



The BULLETIN

OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

MARCH 2011

WWC MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	Bridge 10:30am	1 GardenBoard 1:30 am	2 Mah Jong 1-4pm GNO 6:30pm	3 Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30	4	5
6	7 <i>Club Day</i>	8 Garden 1:30pm	9 YDF 10:00am Mah Jong 1-4pm	10 Social Bridge 10:00 am Zumba 11:30	11 Curio Cottage Tag Sale 10-4pm	12 Curio Cottage Tag Sale 10-4pm
13	14 Bridge 10:30am Bunco 7:00 pm	15 Gourmet 11:30am 2:00 pm Necessities Bag	16 Mah Jong 1-4pm	17 Social Bridge 10:00am Zumba 11:30 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19
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12:00-1:00 Closed for Lunch
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

Let's hope the worst of the winter weather is now behind us and that spring will actually arrive by the end of this month! In spite of the cold, February proved to be a very active month for the Club. I want to extend a hearty thank-you and congratulations to Martha Eidman and Karen McCormick for their hard work and leadership in launching the Ways & Means Committee's *Waiting in the Wings* cabaret series. The event appeared to be very well received by both audiences, and earned close to \$3,000 profit for the Club. And, thanks to Clare Clark's recent Wine and Cheese membership events, we have a number of new members joining and strengthening our ranks.

Please note that the next Club Ways & Means fundraiser will be the April 13 Brooks Brothers Fashion Show, chaired by Jo Fuchs Luscombe. If you haven't signed on already, please consider helping Jo either on the organizational committee or as a model. I also encourage you to become an active member of the Yankee Doodle Fair Committee. Meetings are held the Wednesday after Club Day at 10 a.m. in the Living Room. Dorothy Curran and Marylee Clayton, who are once again serving as YDF co-chairs, have some wonderful plans for a mob flash video to promote the event, but they need your creative ideas and help in order to make this the most successful Fair to date.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy month and spring,

Mary

SUNSHINE GIRLS

March: Carol Goetz, 203-502-2663.

Thank you.

Sunshine Girls' short meeting following March lunch

CLUB DAY

Our next Club Day is March 7th hosted by the Garden Department, Chaired by Mary Lee Clayton.

Please check your new directory and handbook for all the important information regarding lunch and Club Day. Thank you.

Leah Scherzer, 1st Vice President

PROGRAMS

Our March speaker is Morley Boyd. Morley is the Founder and President of the Westport Preservation Alliance and past Chairman of the Westport Historical District Commission. Morley will take us through one of his current research projects, an 18th century farm and discuss the various methods that can be used to uncover hidden information about historic structures and landscapes.

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

Our March meeting will be:

Wednesday, March 9, 10:00am

Hope to see you there!

Mary Lee Clayton
Dorothy E Curran
YDF Co-Chairs

We are seeking members to visit stores and businesses for the purpose of asking for donations of gifts and gift certificates for our Lucky Prize Drawing. In the past, many of you have contacted places which you frequent – such as hair and nail salons, jewelry and clothing stores, restaurants and food shops, florists and nurseries. It is important that only one person visits each store or business for a gift. If you would like to participate, please contact Jane Potkin (226-6172) or Audrey Rabinowitz (227-6010), who will add your name and the stores you will be visiting to our master list. You will be given a packet with a letter and donor form to bring to each store. Our goal is to start our visits as of March 21 – the first day of Spring!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

At our February and March Committee Meetings, Clare Clark, Rose Jordan and Audrey Rabinowitz will lead us in animated discussion of where our monetary contributions go. They will help us review all outstanding grant applications. Join us; all WWC members are welcome (Monday, March 28, 9:30 a.m., in the parlor).

Jo Fuchs Luscombe, Director
Community Service Committee

SAVE THIS DATE: April 13, 2011. Leap into Spring with fashions by BROOKS BROTHERS, modeled by our very own members. A festive luncheon will round out the day. Don't miss out; sign up early. For more information, please e-mail Jo Fuchs Luscombe (jpluscom@att.net). Find out how you can be a part of this welcome departure from a dreary Winter. Proceeds will benefit our Club's philanthropic endeavors.

