

# The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

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Dear Ladies,

The snowflakes are coming...The snowflakes are coming...(to Bedford Hall)! THINK BIG!

This November offers SO MUCH FUN, I can't wait! Here's how to make the most of it...First, by Wed. Oct. 28, call the office to reserve your Club Day seat for Mon. Nov. 2. At the same time, you may wish to book a seat on the bus for our Nov. 11 (Veteran's Day!) trip to see award-winning **An American in Paris**, on Broadway. Alert friends and family who may wish to join the group. ANYONE can come and we still have 18 unsold tickets (\$149 includes bus & theatre).

Then, **on Club Day**: pick up those Broadway tickets and spend another \$5 on the **Talbots hostess drawing** to support your favorite volunteer. Plus-- Don't forget to bring a toy or check for The Children's Connection!

On Tues. Nov. 3, the office will be closed for Election Day, but **Curio Cottage will be hosting a free COFFEE** at 10 to explain the shop and recruit new volunteers. DO STOP BY!

On Wed. Nov. 4, join the **Yankee Doodle Fair** planning meeting at 10. On **Thurs. Nov. 5, RUN--don't walk!--to Talbots (on Main St.) 2 to 6 pm to start your holiday gift shopping with (WOW!!!) 30% OFF on their exciting, revamped collections!!! Better still--10% of all sales will go to the WWC!**

The office is closed Wed. Nov. 11 (so pick up your tickets in advance), **but the theatre bus to An**

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**Sunshine Girls**

**November Sunshine Girl: Betty Kogen**

**American in Paris leaves the lower parking lot at 9:30 am!**

On Friday, Nov. 20, the **Garden Dept.** does "Deck the Halls" to prepare our clubhouse for the holidays. The snowflakes may return to Bedford Hall that day, or shortly thereafter.

**Stop by BYOB Friday** that afternoon at 4 to check out the results!

Our utterly delectable and enchanting **Nutcracker Tea fun(d)raiser is Sat. Nov. 28**, right after Thanksgiving. Tickets are \$40.

**IN THE MOOD, our Sadie Hawkins Big Band BYOB Dinner/Dance/Demo is Sat. Dec 5th at 6:30 pm!!!** Advance tickets are \$75 each and include dinner and dancing. Dance partners for those who come solo will be provided by Ballroom Elegance, who also will demonstrate some dances. Finally, this is the season for giving thanks and GIVING. This year, our Annual Giving focus will be replenishing our ENDOWMENT. It costs us over \$130,000/year to operate our house, including utilities, maintenance, insurance, fees and repairs. These costs--for now--are covered by income from our endowment, but our endowment has not had new gifts added in quite awhile. Please consider a LARGER, more lasting gift than usual, including perhaps a gift of appreciated stocks or naming the WWC in your will.

MANY, MANY THANKS for ALL you DO!  
(And let's all remember the snowflakes and THINK BIG!)  
Dorothy

P.S Our Dining Room table & chairs structurally are worn beyond repair. Do any of you have a suitable replacement set that you'd consider donating?

**Dorothy E. Curran, President**  
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[Bettykogen@aol.com](mailto:Bettykogen@aol.com)

Thanks to Ellie Hale  
October Sunshine Girl.

