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#### President's Letter

Dear Encore Members,

May is here, and with it comes an exciting moment for our club— the installation of our 2025-2026 Board! How wonderful it is to have so many enthusiastic members stepping up to share Encore's future.

This luncheon isn't just about passing the torch; it's a celebration of fresh ideas, new friendships, and another fantastic year ahead. So, let's come together on May 16th at the Silver Springs Country Club to toast our 55th year and the incredible journey ahead!

Looking forward to celebrating with you, Kathleen

#### VP News

It's a pleasure to introduce New Encore Member, Sharon Steinberg. Welcome Sharon! We have a full roster of events in May and June that we're sure you'll want to attend.

I hope to see everyone at the Installation Luncheon on Friday, May 16th at one of our favorite destinations -- the beautiful Silver Springs Country Country in Ridgefield. It's the perfect setting for us to THANK all of the Officers, Directors and Chairpersons who made this a terrific Encore year. We will also be voting on the proposed slate of new officers for 2025/2026 terms.

Wishing a Moms a very Happy Mother's Day!

Warm regards, Pat

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#### **Book Discussion**

We will meet on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 2 pm at Karen Birck's home to discuss, **The Accidental Empress** by Allison Pataki.

Please respond to Karen to let her know that you will be joining us. Email: birburn@gmail.com; 203-563-0112; 203-761-0750.

Karen lives at 239 Thunder Lake Road, Wilton, CT. It would be helpful if members would carpool.

We will discuss **Frozen River** by Ariel Lawhon, on Thursday, June 29, for those who like to read ahead of time.



### Chick Flick

Let's plan to get together for our May Chick Flick evening on Tuesday, May 27.

I hope that there will be a good movie for us to see as we start the summer season.

I will email everyone a few days before May 27 to let you know what movie we will see, and where to meet.

Alice Morgan

## Join Our May Coffee Event!

WHEN: Friday May 2; 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

WHERE: Home of Christine Harvey, 68 Wolfpit Rd, Wilton

RSVP Directly to Christine: christinerharvey@gmail.com or cell 475-259-6822

**PARKING DIRECTIONS:** Please carpool if possible. There are about 10 spots in the driveway; also limited parking at Horseshoe Park close to intersection of Horseshoe Rd and Wolfpit.

If you would like to contribute food to this event, kindly reach out to Christine directly. And THANK YOU Christine for hosting again this year!!

# Save the Date-NYC Ballet

The American Ballet Theater (ABT) will be performing **Swan Lake** at the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center. Of all the great classics performed by ABT today, Swan Lake remains the quintessential ballet, with beautiful music by Tchaikovsky, and the 25th anniversary of Kevin McKenzie's outstanding choreography.

15 tickets were ordered for orchestra prime seating for the Wednesday, June 11, 2025 performance at 2:00 pm, at the group rate of **\$90.** Tickets have all been sold. If you wish to be placed on the waiting list, contact Inta Adams, call Inta at 203-644-0325.

A list of all those attending will be emailed to all participants along with suggestions for local restaurants for lunch.

# <u>American MahJongg</u>

The Encore American MahJongg group meets every Wednesday at the Wilton Senior Center lounge from 1:00- 3:00 PM.

The new MahJongg cards for 2025 are expected to be mailed out at the end of March. We will be playing with the new cards as soon as they arrive in April. If you have not ordered your 2025 card the website is : www.nationalmahjonggleague.org

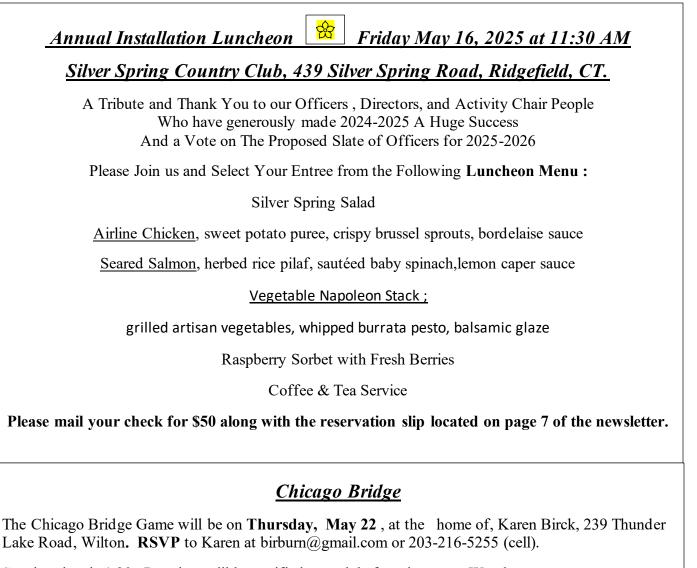
For more information contact: Kathleen\_wrampe@Yahoo.com











Starting time is 1:30. Regulars will be notified a week before the game. We play once a month, September to May in members' homes.

If you would like to be on the Sub List, please contact:

Roseanne Forslund @ 203 -984-7131 or email roseannef@optonline.net.

# Take a Walk With Us.

We will be walking on the second Monday of each month at 10:00. This month's Walk will be on April  $14^{th}$ 

We will be meeting at the Wolfpit parking lot and walking the Norwalk Valley trail on this date. Three Wolfpit Rd. Wilton. (Commuter parking lot.) Bring appropriate shoes, and water.

No need to RSVP but please check your email before going in case of inclement weather, etc. For more information contact Amelia Petrikas 203-770-9255 Pap45@sbcglobal.net





#### Enrichment

Pat Egan has arranged for Encore to take a tour of **Grace Farms** in New Canaan on **Wednesday**, **May 7**.

