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# The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

MARCH 2017

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## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Dear Ladies,

Daylight is growing noticeably longer and the warmer temperatures are welcomed. Feel energized and mark your calendars for our upcoming **Fundraising Events**:

### **Art Show**

Saturday, April 29; Sunday, April 30;  
and Monday, May 1 (Club Day)

Chaired by Jo Fuchs Luscombe

Curated by Miggs Burroughs, Artist

### **Bingo**

Sunday, May 21 (tentative)

Chaired by Wendy McKeon

### **Yankee Doodle Fair**

Thursday June 15 through Sunday June 18

Chaired by Kim Reichert and Christina McVaney

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We have fewer Fundraisers this year, so let's pull together and make them especially successful... and fun for all.

Our **Nominating Committee** is working to assemble a strong Westport Woman's Club Board of Directors for 2017-2018 and has just two positions left to fill. If you are interested in serving as a Director, please email and discuss with one of our Nominating Committee Members below.

Jo Fuchs Luscombe, Chair [jpluscom@att.net](mailto:jpluscom@att.net)  
 Josephine Calcagni, [calcagnijm@gmail.com](mailto:calcagnijm@gmail.com)  
 Dorothy Curran, [dorothyecurran@aol.com](mailto:dorothyecurran@aol.com)  
 Susan Fox, [susanfox@optonline.net](mailto:susanfox@optonline.net)  
 Susan Hrick, [susanswhim@yahoo.com](mailto:susanswhim@yahoo.com)

When you are outside in your gardens, listen for the varied songs of the birds...a harbinger of Spring!

With love and thanks to all,  
 Dorothy

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

Yankee Doodle Fair

**Sunshine Girls**

**March Sunshine Girl:**  
 Carol Goetz, 203-502-2663,  
[carolgoetz@optonline.net](mailto:carolgoetz@optonline.net)

Thanks to Leah Scherzer,  
 our February Sunshine Girl.

**Condolences**

Deepest sympathy to the family of our member Elfriede Lafferty who recently passed away.

**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

**MARCH CALENDAR**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Bridge</i> 9:30am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>CLUB DAY</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <i>YDF Planning Mtg</i> 10:00 am	<b>9</b> <i>Bridge</i> 9:30am	<b>10</b> <i>Garden Trip to Gilbertie's</i> 1:30 pm	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>16</b> <i>Bridge</i> 9:30 am	<b>17</b> <b>BYOB</b> <i>Fridav</i>	<b>18</b>

		<i>Bunco</i> 7:00 pm		<i>Book Review</i> 1:00 pm	4:00-5:30 pm 	
19	20 <i>Board Meeting</i> 10:00 am	21 <i>Gourmet</i> 11:30 am	22	23 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30 am	24	25
26	27	28	29 <i>Cultural Affairs</i> <i>"War Paint"</i> 9:30am	30	31	

## CLUB DAY

Join us on **Monday, March 6**, for another delicious lunch by A Dash of Salt. They will be serving grilled tamarind shrimp over stir fry vegetables and rice, romaine salad with tomatoes, scallions and gorgonzola cheese and homemade seven-layer bars for dessert. The cost for lunch is \$20.00. If you have a serious food allergy or are vegetarian, please let me know.

**Please be sure to make your reservations by Wednesday, March 1.** If you are on the permanent lunch list, **cancellations must also be made by March 1, or you will be charged.**

March Club Day will be hosted by the Garden Department chaired by Vivian Rosenberg.

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

## PROGRAM

## "Summit Your Financial Everest with Sophie"



**At our March Club Day, Sophie Helenek will compare her experience of climbing Mount Everest with a quest to summit a financial pinnacle.** She intertwines with ingenuity the key elements of both worlds to make it to the top, while keeping her presentation interactive with great pictures and videos.

Sophie moved from France to the USA in 2004 to work for a French corporate investment bank in New York City. After a decade, she resigned from banking in order to pursue her mountain climbing hobby full time. A year later she became a world top-ranked mountaineer, successful in taking on the nearly impossible challenge of climbing five mountains above 26,000 ft. in only five months. In addition to her athletic and professional accomplishments, Sophie is a sought after motivational speaker and panelist around the world. She is the recipient of many US and international awards. In 2011, she was listed as one of the top 50 most influential French People living in the USA by France Amerique magazine. And, in the same year, she was the US Goodwill Ambassador to Nepal Tourism. Sophie is currently working as a Financial Analyst and Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley. Please join us for this fascinating presentation.

**Ana Hitri, [anahi3@aol.com](mailto:anahi3@aol.com), 203-939-2129**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Services Committee has completed its review of the forty grant applications that were received. Letters to the approved organizations will be mailed this month and checks will be distributed at our Annual Awards Breakfast on Thursday, May 25.

In April, we will be collecting new and gently used children's books. Books for all ages, from toddler to young adult, will be accepted. We are partnering with Read to Grow, a non-profit agency located in Branford, CT, which will distribute the books to local youth. A collection box will be in the coat room.

