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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Ladies,

Please join me in welcoming our new Office Manager, Elizabeth Greenawalt. Thanks go to our Hiring Committee: Rose Jordan (Chair), Wynne Abrams, Barbara Stemmer, and Lorraine Feliciano, who worked with me to assess needs, advertise for and review resumes, interview candidates and select Elizabeth. Thank you also to the many Board members who worked overtime while we were without an Office Manager, especially to Robin Clark (Treasurer), Barbara Stemmer (Second VP Finance), Jeannette Tewey (First VP), Mira Auxier (Rentals Chair), Lorraine Feliciano (Webmaster), Rose Jordan (Bulletin Editor), Deb Fratino (House Chair), and to all the various members who performed without office support for twelve weeks. Working together we made certain that Club business continued without interruption. Thank you all.

Our new Office Manager, Elizabeth, asked me to remind everyone to check their names and contact info in the

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EVERYONE TO CHECK THEIR NAMES AND CONTACT INFO IN THE Membership Directory to see if there are any changes that need to be made. If so, please let her know. If you have not received your Membership Directory, you may pick one up in the Office. Also, if you are not receiving E-mails (Bulletins and E-blasts), please advise Elizabeth of your correct email address and she will add it to our Constant Contact list of recipients.

During the past month, Lorraine Feliciano attended to the details of ordering our new office computer and necessary updated software. Deb Fratino oversaw the updating of our Resident Manager's (Lilibet) apartment upstairs and is actively working to redecorate the office with new carpet, window treatments, lighting and furniture still to come. Robin Clark helped us locate temporary help for both the financials and computer technology.

Susan Loselle organized a warm farewell party for Karen Eickhoff, who has moved to Saratoga Springs, NY. In honor of Karen's extraordinary dedication over the years in helping establish the Curio Cottage, **our Board agreed to honor Karen with Life Membership**. Perhaps you might consider honoring Karen and the WWC by giving some of your time by working just one three-hour shift at the Cottage once a month, or working as a substitute. Your efforts would be greatly appreciated.

With love and thanks to all,
Dorothy

Dorothy M. Packer
President
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TANKEE DOODLE TAIL

Sunshine Girls

February Sunshine Girl:

Leah Scherzer

203-226-3042

leahsart41@gmail.com

Thanks to Jo Luscombe

January Sunshine Girl

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (Lunch)

Office Manager,

Elizabeth Greenawalt

203-227-4240

Resident House Manager,

Lilibet Rojas

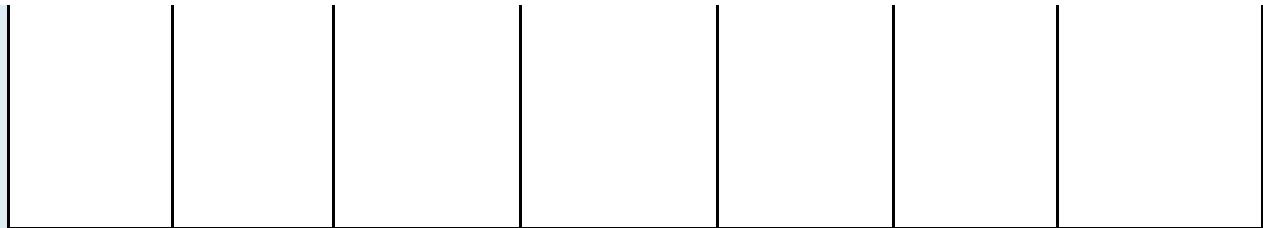
WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE MANAGER

I'm very happy to announce that we have a new Office Manager, **Elizabeth Greenawalt**, who joined our staff on January 17. Elizabeth comes to us with an excellent business background and skills that will make her a valuable addition to our Club. Please stop by to say "Hello" and to welcome her and to introduce yourself. Special thanks to our Hiring Committee; Rose Jordan, Chair, Wynne Abrams, Barbara Stemmer and Lorraine Feliciano, for their assistance in filling this important position.

Dorothy Packer, dmpacker@aol.com, 203-227-7769

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			1	2 <i>Bridge</i> <i>9:30am</i>	3	4
5	6 CLUB DAY	7	8 <i>YDF Planning Mtg</i> <i>10:00 am</i>	9 <i>Bridge</i> <i>9:30am</i>	10	11
12	13 <i>Comm Services</i> <i>1:00 pm</i>	14 <i>Garden Workshop</i> <i>1:30 pm</i>  Valentine's Day	15	16 <i>Bridge</i> <i>9:30 am</i> <i>Cultural Affairs</i> <i>11:00 am</i> <i>Book Review</i> <i>1:00 pm</i>	17 BYOB FRIDAY <i>4:00-5:30 pm</i>	18
19	20 <i>Board Meeting</i> <i>10:00 am</i>	21 <i>Gourmet</i> <i>11:45 am</i>	22	23 <i>Bridge</i> <i>9:30 am</i>	24	25
26	27	28 <i>Ladies Who Lunch</i> <i>12:30 pm</i>				



CLUB DAY

Join us on **Monday, February 6**, for another delicious lunch of Rigatoni with Asparagus and Peas; Arugula and Spinach Salad with Roasted Peppers and Grape Tomatoes; Artisanal Bread and Blueberry Cobbler, catered by Dash of Salt. Please let me know if you have any allergies. This dish is vegetarian.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, February 1. If you are on the permanent lunch list, **cancellations must also be made by February 1.**

February Club Day is usually hosted by the Bridge group; this month several volunteers and the Board will be helping out.

