

# Wilton Encore Club



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Encore Friends:

It is hard to believe 2024 is almost here. Our Encore year was very successful with some changes made. Our Fall Fundraiser Luncheon at the Silver Spring Country Club was a huge success with our Bejeweled and Bedazzled event. Everyone had a fun time thanks to all who gave their time to make it a great success and I thank all who were so generous in their giving. We are pleased to present Wilton Social Services with \$4,500.00.

We now have created a new venue called the Enrichment Program. Thanks to our new Enhancement Program, we had a very interesting tour of the Redding Library and are looking forward in January to visit the new Bruce Museum in Greenwich.

And since last January we now have 22 new members bringing our total to 125 members. Please whenever we meet a new member, make them feel welcome.

I would like to thank again all in our club who worked so hard to make our events a success.

Happy New Year to everyone. May 2024 be filled with happy times, treasured friends and good Health.

Blessings to everyone, Susan



## VP News

I hope everyone enjoyed wonderful holidays with family and friends.

To ring in 2024, please join me in welcoming our 5 newest Encore Members: Toni Boucher, Patricia Egan, JoJo Huxford, Amy Valentin and Julie Zaferiou.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the New Year that we know you'll want to participate in. Be sure to check each month's Newsletter with details of "What's On"!

To one and all, I wish good health, happiness, peace and friendship.  
Pat

## Monthly Coffee

**When:** Friday, January 5, 2024

**Where:** Home of Gail Nielsen, 38 Glen Ridge, Wilton

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

**RSVP:** Gail Nielsen, gvnielsen38@gmail.com, 203-762-0559 (home)



Our January coffee will be hosted by Gail Nielsen. Celebrate the New Year with Encore friends!

If the three parking spaces before Gail's condo are free, you may park there. Otherwise, there is plenty of parking straight beyond #38 before the building that houses the swimming pool.

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

**American MahJongg**

Encore American MahJongg meets every **Wednesday** at the Wilton Senior Center Lounge from 1:00-3:00 PM.

In case of inclement weather call the Senior Center after 9AM for weather related closings. Call: 203-834-6240

For more information contact: Kathleen\_wrampe@yahoo.com

**Chick Flick**

Let's meet on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024** for our first Chick Flick get together in the New Year. If it is beautiful, snowy weather on January 23, we will meet on Wednesday, January 24.

I will send out an email a few days before to let everyone know what movie we will be seeing, and what time we will be meeting.

Alice Morgan

**Ladies Who Brunch**

Happy New Year!! Congratulations to all of you who lost LOTS of weight during this Holiday Season! Terrific!! Let's celebrate the new year with some good cheer, and a HUGE number of calories as we enjoy French Toast, Waffles, bacon, and other breakfast/brunch treats.

The January 2024 Brunch at Orem's Diner, located at 167 Danbury Road in Wilton will be held on **Wednesday January 17th at 10:30AM**.

Please RSVP to Joan Roman by Monday January 15th either by phone at 203-210-7690 or by email at joan7545@gmail.com. See you soon, and stay safe. Joan Roman

**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**

All Encore members are invited to come and work on your needlework projects, or see what our members are working on. Do you need help or just inspiration? This is the group for you.

We meet at the Wilton Senior Center Lounge from 10AM to Noon, once a month. Meeting dates are: **January 22**, February 26 and March 25.

For more information contact: kathleen\_wrampe@yahoo.com  
In case of inclement weather call the Senior Center after 9AM for weather related closings. Call: 203-834-6240





THE FIRST EVENT FOR 2024 IS HERE!!  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11th, 2024  
MEET AT THE BRUCE MUSEUM @ 11:00 A.M.

We are having a 1 hour, docent led tour of the  
Bruce Museum, in Greenwich CT.  
After the tour, we have a private dining room  
where a delicious lunch will be catered by Aux Delices.  
After lunch you may enjoy the museum on your own,  
shop in the Bruce Store, or simply stay  
and enjoy another cup of coffee with your Encore friends!!

Please RSVP - Reservation slip is on Page 7. We are limited to 26 people.



