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OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Westport Woman's Club

NOVEMBER 2016

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Ladies,

Please come to our November Club Day and receive your 2016-2017 Membership Directory, thanks to Joan Likely-Cosenza, Membership Chair. Our directory includes several new Members, due to our well-attended New Member Wine & Cheese, thanks to Joan's efforts and effective publicity provided by Anne Hunt, Communications Chair.

Our members and others had a great time at the BINGO Bonanza, thanks to Suzan Murphy, Wendy McKeon, Linda Amos, Josephine Laska, Barbara Szefc and a host of volunteers. Thanks to all Members who attended with such enthusiasm. Wendy and Suzan are considering doing another Bingo later in the year....so stay tuned for \$\$\$ and fun.

ENCORE Clothing Sale...Thank you so very much to the countless Members who generously donated clothes and

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS who generously donated clothes and those volunteers who gave of their time. Thanks to our Encore Committee that worked together seamlessly: Mary Lee Clayton, Susan Loselle, Suzan Murphy, Jerilyn Deveau, Karen Eickhoff, Susan Fox, Jeannette Tewey, Mira Auxier, Vivian Rosenberg, Pat Vezendy, Dorothy Packer.

Many Members came out in support of Strides Against Breast Cancer, thanks to Past President Audrey Rabinowitz, who organized the WWC Team.

I am pleased to announce our Nominating Committee for 2016-2017:

Jo Fuchs Luscombe, Chair
Dorothy E. Curran
Susan Fox
Josephine Calcagni
Susan Hricik

We have a new Resident Manager, Lilibet Rojas. Thanks to our Hiring Committee: Rose Jordan, Chair, Lorraine Feliciano, Wynne Abrams and Dorothy Packer. Please see Rose Jordan's article for details on Lilibet and when you see Lilibet, please give her a warm welcome. Special thanks to Mira Auxier and Jeannette Tewey who took on many added responsibilities while we were without a Resident Manager.

This time of year as Thanksgiving approaches, I am grateful for a talented, hard-working and supportive Board of Directors...all the heads of Special Interests Groups...the Past Presidents who are always there to advise and support....and most of all to our Membership; may each of us feel the love and support of one another this coming year and always.

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

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Sunshine Girls

November Sunshine Girl:

Betty Kogen 203-293-4260

Thanks to Ellie Hale

October Sunshine Girl

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

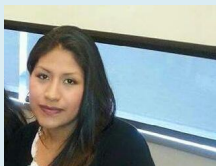
Lunch

Office Manager

Colleen Fenton

203-227-4240

MEET OUR NEW RESIDENT HOUSE MANAGER



We are happy to announce that **Lilibet Rojas** has been selected to be our new Resident House Manager. She and her two young daughters will be moving in shortly. We look forward to having Lilibet join us and feel fortunate to have found her to fill this position. She too is looking forward to being part of the Westport Woman's Club.



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Hiring Committee
**Rose Jordan (Chair), Lorraine Feliciano, Wynne Abrams,
 Dorothy Packer**

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 <i>Last day for Club Day reservations</i>	3 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i>	4	5
6	7 CLUB DAY	8	9 <i>YDF Planning Meeting 10:00 am</i> <i>Mah Jongg 1:00- 4:00pm</i>	10 <i>Bridge 9:30am</i>	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Gourmet 11:30am</i> <i>Bunco 7:00pm</i>	16 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00- 4:00 pm</i> <i>Film "No Letting Go" 6:15 pm</i>	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>Deck the Halls 10:00 am</i> <i>BYOB Friday 4:00-5:30 pm</i>	19
20	21 <i>Board Meeting 10:00am</i>	22	23 <i>Mah Jongg 1:00- 4:00pm</i>	24 THANKS- GIVING <i>Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26 <i>Nutcracker Tea 2:00-4:00 pm</i>
27	28 <i>Comm. Services 1:00pm</i>	29	30 <i>Holiday Boutique Workshop 10:00 am</i>	1 <i>Holiday Boutique Workshop 10:00 am</i>	2 <i>Holiday Boutique Workshop 10:00 am</i>	

