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# The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

JANUARY 2017

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Ladies,

After the hustle and bustle of the holidays, January is the traditional time to pause for a refreshing, cleansing breath. Allowing ourselves to relax, to appreciate and reflect on all that we have to be grateful for, and re-centering our focus, prepares us to mindfully step forward with renewed vigor.

I am grateful for our dedicated Board which, especially during these past months, has worked overtime, often behind the scenes, ensuring that our Club continues business uninterrupted by changes in both Resident Manager and Office Manager positions. This time of year our Nominating Committee will be working to make sure our Board remains strong in the future. If you are asked by the Committee to assume a Board position for next year, please consider accepting their offer. Leadership positions as a Committee Chair, or responding as a vital volunteer for our Yankee Doodle Fair, are among the ways you can make our Club stronger. Together we are making a difference in our

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Club stronger. Together we are making a difference in our community and beyond.

Thanks also to all of you who are responding to our Annual Appeal. It is never too late to contribute financially, any amount, any time, to The Westport Woman's Club. For all those who give in these ways and others, you and your positive actions make our Club special to our community and so special to us, as an organization and as individuals.

May the New Year bring each of us health, peace and a deep sense of joy and belonging.

With love to you all,  
Dorothy

Dorothy M. Packer  
President  
203 227-7769  
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ways & means

Yankee Doodle Fair

**Sunshine Girls**

**January Sunshine Girl:**

**Jo Luscombe**

**203-227-0393**

**[jpluscom@att.net](mailto:jpluscom@att.net)**

Thanks to Lorraine Feliciano

December Sunshine Girl

**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

Office Manager

203-227-4240

Resident House Manager,

Lilibet Rojas


COLLEEN

Good News about Colleen:

The day after our December Club Day, Vivian Rosenberg and I were happy to go to Gaylord Rehabilitation to visit with Colleen and Mike Fenton. It was great to see Colleen doing so well. We took the gift box of cards and donations collected on Club Day and, needless to say, they were both overwhelmed by your generosity. It is hoped that Colleen will be home sometime around Christmas. If you wish to send cards, they can be sent to her home address.

Jeannette Tewey, [jtewey@optonline.net](mailto:jtewey@optonline.net), 203-227-5089

**JANUARY CALENDAR**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 	2 <b>No Club Day</b>	3 <i>Undeck the Halls 10:00 am</i>	4	5 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i>	6	7
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			<i>YDF Planning Meeting 10:00 am</i>	<i>Bridge 9:30am</i>		
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Board Meeting 10:00 am</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Bunco 7:00 pm</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>  <i>Book Review 1:00 pm</i>	<b>20</b> <i>BYOB FRIDAY 4:00-5:30 pm</i>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Comm Services 1:00 pm</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Ladies Who Lunch 12:30 pm</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Turkish Rug Bazaar 10:00am - 5:00 pm</i>
<b>29</b> <i>Turkish Rug Bazaar 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## CLUB DAY

**There will be no Club Day meeting in January.** Our next Club Day will be **Monday, February 6.** The Bridge groups have always hosted our February meeting, but Tournament Bridge has disbanded and Social Bridge is a small group. Therefore, I am looking for volunteers to help setup and host the day. If you are available, please let me know. Thank you

**Jeannette Tewev. [itewev@ontonline.net](mailto:itewev@ontonline.net) . 203-227-5089**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

We should all be proud of the contributions our club has made during the holiday season. This year, as in past years, the Westport Woman's Club, through the Westport Department of Human Services, donated \$12,000 in Stop & Shop gift cards to over 400 local recipients for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In addition, we arranged for catered meals to be delivered to roughly 25-30 homebound individuals for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Our annual Toy Drive collected toys and gifts which were distributed by the Children's Connection to many local needy children as well. Please support our fundraisers in order to continue our long history of community service.

**Our next meeting is on Monday, January 23, at 1:00 pm**, at which time we will be reviewing grant requests. All members are encouraged to attend as we make these important decisions.

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](mailto:sarahdmenchaca@gmail.com), 203-246-1760

## BOOK REVIEW

Date: Thursday, January 19

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Living Room



This month we will read "**Bettyville**," an endearing and charming memoir by George Hodgman. This book is the selection for "Westport Reads" and will be available for you at the Library.

Enjoy the book and I'll look forward to seeing you on January 19th for our discussion.

Pat Vezendy, [pvezendy@gmail.com](mailto:pvezendy@gmail.com), 203-226-9869 for

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

## BYOB FRIDAY

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**Date: January 20**  
**Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

Come one, come all, to the **first BYOB Friday of 2017!** Stop by the kitchen on **Friday, January 20, anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 pm**, to say hello. Bring something to sip, nibbles to share and your favorite holiday action photos or fairy tale accounts of progress on your new year's resolutions.

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

## BUNCO

**Date: Tuesday, January 17**  
**Time: 7:00 pm - "Chat & Chew"**  
**7:30 pm - Game Begins**  
**Cost: \$5.00**  
**Hostesses: TBD**

If you haven't played "Bunco" - please come join us in the "New Year 2017."

Just sign up on bulletin board in the foyer and get ready for a fun night!  
Lots of good food and laughter...and the chance to win \$\$\$\$  
Hope to see you "next year."

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

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

**Date: Thursday, FEBRUARY 16, 2017**  
**Time: 11:00 am - 11:45 am**  
**Place: Quick Center for the Arts at Fairfield University**  
**Fee: \$10:00**

**In February**, 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 Hirschhorn 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](http://www.joesamerican.com/menus/?menu_location=fairfield)

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

Please let me know by **February 10** if you will be joining us for the tour, and if you will also be joining us for lunch.

