

# *Wilton Encore Club*



## *PRESIDENT'S LETTER*

Dear Friends,

Are we really looking to December. How fast time flies and how fragile life is. As you know our good friend and CO-VP Karen Thomas passed away so suddenly and unexpectedly this past week. She will be missed by all.

To high light October we enjoyed the tour of Coley House in Weston thanks to the Enhancement committee and we had a very successful Bedazzled and BeJeweled fundraiser luncheon on October 26 at the Silver Spring Country Club thanks to Inta, Roseanne, Gail DeLoia and her committee, Diane Russ, Carol Comiskey, Dolores Cunningham, Kathleen Wrampe , Pat Vezendy, Karen Birck and Amelia Petrikas.

It was so nice to see many members old and new along with guests. Everyone enjoyed the event and the wonderful lunch. Best of all we raised \$4700.00, from donations and jewelry sales. So nice to donate to the Wilton Community Assistance Fund and the Senior Center.

In November, the Theater trip to see "Some Like It Hot" will be enjoyed. For December we are looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon at the Darien Country Club. It will be very festive and delicious. Make your reservations early.

Again, I am grateful for all who organize our activities that makes our club special . And thanks to those who pitch in when help is needed.

I would like to wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Best to All  
Susan

## *VP News*

"The year has whizzed by and now here we are in December with visions of sugar plums beginning to dance in our heads! It's been a busy Encore year with a Winter Party; '60's Party, Coley House Tour, Coffees, Lunches, Book Discussions, etc., etc., and we're excited about the many activities on tap for next year.

We've welcomed many New Members this year. In fact, I'd like to introduce Arlene Dolin, our newest member. Welcome Arlene - we look forward to meeting you very soon.

As 2023 comes to a close, I hope everyone enjoys very Happy Holidays and all good wishes for Peace, Friendship and Happiness in 2024. And to Karen Thomas, our co-vice president, rest in peace. We will miss you. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!!  
Pat"



## *December Coffee*

**When:** Friday, December 1, 2023

**Where:** Home of Carol Comiskey, 58 Pine Ridge Road, Wilton

**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**RSVP:** Carol Comiskey, ccomiske@yahoo.com, 203-762-0327 (home), 203-858-8598 (cell)

Our December coffee will be hosted by Carol Comiskey. Kick off the December holiday season with Encore friends!

Encore members who offered to bring food to a coffee, please get in touch with Carol if you want to bring food in December.



**American MahJongg**

The Encore American Mahjongg group meets every Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Wilton Senior Center Lounge. You will need the 2023 American Mahjongg Card.

Here is a Mahjongg YouTube site and a Website you might be interested in using:

YouTube: Michele Frizzell#Mahjlife

To play on your computer, the website: MyJongg

For more information get in touch with: Kathleen\_wrampe@yahoo.com



**Chick Flick**

December 2023 is going to be a busy month for me and probably for you, too.

Because I will be out of town for a wedding before Christmas, and hosting lots of family Christmas week, I will not be able to schedule the Chick Flick night in December. Let's plan to get together in January, and we will celebrate the New Year together

Alice Morgan



**Ladies Who Brunch**

Happy Holidays!!! The last Brunch for the 2023 year for the Encore Club will be held at Orem's Diner located at 167 Danbury Road in Wilton (our usual place).

The usual time? 10:30 AM. Brunch will be on **Wednesday December 20th**. Please RSVP to Joan Roman by Monday December 18th. either by phone 203-210-7690 or email at joan7545@gmail.com.

LOVE to see you there to celebrate the holiday season with pancakes, waffles, and other "good stuff"!

Stay safe. Roman Joan

**Bridge**

Bridge meets in the downstairs card room of the Wilton Senior Center in the Comstock Community Center at 12:30 pm. We are looking for new members to join the group. Contact Rosemary Zangrillo at 203-847-8625 or rzangrillo@aol.com



**Sew and Sew Social**

The Encore Sew & Sew Social group meets at the Wilton Senior Center Lounge from 10:00 am to noon. On the following dates: November 27, and **December 18**.

All Encore members are welcome to come and work on their handcrafted projects as well as show us your finished or unfinished projects. Our members always have handy advice in case you need some, along with lots of encouragement.