Jeannette Tewey, jtewey@optonline.net , 203-227-5089

PROGRAM

The Art of Living the Role - Albert Pia



At our February Club day, **Philip Anthony DiConstanzo** and his special guests will give an interactive presentation about the teachings of acting coach, teacher, and director, Albert Pia entitled: "**The Art of Living the Role.**"

Philip DiConstanzo worked one-on-one with Albert Pia during the last years of Pia's life and produced an audio book of his lessons, exercises, and commentaries. "The idea of recording Al Pia's work came to me after reading his book, "Acting The Truth: The Acting Principles of Konstantin Stanislavski." I felt that, as good as the book was, it needed his voice to make the lessons come alive."

"We recorded over eighteen hours of material that took over a year to edit. During the editing period, I spent a great deal of time discerning these acting principles that deal with the inner life of the character and the circumstances therein. It became apparent that these lessons, exercises, and improvisations could easily and practically apply, not only to the stage, but also, usefully, to real life situations. The lessons and exercises are FUN to do and share with others."

Ana Hitri, anahi3@aol.com, 203-939-2129

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, February 13, at 1:00 pm.**

The Community Services Committee is busy reviewing the forty grant applications that have been received. We are hoping to finish them at our February meeting. Arlene Thrope, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, will be joining us to discuss where we stand in the scholarship process. All Woman's Club members are welcome to attend our meetings.

Please note that in February and March we will meet on the second Monday of the month rather than the regular fourth Monday. These re-scheduled dates are:

Monday, February 13, 1:00 pm

Monday, March 13, 1:00 pm

Sarah Menchaca, sarahdmenchaca@gmail.com, 203-246-1760

BOOK REVIEW

Date: Thursday, February 16

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Living Room



This month our book selection is "**The Art Forger**," by **B. A. Shapiro**. On March 18, 1990, thirteen works of art today worth over \$500 million were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. It remains the largest unsolved art heist in history and Claire Roth, a struggling young artist, is about to discover that there's more to this crime than meets the eye. A thrilling novel about seeing - and not seeing - the secrets that lie beneath the canvas.

Please join our book discussion on Thursday, February 16, at 1:00 pm in the Living Room. All members are welcome.

**Pat Vezendy, pvezendy@gmail.com, 203-226-9869 for
Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904**

BYOB FRIDAY

Date: Friday, February 17

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

All Members WELCOME! Come one, come all, to the second BYOB Friday of 2017! Stop by the kitchen on Friday, February 17, anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 pm, to say hello. Bring something to sip, nibbles to share and your favorite memories of shoveling

~~Bring something to sip, movies to share and your favorite memories of shoveling snow, salting your driveway or celebrating Lincoln's Birthday and Valentine's Day.~~

PS: Plus! Here's an easy way to remember the date: 02/17/2017! (Hmmmm... Or just mark it on your calendar?) Hope to see you either way! ;-)

Dorothy E. Curran, DorothyECurran@aol.com, 203-246-0543

BUNCO

Sorry Ladies, but there will be **NO BUNCO in February**.
I will be out-of-town, so our next Bunco will be in March.

Date: Tuesday, MARCH 14

Time: 7:00 pm - "Chat & Chew," 7:30 pm - Game Begins

Cost: \$5.00

Hostesses: Conchita Cassell, Rose Jordan, Adriana Cvetkov

Just sign up on bulletin board in the foyer and get ready for a fun night!

Wendy McKeon, XWAMX50@aol.com, 203-222-0038

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**Leonardo Cremonini Exhibit
Quick Center for the Arts, Fairfield University**



Date: Thursday, February 16, 2017

Time: 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Fee: \$10:00 (You may pay at the door.)

We will be visiting the Walsh Gallery at the Quick Center for the Arts to tour and view an exhibit of Leonardo Cremonini (1925-2010), "Timeless Monumentality: Paintings from The William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation."

Leonardo Cremonini was one of the preeminent Italian painters of the twentieth century. Widely admired, critically acclaimed, and technically accomplished, his works are to be found in the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D. C., the Musée d'Art Moderne, Centre Georges Pompidou in Paris, and numerous other public collections across Europe and the United States.

The tour will be given by the museum's director, Dr. Linda Wolk-Simon.

After the tour, we will lunch at **Joe's American Bar & Grill**, just a short drive from the museum at **750 Post Road in Fairfield**. You can find the menu at http://www.joesamerican.com/menus/?menu_location=fairfield.

Due to the close proximity of the museum, we will drive there ourselves.

