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The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

MAY

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Ladies,

Coming up next weekend is one of Westport's most popular Spring events, The Westport Woman's Club Art Show on Saturday, April 29 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, and Sunday, April 30 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. There will be wine, hors d'oeuvres, and a fine selection of original paintings, by local artists, priced to sell, and admission is free. This is one of our major fundraisers, which I hope you will plan to attend.

The busy month of May starts with our Traditional May Tea on Club Day, Monday, May 1. Time to bring out your finest tea party hats, think Kentucky Derby, and have fun! There will be prizes. This will also be the final day of our Art Show and all remaining works will be available to purchase.

Then, roll up your sleeves and volunteer at any or all of the following events:

- Saturday May 13, Postal Carriers Food Drive
- Wednesday May 17, Canal Park Luncheon
- Sunday, May 21, Bingo Fundraiser

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Also this month, our Community Services Committee will be holding their Grants Awards and Scholarship Breakfasts on Wednesday, May 24, and Friday, May 26, respectively. At this time, we will be distributing funds to area non-profit agencies and deserving Staples High School graduates, in addition to presenting our Ruegg Grant award for 2017. These annual grants are made possible by our fundraising efforts during the year and I thank you, one and all, for your continued support and dedication to our club's mission.

And finally, wear your Red, White and Blue as we take part in Westport's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29. I look forward to seeing you there as we show pride in our club by either walking or riding together.

In closing, I would ask you to please consider the following: Since the stock market has gone up significantly recently, likely there are stocks you have held for over a year which have greatly appreciated. If you itemize your deductions, here is a tax strategy that doubles your benefits. Consider gifting those appreciated stocks to our Westport Woman's Club. By doing so, you avoid paying capital gains tax and you are able to deduct the appreciated value of the stock, a double benefit. And, the Woman's Club would benefit from the fully appreciated value of your gift.

Check with your accountant to see if this suits your individual tax situation. If so, your stockbroker can easily arrange your donation through a wire transfer to the Woman's Club account. Elizabeth, our Office Manager, can provide detailed stock transfer information.

Following, for your review, is the slate of officers proposed by our Nominating Committee at our April Club Day meeting. We will be voting to approve these candidates at our May Club Day meeting.

With love and thanks to all,
Dorothy

Dorothy M. Packer
President
203-227-7769
dmpacker@aol.com

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce its proposed slate for the WWC Board of Directors,

[Yankee Doodle Fair](#)

Sunshine Girls

May Sunshine Girl:

Leah Scherzer

203-226-3042

Leahsart41@gmail.net

Thanks to Carol Burgess,
our April Sunshine Girl.

Condolences

Our sympathies to Pat Vezendy on the death of her husband, John, and also to Martha McGorry on the death of her husband, William.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

Office Manager,

Elizabeth Greenawald

203-227-4240

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Lilibet Rojas

2017-2018 year.

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 YDFKim Reichert, Christina McVaney
 Past PresidentDorothy Curran

Submitted by the Nominating Committee
 Jo Fuchs-Luscombe, Chairman
 Jo Calcagni
 Dorothy Curran
 Susan Fox
 Susan Hricik

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



Please join us as we celebrate **110 years** of the Westport Woman's Club in the Memorial Day Parade on **Monday, May 29**. Thanks to Dorothy Curran, we will have a float! We need marchers and also some riders. Let's have a good representation of our Club

Details to follow.

MAY CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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	CLUB DAY May Tea & Art Show		YDF Planning Meeting 10:00 am			
7	8	9 Garden 9:00 am	10 Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00pm	11 Bridge 9:30am	12	13 Postal Work Food Drive 1:00 p
14 	15 Board Meeting 10:00 am	16 Gourmet 11:30 am Bunco 7:00 pm	17 YDF Planning Meeting 10:00 am Canal Park Luncheon 12:00 noon Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm	18 Bridge 9:30 am Book Review 1:00 pm	19 BYOB Friday 4:00-5:30 pm	20
21 BINGO Fundraiser 1:00 pm 	22	23 Ladies Who Lunch 12:30 pm	24 Grants Awards Breakfast 8:30 am Ways & Means 10:00 am Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm	25 Bridge 9:30 am	26 Scholarship Awards Breakfast 10:00 am	27
28	29 Memorial Day Parade 	30	31 Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm			

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CLUB DAY

On Club Day, **Monday, May 1**, we will have our **Traditional May Tea**. Time to wear your favorite, festive hat to welcome Spring at the Westport Woman's Club. In addition, art from our Art Show, held on April 29-30, will still be on display and available to purchase.

Plan to arrive by 11:30 am for refreshments and to enjoy an assortment of delicious Tea Sandwiches: watercress cucumber, deviled egg, curried chicken, French ham and butter, tomatoes and vegetables on assorted breads, and mini desserts.

The cost for lunch is \$20.00. If you have a serious food allergy or are vegetarian, please let me know. And, please be sure to make your reservation by **1:00 pm, Wednesday, April 30**. If you need to cancel a reservation, please do so by 1:00 pm, on the Wednesday before Club Day to avoid being charged.