**MENU**

A platter of delicious wraps & sandwiches consisting of your preference:

**HERBY CHICKEN SALAD** - roasted free range chicken breast, house made mayo,  
parsley, chives, dill, pickled cucumbers on a ciabatta roll.

or

**ULTIMATE AVOCADO** - Avocado, tillamook cheddar cheese, alfalfa sprouts, pickled  
onions, sriracha mayo, sliced cucumbers, carrots on Kneaded Bread light multigrain.

or

**AMERICAN TUNA** - American pole caught tuna, hard cooked egg, avocado, house made  
mayo, lettuce on Kneaded Bread light multigrain.

or

**TURKEY BLT** - Roasted turkey, bacon, tomato spread, lettuce, house made herbed mayo  
on a demi baguette.

+Baby Arugula & Strawberry salad with goat cheese, candied walnuts, & house made  
champagne vinaigrette

+Cookie & brownie platter

+Beverage of your choice:

Coffee or tea or an Arnold Palmer

**\*Please choose your beverage & sandwich preference & with your payment\***



**Happy Hour**



The **January 9th** Encore Happy Hour will be at the Dry Dock Bar & Grill, 215 Main Street in Norwalk.

Looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks at January Happy Hour!

Please RSVP to Diane Russ, 203-834-9959 (Home) or 203-952-8719 (Cell) or druss1013@gmail.com

**Book Discussion**

For the winter months of January, February, and March we will meet at the Comstock Senior Center at 2:00 pm.

We will meet on **January 18, 2024 at 2 pm** to discuss **Foster** by Claire Keegan.

Please **RSVP** to Alice Morgan to let her know that you will be joining us.  
Email: [alice.c.morgan@gmail.com](mailto:alice.c.morgan@gmail.com) or 203-216-2574.

On February 15, 2024 we will discuss **Honor** by Trinity Umrigar.

On March 21, 2024, we will discuss **Hello Beautiful** by Ann Napilitano.

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



**Lunch Bunch**

Join us for the first Lunch Bunch of 2024 on **Friday, January 12** at noon at Osteria Romana, 250 Westport Ave., Norwalk, (203) 229-0844.

It's a long- time favorite Italian restaurant.

Please RSVP to Bonnie Thompson at (203) 261-8411 or [mrsblt29@gmail.com](mailto:mrsblt29@gmail.com).

Thanks, and Happy New Year, Joyce and Bonnie



**New- Encore Bridge in Homes**

Hi Encore Bridge Players:

Anyone interested in playing Chicago Bridge with other Encore members? We would start by playing one time a month — the last Thursday of each month —from 1:30 until 4:30.

We would play in Member's homes. Or, if you prefer, and it's your turn to host, you could arrange for space at the Sr. Center or perhaps the library.

I would have the first game at my home.

Please let me know if you're interested in joining this game.  
Either call 203- 984-7131 or email [roseannef@optonline.net](mailto:roseannef@optonline.net).

Thanks, and enjoy this joyous time of year.  
Roseanne Forslund



**Newsletter Deadline**

Please submit all information for the February newsletter by **Wednesday, January 3**  
 To: Gail Nielsen gvnielsen38@gmail.net Questions? 203-762-0559 or 603-540-0266

**Board Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, January 4  
**Location:** Lounge on main floor of Wilton Senior Center in the Comstock Community Center,  
 180 School Road, Wilton.

**Rummykub**

Rummycube will meet on **Wednesday, January 10** at 1:00 at the Wilton Comstock Senior Center, Please come and try it out!