We must have a minimum of ten (10) people. If you'd like to join us, **please let me know by February 10.**

Bobbie Herman, sangasure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577

CURIO COTTAGE



Warm up during this cold month with the hot deals at the Curio Cottage. **For the whole month of February, everything in the Shop will be on sale, half price!** This will make those snow birds a little jealous. And while you are having a great time shopping, please consider volunteering for at least one shift a month. Many of the regular workers do go south and the need for extra help is always strong during winter.

"These past seventeen plus years have been incredible for me. Thank you, everyone, for allowing me to almost "own" the Curio Cottage. To all the boards, all the members, all the workers and especially to our Monday group, words will never be enough to let you know how deeply, and forever, grateful I am. Carol, Jackie, Thelma and Deb, you all have made Monday the best day of the week. I will be back, often I hope, and you know you will see me there. Wishing seventeen more years of success and joy for all of you."

**Karen Eickhoff
Chair, Curio Cottage Committee (2000-2017)**

FOOD CLOSET

Although the Food Closet is fairly well-stocked with a variety of goods, this winter we are still in need of the following items:

**Hunt's Manwich
Tomato Soup
Puddings (boxed)
Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper
Powdered Milk
Raisins (six packs)**

Please bring your contributions to February Club Day or drop them off anytime in the office. Many thanks.

**Wendy McKeon, xwamx50@aol.com, 203-222-0038
Kim Reichert, kim.reichert@gmail.com, 203-227-4590**

GARDEN DEPARTMENT



On Valentine's Day, **Tuesday, February 14, at 1:30 pm**, we will be making small arrangements. Greens will be provided. Participants are requested to bring a small container, 4 inches, but no larger than 5 inches in diameter, for your arrangement.

If you are planning to attend, please **RSVP by February 10 to Vivian Rosenberg** who will be ordering materials for our workshop.

Vivian Rosenberg, Garden Chair, vivianrose1@gmail.com, 203-227-4419
Jerilyn Deveau, Program Chair, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com. 203-372-2920

GOUPMET



The Gourmet Group's meeting on **Tuesday, February 21**, will be a restaurant outing to **Harvest Wine Bar and Restaurant, 36 Railroad Place, Westport**. The cost of \$30.00 includes two courses from the prix fixe menu and a glass of selected wine or soft drink beverage.

Please bring \$30.00 cash to the meeting. We will meet in the restaurant at 11:45 am for our 12:00 noon reservation.

Since parking can sometimes be challenging near the station, we will car pool from the Woman's Club house. Car pools will be arranged by email nearer the time.

Please RSVP by email to Lisa Allison by Sunday, February 12, so that we can make your reservation with the restaurant.

Lisa Allison, lallison@optonline.net, 203-227-9563
Barbara Gladnick, bagladnick@optonline.net, 203-854-0424

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Our next dining adventure takes us to my favorite restaurant, **Pane e Bene**.

Date: Tuesday, February 28
Time: 12:30 pm
Address: 1620 Post Road East, Westport

They serve a variety of Italian-style dishes, including salads, pasta, meat and seafood. Pane e Bene has received rave reviews on Yelp and Trip Advisor. Ladies Who Lunch has visited it several times, and I go there whenever I can. You can view the menu at: http://paneebene.com/?page_id=6

Please let me know by Friday, February 24 if you'll be joining us, so I may tell them how many

Please let me know by Friday, February 24 if you will be joining us, so I may tell them how many to expect. And, as always, I ask that you email or call me as I may not remember if you tell me in person.

Bobbie Herman, sangasure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577

MAH JONGG

We will be taking a little hiatus for the next few months, and will not be meeting regularly on Wednesdays, as there aren't enough players during the winter to have a game. However, please contact me if you know how to play but haven't previously played with us; we may be able to arrange a game. And if anyone wants to learn to play, I would be happy to give you lessons. Please contact me by email or phone.

Audrey Rabinowitz, bxiteb4@aol.com, 227-6010

MEMBERSHIP

Please make a correction in your Membership Directory for Ann Doorly's email address, which should include a "C" between her first and last name. It should read: anncdoorly@gmail.com.

Joan Likely-Cosenza, jlikelyc@aol.com, 203-226-0556

WAYS & MEANS

There is no Ways & Means meeting scheduled for February.

Suzan Murphy, murphy05@aol.com, 203-222-9117

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

The next Yankee Doodle Fair Planning Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, at 10:00 am**, in the living room. Please plan to be there. Everything at the WWC is successful because of our dependable "worker bees."

We have filled almost all the Captain positions, but are still searching for heads of the following: Ride Tickets, Raffle Tickets, and a Take-a-Chance Co-Captain to work with Suzan Murphy. Time is getting short; any volunteers? Perhaps you and a buddy might consider sharing the duties of one of these areas by being Co-Captains? Sharing is caring: less work and less responsibility.

We also need a really awesome First Prize for our fund-raising raffle. We might have to resort to the popular cash award, but that reduces our profits by quite a bit. Does anyone have a contact for a wonderful top prize we could offer?

Be a part of the WWC community and attend our next meeting on Wednesday

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Christina McVaney, cmcvaney@yahoo.com, 203-292-8138

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