May Club Day hostessing will be a group effort due to the busy Art Show weekend.

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

PROGRAM



We will not have a formal program on Club Day since everyone will be enjoying our **Traditional May Tea**.

As always, you are encouraged to wear your finest spring hat. We can't wait to see all the beautiful "chapeaus" that you ladies will be wearing.

Mira Auxier and Wendy McKeon at last year's event.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Please note the following Community Services events coming up in May:

On **Wednesday, May 17**, we will hold our annual **Canal Park Luncheon** for residents of Canal Park. Please contact Patria Swann, 203-226-9489, if you are interested in helping.

Our **Grants Awards Breakfast** will be held on **Wednesday, May 24 at 8:30 am**. At this time, we will distribute checks to those non-profit agencies receiving grants. This year we have awarded twenty-eight grants totaling \$30,000 to worthy, local non profit organizations. In addition, our Ruegg Grant Committee has selected The Westport Astronomical Society receive this year's \$5,000 award. Thanks to Ruegg Grant Committee members Barbara L. Barbara Stemmer, Nancy Saipe and Jo Luscombe for their time and effort spent on this important committee.

The **Scholarship Committee** invites all members to attend its **Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Friday, May 26, at 10:00 am**. Many thanks to our committee members: S. Atwood, Barbara Raffel, Nancy Saipe, and Barbara Szefer for their hard work and dedication in selecting outstanding recipients. Also, kudos to Wendy McKeon for chairing the Breakfast, Laurie Exner for designing our beautiful Awards Certificates and Linda Amos for her elegant calligraphy. We are indeed fortunate to have such talented and generous members: Arlene Thrope, Scholarship Chairperson

There will be no Community Services meeting in May.

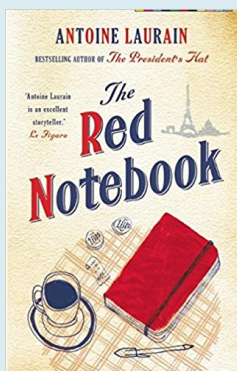
Sarah Menchaca, sarahdmenchaca@gmail.com, 203-246-1760

BOOK REVIEW

Date: Thursday, May 18

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Living Room



Our selection for May is "The Red Notebook" by Antoine Laurain

"The Red Notebook" by Antoine Laurain, is a light-hearted mystery in Paris about a heroic bookseller who comes across an abandoned handbag on a Parisian street. He feels a strong impulse to find the owner and tries to puzzle together who she might be from the contents of the bag, especially a red notebook with her jottings. Without even a name to go by, how is he to find one woman in a city of millions? Hope you enjoy reading this book. The Library has copies.

Lee Mennitt, leemennitt@gmail.com, 203-523-0904

BYOB FRIDAY

Date: Friday, May 19

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Place: Clubhouse Kitchen

At last, it's May!

Please swing by the Kitchen on **Friday, May 19**, anytime between **4:00 and 5:30 pm!** Bring something to sip, nibbles to share, a story to tell, what you're planning to wear. As always we bring our own set-ups and serving implements, then disappear without footprints or fingerprints!

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

BUNCO

Date: Tuesday, May 16

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

Cost: \$5.00

All are welcome...no experience necessary...Come out for a night of food, fun and fellowship. Just sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer and get ready for a great night!

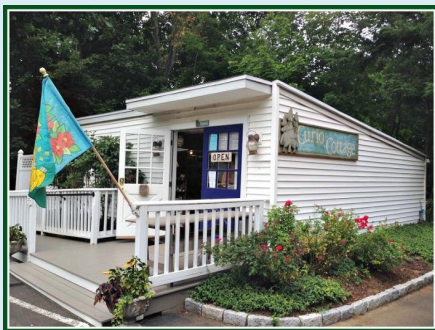
Wendy McKeon, XWAMX50@aol.com, 203-222-0038

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Stay tuned for news about future adventures!

Bobbie Herman, sangazure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577

CURIO COTTAGE



The donations have been pouring in! We have filled the Curio Cottage with new and interesting merchandise along with great prices. Come shop and tell your friends or, better yet, bring them in with you!

Please note:

Our new Saturday hours are 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

Our weekly hours remain the same, Monday 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Wednesday-Friday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Carol Brezovec, richardbrezovec@gmail.com, 203-221-7688

FOOD CLOSET

POSTAL WORKERS' FOOD DRIVE

Date: Saturday, May 13
Time: Starting at 1:00 pm
Place: Westport Woman's Club

The annual **Postal Workers' Food Drive** will be held on **Saturday, May 13**. Please save the date. We need many, many volunteers that afternoon, **starting at 1:00 pm**, to help sort and date the hundreds of canned and packaged food goods that the Postal workers will be delivering to our clubhouse. We hope we can count on you to be there that day, whether it is for a short time or several hours.

