

The BULLETIN



OF THE WESTPORT WOMAN'S CLUB

APRIL 2012

WWC APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Club Day</i>	3 <i>Garden Board</i> 1:30 pm	4 <i>YDF Meeting 10:00</i> <i>Mah Jong 1:00pm</i> <i>GNO 6:30pm</i>	5 <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Celebrate Fasion</i> 10:15am <i>Zumba 11:30 am</i>	6	7
8	9 <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	10	11 <i>Cultural Affairs</i> 9:30 am <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i>	12 <i>Social Bridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba 11:30am</i>	13	14
15	16 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>	17 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Gourmet 11:30am</i> <i>Bunco 7:00 pm</i>	18 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i> <i>Garden General</i> 9:30 am	19 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>SocialBridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba 11:30am</i>	20 <i>Office Closed</i>	21
22	23 <i>Community Service</i> 9:30 am <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i> <i>WWC Board</i> 1:00pm	24 <i>Ladies Who Lunch</i> 12:00 noon	25 <i>Antiques 10:00am</i> <i>Mah Jong 1-4pm</i> <i>RSVP 1-4pm</i>	26 <i>SocialBridge</i> 10:00 am <i>Zumba 11:30am</i> <i>Book Review</i> 1:00pm	27 <i>Canal Park</i>	28
29	30 <i>Bridge 10:30 am</i>					

Officers *President* Mary Lee Clayton; *1st Vice President (Special Interests)* Leah Scherzer; *2nd Vice President (Finance)* Wynne Abrams; *3rd Vice President (Ways & Means)* Martha Eidman; *Secretary* Susan Fox; *Treasurer* Barbara Szefc **Directors** *Communications* TBA; *Community Service* Jo Fuchs Luscombe; *Grounds* Brenda Sciarra; *House* Clare Clark; *Membership* Bobbie Herman; *Parliamentary Advisor* Arlene Wolfe; *Program* Kathy Groener, Mitzi Lyman; *Rentals* Shirlee Gordon *Curio Cottage* Ruthann Caroll, *Yankee Doodle Fair* TBA
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SUNSHINE GIRLS

April: Lucille Kear, 227-9263
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Members,

April is National Volunteer month, a time to celebrate all the work done for the club by our members. Thank you to:

Karen Eickoff and the Curio Cottage volunteers who just ran a very successful Tag Sale and continue to manage with skill and committee one of our major, ongoing fund raisers;

Martha Eidman, Mary Vickery and company for the pioneering the Cabaret series which has benefited our scholarship fund and provides a stage for promising young performers;

All of you who contributed to our annual appeal which helps to keep the place running;

Karen Center and Wendy McKeon and the volunteers who keep the food closet going. Despite an improving economy, Westport still needs assistance. And, thank you as well to all of you who contribute food and money to this very important program;

Nancy Saipe for coordinating the Holiday Meals and Holiday food cards;

Amy Schneider who has been working with the Warm-up Fund Committee, helping to coordinate the WWC involvement;

Jo Luscombe for her guidance of the Community Service Committee and its members in making the tough decisions about what organizations to fund;

Audrey Rabinowich and the scholarship committee; Barbara Levy and Jo Luscombe who run our sponsorship committee; Rose Jordan and the Ruegg Grant Committee;

Patria Swann who manages and organizes the annual Canal Park Green lunch;

Joan Miller and the R.S.V.P. knitters who keep children and adults supplied with hats, scarves, blankets and healing shawls;

Lorraine Feliciano and Denise Kuendig who keep us in the public eye; Catherine Smith and Colleen Fenton who see that Club news gets to you in a timely manner; and the women who run our Special Interest groups;

There are many more – and I am sure I will get emails, but space is an issue, so:

To all of those women, the Board and all of you who have helped with mailings, fund raisers, food donations and so many other things that we ask you to do: THANK YOU! MANY TIMES OVER

Now, if you haven't had an opportunity to volunteer, or if you are just getting a little bored, we have a few things coming up:

CABARET II

Set the evening of April 28th aside for the second of the popular 2012 Cabaret series. The April performers are local and very, very talented. The Cabaret Committee can use some help distributing signs and posters; decorating and selling wine and tickets at the show. Call Mary Vickery if you would like to volunteer.