IN MEMORIUM

Condolences to the families of Nancy Brown, former club member; Colleen Grant on the death of her mother, and also to Pat Voris on the death of her husband, Jacques.

Ladies,

A heart-felt thank you for all your condolences, prayers and support at the time of my husband's passing.

Josephine Laska

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 30th
“War Horse”
Vivian Beaumont Theatre
Lincoln Center

As of this writing, “War Horse” is sold out. However, we NEED a wait list as there are always cancellations. Life happens. “War Horse” is the story of a boy, Albert, and his horse, Joey. The two first meet at a horse sale where Albert’s farmer father recklessly outbids a rival for a young horse. Albert is forced to give his horse to the army to serve on the battlefields of war-torn Europe. The cost of this theatre trip is \$122 per person. It costs nothing to be on the wait list, but we must have your personal check which will remain in the office until there is a cancellation and ‘you are on the bus’. Then your check will be deposited in the bank. The bus will leave from the lower level parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on the 30th and return immediately following the matinee performance.

“Sister Act”
Wednesday, May 25, 2011

“Sister Act” is coming to Broadway after a record-breaking, award winning run on London’s West End! When disco diva, Deloris Van Cartier, witnesses a crime, she is put in protective custody in the one place police are sure she won’t be found—a convent! Using her killer voice to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church and community, but in doing so blows her cover. Based on the hit movie, “Sister Act” features an original score by Alan Menken (8-time Oscar winner) and lyrics by Glenn Slater, a Tony nominee. Direction is by 4-time Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks. Victoria Clark, Tony Award winner for “The Light in the Piazza” will play Mother Superior. “Irresistible! “Sister Act” is one big, spirit soaring joyful noise, a sequin-bedecked exultation of sisterhood and song!”--Sam Marlowe, The Times of London. “Glorious fun! A truly engaging musical comedy with a terrific score by Alan Menken. One leaves ““Sister Act” feeling blessed!”-- Charles Spencer, The Daily Telegraph.

Cost of this new musical scheduled to play at the Broadway Theater is \$109 per person.

PLAY READING GROUP

Tuesday, March 22nd 10:30 a.m. In the living room--join us--no experience necessary

MEMBERSHIP

In late February we held our winter membership drive, and I hope to be welcoming many new members in the next Bulletin! Our new social event for all members is planned to take place on Wednesday evening, March 2nd and I hope many of you are able to join in! There is a complete write up on Girls Night Out, GNO, in this Bulletin.

As always, I remind you that YOU are the best source of new members, so please continue inviting your friends to an event at the WWC...non members may attend an event at least once in a year as a guest.

Welcome to our newest member, Leslie Boxer, and please add her info to your Directory.

Leslie Boxer

Wisdom and Grace

We are delighted to honor and recognize the many years of service given by our faithful long time members. Two years ago we began a program to annually recognize our members as they reach two milestones, 25 and 40 years of service. This year we are pleased to acknowledge and celebrate these four members who joined in 1971 and are enjoying their 40th Year of membership:

Virginia Ferrari
Helen Luedke, PP
Irene Naughton
Marlene Wehmhoff

Thank you to all these members who have graced the Club with their presence, talent and wisdom for so many years. It is our pleasure to celebrate and acknowledge your years of service to the WWC!

Clare Clark

CURIO COTTAGE

Thank you to all who have so patiently been storing items to donate. Please bring them to the auditorium anytime from March 8-10. The times are 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The sale will be Friday-Saturday, March 11-12, same time period. We will also have the shop open during these hours. If you are a not a regular worker on any of these days, please try to work a few hours. We will need extra people in the shop and MANY extra people in the auditorium. No sign up times or sheets this year, but please ANYONE and EVERYONE, if you have some extra time, put on your old clothes and come over for a “play date”. This sale does require a lot of labor for a very short time period. Always fun, though.

