

# The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

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## **Board of Directors 2015-2016**

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Dear Ladies,

What to do this April at the Westport Woman's Club? Start by making your reservation (by March 30) for **4/4/16 Club Day!** At the same time, why not buy your ticket(s) to the **150th Birthday Bash for Bedford Hall at 6pm on Sat. April 16th?** Come help sing "Happy Birthday" and blow out the candles as you enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, our comedienne Emcee, Jane Condon, and some fabulous opportunities at the Silent and Live Auctions. More details to follow. Also remember to mark your calendars for the (free) opening Reception of our **Art Show, on April 30th**, dedicated to the memory of artist Howard Munce!

One of the things that makes the Westport Woman's Club very special is the friendships that we form, across generations, as we participate together in Special Interest Groups, fundraisers, Club Day luncheons, committee meetings and Board service. It's humbling to hear the stories, for example, of a Member who has done her shifts at Yankee Doodle Fair for DECADES, and--by the way--was YDF chair along the way and, through the years, has held half a dozen Board positions. Remarkably, such ladies are not hard to find.

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**This April, at Club Day, as Spring emerges and the Snowbirds return, we plan to salute those of you who have been members 25 years or more, so--if you belong to this group--PLEASE make your Club Day reservation promptly!**

In addition, this year the Board has chosen **Marilyn Killough**, one of the legendary ladies who belong to this group, for our **Most Active Member Award**.

While she has cut back on her activities in recent years, she actually RAN Cultural Affairs--ALL of the bus trips to shows, concerts and museums--for OVER 30 straight years. When she had to stop, our WWC lost a key benefit. This past year, thankfully, with coaching from Marilyn, Bobbie "Bring Back Broadway" Herman has done a terrific job resurrecting Cultural Affairs.

Marilyn will receive a certificate at Club Day, have her name added (again, but the last time was decades ago) to the Most Active Member Award plaque, and--at the May Scholarship Winners Breakfast--have the honor of presenting a WWC scholarship in her name to a Staples senior.

Along with our terrific April Program (speaker is Jane Pollak), there are two other items of note for April Club Day: 1) your allotment of YDF 2016 Raffle Tickets will be ready for pick-up! and 2) the Nominating Committee will announce the 2015-16 Board Slate. For a preview, see the end of this Newsletter. AND--if your name is not listed--please consider nominating YOURSELF (call or email Committee chair Jo Fuchs Luscombe) for one of the open slots. After all, WWC members tend to stick around for a LONG time, "many hands make work light," getting to know other members is a delight and we all need to take turns to keep the place running for the benefit of our community. Besides, as I said--only partly in jest--to our current Board at our last meeting: "You're not a *REAL* Member of the WWC until you've rotated through ALL of the Board positions!"



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## Sunshine Girls

**April**

**Sunshine Girl:**

**Carol Burgess,  
203-226-5593**

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Thanks to Carol Goetz  
March Sunshine Girl.

**Dorothy Packer, 1st VP**

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**227-7769**

### Office Hours

Mon. -Fri.

9:00 am-4:00 pm

12:00-1:00 Lunch

# APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 <b>Club Day</b>	5 <b>Garden</b> 1:30 pm <b>Bunco</b> 7:00pm	6 <b>YDF Meeting</b> 10:00 am <b>MahJongg</b> 1:00-4:00pm	7 <b>Bridge</b> 9:30am	8	9
10	11 <b>Bridge</b> 10:30am <b>Office Closed</b>	12 <b>Office Closed</b>	13 <b>Ways &amp; Means</b> 10:30am <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1:00-4:00pm <b>Office Closed</b>	14 <b>Bridge</b> 9:30am  <b>Office Closed</b>	15 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>B.Y.O.B.</b> 4:00-5:30 pm <b>Office Closed</b>	16 <b>Bedford Hall Birthday Bash</b>
17	18 <b>Board Meeting</b> 10:00 am <b>Bridge</b> 10:30	19 <b>Gourmet</b> 11:30 am <b>Bunco</b> 7:00pm	20 <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1:00-4:00pm  <b>New Members</b> <b>Wine &amp; Cheese</b> 5:00-7:00 pm	21 <b>Bridge</b> 9:30 am <b>Book Review</b> 1:00 pm	22	23
24	25 <b>Bridge</b> 10:30	26 <b>LadiesWho Lunch</b> 12:30 pm <b>Community Servs.</b> 10:30 am	27 <b>Reservations due for May Club Day</b>	28	29 <b>Art Show</b>	30 <b>Art Show</b>

## CONDOLENCES

Our sympathies to **Susan Loselle** on the death of her Father.