**Dorothy Packer, 1st VP**  
[dmpacker@aol.com](mailto:dmpacker@aol.com),  
**227-7769**

**Office Hours**

Mon. -Fri.  
9:00 am-4:00 pm  
12:00-1:00 Lunch

**NOVEMBER 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>CLUB DAY</b> <b>reserve by 10/28</b>	3 <i>Curio Cottage coffee</i> 10:00 am <b>Office Closed</b>	4 <b>YDF Meeting</b> 10:00 am <b>MahJongg</b> 1:00-4:00pm	5 <b>Bridge</b> 9:30 am <b>Nutcracker Meeting</b> 10:00am <b>Shop at Talbots</b> 2:00-6:00 pm	6	7
8	9 <b>Bridge</b> 10:30am	10 <b>Garden</b> 1:30 pm at Gilberties	11 <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>MahJongg</b> 1:00-4:00pm	12 <b>Bridge</b> 9:30am <b>Nutcracker Meeting</b> 10:00am <b>Zumba</b> 10:30am	13	14
15	16 <b>Board Meeting</b> 10:00am <b>Bridge</b> 10:30am	17 <b>Gourmet</b> 11:30am <b>Bunco</b> 7:00pm	18 <b>Ways &amp; Means</b> 10:00am <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1:00-4:00pm	19 <b>Bridge</b> 9:30am <b>Zumba</b> 10:30am	20 <b>B.Y.O. B.</b> 4:00-5:30pm	21
22	23 <b>Bridge</b> 10:30	24 <b>Community Services</b> 10:30 am	25 <b>MahJongg</b> 1:00-4:00pm <b>WWC Knitters</b> 1:00pm	26 <b>Thanksgiving Office Closed</b>	27 <b>Office Closed</b>	28 <b>Nutcracker Tea</b> 2-4 pm
29	30 <b>Bridge</b> 10:30am					

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathy to the family of lang-time Member Belle Shipe who passed awat October 5th.

**Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, [dmpacker@aol.com](mailto:dmpacker@aol.com), 203-227-7769**

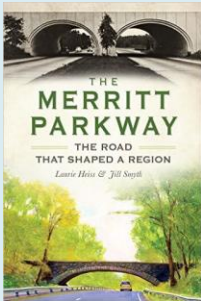
## CLUB DAY

Join us **Monday, November 2nd** for Club Day hosted by The Board with Dorothy Packer and BYOB with Dorothy Curran. Please make sure you make a reservation by **1 PM Wednesday October 28th**. Lunch is \$20.00. Plan to arrive by 11:30 AM to enjoy Cannelloni w/broccoli & ricotta filling & vodka sauce, Salad w/carrots, grape tomatoes, edamame, Feta cheese & balsamic dressing. French garlic bread. Chocolate cupcakes.

If you have a serious food allergy or are a vegetarian, please let me know immediately. **If you need to cancel a reservation, please call the Office 203 227-4240 by 1 PM Wednesday before Club Day (10/28) to avoid being charged.** Hope to see you there!

**Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, [dmpacker@aol.com](mailto:dmpacker@aol.com), 203-227-7769**

## PROGRAMS



The History Press, based in Charleston, SC, publisher of *The Merritt Parkway The Road That Shaped A Region*, describes the book as follows: "Decorated with a breathtaking landscape and a treasured collection of diversely styled bridges, the Merritt Parkway runs thirty-seven and a half miles through Fairfield County. From its complicated beginnings to the present, authors Laurie Heiss and Jill Smyth navigate the hard-fought yet picturesque path of this beloved road. Meet the bridge artist, the landscapers, the politicians and the activists whose involvement in the Merritt transformed Fairfield County from farms and country estates to one of the wealthiest counties in the nation. With the dedication of preservationists and conservationists, the Merritt Parkway today remains both functional and beautiful, holding a unique place in the heart of Connecticut's drivers." **Please join us on Club Day, Monday, November 2, 2015** to meet the authors and learn the history of the Merritt Parkway. Books will be available for purchase.

**Jerilyn Deveau, Program Chair,**  
**[jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com](mailto:jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com), 203-372-2920**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Reminder that 2nd meeting for Community Services will be held **Tuesday, November 24th at 10:30** in the Living Room. As applications for grants are due by October 31st, we can begin to review the applications and to ask committee members to review the Annual Reports of applicant organizations.

**Mary Gladden and Carol Mata**

## CHILDREN'S CONNECTION

It is time to think of the holidays and those who are not as fortunate as we. There are many little ones and teenagers who are neglected, abused, and are considered "at risk" children. We will have our traditional toy drive for donations of NEW, UNWRAPPED gifts. Please bring your gifts to the Westport Woman's on November Club Day.