**Community Services will not be meeting in March.** The Ruegg Grant Committee will meet in early April.

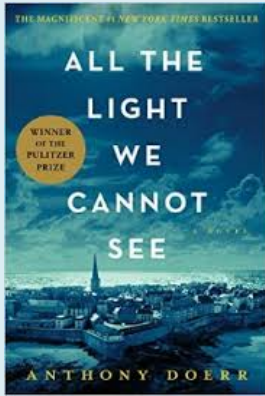
**Sarah Menchaca, [sarahdmenchaca@gmail.com](mailto:sarahdmenchaca@gmail.com), 203-246-1760**

## BOOK REVIEW

**Date: Thursday, March 16**

**Time: 1:00 pm**

**Place: Living Room**



Our book selection for this month is "**All the Light We Cannot See**," by **Anthony Doerr**.

Ten years in the writing, "All the Light We Cannot See" is an epic work of historical fiction. With richly detailed language and characters who are both brave and heartbreaking, Doerr weaves together the stories of a French girl who has lost her eyesight and a German soldier. It is the story of people who, against the odds, find good in one another.

Please join us for an interesting discussion on **Thursday, March 16**. All members are welcome.

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

## BYOB FRIDAY

**Date: Friday, March 17**

**Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

**Place: Clubhouse**



All Members, and prospective Member guests, WELCOME!  
Come one, come all, to **BYOB Friday!** Swing by the kitchen on **Friday, March 17**, anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 pm to add your measure of cheer. Bring something to sip, nibbles to share, a warm sunny smile and a twinkle in your eye. As always, like magic, we bring our own set-ups and serving implements, then disappear without footprints or fingerprints into the evening glow!

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

## BUNCO

**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 the bulletin board in the foyer and get ready for a fun night!

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

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

On **Wednesday, March 29**, a group of us will be going to see "**War Paint**," the outstanding new musical currently playing on Broadway. **All tickets have been sold** and we are looking forward to a wonderful day in New York.

Please watch this space for upcoming Cultural Affairs trips and events. We hope you will join us on our next adventure.

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

## [CURIO COTTAGE](#)



**We have just completed our very successful month-long Half -Price Sale. THANK YOU to all who donated items, worked and shopped!**

And, if you have 2-1/2 hours a month to have fun, meet interesting people, and shop, please consider working a shift at the Curio Cottage.

**Carol Brezovec, [richardbrezovec@gmail.com](mailto:richardbrezovec@gmail.com), 203-227-4087**

**Susan Loselle, [seloselle@gmail.com](mailto:seloselle@gmail.com), 203-454-4171**

## [FOOD CLOSET](#)

The Food Closet is fairly well stocked, but we are getting very low on the following foods: (The starred items are totally depleted.)

Pancake Mix	*Juices (in large plastic bottles)
Pancake Syrup	*Taco Kits (boxed)
Pasta Sauce	Corned Beef Hash
Canned Ravioli	Dinty Moore Beef Stew
Canned Spaghetti	Grape Jelly
Mayonnaise	Strawberry Jam
Mustard	

Perhaps you could pick up some of these the next time you go grocery shopping. We would appreciate it if you would drop off your contributions at the office if you happen to stop by the clubhouse, or bring them to Club Day. It is helpful to have a good variety of foods to distribute when we get Food Closet requests from the Westport Dept. of Human Services.

**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](#)



**Date:** Friday, March 10 (please note Friday date)  
**Time:** 1:30 pm  
**Place:** Gilbertie's Garden Center  
7 Sylvan Lane, Westport

We will meet at Gilbertie's to hear Joe Gloria speak on "**Preparing the Garden for Spring.**" Joe, a long time and honored employee of Gilbertie's, is responsible for purchasing all of their perennials and nursery plants. His passion and enthusiasm for all aspects of horticulture have made him one of the most sought after speakers at Gilbertie's.

Please join us for this informative and enjoyable afternoon.

Please RSVP to Vivian Rosenberg, by Monday, March 6, if you are planning to attend.

Vivian Rosenberg, Garden Chair, [vivianrose1@gmail.com](mailto:vivianrose1@gmail.com), 203-227-4419  
Jerilyn Deveau, Program Chair, [jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com](mailto:jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com). 203-372-2920

## GOURMET



**Date:** Tuesday, March 21  
**Time:** 11:30 am  
**Place:** Clubhouse

The Gourmet Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 21, at 11:30 am.** Full details of the meeting are still being finalized and members will be notified by email.

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

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

**Ladies Who Lunch will not be meeting in March** due to our Cultural Affairs trip this month to Broadway to see "War Paint."

Please watch this space for our April luncheon.

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

Copies of our 2016-2017 Membership Directory are available in the WWC Office.

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

## WAYS & MEANS

There will be no Ways & Means committee meeting this month.

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

## YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

**Date: Wednesday, March 8**

**Time: 10:00 am**

**Place: Living Room**

Do you realize that **Yankee Doodle Fair 2017** is now less than four months away? The planning for and organizing of our biggest fund raiser are coming along nicely. Some members have been stepping up to the plate and volunteering for various jobs and taking on responsibilities that need to be filled. However, we still need a Ride Ticket co-captain to work alongside Mira Auxier. Remember, being a co-captain means half the time and half the stress! Please do consider becoming involved in YDF 2017; it is important to the community of the WWC and also to the community of our town.

**Our next Yankee Doodle Fair Planning Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 8, at 10:00 am**, in the living room. Hope to see you there. Both experienced and novice YDF workers are welcome, wanted, and needed!

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