We also extend our sympathy to **Vivian Rosenberg** on the death of her husband, William. A memorial service will be held on **Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am at Temple Shalom, 259 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT.**

**Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, [dmpacker@aol.com](mailto:dmpacker@aol.com), 203-227-7769**

## CLUB DAY

Join us **Monday, April 4th** for Club Day, hosted by New Members, chaired by Susan Hricik, and Sunshine Girls, chaired by Dorothy Packer. Please make sure you make a reservation by **1 PM Wednesday** before Club Day. Arrive by 11:30 to enjoy The Pantry's Composed Salad of baby greens w/ Lobster and Shrimp. Cornbread. Milk chocolate pots de crème.

If you have a serious food allergy or are a vegetarian, please let me know. If you need to cancel a reservation, please do so by **1 PM Wednesday March 2nd** to avoid being charged.

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## PROGRAMS



Jane Pollak is a nationally recognized speaker, certified coach, author, blogger and lifestyle entrepreneur with over 30 years of business experience. Jane's story is an odyssey that led her from remote craft fairs and customer rejections to an invitation to the White House and appearances on NBC's *Today Show*. National publications started featuring Jane's artwork as early as 1985, when her patchwork quilt eggs appeared in *Country Living Magazine*. Since then, she has been written up by *The New York Times* and other prominent publications. Jane continues sharing inspirational, yet practical, lessons with creative professionals. Jane hosts Remarkable Women events in Westport and in New York City, to give women networking opportunities to encourage and motivate each other. Please join us for a lovely afternoon on Club Day, April 4th, when Jane shares her inspirational wisdom with all of us

**Jerilyn Deveau, [jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com](mailto:jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com) 203-372-2920**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The next Community Services meeting will be **Tuesday, April 26, at 10:30 am.**

**Mary Gladden and Carol Mata**

## CURIO COTTAGE



The Winter Half Price Sale made almost \$1,000. Thank you, to all who worked and shopped during it. Thanks to Dan Woog for his great article, too. We will have a big Spring Sale so watch for those dates. But keep coming in and shopping, before that. Besides what you see in the shop, we do have some great small pieces of furniture, in the basement. Shop here first, when you need filler pieces, for yourself, or for family members. And, as always, we need a few more workers. It is such a fun way to volunteer and help our community.

**Curio Cottage Committee**

## BOOK REVIEW

Hi All, Our book for April is *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus. This is an historical novel based on fact at the time of President Grant after the Civil War. I hope you all enjoy it as much as our Book Club here in Florida. Our meeting will be on **April 21st** in the living room at one. I hope to see you all then. Lee

**Lee Mennitt, [leemennitt@gmail.com](mailto:leemennitt@gmail.com), 203-523-0904**

## BUNCO



**Date: Tuesday, April 19th**

**Time: 7:00 pm "chat & chew" 7:30 pm game begins**

**Cost: \$5.00**

Sign up on sheet in foyer.

All welcome...Let's see who can be the one to score as well as Conchita did last time!

**Wendy McKeon, [XWAMX50@aol.com](mailto:XWAMX50@aol.com), 203-222-0038**

## BYOB FRIDAY



Bring your favorite nibbles and Beverage to share on Friday, April 15th, 4:00-5:30 pm. We'll preview the hot pink tableclothes, decorations and Auction items for the **April 16th Bedford Hall Birthday Bash.**

**Dorothy E. Curran, [DorothyECurran@aol.com](mailto:DorothyECurran@aol.com), 203-246-0543**

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

*SOMETHING ROTTEN* -- I am pleased to announce that we will be attending this hilarious musical comedy on **Wednesday, May 18**. It has received rave reviews, one of which is -- <http://observer.com/2015/04/something-rotten-is-not-to-be-forgotten/> -- as well as ten Tony nominations.