If you know of anyone who loves Tag Sales, or who has been meaning to clean out a closet, attic, redecorate, etc....please suggest the Curio Cottage to them. We will have many tax donation slips available. If you do have items, but can’t donate during these times, please let me know and we will arrange a way to store them until the sale. Hope this is the biggest, best sale in our history!

Karen Eickhoff
Cottage Committee

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

We always need substitutes. If you are interested in joining us and/or being on the substitute list, please call Mary-Jane Cross

SOCIAL BRIDGE

Please call me if you are interested in signing up to “SUB”.

Tommie Ross

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

BOARD MEETING:
Tuesday, March 1, 1:30 pm

GENERAL MEETING:
Tuesday, March 8, 1:30 pm

As most of you know we are having a Spring Plant Sale in May. This month we will be discussing how to handle the sale, what merchandise we will have and how to merchandise it. Also, we will be making a small arrangement to brighten up our houses. Hope you can join us on the 8th, since a May sale is a new endeavor (replacing our YDF sale) we would like everyone to weigh in!

MARCH LUNCH

Garden Department is setting up and serving the March Lunch. If you haven't already signed up, please call and let me know what you would like to do.

Mary Lee Clayton
Chair, Garden

ANTIQUES

The next Antiques meeting is on Wednesday, March 23. The speaker will be Tracy Dwyer, the proprietor of Parc Monceau, located in Westport. She formerly lived in the Loire Valley in France. Her passion is everything French and finding treasures in France, where she visits a few times a year to purchase antiques and other furnishings and accessories for her store. It will be a very interesting talk.

Refreshments are served at 10 am, followed by a short business meeting, and then our speaker. Please plan to attend – our meetings are open to all Club members. We would like to have a good turnout to welcome this first-time speaker to the Antiques group. Come and celebrate spring – finally!

Audrey Rabinowitz
Chairperson

GOURMET

March 15 is our next sit down luncheon at the clubhouse. Pat Powers is coordinating the event. We meet in the auditorium at the clubhouse at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served around noon. Guests are welcome. The guest fee for the luncheon is \$15.00. If you wish to attend the March luncheon call Elfriede at home 203-227-9407 or cell 203-505-1463, or email her at jlaffe1057@aol.com Gourmet members will be contacted individually.

Anne Hunt
Elfriede Lafferty

ZUMBA

Thursdays at 11:30-12:30. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fun, and dance to a healthier you. Leah Scherzer, 1st V.P. at leahsart@aol.com, 226-3042.

BOOK CLUB

If you think that modern political life is turbulent, read about life in 15th century England, when the Platanets ruled. "The White Queen" by Phillipa Gregory is our March book. It is a novel of historical fiction based in fact about this fascinating era of plotting, betrayal and ambition, as well as love and loyalty. Join us on Thursday, March 24 at 1pm, when Pat Wet-tach will lead our discussion.

Barbara Raffel

NECESSITIES BAGS

The Necessities Bags are given free of charge to breast cancer surgery patients. We will be assembling these tote bags on Friday, April 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the banquet room. The pre-assembly will be held the evening before – Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for both days.

Needed: people to sew the small pillows that go into the tote bags. On Tuesday, March 15 at 2 p.m. in the banquet room, Leah Scherzer will be conducting a pillow workshop to cut the fabric (which you will get to take home to sew), and provide sewing and stuffing instructions. The fabric that is used is a cotton blend (no nylon or flannel), washable, uplifting and fun design (not predominantly pink). One yard makes 3 pillows. If you have any such material, please bring it. Also bring scissors, a pen/dressmaker chalk, a yardstick, a 12" ruler. Non-members are welcome as well. Contact Leah (226-3042) if you would like to participate or to get information.

Also needed: men's white tank shirts (size L and XL) and flushable wipes

A collection box will be outside the office for these items. Cash donations are also welcome and appreciated – we will purchase these items with any monetary donations.

