

The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

OCTOBER 2015

Dear Ladies,

The leaves are changing and there's something special in the air (besides falling leaves and migrating birds) this October at the Westport Woman's Club! We're thrilled to welcome our new members and introduce you to one of the busiest--and most fun--months of the year in our social philanthropic organization. Be sure to register yourself (and any guest you'd like to invite) with our **Office Manager, Colleen Fenton**, by WEDNESDAY, Sept. 30th for our MONDAY, October 5th Club Day. We'll be celebrating the success of our ENCORE! Clothing & Accessories and Curio Cottage Half-Price Sales and featuring hilarious **Fairfield County Mom-Comedian, Jane Condon!** PLUS, before lunch, from 11:15 to 12, in the Living Room, we'll have a "**Special Interest Groups Fair.**" Explore which groups and activities you'd like to try this year.

Clubhouse news:

Our complex, summer-long fire escape, railing, flat roof and double doors repair/replacement and painting project is almost complete. Our melodious 125-year-old Steinway baby grand piano, after its refurbishing, will be back home in Bedford Hall before Club Day. (Many thanks to our

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favorite classical pianist, **Arlene Thrope**, for managing!)

Fundraiser news:

- Our clubhouse rentals calendar is humming along nicely, thanks to good teamwork between our Rentals Director, **Lina Mak-Chin** and our **Resident House Manager, Dora Sweet**. Do you have a big event that you'd like to host at the WWC? Remember that WWC Members receive a discount. Contact Lina to learn more!
- **ENCORE! Clothing & Accessories Tag Sale.** Donations of Women's, Men's & Children's Clothing end Sept. 29th and set-up begins. Help sort, price and set up on 9/29, 9/30 and 10/1 to preview the BARGAINS in Bedford Hall or the Ruegg Room BOUTIQUE. Then, shop while you work a shift during the sale on Friday, 10/2 or Saturday, 10/3! (P.S. Only those who volunteer will be invited to the Celebration Party !)
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- We're considering a **Sadie Hawkins Dinner-Dance-Demo** at Bedford Hall in early December, partnering with Ballroom Elegance. Escorts available! If you'd like to join the Committee, please contact me.

Community Services/Grants news:

- ALL WWC Members automatically belong to CS and are entitled to attend meetings (4th Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am), learn about our grants process and options and vote on our "here and near" philanthropic decisions. Have a favorite non-profit organization with a defined need? Encourage them to apply. The form is on our website. Applications for Spring, 2016 grants are due October 31, 2015.

WWC Knitters

Zumba

Sunshine Girls

October Sunshine Girl: Ellie Hale, 227-8237,
elviran514@yahoo.com

Dorothy Packer, 1st VP
dmpacker@aol.com, 227-7769-

Office Hours

Mon. -Fri.

9:00 am-4:00 pm

12:00-1:00 Lunch

Dorothy E. Curran, President
203-246-0543

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		9/29 <i>Clothing Tag Sale Set-up</i> 9:00 am-3:00 pm	9/30 <i>Clothing Tag Sale Set-up</i> 9:00 am-3:00 pm	1 <i>**Bridge 9:30am at Senior Center**</i> <i>Clothing Tag Sale Set-up</i> 9:00 am-3:00 pm	2 Clothing Tag Sale 9:00 am-3:00 pm	3 Clothing Tag Sale 9:00 am-3:00 pm
4	5 CLUB DAY	6	7 <i>Mah Jongg</i> <i>1:00-4:00pm</i>	8 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i> <i>Zumba 10:30am</i>	9	10
11	12 <i>Bridge 10:30am</i>	13 <i>Garden 1:30pm</i> <i>Bunco 7:00pm</i>	14 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00pm</i>	15 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i> <i>Zumba 10:30am</i> <i>Book Review 1:00pm</i>	16	17
18 <i>Making Strides 9:00am</i> <i>Sherwood Island</i>	19 <i>Bridge 10:30</i>	20 <i>Gourmet 11:30am</i>	21 <i>Ways & Means Super Meeting!</i> 10:00am	22 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i> <i>Zumba 10:30am</i>	23 <i>B.Y.O.B 4:00-6:00pm</i>	24
25	26 <i>Bridge 10:30am</i>	27 <i>Comm. Svcs. 10:30 am</i> <i>Ladies Who Lunch 12:00</i>	28 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00pm</i> <i>WWC Knitters 1:00pm</i>	29 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i> <i>Zumba 10:30am</i>	30	31 CS Grant Applications Due