For more information: Kathleen\_wrampe@yahoo.com



**Newsletter Deadline**

Please submit all information for the January newsletter by **Wednesday, December 6**  
To: Gail Nielsen gvnielsen38@gmail.net Questions? 203-762-0559 or 603-540-0266





**ENCORE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON**

**ON THE BEAUTIFUL ENCLOSED TERRACE @ THE COUNTRY CLUB OF DARIEN, 300 Mansfield Ave., Darien**

**DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION, DECEMBER 9**

**ARRIVAL TIME: 11:30 A.M. LUNCHEON SERVED 12:00 P.M. \$55 (includes tax & tip)**

**PLEASE NOTE: Iced Tea & Lemonade passed upon arrival & included in the price. Other beverages must be paid in advance with your reservation: Sodas \$6, Red & White Wine \$12, Mixed Drinks \$12, Bloody Mary \$11**

**MENU:**      *1<sup>st</sup> Course: Cup of Butternut Squash Soup + Mixed Field Greens, Honey Goat Cheese, Champagne Vinaigrette*  
   *Vegetarian Choice: Sweet Potato Gnocchi*  
   *Choice of Maple & Bourbon Salmon ---- or--- Chicken Francaise*  
*Each Entrée Served with Tomato & Basil Risotto Cake and Chef's Selection of Winter Vegetables*  
   *Walnut & Cranbury Dinner Rolls on the Table.      Dessert: Vanilla Crème Brulee, Macerated Fruit. Coffee/Tea Service*

**DIRECTIONS:** Via Merritt Parkway to Exit 37. Make a right at the light & continue onto Mansfield Avenue. Proceed 1.5 miles. Club entrance is on the left (opposite 3 black mailboxes on right side). About 9.7 miles from Wilton Ctr. Carpools available from Commuter Lot on Rt. 7 and Wolfpit Road. Reservation Slip on last page. Call Roseanne 203- 984-7131 with questions

**Board Meeting**

**Date:**              Thursday, December 7  
**Location:**        Lounge on main floor of Wilton Senior Center in the Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road, Wilton.



**Enrichment Activity**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Thursday, 01/11/2024

Bruce Museum – Details to Follow

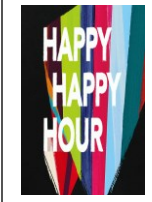


**Rummykub**

Rummykub will not meet in December. See you in 2024!



**Happy Hour**



**Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** at 74 Glen Hill Road, Wilton

Try to carpool if possible

Just arrive and come in - front door or back door. Closets to hang coats are by both doors

Limit of 20 people - sign up soon 😁 **RSVP** 🍷 : Diane Russ druss1013@gmail.com or 203-834-0059

Bring **nothing**. Just be ready to enjoy nibbles and good wine. For those who don't want to imbibe, seltzer will be provided as well.

If you don't like wine, feel free to bring your own hard liquor or other drink.

**Book Discussion**

We will meet **December 7, 2023** for our Holiday Book Exchange at Sylvia Freije's home, 68 Branch Brook Road, Wilton, at 2:00 pm. We will discuss **The Postcard** by Anne Berest.

Please **RSVP** to Sylvia at ssfreije@gmail.com or 310-995-7094,  
Please bring a wrapped new or gently-used book to the book exchange.

For the months of January, February, and March we will plan to meet at the Comstock Senior Center at 2 pm. The following are the books that we plan to read in the months ahead:

- January 18, 2024      **Foster** by Claire Keegan
- February 15, 2024    **Honor** by Trinity Umrigar
- March 21, 2024      **Hello Beautiful** by Ann Napilitano



You are welcome to join us any month that fits your schedule.

**Lunch Bunch**

Dear Encore Members,

Our **December 8th** lunch bunch is at Terrain Garden Cafe, 561 Post Road E, Westport, Ct., 203- 226- 2732, at 12 NOON. Terrain is across from the VOLVO dealership. Come and enjoy all the Christmas greenery, while you have a delicious lunch.

Please RSVP to Joyce Ploder at 203- 762- 3512 or jploder@optimum.net  
If you need a ride there, please call me.

