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Westport Woman's Club

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Ladies,

This past month, the Westport Woman's Club, in partnership with Laurel House, a Stamford-based mental health agency, presented as a public service a free screening of "**No Letting Go**," by the writer and producer, Randi Silverman. Ms. Silverman told the personal story of her family's journey as they discovered that their child suffered from a mental health disorder. Thanks Linda Autore of Laurel House and Randi Silverman for creating and sharing this powerful and important film. And, thanks to Past President Barbara Levy who introduced Laurel House to our club.

With the holiday season here, our **Holiday Meals Program**, organized by Leah Scherzer, is in full swing. Warm holiday meals are prepared and delivered to Westport's housebound residents and Stop & Shop gift cards are sent to those in need.

This program, which helps make everyone's holiday a bit brighter each year, includes both Thanksgiving and

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original each year, includes both Thanksgiving and Christmas. The meals are provided on those days and also on New Year's Day.

Suzan Murphy and her volunteers presented our Third Annual "*Nutcracker Tea Party.*" With Snowflakes and Nutcracker staging along with our Garden Department's fir trees in Bedford Hall and grandly decorated Christmas tree in the Living Room, our House has once again been transformed. Thank you, Ladies.

Our *Annual Toy Drive* has been actively collecting generous donations from our members of unwrapped toys in the box outside the office. Past President Audrey Rabinowitz has organized this drive in coordination with The Children's Connection, a Norwalk agency serving abused and neglected children of lower Fairfield County.

In support of the many important and worthwhile programs our club sponsors, including the Holiday Meals Program, please consider making a tax-deductible gift or bequest, in the form of a check or securities, to our own non-profit Westport Woman's Club. For all that each of you do, thank you.

May you enjoy good health, peace and joy this season, throughout the coming New Year, and always.

With love to you all,
Dorothy

Dorothy M. Packer
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Sunshine Girls

December Sunshine Girl:

Lorraine Feliciano

914-584-8805

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Thanks to Betty Kogen

November Sunshine Girl

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

Office Manager,

Colleen Fenton, 203-227-4240

Resident House Manager,

Lilibet Rojas



GIFT FOR COLLEEN

Many of you have asked what we can do for Colleen. In the holiday spirit and as an expression of our love and concern, we will be taking up a collection on Club Day. If you would like to make a donation, either cash or a check made out to Michael Fenton, it would be most appreciated. This is in lieu of providing dinners for the family or sending flowers. There will be no 50/50 raffle this month.


CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy to the families of Kathryn "Kay" Brooks and Betty "Lee" DeVoll, former Westport Woman's Club members who passed away recently. Also our condolences and sympathy to Barbara Levy and her family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Edward Quinn.

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

DECEMBER CALENDAR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			30 <i>Holiday Boutique Workshop</i> 10:00 am <i>Last Day for Club Day Reservations</i>	1 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30am <i>Holiday Boutique Workshop</i> 10:00 am	2 <i>Holiday Boutique Workshop</i> 10:00 am	3
4 <i>Holiday Boutique Set-up</i> 1:00 pm	5 CLUB DAY	6	7 <i>2017 YDF Planning Mtg</i> 10:00 am	8 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30am <i>Book Discussion</i> 1:00 pm	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Ladies Who Lunch</i> 12:30 pm	14	15 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30 am	16 BYOB FRIDAY 4:00-5:30 pm	17
18	19 <i>Board Meeting</i> 10:00am	20 <i>Gourmet Holiday Lunch</i> 11:00 am <i>Bunco Pot Luck</i> 6:00 pm	21	22 <i>Bridge</i> 9:30 am	23	24

25 HAPPY HOLIDAYS 	26	27	28	29 <i>Bridge 9:30 am</i>	30	31

CLUB DAY

Please join us on **Monday, December 5**, for our special **Club Day Holiday Luncheon**. Our hostesses are the Gourmet Group chaired by Lisa Allison and Barbara Gladnick. **We must have your reservation by 1:00 pm, Wednesday, November 30**. And since we usually have a full house for this event, please do not invite guests. As always, the cost is \$20.