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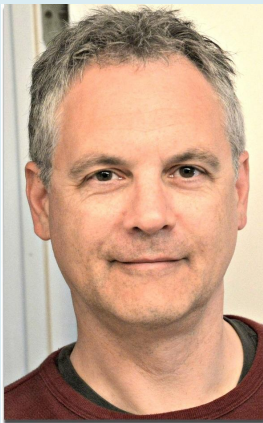
CLUB DAY

Reservations for Club Day must be made by **Wednesday, November 2, before 1:00 pm**, for our **Club Day, November 7**. If you are on the permanent list, there is no need to reconfirm. If you need to cancel a reservation, please call the office 203-227-4240 by 1:00 pm, the Wednesday before Club Day (11/2) to avoid being charged.

The luncheon menu for Club Day lunch includes Escalope Chicken sauteed with lemon zest and thyme, brown rice & grain medley, arugula and spinach salad with roasted peppers, grape tomatoes, parmesan cheese, aged Balsamic and fresh baked cookies and Valhrona Brownies. If you have a serious food allergy or are a vegetarian, please let me know as soon as possible.

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

PROGRAMS



Our November Club Day speaker will be Westporter, Jarret Liotta, a freelance writer, filmmaker and photographer, who will share his experiences in taking a no-budget feature-length film project from start to finish, and also to discuss the importance of discovering your passions and letting nothing ever prevent you from pursuing your dreams! His current project is the "Home Movie" which is being filmed in Westport with some scenes at the Westport Woman's Club. Jarret believes we're all programmed with heart-driven desires we should try and fulfill, despite the naysayers and negative messages that become imbedded in us. Striving to be ourselves should be our life's work!

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Please join us for a free community screening of "**No Letting Go.**" Film producer, Randi Silverman, wrote the film about her family's struggle during her son's journey through treatment for mental illness. Randi will be available for Q&A after the film.

Date: Wednesday, November 16

Date: weunesday, november 10
Time: 6:15 pm
Place: Westport Woman's Club
Admission : Free

Please RSVP in advance by emailing mpavia@laurelhouse.net or by calling 203-324-7735
Sponsored by: The Westport Woman's Club and Laurel House

Next Community Services Meeting: Monday, November 28, at 1:00 pm
We will begin reviewing grant applications. All Club members are encouraged to attend our meetings.

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

[BOOK REVIEW](#)

We will not meet in November or December. See you in January.

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

[B.Y.O.B.](#)

BYOB FRIDAY: Don't let the turkeys (or an upcoming influx of family) get you down! Stop by and join the fun in the WWC Kitchen on **Friday, November 18, 4:00 to 5:30 pm**. Bring something to sip, nibbles to share and some of your latest Selfies for show-and-tell. Did you score a big find while volunteering at the Encore Clothing Sale or Curio's Half-Price Sale? (Or buy back something that you donated?) Inquiring minds want to KNOW!

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

[BUNCO](#)

Date: Tuesday, November 15
Time: 7:00 pm - "Chat & Chew"
7:30 pm - Game Begins
Cost: \$5.00
Hostesses: Barbara Ryan & Suzan Murphy

Come join us for a night of food, fun and games. It's a great way for new members to meet other members. No experience necessary! And, you can win \$\$\$\$\$!!!!!

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

[CULTURAL AFFAIRS](#)

There are still a few orchestra seats left for "Something Rotten." They are good for any performance on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, including matinees. The cost is \$89

each, well below the current ticket price. The show closes in January. Please call me if you are interested.

We are working on other shows for the Spring, so stay tuned for further details.

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

[CURIO COTTAGE](#)



As this busy holiday season approaches, put the Curio Cottage at the top of your list for all kinds of shopping. We are filling the shelves with great decorations, great merchandise to help with your entertaining and even some items, brand new, that would make fun hostess gifts. Hope to see everyone there.

