



Westport Woman's Club
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Bulletin

Westport Woman's Club May 2022 Bulletin

Board of Directors 2021-2022

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Past President-Christina McVaney



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Good Day! It was so great to see so many of you at April Club Day. I feel like it was kind of a "Grand Re-Opening" for us, even though we've been keeping pretty busy lately. The weather is getting warmer, the snow is gone, buds are rising up from the ground and the WWC is back! Whoo-hoo!

There's so much for us to look forward to this Spring; but

Sunshine Girl:

This month's
 Sunshine Girl is
 Ellen Hooker
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before we do that, I'd like to once again thank Donna Richardson's Community Service Committee for its outstanding work coordinating our donation and presentation of a WESTPORT EMS AMBULANCE. Our photo from that day was featured on the Selectwoman's FB page and on WestportJournal.com. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we should all be very proud.

Looking ahead to next year, I want to thank Dorothy Curran and the nominating committee for putting together the 2022-23 Board Slate of Officers & Directors. It was approved by your current board and at May club day will go to the membership for a vote. We are still actively looking for someone to fill Programs, Secretary, Communications and YDF.

Programs can be done by two people, so please ask a friend and share your interests with the rest of us each month.

Secretary can be done on your own time except for the monthly 1 1/2 - 2 hr meeting.

Communications has a great cheat sheet with all the local press emails. All you have to do is write up a paragraph and send it. All you have to know how to do is write an email and attach a picture. It's a great way to spread the work about all of the good things the Club does for the community. Gloria Smithson is available for any questions you may have.

YDF needs a few people to work with Christina McVaney on a transition plan. Again, please consider asking a friend to do this with you. Christina is here for any questions you may have. This is our most important fundraiser of the year and so critical to raising money to fund our mission.

Mark your calendars and volunteer for the Post Office Food Closet Collection Day (May 14), the Art Show (May 21-22), the Memorial Day Parade (May 30, 9am) and the Yankee Doodle Fair (June 16-19). These are great opportunities to see each other and work together!

Thank you to all of you for making this Club great. Cheers!

Karen Kleine
kkleine3@gmail.com
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Thank you to Carol Burgess for being April'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

May Dates to Remember!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 11:30 Club Day	3 1:00 Canasta	4 1:00 Mah Jongg	5	6	7
8	9	10 1:00 Canasta	11 8:00 Scholarship Breakfast 1:00 Mah Jongg	12	13	14 Post Office Food Closet Collection
15	16	17 11:30 Gourmet Club-Bobbie's 1:00 Canasta 6:30 Bunco!	18 1:00 Mah Jongg	19 10:00 Membership Meeting 1:00 Book Group	20 4-5:50 BYOB	21 2-6 Art Show
22 2-6 Art Show	23	24 1:00 Canasta	25 1:00 Mah Jongg	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Parade	31 1:00 Canasta				

Club Day Lunch



What a delightful time we had at April Club Day! With all the hugging, kissing, and squealing, it was obvious that members were very glad to connect with their friends again.

Please join us at our next Club Day on **Monday, May 2nd**. Aux Delices will be serving Eggplant Rollatini as the entree with a Baby Arugula and Radicchio Salad. Sliced Italian Bread with Butter will be available. For dessert, we will be having Yellow Butter Cake with Chocolate Homestyle Frosting. Sounds delicious, doesn't it?

Please be sure to **call the office by Wednesday, April 27th** to confirm your luncheon reservation. If you are on the permanent lunch list and need to cancel, you must call the office beforehand or you will be charged for your lunch. The price for lunch, wine, and a beverage is \$20 to be paid in cash or by check.

Wine and beverages will be served in the Dining Room at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon in Bedford Hall. The Canasta Group and the Ladies Who

Lunch will be the hosts in May.

Now that the WWC is back in "full swing", we hope to see even more members at **Club Day on May 2nd!**

Kim Reichert
1st VP

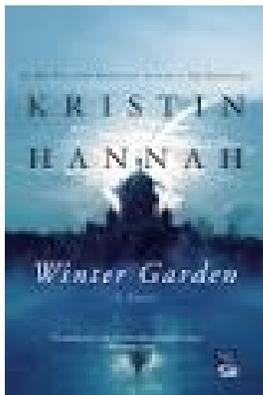
Club Day

Hi, All --

Our speaker for this month will be Jaime Baraktaris. In addition to being the editor of the Westport Local Press, Jaime is a multi-talented, community-minded Westporter. The 2016 Staples High School graduate is a current Sacred Heart University student and was selected as the 2020 Connecticut Paraeducator of the Year.

