

be sure to join in the fun at Book Club, Bridge, Bunco, BYOB, Canasta, Garden, Gourmet, MahJongg this month.

Be sure to sign up for Club Day on March 6th & wear your GREEN as we have another wonderful program planned!

Lastly, Committee Chairs and Members with keys to the Club, please see Noel. A master list will be maintained and in the event locks are changed we can ensure key holders are notified in advance.

As always, thank you for all that you do!

Robin Clark

March Dates to Remember



March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00 Mah Jongg	2	3 1:30 Bridge	4
5	6 11:30 Club Day	7 1:00 Canasta	8 11:00 Community Services 1:00 Mah Jongg	9 10:00 YDF Meeting	10 1:30 Bridge	11
12	13	14 1:00 Canasta	15 10:00 Ways & Means 1:00 Mah Jongg	16 1:00 Book Club	17 1:30 Bridge 4-5:30 BYOB	18
19	20 10:00 Board Meeting	21 11:00 Gourmet 1:00 Canasta 6:30 Bunco	22 1:00 Mah Jongg	23 1:00 Garden Room	24 1:30 Bridge	25
26	27	28 1:00 Canasta	29 1:00 Mah Jongg	30	31 1:30 Bridge	

Club Day Honored Guest



WENDY KERNER, HARPIST

The artistry of harpist **WENDY KERNER** has been described by The New York Times as “first-rate” and other critics have hailed her playing as “seductive” and “a delight to listen to”. Wendy grew up in Westport and is a graduate of Staples. She began studying the harp at age seven. She received her Bachelor's and Master of Music Degrees in Harp Performance from The Juilliard School. Wendy is the principal harpist with The Norwalk and Ridgefield Symphonies in Connecticut and is a winner of the American Harp Society's Concert Artist Program and was presented in her New York Debut in Carnegie Recital Hall as a winner of the Artists International Chamber Music Competition. Wendy has toured extensively throughout the United States and has played for the Prime Minister of Ireland and other dignitaries. Wendy also founded and performs with the group Themselves playing traditional and contemporary Irish music and presenting educational programs throughout the area including performances at the John F Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston. Ms. Kerner teaches harp at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT, and maintains an active private studio in Wilton, CT, and she directs the Elyrica summer Harp Ensemble program for harp students of all ages. In 2022, Wendy was awarded an Artists Respond Grant to perform educational programs, received from The Department of Economic and Community Development, Connecticut Office of the Arts, which receives support from the federal ARPA. You can learn and hear more about Wendy at www.WendyKernerHarp.com



Club Day Lunch

What an impressive turnout we had for February Club Day! The program was

entertaining, the food delicious, and the piano music during the luncheon elevated our event.

Our next Club Day will be on Monday, March 6th. Please contact Noel by Wednesday, March 1st to reserve your spot. Call now so you don't get left out. Or...why not have your name put on the permanent lunch list? Then you don't have to make that call unless you need to cancel.

The Garden Group will be hosting in March. Remember: even if you volunteer to set up on Sunday or to serve or clean up on Monday, you still need to reserve your place at the luncheon.

Aux Delices has planned a wonderful springtime luncheon for us. The entree will be Grilled and Roasted Vegetable Quiche and the salad is Baby Spinach with oranges, goat cheese, and beets with champagne vinaigrette. There will be Focaccia with herbs de provence available, and dessert is Lemon Bars. I know we're in for a yummy luncheon.

The fee for our monthly luncheon is \$25 (cash or check). This includes wine and beverages served in the dining room at 11:30, lunch at noon in Bedford Hall, and a delightful program afterwards. If you have a reservation, but are unable to be there, please call and cancel so you are not charged the luncheon fee.

Keep in mind that the WWC Food Closet always needs your support. Our shelves are fairly well stocked at the moment. However, we can use the following items to fill in the gaps:

- canned fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, apricots, fruit cocktail, etc.)
- jars of applesauce
- canned potatoes
- 1 lb. canned hams (available at CVS and Rite Aid)
- powdered milk
- grape jelly and strawberry jam
- pancake syrup

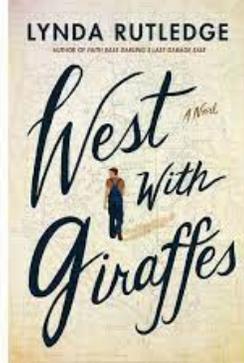
Please bring your food donations to March Club Day. There will be a table under the clock in Bedford Hall for all contributions. Or... you can leave your donated canned and packaged food in the hamper outside the club office. We appreciate your generosity!

Hope to see you on March 6th!

Kim Reichert
1st VP

Book Club

The selection for the **March 16, 1 pm** book group meeting is ***West with Giraffes*** by Lynda Rutledge. The story begins in 1938. The Great Depression lingers, Hitler is threatening Europe, and world weary Americans long for



wonder. They find it in two giraffes who miraculously survived a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. What follows is a 12-day road trip in a custom made truck to deliver them to the San Diego Zoo. Behind the wheel is a young Dust Bowl rowdy, Woodrow Wilson Nickel. Inspired by true events, the tale weaves real life events with fictional ones, including the world's first female zoo director, a crusty old man with a past, and assorted reprobates as spotty as the giraffes.

Part adventure and part historical saga, the book explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late.

NOTE: The Westport library does not have enough copies of the book, but we will have some available by the end of February in the office. Just check with Noel who will keep them ready for anyone who needs a copy.

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

Bridge



FRIDAYS: 1:30 PM

Our Bridge group plays at the Club on Fridays starting at 1:30 pm when there are enough players. We welcome all levels of bridge players. Those who can regularly play weekly or as an occasional sub are asked to contact Pattie or Barbara to join our list of players. Emails are sent weekly to members who are interested in playing to see if we have a minimum of 4 players. Ideally, we would like to have two tables playing bridge. Come enjoy the social company of our members while improving your game.