We will also accept rolls or packages of gift wrap along with ribbons and/or bows. There will be a drop off box outside the office next to the grandfather clock during the month of November. You may bring your items any time you are at the Club. Cash contributions will also be accepted.

**Checks should be made out to The Children's Connection - and given to Colleen in the office. Your check should contain your name, address and a reference to the WWC.**

Favorite Requests: infant toys and clothing, Fisher-Price, Playskool and similar sturdy toys, dolls (all sizes), Disney items, all kinds of balls, trucks, remote control cars and batteries, sports equipment, hand-held video games and batteries, walkmans, small radios and batteries. We must not forget the older children. Gift certificates to Kohl's, Target, Bobs and Old Navy are good gifts. Sweatshirts, sweaters, hats, cosmetics, organizers and manicure kits are also appreciated by the older kids. These items must be new. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Audrey Rabinowitz, [bxiteb4@aol.com](mailto:bxiteb4@aol.com), 203-227-6010**

## BOOK REVIEW

Book Review will not meet in November.

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

## BUNCO



DATE:

**Tuesday, NOVEMBER 17**

TIME: **7:00 P.M. - "Chat & Chew" - 7:30 p.m. play begins**

COST: **\$5.00**

HOSTESSES: Leah S., Mary Lee C., Daisy M., Molly S.

SIGN-UP: Board in foyer

No experience necessary! Come and join in the fun...

Food, laughs and the chance to yell "Bunco" and win some \$\$\$ !!!

Roll the dice...and try your luck!!!

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

## BYOB FRIDAY



On **Friday, Nov. 20th**, please join us at 4 in the Bedford Hall kitchen with something to sip, nibble and share. We'll toast the freshly-installed holiday decor, see if the BIG snowflakes have arrived, and then talk "turkey" about Thanksgiving, the 11/28 Nutcracker Tea and who's putting together tables for IN THE MOOD, our Sadie Hawkins Big Band BYOB

Dinner/Dance/Demo on 12/5.

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

## CURIO COTTAGE



Join us **Tuesday, November 3rd at 10:00 am** for Coffee to learn more about Curio. Plus-- Second Chance! We are selling some of the great clothes that didn't find a home during the big Encore Sale. There will be new ones added every few weeks. There are some wonderful holiday items already on the floor and also some great accessories. And, it isn't too late to come and find that perfect plate to use for cookies, etc. Most importantly, we do still need a few permanent volunteers. If we don't have workers, we can't open the doors for that time slot and who knows what big purchase might have been made.

**Curio Cottage Committee**

**Karen Eickhoff, [kayrog@optonline.net](mailto:kayrog@optonline.net), 203-454-3889**

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

We will be traveling to Manhattan on **Wednesday, November 11**, to see **AN AMERICAN IN PARIS**, which won four Tony Awards, and is one of the top shows on Broadway. It is playing at the Palace Theatre, 1564 Broadway.

**At press time, we still have have 18 unsold tickets please help us sell them.**

Tickets, including transportation, are **\$149, payable to the Westport Woman's Club**. Your check is required to make a reservation. You are welcome to invite significant others, husbands, family and friends. If you wish to sit with a particular person, please indicate that when you bring your check to Colleen, or you may bring both checks at the same time. **On Nov.11, we will board the bus in the Lower Parking Lot and depart at 9:30 am.** Pre-theatre lunch is on your own, but a list of restaurants will be given out with your tickets.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Oh **Wednesday, March 16, 2016**, we will be seeing **HAMILTON** at the Richard Rodgers Theatre. 226 West 46th Street. **HAMILTON** has received rave

reviews in its pre-production performances and has the highest advance sales of any show in history. Tickets, including transportation, are **\$172**. Tickets will go on sale **December 1**.