Bobbie

Book Group



This month we return to the work of author Kristin Hannah, author of "Winter Garden", which we will discuss at our **May 19 1pm** book club meeting. It is the story of two sisters who at odds with each other. Meredith is the daughter who stays at home helping her father with his orchards, Nina leaves home as soon as possible and travels the world as a journalist. Their mother is oddly distant and has never connected with her daughters, but when their father becomes seriously ill, he urges them to listen to the stories that their mother tells, even though she seems unbalanced. Of course, these stories lead to revelations concerning their family and all the things from the past that shaped their lives.

All are welcome to join us on the 19th for a lively discussion.

Barbara Raffel (203)-226-3954
Heike Martin (203)-761-2448

Bunco

BUNCO

Spring has sprung! Time to gather ...
and have some fun!! ☐☐☐

Date: Tuesday, May 17th
Time: 6:30 pm "chat & chew"...7:00



game play begins...

Place: Bedford Hall

Cost: \$5.00

Please bring a "little something snack" to share...Also your "drink of choice"...☺

The sign-up sheet will be on the board in the foyer... ALL ARE

WELCOME! No experience necessary (ask any of our "seasoned" players!)

"game-loving gals" for a fun night...

Looking forward to gathering with some and you may win \$\$\$!

Wendy McKeon

246-2496

BYOB Friday May 20th in the WWC Kitchen!!!!



Date: Friday, May 20th

Time: 4-5:30pm

Place: WWC Kitchen

Please join us on **May 20th** for **BYOB FRIDAY at the WWC!!!!**

There's no better way to plan ahead for Memorial Day weekend than gathering for BYOB Friday in the WWC Kitchen! Stop by and join the fun with a dip or hors d'oeuvres and something refreshing to sip. Practice your picnic packing by bringing your own sipping and munching wares (including napkins and--if needed--corkscrew)! Plus--the Art Show should be ready for a peek! And we can discuss what WWC Members will wear to march in Westport's May 30 Memorial Day Parade. Have you sold your Yankee Doodle Fair Raffle tickets yet? (You can't win unless you play, plus--as we all know--Raffle Ticket revenues are the only "rain insurance" for Yankee Doodle Fair...) And, by the way--have you signed up yet for your YDF volunteer slot? Same as last year, or are you trying something new?

Please do stop by the WWC Kitchen anytime from 4 to 5:30 on Fri. May 20 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 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 Alexa if she and Siri are volunteering together at this year's YDF, 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

It was a wonderful day to celebrate our incredible gift to Westport EMS. Great job everyone.

Donna Sedgwick and her committee is deciding which students will receive scholarship money. The breakfast for these students is on May 11th.



We will begin working on the Ruegg Grant soon so if you are interested please let me know.

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



If you were at April Club Day, you heard Wendy McKeon announce that the rental for **May 14th** had been cancelled, so Bedford Hall is now available for our USPS Food Drive! **YAY!** The Food Drive **begins around 12:00 and ends about 5:00.**

This cannot be a successful event without members and their families, friends, and neighbors volunteering. We hope that those of you who are able will be there for at least a couple of hours.

We need people for the following jobs:

-runners (actually walkers)- who can sort the cans and boxes of food that are delivered and take them to the tables around the edge of Bedford Hall labelled with the name of the items (i.e. cereal, pasta, vegetables, etc.)

-daters- we need members to be seated at every table to write the last digit of the expiration date (2023 would be a 3, as 2026 would be a 6) on the can or the package

-baggers- we need some people to sit and double bag all our shopping bags so they are strong enough to hold the contributions that we donate (you'd be amazed at the time that this saves F.C. volunteers when they are packing up the food requests!)

-transporters- we desperately need strong men and teenaged girls and boys to transport the boxes of sorted and dated goods in our shopping carts down the ramp, to the back walkway, to the garage door, and into the Food Closet

We are going to try to get some S.L.O.B.S. from Staples High School and some mothers and daughters from the charity league to give us some time, so fingers crossed ☐ that some of them will be available.