Have a lovely April and volunteer!

Mary Lee Clayton
President, 878-1486

HUGE PLANT SALE

Once again the Garden Department is having its Spring Plant sale on Club Day, May 7th. This year, you can PRE-ORDER our beautiful and carefully selected annuals and the BOBBEX needed to keep the critters away.

The order form is attached. Just complete and return to the Garden Department cubby in the office.

PS: You can also hand select your plants at the sale on May 7th, from 9:00am- 3:00pm

Thank you to all for your cards kind words and support at the time of my husband's passing. A memorial service will be held on Saturday April 14th at the Unitarian church in Westport at 11:00 am. to celebrate Eugene's life.

Carol Burgess

CLUB DAY

April 2nd is our next Club Day which will be hosted by Bobbie Herman and New Members; Tommie Ross and Social Bridge. Please be sure to make your reservation through the office (227-4240).

We are still looking for people to help on Club Day. If you do not belong to a Special Interest Group but want to participate in any way on Club Day, please call me for any questions or use the sign-up form in the coat room. Thank you.

Leah Scherzer, 1st VP
leahsart@aol.com, 226-3042

PROGRAMS

This month we welcome the Staples Orphenians elite choir group under the direction of Mr. Justin Miller. Among his many accomplishments Mr. Miller is well known for his direction of the international award winning Westminster Chorus.

Come join us for what is sure to be a wonderful performance.

Mitzy Lyman
Program Chair, 254-2062

COMMUNITY SERVICES

By the time the April Bulletin reaches our membership, The Community Service Committee will have completed the review of all grant applications and submitted a detailed report to the Board for approval at their April meeting. I am very grateful to those members who faithfully attended meetings and helped with the difficult but rewarding decision-making process. As a result, we will be able to extend financial assistance to many area organizations whose job it is to help those in need.

Jo Fuchs-Luscombe
Director, Community Service
203-227-0393

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the following new members --

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Bobbie Herman
Membership Chairman
203-255-1577

LUCKY PRICE DRAWING

The Lucky Prize Drawing has become a traditional part of the Yankee Doodle Fair. Many prizes and gifts are needed to make the Lucky Prize Drawing successful. All we ask is that you visit just one store or business to request a donation of a gift. Select one from our list or suggest a new one. Please contact Jane Potkin (349-5752) or Audrey Rabinowitz (227-6010) before you approach a business – we will offer suggestions and give you a packet with a letter and donor form for each store. The LPD is an endeavor by the entire Club membership, not just a few people. We appreciate your participation.

Audrey Rabinowitz, 227-6010

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

“Nice Work if You Can Get It”
Wednesday, April 11, 2012

This musical is about a playboy who gets mixed up with bootleggers in the 1920s, it has songs by George and Ira Gershwin and will be directed and choreographed by the Tony winner Kathleen Marsha (“Anything Goes”). The leading man is Matthew Broderick in his first Broadway musical since the “Producers” in 2001. The leading lady is Kelli O’Hara back on Broadway after her starring roles in “South Pacific,” “The Pajama Game,” and “The Light in the Piazza.” There is still a need for a wait list for this trip. The bus will leave the lower lot at 9:30 am.

Cost of this theater trip is \$122 .00 per person.

“Ghost the Musical”
Wednesday May 23, 2012

The Broadway production of “Ghost the Musical” will be directed by Matthew Warchus, a Tony winner for “God of Carnage,” who is the director of current West End production. The London cast will transfer to Broadway in April at a Nederlander theatre. ‘Ghost’ features music by Grammy Award winner Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics and Grammy Award winner Glen Ballard. The musical is adapted from the hit film by its Academy Award winning screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin.