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

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT



On **November 10, 2015**, members of the Garden Department will meet at Gilberties at **1:30 p.m.** to hear Joe Gloria of Gilberties Herb Gardens speak on "Color in The Winter Garden". Joe, a long time and honored employee of Gilberties is responsible for the buying of all the perennials and nursery plants. His passion and enthusiasm for all aspects of horticulture have made him one of the most sought after speakers at Gilberties. Please join us for the Garden Program at Gilberties, for an informative and enjoyable afternoon.

Upcoming Garden news... The Garden Department will be selling various winter plants, wreaths, etc. at the annual Holiday Boutique held on the December 7th, Club Day Lunch. There will be a pre-order form for these items, on the table at the November 2, 2015 Club Day lunch or click on the link below. Each year the Holiday Boutique receives many compliments on adding to the festivity of the season.

**Garden Order Form-**

**<http://www.westportwomansclub.org/wp-content/uploads/Holiday-Decorations-Application-2015.pdf>**

**Jerilyn Deveau, [jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com](mailto:jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com),  
203-372-2920**

## GOURMET



Gourmet Group will meet on **Tuesday November 17 at 11:30am in the Club House**. Cooks for this meeting are Lisa Allison, Barbara Gladnick, Kim Reichert and Lica Cole. The menu will feature Provencal specialties including *Bouillabaisse*, a traditional fish soup. A chicken alternative will be available. Please RSVP to Lisa Allison, stating whether you prefer fish or chicken.

**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

We will not be having our usual monthly luncheons in November and December, as the fourth Tuesdays come too close to Thanksgiving and Christmas. Instead -- we will have a Festive Holiday Luncheon on **Tuesday**,

**December 8th at Positano**, one of our favorites, in its new location next to the Westport Country Playhouse. See your December Bulletin for full details.

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

## MAH JONGG

Our group meets every Wednesday at 1 pm if there are enough players to have a game. Before coming to the Club, please contact me if you want to play, just to make sure that we have a game on that day. We welcome all players, both those who are experienced and those who want to learn this fun game.

Recently, the Club received a check from the Mah Jongg League for \$111, which represents their charitable contribution based on the group order we placed this year for new cards. So far, over the years, the total amount is approximately \$750.

We now are accepting orders for next year's card. Standard print is \$8; large print is \$9 (payment by cash or checks payable to Audrey Rabinowitz). Cards are mailed directly to you at the beginning of April. You do not need to be a player here at the Club to order a card, so ask your friends and family as well. Not only will you enjoy playing the game, you also will help raise money for the Club.

**Audrey Rabinowitz, [bxiteb4@aol.com](mailto:bxiteb4@aol.com), 203-227-6010**

## MEMBERSHIP

Our October Luncheon was surely a fun, fall day and we did welcome a few visitors. One visitor, a guest of Wendy McKeon, became a member that day. Please welcome: Maryann Gambale, [maryenaps@aol.com](mailto:maryenaps@aol.com); 203-286-7899

Also do welcome our September New Members: they are listed in the new directory.

Robin Penna, 203-227-4053

Hope Trowbridge, 203-362-9203

\*\* Sarah Menchaca, corrected email: [sarahdmenchaca@gmail.com](mailto:sarahdmenchaca@gmail.com)

\*\* Catherine Hurwitz, corrected email: [catherinehurwitz@hotmail.com](mailto:catherinehurwitz@hotmail.com)

\*\* Please add Jana Moorman, 203-259-0575, [jana@remoorman.com](mailto:jana@remoorman.com)

See you at the November luncheon.

**Susan Hricik, Membership 203-226-1372**



## TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

The second session of Tournament Bridge begins on **Monday, November 9**, and continues through **November 16, 23, and 30**. We begin playing at 10:30 am. and break for lunch (which we bring) and hot water is provided for tea and coffee. If you are interested in joining us, just give us a call. We always need substitutes.

