

***Encore Club*****IMAGES****President's Message****GREETINGS TO ALL:**

Welcome December – the busiest month for all. So much to do and so many gatherings to attend. Encore is not an exception, so mark your calendar and make your reservation now.

December 2015 is Encore's last month of our 45<sup>th</sup> year in existence! Let us all plan to celebrate this milestone as we gather for our Holiday Party on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will acknowledge this special anniversary, and the holidays, with good food, libation, and a Festive Piano- led Sing-a-long, and a few other surprises, in a friendly, festive atmosphere.

Please see details for this event in December's Newsletter, along with information about Our Annual Holiday Luncheon, to be held this year at the beautiful Roger Sherman Inn in New Canaan. Don't miss the other December events outlined in this Newsletter as well.

Special thanks to all who plan and help with our Club events in order that we may continue the friendship we all enjoy as members of this Special Club.

Have a Happy Holiday Season,  
Roseanne

***“Above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you, because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it”***  
(Roald Dahl, the Minpins)

**December Luncheon**

***Roger Sherman Inn***  
195 Oenoke Ridge Road, New Canaan

**DATE:** December 17

**TIME:** 11:45 a.m.

**Appetizer:** Butternut Squash Soup

**Choice of Entree:** Herb Pan Roasted Salmon, Buerre Blanc Sauce

Sliced Roasted Tenderloin of Pork in Apple Brandy Sauce

**Dessert:** Vanilla Bean Cheesecake

**Beverage:** Tea or Coffee, Iced Tea and Lemonade

**COST:** \$36.00 per person inclusive of tax and gratuity

**DEADLINE:** Checks **MUST** be received by **MONDAY, December 14.** See Page 5



### **Loft Hopping, ETC.**

For **December**, we are planning on visiting the **Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven** to view their **Crèche exhibition** of over 76 nativity scenes from various Central European nations. Additionally, the museums own collection of creches that they have acquired from around the world will be on display including its recent acquisition, a modern Neapolitan diorama. We hear that this is a spectacular exhibit, one not to be missed.

The date for this Loft Hopping event will be **Tuesday, December 8th at 11:00 AM**. The exhibit and parking are **FREE!** The address is 1 State St., New Haven, CT. If we have 10 people attending, there will be a 45 minute docent tour of the new Crèche exhibit. The creches that belong to the Knights of Columbus, we can view on our own.

**Please email me (dolorvc@aol.com) or call Dolores (203-856-5536) if you plan on attending.** If you can drive or need a ride, please let me know as some will be leaving from the commuter lot on Wolfpit Rd.

We look forward to seeing you at this special event.

Dolores Cunningham

Geri Kesney



### **Holiday Party**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:30 - 7:30**

**New Location- Pilgrim Hall – Wilton Congregational Church**



Plan to attend Encore Club's annual joyous party – bring yourself, spouse or friend. Festive attire.

**Please provide a delicious appetizer or salad to serve 8-10**

Encore will provide baked ham and shrimp, dessert, coffee, wine and soda.  
No Desserts as we will have a special cake to celebrate Encore's 45th anniversary.

**COST:** \$10 per person (Member and Spouse/Guest) Extra guests \$15 per person

**RSVP:** Check must be received by Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Send Sign up slip (page 5)

### **Volunteers Welcomed!**

I am having a committee meeting at my house (70 Linden Tree Rd.) on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Everyone who would like to be involved in planning the Holiday Party is welcome. We need lots of help, so it doesn't fall on just a few.

I would really appreciate it if you would let me know if you can come on November 12<sup>th</sup> 203-762-3190 or [anne.hamar@hamarlaser.com](mailto:anne.hamar@hamarlaser.com)

### **Bridge**

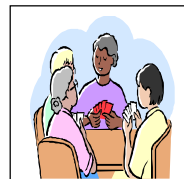
**When:** Mondays (excluding holidays and day after)

**Time:** 1:00 PM

**Location:** Wilton Comstock Senior Center

Maureen Turnier 203-762-936

Rosemary Zangrillo 203-847-865



**Book Discussion**

**Date and Time:** Thursday, **December 3 at 2:00 pm.**  
**Location:** Gail Nielsen, 69 Range Road (Buckboard Ridge top of hill before mailboxes)  
**RSVP:** To Gail at 203-762-0559 or gvnielsen@sbcglobal.net.

Bring a wrapped book (no name) to be exchanged for our Holiday Book Swap.

We have decided to change the selection of the book that we will be reading for our next meeting. We will be reading **The Devil In The White City by Erik Larson.**

Erik Larson intertwines the true tale of the 1893 World's Fair and the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death. Combining meticulous research with nail-biting storytelling, Erik Larson has crafted a narrative with all the wonder of newly discovered history and the thrills of the best fiction.

**For January 28, 2016,** we will read, **A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman.** Nea Martin will be the leader. We will meet at the Comstock Senior Center at noon. You are invited to bring your lunch. RSVP to Alice Morgan at 203-216-2574 or alicemorgan@higginsgroup.com.

Ove is a curmudgeon--the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell." Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.