Complimentary sandwiches, beverages, snacks, and sweets will be provided for the postal workers and for any of the volunteers to keep up their energy.

The USPS Food Drive is our biggest source of donations for the WWC Food Closet; it is important that as many people as possible volunteer to help out. Please do your part!

Wendy McKeon
Kim Reichert

Garden Room



Celebrate the amazing **month of May flowers!** Our gardens are growing, spring flowers are in full bloom and the sun makes all the birds in our yards chirp happily! The members of The Garden Room are invited to the guided farm and animal tour at The

Wakeman Town Farm. Wakeman Town Farm has a rich agricultural history. This third-generation farm, owned by the Wakeman Family, was the site of a thriving agricultural operation and popular farm stand. Today it has been brought back to life as a community farm and educational demonstration center. It is the perfect blend of agricultural and garden farming.

Date: MONDAY MAY 16, 2022

Time: 11 AM

Place: THE WAKEMAN TOWN FARM, 134 CROSS HIGHWAY, WESTPORT

Stay tuned! The Garden Room is planning an incredible trip for the month of June! We will visit The Garden of Chrissie and John D'Esopo in Avon, CT on June 23, 2022 book your calendars! More information about this event will be provided in the June bulletin.

Mira Auxier and Jeannette Tewey
The Garden Room Co-Chairs

Gourmet

The Gourmet Group will be holding its annual Springtime Luncheon at the home of Bobbie Herman. Please bring whatever you think is appropriate for a Spring Luncheon. As Bobbie is moving, this will be the last time the luncheon will be held at her house, but we will move to an equally charming location in the future.

DATE: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

TIME: 11:30 am

PLACE: 761 Merwins Lane, Fairfield. It's a red ranch house on the corner of Jennie Lane. Park anywhere in the driveway or street.

RSVP: Bobbie -- sangazure1@aol.com or 203-255-1577

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.

Starting in May, 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

Did you happen to notice that some members had BIG RED DOTS on their name tag for Club Day? The red dot indicates that the person is a new member. Please be cordial and introduce yourself to the new member so that

they feel welcomed into the Club. We are a membership of kind and caring women, and we want that to show.

As many of you know, I will be taking over as the Membership Chair starting in August. However, we have a lot to do before then so I am asking for members (old and Very New) to join the Membership and Retention Committee.

Our first meeting will be on THURSDAY, MAY 19TH AT 10:00 in the living room.

In that this is a New Group, we will be brainstorming ideas of what will make the Club a more fun and welcoming place....So, please come with all your great ideas!

Please let me know if you would like to join this new group.

Lauri Weiser
Chair- Membership and Retention
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Ways & Means

SEVENTH ANNUAL LIVE
**Westport Woman's Club
Art Show**

44 IMPERIAL AVENUE, WESTPORT

Please join us for a two-day Open House Art Exhibit
with social distancing, light snacks, and refreshments

Saturday, May 21 • 2 - 6pm

Sunday, May 22 • 2 - 6pm

A wonderful exhibit of affordable fine art
from the area's most desirable artists



Ola Bossio



Trace Burroughs



Ann Chernow



Susan Fehlinger



Larry Gordon



Tom Kretsch



Árpád Krizsan



Paul Larson



Erzsebet Laurinyecz



Jena Maric



Jon Puzzuoli



Peter Saverine



Gay Schempp



Oksana Tanasiv



Larry Untermeyer

Yankee Doodle Fair



2 months to

go...

The raffle tickets have been distributed at April Club Day. If you haven't received yours, please call Noel in the office and ask for her to send them to you. Please sell those tickets and ask for more! Susan Loselle has graciously secured two days at Stop & Shop for us to display YDF signage to announce the fair and to be able to sell the raffle tickets. Please contact her if you wish to help sell raffle tickets and let the community know that YDF is coming! The two dates are June 5th and June 11th. There are two shifts each day, 10-12 and 12-2. Please contact her if you would like to don your blue YDF apron and tell the community about the fair and sell some raffle tickets at the same time!

Our meeting this month will be the Wednesday after club day, May 4th, at 10 am. I hope to see you all there with masks or without! Let's get excited...the reason we have money to give out for grants and scholarships is because of YDF so let's work this one weekend so we can have money to distribute!!

Christina McVaney

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