The total cost of the ticket and round-trip bus is **\$120**. Please bring your check to Colleen to reserve your place. It will be first-come, first serve, with a limit of **two tickets per member**. If you wish additional tickets, please put your name on our waiting list, in case some are unsold.

**Bobbie Herman, [sangazure1@aol.com](mailto:sangazure1@aol.com), 203-255-1577**

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT



Ruth Loiseau is a Master Floral Designer, who served at the White House for over 28 years. Ruth has created magnificent floral designs for special events at the White House since the Reagan Administration; these include Congressional Barbecues, the visit of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, the NATO Summit, State Dinners and for both visits of Queen Elizabeth II. She was presented the Certificate of Appreciation by Hillary Clinton in 1998 and continues to assist with special events for the current administration. Ruth's work has been featured in many prestigious print

publications over the years. Ms. Loiseau also owns and operates multiple businesses such as RuthL., RuthL Organics and Fleur De La Vie, and Couture Flowers Magazine. She is a highly respected lecturer on the art of floral and interior design and had the honor recently to be featured as the Keynote Speaker at the Bouquets to Art event at the De Young Museum in San Francisco Ca. Ms. Loiseau speaks at prestigious Garden Club events throughout the United States. Her lifelong expertise in floral design, her workshops, her lectures and her reputation are nationally renowned. Please join the Greens Farms Garden Club, the Westport Garden Club, and the WWC Garden Department at the Westport Woman's Club on **Tuesday, April 5th, at 1:30 p.m.** when we welcome Ruth Loiseau. Ruth will be creating floral arrangements. Reservations are required. Please contact Terilyn Deveau by

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## GOURMET



Gourmet Group will meet on **Tuesday April 19 at 11:30am** in the Club House. Our cooks for April are Priscilla Christianson, Arlene Johnson, Marion Potter and Marlene Powers. Members should RSVP to Lisa Allison by April 15.

### **IMPORTANT-for Returning & New YDF Bakers! Yankee Doodle Fair Bake Sale**

To issue a Bake Sale Permit for the Yankee Doodle Fair, the Westport Weston Health District requires us to submit a list of bakers and what they will bake.

**2015 Bakers:** we will assume that all 2015 bakers are returning and will bake the same recipes.

HOWEVER, If you baked in 2015 and:

- will not be baking for 2016,
- do not want your name included for some other reason, or
- intend to bake DIFFERENT items for 2016

Please contact Lisa Allison so that the list can be amended.

**NEW BAKERS:** Any members who **WILL** bake in 2016 but did **NOT** bake in 2015 also should contact Lisa Allison so that your name and baked goods may be added to the list.

For your information, the **Bake Sale** will run throughout the Yankee Doodle Fair **June 16-19**. We need a lot of baked goods to meet the demand of YDF customers so please support us!

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**Barbara Gladnick, [bagladnick@optonline.net](mailto:bagladnick@optonline.net),**  
**203-854-0424**

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

Did you know that LWL just turned four? How time flies when you're having fun! This month we will return to Martel, which we visited in March, 2013.

**Date: Tuesday, April 26, at 12:30 PM (note new time)**

**Location: 2316 Post Road, Fairfield**

Parking is available on site. They offer a \$14 prix fixe, as well as a variety of salads and sandwiches. You may find their menu on their website: [www.martelrestaurant.com](http://www.martelrestaurant.com)

Please let me know if you'll be joining us by Friday, April 22, so I can let them know how many to expect. And, as always, I ask that you call or email me, as I may not remember if you tell me in person.

**Bobbie Herman, [sangazure1@aol.com](mailto:sangazure1@aol.com), 203-255-1577**

## MAH JONGG

Our group meets every Wednesday at 1 pm if there are enough players to have a game. Before coming to the Club, please contact me if you want to play, just to make sure that we have a game on that day. We welcome all players, both those who are experienced and those who want to learn this fun game.