Alice Morgan 203-216-2574

**December Board Meeting**

**Date:** **Thursday, December 3**  
**Time:** 9:30 AM for coffee – Meeting will start **promptly** at 10:00 A.M.  
**Location:** Gail Nielsen, 69 Range Road (Buckboard Ridge) gvnielsen@sbcglobal.net

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**Mah Jongg**

The Encore Mah Jongg group meets every **Wednesday at 1:00 pm at the Wilton Senior Center.** If you know how to play Mah Jongg and would like to join the group or be a substitute, please come by any Wednesday afternoon between 1:00-3:00 to meet the Mah Jongg ladies. We most often have two tables of four players and would be happy to add another table.

If you would like to learn to play Mah Jongg, training may be available at the Norwalk Senior Center. Participation at the Norwalk Senior Center requires that you become a member. For more information, please call 203-847-3115.

**Co-chairs:** Gale Roeder 203-762-3784 Pat Wernig 203-762-1739.



### December Coffee



The wind is blowing and soon snowflakes will be falling. Let's start the Christmas season by having coffee at **Donna Below's** wonderful home. **Friday, December 4th from 10-12.** Her address is **34 Bald Hill Road, Wilton.** Please call or email by Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. and let her know you will be attending. Also, if you like, bring a Christmas recipe or decorating idea. Call 203-762-7978 or email [donnabelow@optonline.net](mailto:donnabelow@optonline.net).

### Lunch Bunch

**When:** Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at NOON

**Where:** Tutti's Restaurant, 599 Riverside Ave., Westport, Ct.

203 221 0262

Please join us at a Lunch Bunch "favorite"!

Joyce Ploder is the contact person. Call her at 203 762 3512, or e-mail her at [joyce@plodercm.com](mailto:joyce@plodercm.com) Please let her know if you decide to cancel that morning.



### Chick Flick

December Chick Flick will be on **Tuesday, December 29, 2015.** In case you are around during the Holidays, perhaps you will be free and want to join us for dinner and a movie. An email will be sent out a few days before December 29 (when the movie schedule becomes available) announcing where to meet and what movie we will be seeing. Please contact Alice Morgan if you have a suggestion for a movie you would like to see or a restaurant to try.

Alice Morgan 203-216-2574

### Member News

Happy December Birthdays to: Annette Ambler, Dolores Banta, Carol Boehly, Nancy Brautigam, Mary Favata, Maryann Grierson, Anne Hamar, Joyce Ploder, Anne Richards, Pat Wernig, and Rosemary Zangrillo

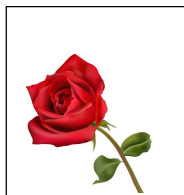
### Welcome New Members

Mary Ann Acampora 203-762-5819  
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Wilton, CT 06897  
[macampor@optonline.net](mailto:macampor@optonline.net)

Lois Alcosser 203-762-3227  
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Wilton, CT 06897  
[loisalcosser@aol.com](mailto:loisalcosser@aol.com)

#### **Returning Member**

Marge Cavanaugh 203-762-1935  
23 Kent Hills Lane  
Wilton, CT 06897  
[margetrosecavanaugh@gmail.com](mailto:margetrosecavanaugh@gmail.com)



**Correct e-mail-** Barbara Osterholm  
[jbosterholm@gmail.com](mailto:jbosterholm@gmail.com)

Julie Shevchik- [JShevchik@aol.com](mailto:JShevchik@aol.com)

Correct spelling – Sue Steitz

**Newsletter Deadline**

Please submit all information to Gail by **Wednesday, December 2**

To: Gail Nielsen gvnielsen@sbcglobal.net Questions? 203-762-0559 or 603-540-0266

**Monthly Calendar of Activities**

|                       |                            |                                 |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wednesday, December 2 | Newsletter information due | RSVP to gvnielsen@sbcglobal.net |
| Thursday, December 3  | Board Meeting              | RSVP to gvnielsen@sbcglobal.net |
| Thursday, December 3  | Book Discussion            | RSVP to Gail N.                 |
| Friday, December 4    | Coffee                     | RSVP to Donna B.                |
| Friday, December 11   | Lunch Bunch                | RSVP to Joyce P.                |
| Tuesday, December 8   | Loft Hopping, ETC.         | RSVP to Dolores C.              |
| Sunday, December 13   | Encore Holiday Party       | RSVP by Wednesday, December 9   |
| Thursday, December 17 | Holiday Luncheon           | RSVP by Monday, December 14     |
| Tuesday, December 29  | Chick Flick                | RSVP to Alice M.                |
| Mondays               | Bridge                     |                                 |
| Wednesdays            | Mah Jongg                  |                                 |

***Holiday Party Sun Dec 13<sup>th</sup> - SIGN – UP***

**DEADLINE: Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**



**Names(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of people: \$10 each** for member & spouse/guest, **\$15** per extra guest) \_\_\_\_\_

**What appetizer/salad will you bring?** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be ready to serve)

Make check out to Encore, & mail to Gale Roeder, 33 Coley Road, Wilton 06897

**Sign up for December 17<sup>th</sup>. Holiday Luncheon**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member:** Is this your 1<sup>st</sup>. luncheon? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle your choice:** Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your check made out to Encore for \$36.00 to Gale Roeder, 33 Coley Road, Wilton, CT 06897

**NOTE: Your check MUST be received by Monday, December 14**