Bonnie and Joyce ❤️🌲

**Member News**

**Welcome to New Member:**

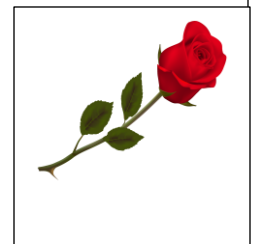
Arlene Dolin            cell: 336-908-4447  
53 Wilton Crest  
Wilton, CT 06897  
arlenedolin@gmail.com

**Directory Email Correction:**

Rena Canellas  
renacanel@optonline.net

**Address Change:**

Susan Wall  
**31 Old Danbury Road**  
Wilton, CT 06897



**Phone number change in directory:**

Lila Griswold – 203-762-3483

### Member News

**Happy December Birthdays** To: Anne Richards - 1st, Anne Hamar - 3rd, Dolores Banta -4th, Mary Ellen Sullivan - 8th, Rosemarie Malcarney - 12th, Annette Ambler - 14th, Rosemary Zangrillo - 20th, Pat Wernig - 22nd, Janis Siegel - 25th, Elizabeth O'Connor -27th, Arlene Dolin – 30, Nancy Brautigam - 31st, Susan Groo and Joyce Ploder.

### **Did You Know?**

#### **Fun Happenings at our Local Libraries**

**DARIEN LIBRARY:** Thursday, December 7, 2023. 7:00 pm to 8 pm in the Community Room: “Little Women” Out Loud, The Christmas Chapter: A Short Play.

Come and enjoy The reenactment of Louisa May, Alcott’s Little Women by two storytellers, Carol, Burch and Meghan Wells.

To procure tickets: go to the website:darienlibrary.org Then click on menu, and find Upcoming Events. Click on it and scroll down to the date December7, 2022. You will see this event that describes it followed by Registration. All you need to do is add your name and email address. By the way, admission is free.

**NEW CANAAN LIBRARY:** Sunday, December 10, 2023. 3pm to 4pm at the Jim & DeDe Bartlett Auditorium & Community Room: Holiday Acapella Performance featuring ACABELLA a 13-member Acapella group kicking off the holiday season with a festival of wonderful music.

To procure tickets: go to the website: newcannanlibrary.org Start scrolling and you will see events listed by date. Tap on where it says view more and keep scrolling until you see numbers on the bottom of the page. Go to box 6 tap and on it and scroll until you see Sun, Dec 10, Acabella. Tap on it and you will see information about the event and the Registration form follows. Admission is free.

Registration to these terrific library events around holiday time tend to fill up quickly so try to register early. If you have trouble registering, please call or email me and I will try to help you. Hope to see you there!

Dolores Cunningham 203 856-5536 Email: dolorvc@aol.com

### RESERVATION SLIP FOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT C. C. OF DARIEN, FRI. DEC 15, 2023. DEADLINE DEC. 9, 2023.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHOICE OF ENTRÉE: Price \$55 Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_

CHOICE OF BEVERAGES: Wine - \$12 \_\_\_ Mixed Drink \$12 \_\_\_ Bloody Mary \$11 \_\_\_ Soda\$6 \_\_\_

**Please Note:** Please put the number of drinks you want in each category. If you do not want any drink (other than the Iced Tea or Lemonade) do not check any of the above. All drinks must be paid with this Reservation and added to the \$55 luncheon fee. All checks to be made out to Encore Club.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CAR POOL FROM THE COMMUTER LOT? \_\_\_\_\_  
WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE ONE OF THE DRIVERS? \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAIL THIS SLIP & YOUR CHECK FOR \$55 + THE AMOUNT OF ANY DRINKS YOU ORDER MADE OUT TO ENCORE TO: CAROL KOPFMANN, 56 COLEY ROAD, WILTON, CT 06897

### *Monthly Calendar of Activities*

Friday, December 1	Monthly Coffee	RSVP to Carol Comiskey
Wednesday, December 6	Newsletter Deadline	To gvnielsen38@gmail.net
Thursday, December 7	Board Meeting	RSVP to: Susan Groo
Thursday, December 7	Book Discussion	RSVP to: Sylvia Freije
Friday, December 8	Lunch Bunch	RSVP to: Joyce Ploder
Tuesday, December 12	Happy Hour	RSVP to: Diane Russ
Friday, December 15	Holiday Luncheon	RSVP to: Carol Kopfmann
Monday, December 18	Sew and Sew Social	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Wednesday, December 20	Ladies who Brunch	RSVP to: Joan Roman
Mondays 12:00 noon	Bridge	Contact Rosemary Zangrillo
Wednesdays 1:00-3:00	Mahjongg	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe

Chick Flick and Rummykubie resume in January

SAVE the DATE: Bruce Museum – Thursday, January 11, 2024