Plan to arrive by 11:30 am for refreshments and to enjoy Normandy Style Braised Beef with Pearl Onions & Marchand de Vin Sauce, Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables, and Apple Crisp with 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 the Wednesday before Club Day (November 30) to avoid being charged.** If you are on the permanent lunch list and do not cancel, you will be charged.

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

PROGRAMS



Guest speaker at our December Club Day will be the distinguished Art Historian, **Fiona Garland**, who will be speaking about **Titian's "Venus of Urbino."**

"In 1880 Mark Twain wrote in his travelogue "Tramp Abroad" that this painting was "the foulest, the vilest, the obscenest picture the world possesses." How did this quintessential work of Venetian

were possessed. How did the quintessential work of Venetian High Renaissance art come to be described in such aggressive language? The female nude has been one of the major themes in Western Art and the Venus of Urbino is perhaps one of the most famous and certainly one of most controversial. Who is this beautiful woman... a Venus, a courtesan or a wife? How was it meant to be received when it was first painted? And what do we see when we view it today. I hope to answer these questions and more and in so doing allow us a fresh take on an old masterpiece."

Ana Hitri, anahi3@aol.com, 203-939-2129

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services is looking for someone (or several people) to head up a **Children's Book Drive** for a local non-profit, "**Read to Grow**," a Branford based agency that collects books for Fairfield County children who may not own any books. Their inventories are currently low. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Menchaca.

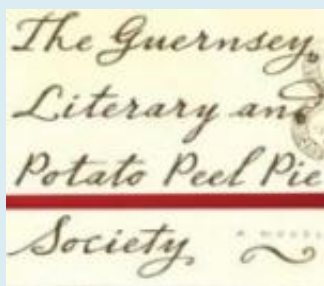
The Community Services Committee does not meet in December; next meeting is on **Monday, January 23, at 1:00 pm**. All Westport Woman's Club members are welcome.

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

BOOK REVIEW

Date: Thursday, December 8

Time: 1:00 pm



Our book for December is "**The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society**," by Mary Ann Shaffer. It is an easy read and is available at the Westport Library.

Hope to see you in the Living Room for our discussion.

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

B.Y.O.B.

BYOB FRIDAY

Date: Friday, December 16

Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Come one, come all. Fly-bys always welcome. Join us--just for laughs--in the Kitchen to cheer in the HOLIDAYS! Bring whatever you like to sip, nibble, share, picnic-style, along with simple set-ups. "We leave no fingerprints!"

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

BUNCO

Please come to our Annual Holiday Celebration!

Don't forget to mark your calendars!

Date: Tuesday, December 20

Time: 6:00 pm* - Potluck Supper *This is earlier than usual - more time to eat!

7:30 pm - Game Begins

Cost: \$5.00

Hostesses: Everyone

Please note that this is a **Potluck Party!** It would be helpful to know what you are bringing so please indicate next to your name on the December sign-up sheet on the board in the foyer. You may bring any type of "goodies" that you like, appetizers, sweets, whatever. Looking forward to seeing "Happy Holiday" faces. Come join us!

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

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Please stay tuned for future events.

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

CURIO COTTAGE



We continue to receive wonderful donations so as you think of what you might need for the holidays, start your shopping at the Cottage. You'll be happy you did!

We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. All ladies who are scheduled for the Wednesday before, or that Friday or Saturday, please work only if it's convenient for you. Great if you can, but don't worry if you can't. Enjoy this special time, whether you are traveling or hosting.

AND, please everyone, consider signing up to work at least one shift at the Cottage. The shifts are only 2-1/2 hours and it really is fun. Since many of our workers leave for a few months during the winter, this is always a time of need for us. Thanks to everyone for your

months during the winter, this is always a time of need for us. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Curio Cottage Committee

FOOD CLOSET

Thanks to food drives at several local schools, the cans and packages on the shelves in our Food Closet are being replenished. However, we are still short on several "holiday" items that we try to give to needy families, especially at this time of year. **When you come to Club Day in December or happen to stop by the clubhouse, perhaps you could contribute the following:**

**Canned Pumpkin
Canned Sweet Potatoes
Boxed Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Stuffing Mix**

Thank you.