There are still tickets available for this show. Cost of this theater trip is \$122 .00 per person.

Marilyn Killough, 259-1833

YANKEE DOODLE FAIR

Hope to see you at the next meeting April 4th 10:00 am in the living room.

Mary Lee Clayton
President and temporary YDF Chair

CURIO COTTAGE

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Tag Sale was a great success, many new shoppers and great donations. We made \$5650.50 and got to clean out the shop, rearrange furniture and display areas and put out great “new” merchandise.

The success was due to wonderful publicity and fantastic workers. I can’t take up the space to thank each one by name, but this event can only happen because of all of you---including wonderful sons and husbands. So, as long as all of you can work and support this event with such willingness, we will do it again, same time next year!

Curio Cottage Committee

Karen Eickhoff and the Cottage Committee

CANAL PARK

It is once again that time of year when the Community Services Group solicits prepared food for the Westport Woman's Club's Canal Park Luncheon.

If you can donate a dish and want info re what kind of food is preferable, please let me know. The luncheon is April 27th. Please give me a call

Patria Swann, 226-9489

ANTIQUES GROUP

The speaker for the Wednesday, April 25th meeting will be Thomas K Libby, who operates a shop by the same name in South Norwalk. In addition to specializing in antique and vintage ceramics, including art pottery and Japanese Awaji and Kyoto pottery, he has been restoring ceramics since his teen years. Mr. Libby apprenticed with three different professional restorers and is a member of The Connecticut Ceramics Study Circle. He also repairs chipped or broken stemware, as well as other decorative glass and crystal objects.

Refreshments will be served at 10am, followed by a short business meeting and our speaker's presentation. If you have any chipped or broken stemware, crystal or porcelain items, bring them for Mr. Libby to give his opinion about repairing.

All Club members – including guests - are welcome.

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

RSVP KNITTERS

All levels of knitters are welcome and we are happy to teach beginners. For questions, please contact Joan Miller, 203-226-7036 or mmiller@optonline.net. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 25 at 1:00pm upstairs in the boardroom of the Club.

TOURNAMENT BRIDGE

If you are interested in playing or being a sub please contact Mary Jane Cross, 227-7135.

SOCIAL BRIDGE

If you are interested please contact Tommie Ross, 227-2444 .

BOOK REVIEW

The April Book Club selection is "I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced" by Nujood Ali, a young (really young) Yemeni girl who was married off by her family to a 30 year old man. Her story is one of exceptional bravery in refusing the fate that had been decided for her. This very short book is an excellent read, giving rise to lots of interesting discussion questions. All are welcome to join us in the living room at 1pm on Thursday, April 26th.

Barbara Raffel, 226-3954

GARDEN DEPARTMENT

Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

General Meeting: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 651 Pequot Road, Southport.

We have been invited to attend the House and Garden Club of Eastern Fairfield County's program at Trinity Episcopal Church in Southport. The topic of the program is square foot gardening; the speaker is Mike Aitkenhead, Staples High School teacher of Environmental Science and Horticulture and the resident at Wakeman Farm in Westport. Square foot gardening is the practice of planning small but intensively planted gardens, usually in raised beds that are divided into sections of one square foot each planted with vegetables and or plants.

Please note the date, time and location of this meeting/program.

Catherine Smith, 454-8724

CELEBRATE FASHION:

What's old is now new?
Sunday, October 2012, 3-6PM at the WWC in collaboration with the WHS.

Join us at our next meeting in the Boardroom on Thursday, April 5th at 10:15 and find out all the exciting things we are planning for this event.

Mary Lee Clayton, 878-1486
Leah Scherzer, 226-3042

GOURMET

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 17. We will be enjoying a cooking demonstration by Chef Nick Shope from Fitzgerald catering at 11:30 AM in the auditorium. We request an RSVP... which also goes for our regular members...and a fee of \$15 (guests only). Please contact either Anne or Betty so we can give Chef Shope an accurate count of diners. Hope to see you there!