CLUB DAY

Join us **Monday, October 5th** for Club Day co-hosted by Mary Gladden, Carol Mata and Community Services, with Lee Mennitt and Book Review. **Please make sure you make a reservation by 1 PM Sept. 30,**(Wednesday before Club Day). Lunch is \$20.00. Plan to arrive by 11:30 AM to enjoy...Chicken Marbella w/green olives, lemon, pitted prunes, capers. Grilled yellow Squash & Zucchini marinated in olive oil & balsamic vinegar. Apple crisp. 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 to avoid being charged.** Hope to see you there!

Dorothy Packer, 1st VP, dmpacker@aol.com, 203-227-7769

PROGRAMS



Club Day, **October 5, 2015** welcomes comedian and mom JANE CONDON who lives in Greenwich, Connecticut. Since she's from a blue-collar town in Massachusetts, she likes to make fun of Greenwich. She loves to tell stories about her adventures (mostly survival tales) with her boys. Condon was named one of 10 Comedy Best Bets in Back Stage's annual comedy issue (2001). She has appeared on ABC-TV's "The View" and Lifetime TV's "Girls' Night Out" and FOX-TV's series finale of "24." She won the Ladies of Laughter Contest in 2004. Jane won Audience Favorite (NY) on NBC's "Last Comic Standing." In May 2011, Jane was the commencement speaker at Wellesley College (her alma mater). To find out more about Jane, check out her website janecondon.com.

What others are saying about Jane:

THE NEW YORK TIMES "Condon had the audience cackling, guffawing and in hysterics as she sliced through marriage, husbands, kids, politics and other topics".

BACKSTAGE (Comedy Issue) "Comedy Best Bets: One of 10 Standout Standups Worth Watching".

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL "Jane Condon is that rarity among her fellows, a comic whose material never needs laundering."

THE GREENWICH TIME "A wonderfully funny comedienne...My face hurt from smiling and laughing".

Please join us for this very special Club Day as we enjoy an afternoon of "comedic laughter."

Jerilyn Deveau, Program Chair, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com, 203-372-

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services will meet on **Tuesday, October 27th 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

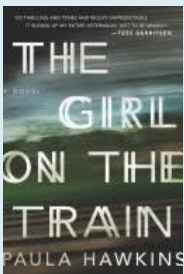
MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK - 2015

Please mark your calendar for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 18th at Sherwood Island State Park at 9am. As we have done for the past several years, members (and their friends and family) of the Woman's Club will be walking together as a group to raise funds for breast cancer research and to show support for all the women who have experienced - themselves or loved ones - this disease.

Go to the website for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and register under the Westport Woman's Club, or contact Audrey Rabinowitz (bxiteb4.com or 227-6010) for further information.

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BOOK REVIEW



Hi Readers, Our book for **Thursday October 15th** is *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins. We will meet in the living room at one. See you soon. Lee

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

BUNCO



Date: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH*** (This is a date change!!)**

Time: 7:00 p.m. "chat & chew" - 7:30 p.m. game play begins

Cost: \$5.00

Hostesses: Nancy Holland, Sue Fox, Joan Miller & Amy Schneider

*****Please note: October bunco night is Tuesday, October 13th.**

This is to accommodate a rental on our usual "third Tuesday".
Thank you to all for being flexible...

Bunco is open to everyone!! No experience necessary!!!

Sign-up on board in foyer...

If you are looking to get out and have a few laughs ...and good food...join us!!!

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

BYOB FRIDAY



October 23, 4 to 6 pm.

Come one, come all with your picnic-style set-ups, beverage of choice and munchies to sample/share. If you like, bring along a prospective member! We'll gather in the Kitchen, as always, and discuss bargains scored at the ENCORE! Sale, trends in the autumn weather, upcoming travel and theatre plans and "progress" in the televised political debates.

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

CURIO COTTAGE



see everyone!

The Holiday items will soon be on the shelves, at great prices. And don't forget to start your holiday decorating and gift giving shopping right here. A gift you could give to yourself would be to consider working, even 1 shift a month, at the Curio Cottage. And, we will have a major sale during the week of the Clothing & Accessories Tag Sale. Hope to

Curio Cottage Committee

Karen Eickhoff, 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

Tickets, including transportation, are **\$149, payable to the Westport Woman's Club**. The tickets will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis.

with your check 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 Rogers 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, 203-255-1577

GARDEN DEPARTMENT



On **Tuesday, October 13, 2015** the Garden Department program will feature fellow Westport resident, Nick Mancini. Nick is an author, teacher, lecturer, garden consultant and coach with decades of experience.