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

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Holiday Boutique Workshops



Wednesday, November 30, 10:00 am - Boxwood Trees
Thursday, December 1, 10:00 am - Wreaths & Arrangements
Friday, December 2, 10:00 am - Finish projects

Sunday, December 4, 1:00 pm - Boutique Set-Up

Please bring your lunch and beverage to the workshops as well as garden scissors. Also, if possible, bring cuttings from your gardens (i.e., greens, berries) to use in making the wreaths.

Garden members are encouraged to volunteer to help on Club Day, **Monday, December 5**, and at the **Holiday Boutique** in the living room.

Vivian Rosenberg, Garden Chair, vivianrose1@gmail.com, 203-227-4419
Jerilyn Deveau, Program Chair, jerilyndeveau@yahoo.com. 203-372-2920

GOURMET



The Gourmet Group will meet on **Tuesday, December 20**, for our annual "**Sparkling**" **Holiday Party**. This event will be a Pot Luck including hors d'oeuvres, desserts and sparkling wine.

Please RSVP to Lisa Allison by December 13, mentioning what you will be bringing so that we can avoid duplications.

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

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

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE



As the Woman's Club has done for many years, we are having our traditional Holiday Toy Drive for children who are neglected, abused and undergoing difficult times. **Members are being asked to bring NEW UNWRAPPED gifts, as well as gift cards, cash and checks, through November until our Club Day luncheon on December 5.** There is a drop off box outside the office.

While gifts are welcome for all ages, there is a particular need for newborns and teens. Favorite requests are: infant toys and clothing, Fisher-Price, Playskool and similar sturdy toys, dolls (all sizes), Disney items, balls, trucks, remote control cars and batteries, sports equipment, hand-held video games and batteries. Suggestions for older children are: gift certificates to Kohl's, Target, Bob's, Old Navy, Barnes and Noble; sweatshirts, sweaters, hats, cosmetics, manicure kits.

Checks should be made out to **The Children's Connection**, can be dropped off at the office or given to me at December's Club Day Luncheon. Your check should contain your name, address and a reference to the Westport Woman's Club. We also accept rolls or packages of gift wrap along with ribbons and/or bows.

The Holiday Toy Drive is held well in advance of Christmas in order for the participating agencies to have time to distribute the gifts to approximately 3,000 children in surrounding communities. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Holiday Toy Drive Chair

LADIES WHO LUNCH



In response to popular demand, we will return to **Pearl at Longshore** for our **Festive Holiday Luncheon**

Date: Tuesday, December 13

Time: 12:30 - 2:00 pm



Time: 12:30 pm

Address: 260 Compo Road South, Westport

We had a very successful luncheon at Pearl this past May. They serve a variety of seafood, salads, small plates, pastas, pizza and sandwiches. You can see their menu which can be found at <https://www.pearlatlongshore.com/menu/lunch-2/>.

Please let me know by **Friday, December 9**, if you'll be joining us, so I may tell them how many to expect. And, as always, I ask 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](#)

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 set up 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, 227-6010

[MEMBERSHIP](#)

Please be sure to pick up your new **2016-2017 Membership Directory** on December Club Day. There are also copies available in the office.

Joan Likely-Cosenza, jlikelyc@aol.com, 203 226-0556

[WAYS & MEANS](#)

The Ways & Means Committee will not be meeting in December.

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

[YANKEE DOODLE FAIR](#)

Come to the next Yankee Doodle Fair 2017 planning meeting on Wednesday, December 7, at 10:00 am, in the living room. Please do plan on attending because we want your input. Also, bouncing ideas off one another is both beneficial and productive.

Experienced club members, we need your suggestions as to how to make YDF 2017 the most successful fund raiser ever. New members, we need your fresh outlook, and being part of this process (whether in a little or a big way) is a great way to get your feet wet at

the WWCI

the WWC!

Yankee Doodle Fair 2017 will run from Thursday, June 15 through Sunday, June 18. We want to get an early start on things and, since many hands make light work, join us at the planning meeting on **Wednesday, December 7!**

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

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

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