

# Wilton Encore Club



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Encore Friends,

Gosh time is flying.

As we move into 2024, we look forward to more Enrichment Programs to enjoy in addition to our favorites.

Our Vice President, Pat Vezendy will be organizing the nominating committee to fill positions on the board and activity chairs for next year. Do remember that you can always have a helper to work with you so we look forward to your participation.

The Kiwanis Club has extended an invitation to their annual Valentines luncheon in February – look out for date and details.

Happy Valentines Day to you and yours. Best always,

Susan

## VP News

Happy New Year! As we say goodbye to 2023 and hello to 2024 it's comforting to know the beat at the Encore Club continues!

We begin by introducing New Member, Pauline Monteleone. Pauline is an avid Mah Jongg Player and has already played with the group. We look forward to welcoming her to other activities as well.

**I NEED YOUR HELP!** It is time to select a **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** to be sure all Officer, Director and Activity Chairperson slates are filled for Encore's upcoming year. **2 MEMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS COMMITTEE.** Most members have indicated they plan to stay on for another year, so this will be an easy task. Please email me if you would like to be on this committee. I really appreciate your help.

Thank you and HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Pat



## Monthly Coffee

**When:** Friday, February 2, 2024

**Where:** Home of Nancy Helmig, 122 Indian Hill Road, Wilton

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

**RSVP:** Nancy Helmig, nhelmig1012@gmail.com, 203-762-3187 (home)

Our February coffee will be hosted by Nancy Helmig.

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



### American MahJongg



Encore American MahJongg meets every **Wednesday** at the Wilton Senior Center Lounge from 1:00-3:00 PM. For more information: Kathleen\_wrampe@yahoo.com

\*\*\*\*\*American MahJongg Lessons: April 2 to April 9, 2024 Wilton Continuing Education Adulted@wiltoncontinuinged.org

In case of inclement weather call the Senior Center after 9:00am for weather related closings. Call: 203-834-6240

### Chick Flick



We will meet on **Tuesday, February 27, 2024** for our February Chick Flick evening. If it is beautiful, snowy weather on February 27, we will meet on Wednesday, February 28.

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 Valentine's Day to all the ladies! Sexy lingerie (maybe?), Godiva chocolates (yum), heart shaped short stack pancakes, and LOTS of penny valentine cards. (Do they still make those?)!

Our February Brunch at Orem's Diner ( 167 Danbury Road in Wilton) will take place on **Wednesday February 21st. at 10:30 AM**

Please RSVP to Joan Roman either by email (joan7545@gmail.com) or by phone at 203-210-7690 by Monday February 19th.

Brunch is a wonderful "low key" activity for new members to meet others in a wonderful setting! Please come, as our "regular brunch goers" would love to meet you! 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. This is the group for you if you need help or inspiration.

We meet at the Wilton Senior Center Lounge from 10:00 AM to Noon, once a month.

Meeting dates are: **February 26**, March 25 and April 22.

For more information : kathleen\_wrampe@yahoo.com

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**KIWANIS CLUB OF WILTON HAS INVITED THE ENCORE CLUB TO JOIN THEM FOR THEIR VALENTINE LUNCHEON**

**WHEN?** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024      **WHERE?** WILTON EPISCOPAL/PRESBYTERIAN COMPLEX, NEW CANAAN RD., WILTON

**TIME?** 11:45 FOR SOCIAL HOUR (WINE, BEER, SOFT DRINKS); 12:00 LUNCHEON SERVICE BEGINS

**PRICE: \$18.00 --** INCLUDES ALL BEVERAGES, LUNCH, DESSERT, COFFEE/TEA

**MENU:** SALAD, HAM, SCALLOPED POTATOES, VEGETABLE & DESSERT

**THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON**

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATION IS FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR \$18 CHECK, MADE OUT TO ENCORE, TO: CAROL KOPFMANN, 56 COLELY RD., WILTON, CT 06897**

*If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Roseanne @ 203 984-7131 or [roseannef@optonline.net](mailto:roseannef@optonline.net)*

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL ENCORE MEMBERS**

**Book Discussion**

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

We will meet on **February 15** to discuss **Honor** by Thrity Umrigar.  
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 March 21, we will discuss **Hello Beautiful** by Ann Napilitano.

If you would like to read ahead, on April 18 we will discuss **The Maid** by Nita Prose;  
on May 16 we will discuss **The Spectacular** by Fiona Davis.

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

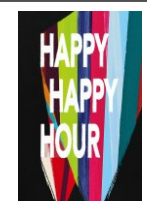


**Happy Hour**

February's Happy Hour is on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. at the Black Cat Grille in Georgetown, 58 Redding Road. Time: 4:00-6:00 PM

RSVP to me at: Email- [druss1013@gmail.com](mailto:druss1013@gmail.com) or 203-834-0059 (home), or 203-952-8719 (cell).

