

# The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

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Dear Ladies,

### **Here's a special reason to join us at our Club Day Luncheon on September 12:**

*We will be honoring **Jackie Froelich**, one of the Founders of our Curio Cottage. For over 17 years Jackie has devoted herself to making our Curio Cottage Thrift Shop the place of hidden treasures, where so many love to "Shop, Donate and Help Others." **Thank you, Jackie!***

Past President **Jo Fuchs-Luscombe** and her team once again organized with finesse our highly anticipated Lobsterfest.

The Downtown Merchants Association's Blues Views & BBQ Festival, a Labor Day weekend favorite, is donating \$1,500 to the WWC thanks to Past President **Audrey Rabinowitz** and her WWC member volunteers.

**Dora Sweet** will be leaving us on August 31 to accept a wonderful opportunity to own a home of her own in the Black Rock area. Members celebrated with Dora her 17 years as Resident House Manager with a "Fiesta" in her honor. To stay in touch with Dora, her email address is: [doraesweet@yahoo.com](mailto:doraesweet@yahoo.com)

Special Hiring Committee, **Rose Jordan (Chair)**, **Lorraine Feliciano** and **Wynne Abrams**, will work

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## **Sunshine Girls**

**September Sunshine Girl**

Betty Kogen, 203-293-4269

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**Office Hours**

together with me on the task of finding a good candidate for Resident House Manager.

Please renew your membership, if you have not already done so.

Donations of men's, women's and children's clothing are now being gratefully received in the Coat Room for our **ENCORE Clothing & Accessory Tag Sale** slated for late October. Please email me if you would like work on this important fundraiser. Together, let's make it great. Thanks!

Dorothy

Dorothy M. Packer  
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Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Lunch  
*Office Manager*  
*Colleen Fenton*  
203-227-4240

# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30am	2	3
4	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	6	7 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i>	8 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i> <i>Book Review 1:00 pm</i>	9	10
11	12 <b>CLUB DAY</b>	13 <i>Garden Dept. 1:30 pm</i>	14 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i>	15 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i> <i>Book Review 1:00 pm</i>	16 <i>Curio Cottage Meeting 10:00 am</i>	17
18	19 <i>Monday Bridge 10:00am</i> <i>Board Meeting 10:00 am</i>	20 <i>Gourmet 11:00 am</i> <i>Bunco 7:00pm</i>	21 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i>	22 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	23	24
25	26 <i>Monday Bridge 10:00am</i> <i>Comm. Svcs. 1:00 pm</i>	27	28 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00-4:00 pm</i> <i>WWC Knitters 1:00 pm</i> <i>New Member</i> <i>Wine &amp;Chesee 5:00 pm</i>	29 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i>	30	

## CONDOLENCES

Sympathies are extended to our House Manager, Dora Sweet, on the death of her father

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

## CLUB DAY

Please join us for our first Club Day of the season on **Monday, September 12**, hosted by the Bunco group and chaired by Wendy McKeon. And please be sure to make your reservation by **1:00 pm on the Wednesday before Club Day**. **If you would like to be on the Permanent Lunch list, you may call the office at 203 227-4240. The cost for lunch is \$20.00.**

I am happy to announce that our Caterer this year will be "A Dash of Salt." Plan to arrive by 11:30 am to enjoy Chicken a` la Laparousse (chicken thighs roasted with a dijon and gruyere sauce); Quinoa with Roasted Vegetables; Arugula, Radicchio & Shaved Parmesan with roasted peppers, hearts of palm and red wine vinaigrette; Angel Food Cake served with Strawberry Compote and Fresh Whipped Cream. If you have a serious food allergy or are a vegetarian, please let me know.