**Tommie Ross, 203-227-2444**

**Helen Doxtator, 203-221-7934**

## WAYS AND MEANS

**Save the date and tell your friends & family!**

**On Thursday Nov.5, 2-6 pm ONLY, TALBOTS on Main St. in Westport is offering us a WIN-WIN-WIN shopping fundraiser event!** Jump start your holiday shopping with **30% OFF all purchases** from their exciting, newly revamped apparel collections. **BETTER STILL--The WWC will receive 10% of ALL SALES on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2pm to 6pm!!!**

TERMS:

- 1) 30% discount on purchases, AND Talbots will donate 10% of sales to the WWC!
- 2) Only purchases made 2 to 6 pm at the Westport location are eligible!
- 3) Personal shoppers are available by appointment. Please book by Oct. 29.
- 4) WWC must provide a hostess, 2 to 6 pm to greet members and promote sales. Since the hostess will receive a free outfit from Talbots, we will have a drawing (tickets \$5 each) to decide the lucky lady. Please notify Mary Lee Clayton if you are interested and able to work the event on Thurs. Nov. 5. There are 2 ways to win: 1) register your interest w/Mary Lee Clayton and buy \$5 hostess drawing tickets to support your candidacy AND 2) let other members know that you're registered as a hostess candidate and encourage them to buy \$5 drawing tickets for YOU.

**NOTE: only tickets for self-registered hostess candidates will count. If you want the job/free outfit, please REGISTER first! Registration forms and tickets will be available in the office. The drawing will be held at Club Day, Nov. 2!**

All drawing proceeds will be added to the fundraiser event total, which will be used for our grants and scholarships. Truly a WIN-WIN-WIN for Talbots, the WWC and the community!



Mark your calendars for WWC's **Nutcracker Ballet Tea Party.** A wonderful start to the holiday season begins at WWC's Nutcracker Ballet Tea Party. Saturday, November 28th 2:00-4:00 pm.



Costumed Ballerinas from Westport Academy of Dance will be on hand to entertain all. **The Nutcracker Story** will be shared with the audience while they sip tea & cocoa and dine on tea sandwiches and sweet treats. Guests will have their photo taken with the Nutcracker Cast and also have an opportunity to participate in a mini ballet demonstration of the five basic positions. Tickets are \$40.00. Reservations are limited so please book early.

**Suzan Murphy, 3rd VP Ways & Means, 203-222-9117**

**SAVE THE DATE, Ladies, and tell your friends! Kick off the holidays at IN THE MOOD on Saturday evening, Dec. 5,** in Bedford Hall! This **Sadie Hawkins BYOB dinner/dance/demo will feature music of the big band era.** Open to anyone who enjoys a dinner dance. Price is \$75 per ticket. Ballroom Elegance is providing dance partners for ladies who come solo. They also will demonstrate 4 dances. Limited seating, so reserve now! (And why not join our planning Committee, too?)

**Co-Chairs:**

**Mitzi Lyman, 203-254-2062; [mitzilyman6@gmail.com](mailto:mitzilyman6@gmail.com)**

**Dorothy Curran, 203.246.0543; [DorothyECurran@aol.com](mailto:DorothyECurran@aol.com)**

## WWC KNITTERS



Westport Woman's Club members have been knitting since 1991 for a variety of local organizations. We make hats, scarves, mittens and other items for children in Norwalk and Bridgeport. All levels of knitters are welcome. We are happy to teach beginners. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 25, at 1:00 pm,** in the dining room.

**Joan Miller, [mmiller@optonline.net](mailto:mmiller@optonline.net), 203-226-7036**

# ZUMBA



Zumba meets every **Thursday at 10:30 am**. It's been ongoing for the last few years. Season starts October 1st. The music is great. It makes you want to get up and dance. Zumba is the easiest and most enjoyable way to exercise. Takes place right here in Bedford Hall with people you know. Jill is a professional Zumba instructor. The cost is \$40 for the month. Please join us. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

**Leah Scherzer, Chair, Zumba**  
**203-226-3042, [leahsart@aol.com](mailto:leahsart@aol.com)**