There are sign-up sheets on the Bulletin board for the assembly and the pillows. Thank you for participating in this project.

Audrey Rabinowitz

RSVP KNITTING

All levels of knitters are welcome and we are happy to teach beginners. For questions, please contact Joan Miller, or mmiller@optonline.net.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 1 PM in the Conference Room

GNO

Announcing ... a new social group for members called Girls Night Out, or GNO!

What is it? A regularly scheduled week night evening social for members. This group is the result of a brainstorming session attended by 12 members on January 19, 2011.

The goal of GNO is to provide an opportunity, at a convenient time, for our members who work during the day, as well as any members who want to connect with others, to mingle socially while enjoying some food and wine.

When is it? Girls Night Out, or GNO, will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Clubhouse, starting at 6:30PM. Here are the dates for the next three months: March 2 - RSVP by 2/23 to clarec@optonline.net April 6 ; May 4 .

How does it work? Each attendee will pay \$10.00 in cash to attend each evening and will RSVP via email or sign up board so we know how much food to purchase. A member will be the treasurer and keep track of both fees and reimbursement.

Our menu will be kept simple to start -- finger foods, heavy appetizers, wine and non-alcoholic beverages. Members of the group will pair up and be responsible for purchasing food and drinks for each meeting on a rotating basis. We will use paper goods and plastic cups

Since the goal is social, we will start with an ice breaker and maybe a game to foster conversation and laughs. We will include a WWC update of happenings/needs etc. at each evening. Our belief is that as the group evolves and grows there will be other ideas/ways to spend the evening like:

exploring co-hosting an evening with the Westport Library for speakers on topics of interest to us – apparently this idea comes from the Library; bowling; going to a restaurant; having a movie discussion where members would independently see a movie in advance and then meet to discuss while socializing; wine tasting - either from a merchant or we pick a varietal and each bring a bottle.

Please check the monthly newsletter for updates or contact Clare Clark and Betty Brower, who have agreed to co chair/facilitate GNO.

WAYS AND MEANS

WWC's Waiting in the Wings Cabaret held its first, "pilot" cabaret on February 12, to a standing room only, sold out crowd at the 5pm show, and a well-attended 8pm show. "Love's Funny: An Evening of Sweet and Silly Love Songs" celebrated the Valentine's Day spirit with an evening of music and comedy sketches featuring emerging New York talent and some of Westport's own.

Co-Chairs Karen McCormick, Mary Vickery and I are grateful for the amazing support we received from club members, for this pilot project. We owe a special thanks to volunteers who stepped up to help with set up, the bar, ticketing, or cleanup: Wynne Abrams, Marylee Clayton, Clare Clarke, Dorothy Curran (and hubbie Bernard Roesch), Virginia Ferrari, Lois Harner, Maxine Hinkle (and Neil Croarkin), Anne Hunt, Beth McArthur, Rhonda Paul, Vivien Rosenberg, Becky Ruthven, Leah Scherzer, Molly Small, Catherine Smith (and hubbie Stephen), and Marjorie Watt. Denise Kuendig manned the PR effort, Lorraine Feliciano helped with our web presence, and Wynne Abrams has been our banker.

We are currently evaluating revenue and expenses for rolling the show into a cabaret series. It has just taken place at the time of this writing, so our review is not complete, but the cabaret is generating enthusiastic support and shows signs of making a meaningful contribution to the WWC's revenue stream. Anyone interested in being a part of this evaluation should contact me at martha.eidman@gmail.com

Our Next Fundraiser
APRIL FASHION SHOW
See Community Service article for info.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Eidman
Acting Ways & Means Vice President

Bridal Show Fundraiser 2012

Has someone in your family married recently; are you creative; or, would you like to get more involved? It's not too early to join our committee. We need your help to make this the next biggest fundraiser. Next meeting Tuesday, March 22 at 10:00. Please contact Leah Scherzer at leahsart@aol.com

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