A University of Connecticut Certified Master Gardener, he specializes in organic vegetables, fruits, and brambles.

He teaches organic gardening at Norwalk Community College and for Fairfield and Westport Continuing Education. He has lectured to the CT Northeast Organic Farmers Association, garden clubs, horticultural societies and libraries throughout Connecticut and the New York Metro area. Nick is a member of the Connecticut Master Gardeners Association, CT NOFA, Connecticut Community Garden Association and the Westport Community Garden, which he also advises.

Nick will give a Power Point presentation on "how to winterize your garden" as well as share his expertise on "organic gardening". Nick has graciously offered to address questions on any gardening topic.

For a preview of Nick Mancini, and related garden topics, please check out Nick's website: organicgardeningssimplified.com.

**Jerilyn Deveau, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com,
203-372-2920**

GOURMET



Gourmet Group will meet on **Tuesday October 20th at 11:30am** in the Club House kitchen and Bedford Hall. At the deadline for the Bulletin, plans for the meeting were still being finalized. Further details will be sent by email to members. Please bring your checkbook to the meeting in order to pay dues.

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

LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month we'll be visiting **Taberna Restaurant**, which has just opened on the Brick Walk, after many successful years in Bridgeport.

Date: **Tuesday, October 27, at noon**

Location: 1229 Post Road, Fairfield

They offer a variety of salads, sandwiches, tapas and small plates. You may find the menu at:

<http://www.tabernarestaurant-ct.com/menus/dinner-menu-br.php>

Please note that this is for their Bridgeport restaurant, and there may be slight changes for Fairfield. Reviews on Yelp (for Bridgeport) have been excellent.

Please let me know if you'll be joining us by **Friday, October 23** so I can let them know how many to expect. And, as always, I ask that you call or email me, as I may not remember if you tell me in person.

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

MAH JONGG

We are looking for experienced players as well as members who would like to learn this game. Currently we meet on Wednesday at 1pm; however, a different day may be considered if there is enough interest. We sometimes don't meet if there aren't enough people to play, so I suggest that you first contact me if you would like to play, or if you have any questions.

Audrey Rabinowitz, bxiteb4@aol.com, 203-227-6010

MEMBERSHIP

Along with our other new members we do welcome our *newest* member, Melody James-Parton. We had a delightful "Meet 'n Greet" with her at our

reception. Please visit with her at our next luncheon.

Melody James-Parton, 203-454-9613; melodyagb@aol.com

Looking to hear from you all regarding prospective new members. Do reach out to those ladies that you have been in touch with and could not attend the reception.

Susan Hricik, Membership 203-226-1372

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

Tournament Bridge meets the month of **October on the following Mondays: October 12, 19, and 26.**

Remember we begin playing at **10:30 a.m.** and break for lunch (which we bring). Hot water is provided for tea and coffee. Newcomers are welcome. If you are interested in playing, please give us a call. We look forward to seeing you.

Tommie Ross, 203-227-2444

Helen Doxtator, 203-221-7934

WAYS & MEANS

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- **Let your shopping do the Fundraising! Now that you've emptied your closet for our ENCORE! Clothing Sale, refill it at Talbot's to help the WWC!**
- **Talbots** has offered us an opportunity to shop their exciting new collections - just in time for you to start refilling closets emptied for "Encore". The date is **November 5th from 12:00 - 6:00p.** Talbots has

asked us to provide a hostess for the 6 hours. That hostess will receive a free outfit from Talbots! We are raffling off the opportunity to hostess at the October lunch. The **WWC will receive 10%** of the sales; members will be able to take advantage of the discounts available in the store that day. Personal shoppers are available to give you their undivided attention and tips on fashion trends and wardrobe. Just call **Talbots** a week in advance. Mary Lee Clayton

- **Finally, YOU'RE INVITED! ALL WWC Members automatically belong to the Ways & Means Committee.** Please come to our **SUPER MEETING on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 10 am** to learn about our exciting--and FUN--2015-16 Calendar!

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

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, October 28, at 1:00 pm, in the dining room.**

Joan Miller, 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