**If you need to cancel your reservation, please call the office, 203-227-4240, by 1:00 pm on the Wednesday before Club Day to avoid being charged.**

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, 203-227-5089

## PROGRAMS



Guest speaker at our September Club Day will be Westport First Selectman, James Marpe, who will discuss "The State of the Town of Westport." Specifically he will address the following topics: *"Current events and projects of interest to residents of Westport. Potential subjects include: financial matters; Town facility upgrades and improvements; progress on current projects (i.e: Center for Senior Activities, Wakeman Town Farm); and implementation of various ongoing projects of interest (ie: Downtown Master Plan, Compo Beach Site Improvement). He will speak about the day-to-day running of the Town, his responsibilities, and his perspective on maintaining and improving Westport's reputation as a vibrant and exciting, as well as, fiscally, environmentally, and socially responsible community."* (Eileen Francis, Selectman's Office, Town of Westport)

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

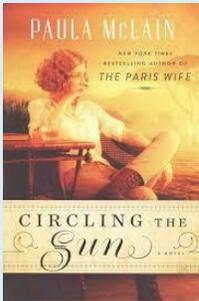
## COMMUNITY SERVICES

All Members please join us on **Monday September 26 at 1:00 pm** for our

Community Services Meeting.

Sara Menchaca, [saramenchaca@gmail.com](mailto:saramenchaca@gmail.com), 203-246-1760

## BOOK REVIEW



At our next meeting on **Thursday, September 15**, we will discuss "*Circling The Sun*" by Paula McLain, a period piece about Beryl Markham who lived in Kenya in the 1920's. We will meet in the living room at 1:00 pm. I hope you enjoy this book which should be available in the Library.

New members are always welcome. See you all soon.

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

## BUNCO



**Date:** Tuesday, September 20

**Time:** 7:00 pm - "Chat & Chew" -  
7:30 pm - Game play begins

**Cost:** \$5.00

**Hostesses:** TBD

**Sign-up sheet is on easel in foyer.**

I hope you all had a good summer. Welcome back!

By now our "2016 Bunco Queen" should have been "crowned" but, as this goes to press, she has not yet been announced. Stay tuned for next month's article.

Please check your calendars and try to find a month that would be convenient for you to host our Bunco Night. Bunco is held the 3rd Tuesday of each month and all "regular players" are asked to host once a year, just once! I will have the "hostesses sign-up sheet" at our September game night. There are still several open slots!

For those of you who have never joined us for Bunco, come on out! It is a fun-filled, food-filled night of "simple pleasure." No experience necessary! Hope to see many new faces.

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

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

I am sorry to report that "Shuffle Along" closed at the end of July. It received great reviews and I had hoped to get tickets. I won't be offering any Broadway shows for the Fall. There just aren't any that I feel would appeal to enough

people to arrange a trip. Most of the offerings are revivals, e.g., "Cats," "Fiddler on the Roof."

However, several women have suggested that we go into NYC to visit interesting museums. One in particular, The Rubin Museum of Art, 150 West 17 Street, was suggested. Their website can be found at <http://rubinmuseum.org>.

The museum is close enough to the High Line for us to take advantage of that as well. The Chelsea Market, which has several restaurants and shops, is also in the area.

Rather than hiring a bus, which is expensive, and which we would require 54 passengers to make it affordable, we would go by train on a Saturday, as the parking lots would have more spaces available than during the week.

I would be very interested in hearing from you regarding your feelings about such a trip.

There are still a few orchestra seats left for "Something Rotten." They are good for any performance on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The cost is \$89.00 each, well below the current ticket price. Please call me for details.

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

## CURIO COTTAGE



Mark your calendars and please join us for the Curio Cottage information Coffee on **Friday, September 16, at 10:00 am**, at the Woman's Club. For all of our volunteers who don't need any refresher info, please come and enjoy the snacks and see your friends. For our new volunteers, this is a great time to learn exactly how and why we do what we do. For members who are just thinking about volunteering, this is a perfect time to help you make up your mind. It won't be a long meeting and it is always full of energy and fun. Hope to see many of you here.

**Curio Cottage Committee**

## GARDEN DEPARTMENT



On **Tuesday, September 13, at 1:30 pm**, the Garden Program will feature Kyle Riccoboni. Kyle will showcase his artistic skills by creating floral arrangements which will be part of a raffle at the end of the event.