Pattie Takita at patakita3@gmail.com
Barbara Stemmer at barb.stem@sbcglobal.net

Bunco



**March into Spring!
Come to Bunco!**

DATE: Tuesday, March 21st
TIME: 6:30 "chat & chew" (bring an app/snack/sweet to share)
and drink of choice.
7:00 "gameplay"
COST: \$5
PLACE: Bedford Hall/kitchen

Sign up sheet in foyer...

All welcome! No experience necessary...
(experience doesn't help you win...just LUCK!)



Wendy McKeon 246-2496

BYOB Friday



Date: Friday, March 17th

Time: 4-5:30 pm

(New Members welcome!)

Place: WWC Kitchen

You're invited! Come wear some **GREEN** and share the good luck! This year, St. Paddy's Day falls on B.Y.O.B. Friday! So join us in the WWC Kitchen on **March 17th, from 4 to 5:30 pm, to bid adieu to Winter and say hello to Spring!**

All WWC members are welcome to join our casual tailgate-style gathering with an hors d'oeuvre and beverage of your choosing. Whether you **Bring Yourself Over Briefly**, just to say hello--or linger longer--do bring along a smile, and expect to receive the same, warmed perhaps by a measure of laughter and a tale or two.

To help make it easy, please add some napkins to your tote, a munchie, a corkscrew (if needed), a glass or two, and a bit of blarney. Extra points for "thinking green" ambiance if you download some Irish music to your I-phone and play for the group!

Then, at 5:30, we'll air "The Parting Glass," as we head for home, leaving "no crumbs, footprints or fingerprints."

Sooooo... Please DO come by! You'll find us in the WWC Kitchen anytime from 4 to 5:30 on Friday, March 17th!

Whether you are new to the WWC or a Member since "forever," this is a fun way to meet fellow members, show off your green wardrobe accessories, or look ahead to Spring.

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

THANKS!

Looking forward to the pleasure of your company!

Dorothy E. Curran 203.246.0543



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 weekend 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



We had a wonderful breakfast for the grant recipients. They stayed and enjoyed being together for the first time in three years.

The Ruegg Grant application is online with a due date of February 28th. We will meet for the first time on March 8th at 11:00. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please email me.

Donna Richardson
Chair of Community Services
Donnarichardson4@yahoo.com

Curio Cottage



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

We are also accepting donations during these times.

Thank You.

Susan Loselle, Co-Chair
seloselle@gmail.com
203-858-5989

Suzan Murphy, Co-Chair
murphy05@aol.com
203-247-7726

Food Closet

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- 1 lb. canned hams (available at CVS and Rite Aid)
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Wendy McKeon
Kim Reichert

Gourmet



Gourmet Club will meet on March 21st at 11:00 am. This month there is a wonderful German theme highlighting sauerbraten, noodles and other delicious items. For information or RSVP please contact:

Patty Doyle 203-226-3642 pattydoyle235@gmail.com
Bobbie Herman 203-408-2542 sangazure1@aol.com

Garden Room



The Garden Club members are looking forward to Spring and to start things off we're planting SEEDS! We'll provide the containers, garden soil, and flower, herb, and vegetable seeds on Thursday, March 23rd at 1:00 pm.

RSVP by March 20th to miraauxier@gmail.com or
jtevey@optonline.net

Mah Jongg



WEDNESDAYS
1:00-4:00
LIVING ROOM & BEDFORD HALL

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 MJ group. All levels of players are welcome. If you want to be included in these weekly emails, please contact me to put your name on that email list. 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

If you are a beginner and want to learn, please contact Audrey Rabinowitz:
203-505-8083 or Bxiteb4@aol.com.

Thank you.

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

Sunshine Girl



Sunshine Girl:

This month's Sunshine Girl is Jean Anderson 203-227-7677
jeananderson1@sbcglobal.net. Thank you to Leah Scherzer
for being our February Sunshine Girl!

Ways & Means

The 2023 Art Show Fundraiser will be Fri, Sat, Sun (May 5, 6, 7th).
Once again, I am looking forward to working with Curator, Miggs
Burroughs. This year we will have a Friday evening reception.

I'm very excited to invite our member artists to participate in the Art
Show with same criteria as other artists. This is the result of a change
in our club bylaws. Please contact me with any questions.

I am looking forward to another successful Art Show Fundraiser, the
support of my past committee, and welcoming all new
members. Thank you for your support.

Jo Luscombe & Leah Scherzer
Art Show Co-Chairs

Yankee Doodle Fair



CALLING ALL SPONSORS!

Do any of you know a place of business or an individual who would like to support our charitable efforts and/or get name recognition with thousands of Westport families? Sponsoring YDF is the way to go. With record attendance last year, we hosted 10,000+ people over the four days of the Fair. Sponsors will be recognized on banners on the days of the Fair and in our online advertising. Please contact Donna or me with any questions.

NEXT Yankee Doodle Fair Meeting:

March 9th, 10 am

Please join us!

Karen Kleine 203-858-4010

Donna Richardson 541-977-4912

Member Tips

KEEPING OUR MEMBERS and GUESTS SAFE IS A TOP PRIORITY!

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

As Spring approaches many projects are underway at the Club. With Safety being our first priority, if you see something that should be addressed, please send me a quick email to robin.clark_wwc@yahoo.com

Please be sure that when setting up for any events such as Fundraisers and Club Day that no Exits are blocked. This includes the hallway leading from Bedford Hall to the front door.

Thank you for staying alert!

Robin

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9AM-12PM AND 1PM-4PM

Noel Baldwin, Office Manager - 203-227-4240

To access the clubhouse on other days and times, please make arrangements in advance.

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