Thank you, and see you Friday!  
Diane Russ



**Lunch Bunch**

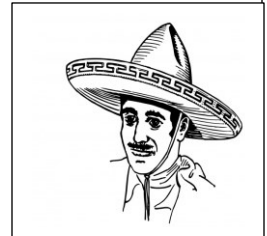
Dear Encore Friends,

Our February Lunch Bunch is at Tequila Escape, 439 Main Street, Ridgefield. 203-438-2500

The date is **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. at noon.

This restaurant is located in the CVS shopping plaza. A locale favorite, specializing in Mexican food. We hope you can join us on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you all Happy and Healthy New Year!  
Bonnie and Joyce



**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,  
Roseanne Forslund



**Newsletter Deadline**

Please submit all information for the March newsletter by **Wednesday, January 31**  
To: Gail Nielsen [gvnielsen38@gmail.net](mailto:gvnielsen38@gmail.net) Questions? 203-762-0559 or 603-540-0266

**Board Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, February 1, 2024  
**Location:** Lounge on main floor of Wilton Senior Center in the Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road, Wilton.



**Rummykub**

Rummycube will meet on **Wednesday, February 7** at 1:00 at the Wilton Comstock Senior Center, Please come and try it out!

Contact Nea Martin: 203-762-3913



**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.

**Member News**

**HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:** Judy Morrison – 2<sup>nd</sup>. Patricia Egan – 4<sup>th</sup>., Mary Wagner – 4<sup>th</sup>. Sunila Kapur – 6<sup>th</sup>. Jean Gardner – 7<sup>th</sup>. Diana Reische – 8<sup>th</sup>. Arlene Steinfeld – 8<sup>th</sup>. Gale Roeder – 9<sup>th</sup>. Bonnie Thompson – 9<sup>th</sup>. Betsy Pettit – 14<sup>th</sup>. Anne Goslee-Jovovic – 20<sup>th</sup>. Luisa Kelso – 21<sup>st</sup>. Sonja Drummond – 24<sup>th</sup>. Karen Birck – 26<sup>th</sup>. and Dorothy Hyde

**Welcome New Member:**

Monteleone, Pauline                      203-762-0044  
 5 Silvermine Woods                    cell    203-913-6606  
 Wilton, CT 06897  
 pauline.monteleone@gmail.com

**DID YOU KNOW?****DARIEN LIBRARY**

2/1/24 in the Conference Room @10:00AM

An Author Event with Kat Ashmore, creator of the Kat Kan Cook will talk about her new book, “Big Bites, Wholesome Comforting Recipes that are Big on Flavor, Nourishment and Fun”. Kat is well known and has 2.3 million followers on social media. Home cooks looking for a healthy comfort food, this event is a must for you as you will hear about some very tasty yet healthy recipes.

2/8/24 in the Community Room 7 to 8 PM

A Night of Magic with Chris Lengyel. See this mesmerizing, magician, illusionist and entertainer that will transport you to a world when the impossible becomes possible.

Chris has performed for the likes of Penn and Teller and the cast of NBC’s, The Voice.

To register for these events, go to the Darien Library Events website, scroll down to the particular event, and complete the registration form which includes your name and email address. It’s that easy!

**RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY**

2/8/24 in the Dayton Program Room 3:00 to 4:30PM

Valentine Needle Felting for Adults. Join Katy Stevenson for this popular felting class. You’ll create a small creature or ornament, using a special burred needle and dyed wool roving. Space is limited.

To register go to the Ridgefield Library’s website and look for this event listed and complete the simple registration form.

**WESTPORT LIBRARY**

2/11/24 The Trefz Forum of the Library 2:00 -3:00PM

Jazz with the Sherry Winston Band. If you enjoy jazz, come hear this band’s music which is diverse and progressive encompassing the music of icons such as Stevie Wonder and Beyoncé.

Enjoy!

Dolores Cunningham

♥ happy ♥  
 Valentine's  
 ♥ day ♥

*Monthly Calendar of Activities*

Wednesday, January 31	Newsletter Deadline	To gvnielsen38@gmail.net
Thursday, February 1	Board Meeting	RSVP to: Susan Groo
Friday, February 2	Monthly Coffee	RSVP to Nancy Helmig
Wednesday, February 7	Rummykub	RSVP to Nea Martin
Friday, February 9	Lunch Bunch	RSVP to: Joyce Ploder
Tuesday, February 13	Happy Hour	RSVP to: Diane Russ
Wednesday, February 14	Kiwanis Luncheon	RSVP to: Check to Carol Kopfmann
Thursday, February 15	Book Discussion	RSVP to: Alice Morgan
Wednesday, February 21	Ladies who Brunch	RSVP to: Joan Roman
Monday, February 26	Sew and Sew Social	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Tuesday, February 27	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