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

## [CURIO COTTAGE](#)



We hope everyone is taking time to enjoy all the joy and wonder of this season and time of year. The Cottage has lots of great items if you need plates for cookies, quick stocking stuffers, dishes, decorating items and books to read (if you get a chance to relax). We will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's. We will open again on **January 2**. This is a great place to donate those gifts that just don't work for you.

Please consider signing up to work, even just one shift a month. Many of our volunteers head to Florida during the winter months so the need is even greater now. Hope to see everyone soon.

**Curio Cottage Committee**

## [FOOD CLOSET](#)

The WWC Food Closet has reaped the benefits of several local school food drives this fall. However, we are still low on the following items:

**Powdered Milk**  
**Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken Helper**  
**Canned Veggies (especially carrots and peas)**  
**Canned Fruit**

We would appreciate it if you would drop off your contributions at the office the next time you are at the clubhouse or bring them to February Club Day. It is so helpful for us to have these staples on hand so that we may continue to fulfill the requests of those in need in our town.

**Wendy McKeon, [xwamx50@aol.com](mailto:xwamx50@aol.com), 203-222-0038**  
**Kim Reichert, [kim.reichert@gmail.com](mailto:kim.reichert@gmail.com), 203-227-4590**

## [GARDEN DEPARTMENT](#)



While there will be no official Garden Department meeting or program in January, we will meet to "un-decorate" the Club on **Tuesday, January 3, at 10:00 am**. Remember, many hands make light work.

On Valentine's Day, **Tuesday, February 14, at 1:30 pm**, we will be making small arrangements. Greens will be provided, but you are requested to bring a small container for your arrangement. If you are planning to attend, please **RSVP to Vivian Rosenberg** who will be ordering materials for our workshop.

**Vivian Rosenberg, Garden Chair, [vivianrosel@gmail.com](mailto:vivianrosel@gmail.com), 203-227-4419**  
**Jerilyn Deveau, Program Chair, [jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com](mailto:jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com). 203-372-2920**

## GOURMET



The Gourmet Group will not meet in January.

Our next meeting will be a restaurant outing on **Tuesday, February 21**. Details will be sent to members in January.

**Lisa Allison, [liallison@optonline.net](mailto:liallison@optonline.net), 203-227-9563**  
**Barbara Gladnick, [bagladnick@optonline.net](mailto:bagladnick@optonline.net), 203-854-0424**

## LADIES WHO LUNCH



Our next dining adventure takes us to the **Wafu Asian Bistro**.  
**Date: Tuesday, January 24**  
**Time: 12:30 pm**  
**Address: 3671 Post Road, Southport**  
(just over the town line, next to the new Garelick & Herbs).

They serve a variety of interesting Asian dishes, ranging from Sushi and Sashimi to such favorites as General Tso's Chicken, various Teryakis, Szechuan and Hibachi dishes. They also offer reasonably-priced luncheon specials. Wafu has received rave reviews on Yelp.

You can view the menu at <http://wafuasianbistro.com/menu.html>. Be sure to check out all seven pages.

Please let me know by **Friday, January 20**, if you'll 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**, [sangazure1@aol.com](mailto:sangazure1@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](mailto:bxiteb4@aol.com), 227-6010

## MEMBERSHIP

Please be sure to pick up your new 2016-2017 Membership Directory from the Club Office.

**Joan Likely-Cosenza**, [jlikelyc@aol.com](mailto:jlikelyc@aol.com), 203-226-0556

## WAYS & MEANS

BUY A RUG, EARN MONEY FOR OUR CLUB!  
AT THE TURKISH RUG BAZAAR

**Dates: Saturday, January 28 - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, January 29 - 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm**

We have been advised by our Rentals Chairperson, Mira Auxier, that a Turkish Rug Bazaar will be held at our club on Saturday and Sunday, January 28 and 29. **The Westport Woman's Club will receive a donation of 5% of all carpet sale proceeds.** This exclusive shopping experience will feature hundreds of one-of-a-kind Turkish Rugs offered at factory direct prices. Therefore, we would like to encourage our members to share this information with their families, friends, neighbors and to support this event. If you have any questions, please contact Mira at [miraauxier@gmail.com](mailto:miraauxier@gmail.com), 203-807-6696.

Please note, there will be no Ways & Means meeting in January.

**Suzan Murphy**, [murphy05@aol.com](mailto:murphy05@aol.com), 203-222-9117

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR



Come one, come all to the Yankee Doodle Fair 2017 Planning Meeting on **Wednesday, January 11, at 10:00 am.** in the living room. We are holding our meeting a week later than usual in order to let our ladies recover from the hectic holidays.

We are in the process of choosing captains for the various areas of the fair, obtaining raffle prizes, and brainstorming about potential sponsors. Do you have any contacts that might lead to a sponsorship? Please let us know.

We need your valuable input, whether you're an "old" reliable or a new member who joined the WWC this year. Being part of the YDF in any way is a great opportunity to become involved in the community! Hope to see you on Wednesday, January 11 at 10:00 am.

**Kim Reichert**, [kim.reichert@gmail.com](mailto:kim.reichert@gmail.com), 203-227-4590  
**Christina McVaney**, [cmcvaney@yahoo.com](mailto:cmcvaney@yahoo.com), 203-292-8138

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