Anne Hunt, 203-226-3840
rahuntclub@sbcglobal.net
Betty Kaye, 203-226-6774

BUNCO

Tuesday, April 17th

7:00pm Chat & Chew

7:30pm Play begins

Wendy McKeon, 222-0038

MAH JONGG

We play every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted on the calendar) from 1:00- 4:00PM. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome. Please call Diana Zaslow, 227-1346 if you are interested.

ZUMBA

Thursdays at 11:30-12:30. Everyone is welcome. Join us for fun, and dance to a healthier you. Classes are \$8.00 with instructor Jill Franke.

Leah Scherzer, 1st V.P.
leahsart@aol.com, 226-3042.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT, GNO

Calling all girls for a new year of GNO! We have planned one a month, the dates may change based on the WWC rental calendar but get ready for some laughs while getting to know each other. Looking for a few of you to take turns hosting...please get in touch with us to sign up! Cost is \$10.00 and reservations needed by the Monday before.

Please save these dates:

April 4
May 2
June 6

Hope to see you there.
Clare Clark
clarec@optonline.net

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Our next luncheon will be at The Grey Goose Cafe -- 246 Old Post Road in Southport

Date -- Tuesday, April 24 at noon.

A link to their website -- <http://www.thegraygoosecafe.com/>

Although I've never dined there, I have heard wonderful things about it and look forward to the experience.

Please let me know before Friday, April 20 if you will be joining us.

Bobbie Herman
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Proposed WWC Slate of Officers – 2012-2013

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the proposed slate for the WWC Board of Directors for the 2012–2013 year. Voting will take place at the May Club Day General

President	Mary Lee Clayton
1st VP – Special Interests	Leah Scherzer
2nd VP - Finance	Arlene Johnson
3rd VP – Ways & Means	By Committee
Secretary	Susan Fox
Treasurer	Barbara Szefer
Communications	By Committee
Community Services	Pat Jensen
Curio Cottage Liaison	Ruth Ann Carroll
Grounds	Nancy Holland
House	Clare Clark
Membership	Bobbie Herman
Parliamentary Advisor	Arlene Wolfe
Program	Penny Pearlman
	Leah Scherzer
Rentals	Wynne Abrams
Yankee Doodle Fair	By Committee

Submitted by Nominating Committee

Westport Woman's Club presents



WAITING IN THE WINGS CABARET

*An Evening of
Broadway & Jazz Classics*

NYC's Brightest New Stars



MIA GENTILE

**Saturday
April 28
5:00 & 8:30 pm**



BRETT BOLES

Tickets: \$35

*Includes wine and hors d'oeuvres
plus two \$5 Dining Dollar vouchers
to be used at Bobby Q's, Blue Lemon,
Da Pietro's, Matsu Sushi, River House,
and Rizzuto's.*

**WestportWomansClub.org
44 Imperial Avenue
203-227-4240**

All proceeds support the WWC Scholarship Program



Pre-Order May 7th Garden Sale

10" Hanging Baskets \$20.00 each

How Many

Scaevola – Blue fan Flower

Boston fern

New Guinea Impatiens – Pick a color

Salmon Light Pink Deep Pink Red Lavender White

Case of 15- 4 ½ New Guinea Impatiens - \$60.00 per case

Please select number of cases and color.

Salmon Light Pink Deep Pink Red Lavender White

Bobbex Deer Spray \$25.00 (will not wash off) Mixed 48 oz. pump Concentrate 1qt.

Bobbex – R animal repellent \$30.00 (prevents chipmunks, voles, ground hogs, rabbits)

Total Number of Baskets @ \$20.00 _____

Total Number of Cases @ \$60.00 _____

Total Number Deer Spray @ 25.00 _____

Amount due \$ _____

Please make checks out to the Westport Woman’s Club. Please place your orders no later than April 15th.

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