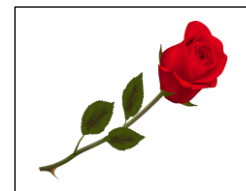
Contact Nea Martin: 203-762-3913

**Member News**

**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:** Sharon Thawley - 2nd, Peggy Sullivan - 7th,  
 Blanche Ortner - 14th, Dorita Blanchard - 16th, Diana Bankowski - 26<sup>th</sup>

**New Member:**

Toni Boucher** 5 Wicks End Lane Wilton, CT 06897 toniboucher@aol.com	cell	203-858-9950	Valentin, Amy** (Jorge) 107 New Canaan Road Wilton, CT 06897 (Mail) 310 Storybrook Point Ponte Vedra, Fl 32081 amygriswoldvalentin@gmail.com	cell	914-261-4055
Egan, Patricia** 14 Wilton Acres Wilton, Ct, 06897 patriciasegan@gmail.com	cell	201-675-1707	Zaferiou, Julie** (Rod Bals) 14 Village Walk Wilton, CT 06897 juliez.jaz@gmail.com	cell	203-210-7322 914-275-1718
Huxford, Jo-Anne (JoJo)** 13 Blue Mountain Ridge Norwalk, CT 06851 Sagelime2020@gmail.com	cell	203 -849-3181 203-295-5308			

**REMINDER - PLEASE REPLY TO SENDER ONLY**

This is just a friendly reminder that when you receive an email via our Google Group mailing list, please, please, **respond to only the sender of the email**, not the whole group. When you hit reply, make sure it is just to the **email of the one person** who sent out the Google Group email. This will avoid members getting unnecessary emails.

Sincerely appreciate your attention to this.

Thank you, Carol Comiskey, Webmaster

**Did You Know?****FUN HAPPENINGS SPONSORED BY OUR LOCAL LIBRARIES**

WILTON LIBRARY: Thursday, January 4, 2020 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, The Motown Story. This is a zoom event. Join Vinny Bruno, a 60's rock historian on zoom for his lively presentation on how the Motown sound was created and how it has become a worldwide phenomenon beloved by millions to this day. Registration is required to receive the zoom link. Please register online at the Wilton library or call 203-762-6334.

NEW CANAAN LIBRARY: Tuesday, January 23, 2020 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Absence of Proof, A fun, nonalcoholic Mixology class hosted by Absence of Proof will create three of their favorite nonalcoholic cocktails. They will chat about Mixology, the non-alcoholic industry and why they chose to create each cocktail. In order to register go to Adult Events listed on their January calendar at the New Canaan library. Click on the date January 23rd in order to register. This event will take place in the Kend kitchen and the Community Room of the New Canaan Library.

Both events are free and all you need to do is register at the respective library to attend. The Motown Story is a Zoom event so you don't even have to leave the comfort of your home if you are interested in learning more about Motown.

Dolores Cunningham

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Monthly Calendar of Activities

Wednesday, January 3	Newsletter Deadline	To gvnielsen38@gmail.net
Thursday, January 4	Board Meeting	RSVP to: Susan Groo
Friday, January 5	Monthly Coffee	RSVP to Gail Nielsen
Tuesday, January 9	Happy Hour	RSVP to: Diane Russ
Thursday, January 11	Bruce Museum	RSVP to: Check to Lynn Warren
Friday, January 12	Lunch Bunch	RSVP to: Joyce Ploder
Wednesday, January 17	Ladies who Brunch	RSVP to: Joan Roman
Thursday, January 18	Book Discussion	RSVP to: Alice Morgan
Monday, January 22	Sew and Sew Social	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Tuesday, January 23	Chick Flick	RSVP to: Alice Morgan
Mondays 12:00 noon	Bridge	Contact Rosemary Zangrillo
Wednesdays 1:00-3:00	Mahjongg	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Last Thursday of month	New! Bridge	RSVP to: Roseanne Forsland
Rummykube		

**Bruce Museum-January 11, 2024**

**Please mail your \$45 check payable to Encore Club with your sandwich preference & beverage choice to:**

Lynn Warren  
22 Michaels Way  
Weston, CT 06883

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

**Sandwich Preference:** Herby Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Ultimate Avocado \_\_\_\_\_

American Tuna \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey BLT \_\_\_\_\_

**Drink Preference:** Coffee \_\_\_\_\_ Tea \_\_\_\_\_ Arnold Palmer \_\_\_\_\_

Hosted by Dolores Cunningham & Lynn Warren