If you know of any strong male (young or not so young!) helpers who would be willing to transport the sorted/dated food in grocery carts from Bedford Hall down to our basement, please invite them to join us.

Also, we are always in need of STRONG PLASTIC grocery bags (such as Shop Rite or S. Leonard's) and paper shopping bags. On May 13, we will be on the lookout for a few workers to sit and prepare/fold these bags for future use.

This annual food drive is a great way to replenish our Food Closet, but volunteers (yes, we are talking about YOU!) are what makes this process such a success! Thanking you in advance.

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

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Date: Tuesday, May 9
Time: 9:00 am (at the Woman's Club)
Place: New York Botanical Garden



On **Tuesday, May 9**, we will have a self-guided tour of the **Chihuly Exhibit** at the **New York Botanical Garden**.

The cost for seniors age 65+ is \$20.00. The standard adult rate is \$23.00. There is no charge for NYBG members. This includes an All-Garden Pass with access to the Current Garden Exhibitions, Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure

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Garden, Rock Garden (Seasonally) and Native Plant Garden, Tram Tour Garden Grounds Art Gallery, Arthur & Janet Ross Gallery, and Britton Science Rotunda and Gallery. Please check the www.nybg.org website for detailed information about this exquisite exhibit.

Since we will carpool, passengers of each car will share the cost of park and gas, \$5.00 per person. We will meet at the Woman's Club at 9:00 a.m. Drivers are welcome, please advise if you are able to drive when making reservations.

Call or email Jerilyn Deveau at 203-372-2920 or jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com to make your reservation by Tuesday, May 2. The trip is open to all club members.

Vivian Rosenberg, Garden Chair, vivianrose1@gmail.com, 203-227-4411
Jerilyn Deveau, Program Chair, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com, 203-372-2920

GOURMET



Date: Tuesday, May 16

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Home of Bobbie Herman

The Gourmet Group's next meeting is on **Tuesday May 16, at 11:30 am**. This final meeting of the season will be a Pot Luck Luncheon at the home of Bobbie Herman (see directory for address).

If you are planning to attend, please email Lisa Allison, letting her know what you will contribute to the meal.

Lisa Allison, liallison@optonline.net, 203-227-9563

Barbara Gladnick, bagladnick@optonline.net, 203-854-0424

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Date: Tuesday, May 23

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: Boca Mediterranean Restaurant and Bar

43 Main Street, Westport (formerly home of Acqua Restaurant)



This month we'll be dining at one of Westport's newest restaurants, **Boca Mediterranean Restaurant and**



restaurants, Bocca Westport Restaurant and Bar. They serve a variety of Tapas, Salads, Pizza, Pasta and entrees of Meat and Seafood. You can find the menu at www.bocawestport.com. Reviews on Yelp are generally good.

Please let me know by **Friday, May 19**, if you'll be joining so I can tell them how many to expect. And, as always, I'd like that you email or call me as I may not remember if you tell me in person.

Bobbie Herman, sangazure1@aol.com, 203-255-1577

MAH JONGG

Our weekly games, on **Wednesdays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm**, have resumed - if there is a minimum of 3 or 4 players. Emails are sent out at the beginning of each week to members who are interested in playing. If you want to be included in these weekly emails, please contact me to put your name on that list. All players are welcome, regardless of skill level and experience. You do not need to have your own Mah Jongg set, but if you have one, please bring it. We are now using the new 2017 cards.

Lessons are being given, also on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm, to members who would like to learn to play the game. Please contact me if you are interested in this beginner's class.

Audrey Rabinowitz, 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, 203-226-0556

WAYS & MEANS



BINGO SUNDAY

Date: Sunday, May 21

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Westport Woman's Club

Join us for this popular Fundraiser Event on **Sunday, May 21**, at the Woman's Club. Bring your family and friends. Who knows, you may be a winner!

Doors open at 1:00 pm. Games start at 2:00 pm and end at 5:00 pm.

Cash Prizes, Door Prizes, Food & Fun

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

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

Date: Wednesday, May 3 and May 17

Time: 10:00 am

Place: Living Room



Do you believe that **Yankee Doodle Fair 2017** is only a month and a half away? We are now holding two meetings each month to be sure that all our plans are well under control.

We will be selling YDF raffle tickets at both entrances of Stop and Shop on Saturday, May 6 and Saturday, June 3, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please consider donning a blue apron and volunteering two hours for this duty.

At May Club Day, you will learn that Sign Up Genius is now up and running. Please sign online to work several shifts at the Fair during the weekend of June 15-18. We need to fill those slots so that all our areas are well represented. If you are not comfortable using Sign Up Genius or are having any difficulties, just call Kim Reichert (203-227-4590) and she will care of it for you.

The next YDF 2017 Planning Meetings will be held in the Living Room at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 3 and Wednesday, May 17. Do plan on joining us, as Yankee Doodle is a club-wide event. We welcome old and new members, whether they are seasoned workers or newbies to this annual fund-raising event!

Kim Reichert, kim.reichert@gmail.com, 203-227-4590

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

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