**Audrey Rabinowitz, [bxiteb4@aol.com](mailto:bxiteb4@aol.com), 203-227-6010**

## MEMBERSHIP

**\*\*\*Important\*\*\***

**Please change Cathie Hurwitz's email to: [catherinehurwitz@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinehurwitz@hotmail.com)**

Welcome to our newest members who came to our March luncheon: Amy DeLardi and Sharon Jones, guests of our Robin Clark, and Trudy Dujardin, guest of our Trisha Kalinowski. Their contact information is as follows:

**Amy Delardi:** 203-510-3134, [amyd@infinitewebdesigns.com](mailto:amyd@infinitewebdesigns.com)

**Sharon Jones:** 230-292-6724, [sjones@jwglp.com](mailto:sjones@jwglp.com)

**Trudy Dujardin:** 203-838-8100, [trudy@dujardindesign.com](mailto:trudy@dujardindesign.com)

This Spring's New and Prospective Members "Wine 'n Cheese" reception will be held Wednesday April 20th at the club. This will be an After 5pm event. All new members are invited. Current members are encouraged to advise me of any prospective interested ladies so that I may personally invite them.

**Susan Hricik, Membership, 203-226-1372**



## TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

Sorry we have missed several sessions due to weather. Hope to see you soon. Remember during the winter months the Club is closed on snow days when the Westport School System is closed or delayed. Check TV Channel 12 or call Staples High School for information at 341-1766.

If you are interested in joining us and/or being on the substitute list, please call us.

**Tommie Ross, 203-227-2444**

**Helen Doxtator, 203-221-7934**

## WAYS AND MEANS

Please come! Hear about the progress of Aoll of our Fundraisers at the Monthly Ways & Means Meeting on **Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 am.**

**Save the dates: April 16,** 150th Birthday Bash for Bedford Hall.

**April 30, May 1 and May 2,** Art Show.

**June 13th,** YDF set-up. **June 16-19,** Yankee Doodle Fair.

**Suzan Murphy, 3rd VP Ways & Means**

## WWC KNITTERS



Westport Woman's Club members have been knitting since 1991 for a variety of local organizations. We make hats, scarves, mittens and other items for children in Norwalk and Bridgeport. All levels of knitters are welcome. We are happy to teach beginners. Our next meeting will be

**Wednesday, April 27, at 1:00 pm,** in the dining room.

**Joan Miller, [mmiller@optonline.net](mailto:mmiller@optonline.net), 203-226-7036**

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR



Calling all new club members!!! Our next Yankee Doodle Fair meeting is **April 6th at 10am.** Please join us!! We need help with raffle ticket sales!! It's our insurance if our fair is rained out any of the days so it's very important we have a plan to sell, sell, sell!!

**Christina McVaney, 203-292-8138,**  
**[CMCVANEY@yahoo.com](mailto:CMCVANEY@yahoo.com)**

## Nominating Slate 2016-2017

### Board of Officers & Directors

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate to the Board...Officers and Directors::

President...Dorothy Packer  
First Vice President...TBD  
Second Vice President...Barbara Stemmer  
Third Vice President...Suzan Murphy  
Secretary...Wynne Abrams  
Treasurer...Robin Clark

Communications...Anne Hunt and a co-Chair TBD  
Community Service...Sarah Menchaca  
Curio Cottage Adv...Susan Loselle  
Grounds...Nancy Hallas  
House...TBD  
Membership...Joan Likely-Cosenza  
Parliamentary Adv...Heike Martin  
Rentals...Mira Auxier  
Programs...TBD  
YDF...Christina McVaney and Kim Reichert  
Immediate past President...Dorothy Curran

Anyone wishing to serve in the positions TBD, please contact us.

Mary Lee Clayton  
Janette Duchnicki  
Kaye Leong  
Bernadette Stiskal  
Jo Fuchs-Luscombe, Chairman

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