Born and raised in New Canaan, Kyle is a fine art painter by training. His fashion career began as a stock-boy in Westport CT. This led

him to become the window director at the Macy's flagship store in New York City; merchandising director of several Saks Fifth Avenue stores in the New York area and fashion director of the Stamford, Connecticut store. A self-taught floral designer, Kyle has always had a love and passion for plants and flowers. He attributes this to his father who was always in the garden. During his years in the fashion business, Kyle began his own floral design business where he learned many tricks of the trade . In 2000, Kyle joined the Earth Garden team because "the company promoted creativity and had a discerning eye." Kyle is now the Creative Director of Earth Garden and coordinates weddings, parties, events and decorating projects.

This program is open to the entire WWC membership. There is no admission fee, however reservations are required. Please contact Jerilyn Deveau at [jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com](mailto:jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com), or at 203-372-2920.

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## GOURMET



The Gourmet Group's first meeting of the new season will be held on **Tuesday, September 20**. We will be paying homage to one of our favorite restaurants, "Sardi's," with a menu inspired by their famous specialties. Gourmet Group dues for the 2016-17 season will be \$45.00, so please bring a check to the meeting, made out to our Treasurer, Anne Hunt. Members planning to attend the

September meeting should **RSVP to Lisa Allison by September 13**. Any WWC members interested in joining the Gourmet Group may contact Lisa or Barbara for further details.

**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

There will be no luncheon in September as I will be away searching for Blue-footed Boobies. See you in October.

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

## MAH JONGG

**Wanted: Mah Jongg players!**  
**When: Wednesdays from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Where: Club House**

Did you play years ago and now want to start playing again - or are now

playing and looking for another game - or do you want to learn to play this fun game - or are you just curious about what the game is all about? All of the above are welcome to join us. You do not have to make a long term commitment - play whenever you want - each week, one day a month... or at any time you are available. If you are interested in playing, please contact Audrey Rabinowitz at [bxiteb4@aol.com](mailto:bxiteb4@aol.com) or 227-6010 before coming, just to make sure we are playing that week.

## MEMBERSHIP

Please join me in welcoming the following new members:

Barbara Ryan	203-227-3215	<a href="mailto:bryan1407@att.net">bryan1407@att.net</a>
Karen Kleine	203 858-4010	<a href="mailto:kkleine@gmail.com">kkleine@gmail.com</a>
Michal Keller	203 557-0306	<a href="mailto:bon.mama@icloud.com">bon.mama@icloud.com</a>
Ann Doorly	203 767-9338	<a href="mailto:anndoorly@gmail.com">anndoorly@gmail.com</a>
Kathleen Feeney	203 255-7750	<a href="mailto:crokie3@gmail.com">crokie3@gmail.com</a>

This Fall's New and Prospective Members Wine and Cheese reception will be held on **Wednesday, September 28**, at the clubhouse. This will be an "after 5:00 pm event." Current members, please advise me of any prospective interested women so that I may invite them personally

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

## TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

This September, Tournament Bridge is changing its name and format. It will be called **"MONDAY BRIDGE" and will become a morning group, starting at 10:00 am and ending at 1:00 pm.**

We will be playing in a more relaxed atmosphere without the bell and without the accumulated scores. Members are encouraged to bring a snack since we will not be stopping for lunch. After bridge, members may wish to bring their lunch and stay to visit. At our first session, we will collect \$5.00 from members to pay for cards and some supplies.

We look forward to seeing you on the first **Monday after Club Day, September 19**. Please give us a call if you are interested in playing regularly or would like to substitute.

**Angela Cockfield, [cookangela@aol.com](mailto:cookangela@aol.com), 203-226-1157**  
**Rosalie DaSilva, 203-226-5569**

## WWC KNITTERS



The WWC Knitters will meet **Wednesday, September 28 at 1:00 pm**, in the Dining Room, to discuss the future of the group. Due to declining membership and the dissolution of RSVP, we need to decide whether to continue our current mission, become a general craft group, or disband. Joan Miller will be stepping down as our leader. If anyone would like to take over, please contact Joan.

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

## WAYS & MEANS

### **Encore Tag Sale returns!**

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

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