room



Hello March! Here is to a new month that brings us the First Day of Spring (March 20) and National Plant-A-Flower Day (March 12). Sharpen your garden tools, get your favorite flower seed packets ready, buy new garden gloves and....stay tuned. Our March program is in its final stages! Once it's "tweaked" and finalized, we will email you detailed information about the upcoming event.

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.

Bobbie Herman, sangazure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577
Patty Doyle, 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

In spite of the fact that the snowflakes continue to fall, 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

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

Lauri Weiser and Donna Sedgwick

Yankee Doodle Fair



Please join us on
Wednesday, March 9th
at 10 am
for our **YDF** meeting.

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