Curio Cottage Committee

[FOOD CLOSET](#)

This past Summer was especially demanding for the Food Closet. And this Fall we have had many single women with children request help. Perhaps you could contribute some of the following needed items when you come to our November Club Day:

- Jam and Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Apple Sauce (in jars)
- Cereal (NO Cheerios please)
- Hearty Soups
- Pancake Syrup
- Cookies

Thank you,

Wendy McKeon, xwamx50@aol.com, 203-222-0038

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

[GARDEN DEPARTMENT](#)

The Garden Department schedule for November and December is as follows:



[Deck the Halls](#) - Friday, **November 18, 10:00 am**

[Holiday Boutique Workshops](#) - (bring your lunch and beverage)

Wednesday, **November 30**, 10:00 am - Boxwood Trees

Thursday, **December 1**, 10:00 am - Wreaths and Arrangements

Friday, **December 2**, 10:00 am - Complete Workshop Projects,

[Preliminary Boutique Set-Up](#)

Sunday, **December 4**, 2:00 am -

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Set Up Boutique Table and Centerpieces

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

Order forms for Holiday Trees and Wreaths will be available on each table on Club Day, Monday, **November 7**.

Click on the link below for Order Form:

<http://www.westportwomansclub.org/uncategorized/holiday-decorations-sale-2016/>

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, **November 15**, at **11:30 am**, in the Club House. Details of the meeting will be sent to members by email. Please RSVP to Lisa Allison by **November 8**.

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, to our November Club Day luncheon and throughout the month of November.** 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 - and given to Colleen in the office. Your check should contain your name, address and a reference to the WWC. 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

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 13**. Please see your December Bulletin for details.

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

MAH JONGG

Recently the Club received a check from the Mah Jongg League for \$115, which represents their charitable contribution based on the group order we placed earlier this year for new cards. So far, from the time we started to participate in this program, the total amount that the Club received from the Mah Jongg League is close to \$900.

We are now accepting orders for next year's card. Standard print remains at \$8; large print is \$9. Payment is 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 will also help raise money for the Club.

In the meantime, we are looking for more members to play here at the Club. We have set aside **Wednesdays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm** to have a game. 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. And we are happy to teach the game to anyone who wants to learn to play. Please contact Audrey before coming, just to make sure we are playing that week.

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

MONDAY BRIDGE

Monday Bridge, which started in the 1950's, has been one of the Club's most popular activities. Many of us enjoyed playing over the years. But recently our numbers have diminished, and it has become difficult to sustain an active weekly group. Unfortunately, it is with regret that we are announcing our decision to discontinue Monday Bridge.

Angela Cockfield - 203-226-1157

Helen Doxtator - 203-221-7934

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome new members:

Franchesca Carusone, 226-0516, EMC55532@Gmail.com

Janet Mergenthaler, 520-2979

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

WAYS & MEANS

Please mark your calendars for our annual **Nutcracker Ballet Tea Party** on **Saturday, November 26, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**

Costumed ballerinas from the Westport Academy of Dance will be on hand to entertain. And, the story of the Nutcracker will be shared with the audience while they sip tea and cocoa and dine on tea sandwiches and sweet treats. Guests will have their photos taken with the Nutcracker Cast and also have an opportunity to participate in a mini ballet demonstration of the five basic positions.

Tickets are \$45. Ticket information will be available in November .

Please join our team of volunteers to make this fundraiser a success which will benefit **Holiday Meals for the Homebound.**

Contact Suzan Murphy at murphy05@aol.com

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

YANKEE DOODLE FAI

Although it seems like we just wrapped up Yankee Doodle Fair 2016, it's time to start organizing for next June!

We need to begin recruiting the captains for each committee (Beverages, Food, Rentals, Sand Art, Ride Tickets, and Raffle Tickets). And does anyone have "connections" for obtaining raffle prizes or sponsors?

As we have seen in the past, many hands lead to great success! Both "old" and new members are welcome at our meetings. We look forward to your ideas, suggestions, and comments, and we appreciate your support! So please join us at our first monthly YDF 2017 planning meeting on **Wednesday, November 9, at 10:00 am**, in the living room.

Christina McVaney, cmcvaney@yahoo.com, 203-292-8138
Kim Reichert, kim.reichert@gmail.com, 203-227-4590

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