Grace Farms includes the River Building and 80 acres of nature preserve. Its aim is to invite visitors to experience nature, encounter the arts, pursue justice, foster community and explore faith. It was established with the idea that space communicates and can inspire people to collaborate for mutual good.

Grace Farms does humanitarian work to end modern slavery and foster more grace and peace in our local and global community.

The River Building is a large multi-purpose building, which has won many design & architectural awards. It has a single long roof which seems to float above the surface of the ground as it twists and turns across the landscape. It houses a library, auditorium, gymnasium, tea room, and cafeteria.

Our tour starts at 10:30 and lasts for approximately 1 1/2 hours. Complimentary tea is included; served by a Tea Expert. For those who want to stay for lunch, the Cafe is available. The Cafe serves excellent seasonal food.

The senior charge for our tour is \$18. The maximum allowed on the tour is 10. It is first come, first served so make out your check for \$18 to Encore and send to Luisa Kelso at 64 DeForest Road, Wilton. Any questions, call either Luisa (203-762-1346) or Pat (201-675-1707)

Please **RSVP by April 25.** 

Of course, we will car pool, meeting at the Commuter lot next to Orem's at 9:45.

#### <u>Sew and Sew Social</u>

Encore Sew & Sew Social meets at the Wilton Senior Center Lounge from 10:00 am to Noon. Please note the following dates: April 28, May 19, and June 23

All Encore members are welcome to bring your needlework, knitting, sewing and craft. Join us to be inspired or if you need help we have a very knowledgeable group and of course plenty of good conversation.



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

#### Ladies Who Brunch

Ladies: The May brunch for the Encore Club will be Wednesday May 21st at 10:30 AM.

Where? Our usual spot- Orem's Diner located at 167 Danbury Road in Wilton.

Spring has sprung!! Or so the saying goes. Weather's turning warmer, flowers are starting to bloom and what better place to celebrate spring than with friends at the May Brunch!

Please **RSVP** by Monday May 19th to Joan Roman either by phone 203-210-7690 or by email at joan7545@gmail.com. See you soon. Joan

#### ENCORE'S ANNUAL EVENING SOCIAL

#### WASH YOUR JEANS! SHINE YOUR BOOTS! GET READY FOR A BUCKAROO BASH!!

WHEN: Saturday, June 7, 2025 --- TIME: 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. ---

#### WHERE: Cannon Grange, 25 Cannon Rd., Wilton

Friends, Relatives, Neighbors are Invited PRICE: \$40 p.p.

Stationary & Passed Appetizers, Buffet Pulled Pork Dinner; Delicious Side Choices, Homemade Desserts

Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks Included -- Coffee and Tea

LIVE WESTERN GUITAR MUSICE BY JONI AND JOHN\*\*MAYBE A LITTLE DANCING AND SINGING! OUTDOOR GAMES – CORN HOLE & LAWN SIZE JINGA

Sign up Deadline is 5/25. Complete & mail Reservation Slip ASAP. Located on page 7 of newsletter

*If you have questions, or are willing to help in any way, please call Roseanne* 203-984-7131

## <u>Happy Hour</u>

The May Happy Hour for Encore will take place at Tavern on 7, 611 Main Avenue in Norwalk, on **Tuesday, May 13th**, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Please join us! If you'd like to, bring someone who is interested in Encore and may want to become a new member.

**RSVP** to Diane at: Email: druss1013@gmail.com, or 203-834-0059 (home), or 203- 952-8719 (cell).

#### Lunch Bunch

Dear Encore Members

Our May lunch bunch will be at Rive Bistro, 299 Riverside Avenue, Westport, Ct., 203 -557- 8049 **Friday, May 9 th**, at Noon.

Please **RSVP** to Joyce Ploder, jploder@optimum.net, 203-762 3512. Enjoy the views of the Saugatuck River as you dine on fine French food.

We hope to see you there. Happy Spring

Christine and Joyce

#### SAVE THE DATE – TUESDAY JUNE 3, 2025 WALKING TOUR OF ARTHUR AVE led by Toni Boucher.

Arthur Avenue in the Bronx, NYC is an historic Italian-American cultural hub and the heart of the borough's Little Italy.

#### Member News

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO: Sally Pinkham - 6 th, Elaine Sabsels - 6 th, Inta Adams- 9th, Ann Newton - 12 th, Marie Agostin - 15 th, Jeannie Stolting -16th, Susan Wall - 18 th, Lila Griswold - 20 th, Carol Kaelin - 20 th, Ellie Mihailidis - 28 th, Sandy Hart-Madigan - 30 th.

#### Welcome New Member:

Sharon Steinberg 44 Weeburn Lane Wilton, CT 06897 mcsharon100@optonline.net 203-834-0581 203-247-6001



#### **Bridge**

Bridge meets in the downstairs card room of the Wilton Senior Center in the Comstock Community Center on Mondays at 12:30 pm. We are looking for new members to join the group.

Contact Ellen Raleigh for more information: 203-762-0632

cell

## **Board Meeting**

Thursday, May 1 Time: 9:30 A.M. Date:

Location: Lounge on main floor of Wilton Senior Center in the Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road, Wilton.

#### Newsletter Deadline

Please submit all information for the April newsletter by Wednesday, April 30 To: Gail Nielsen gynielsen38@gmail.net Questions? 203-762-0559 or 603-540-0266



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#### **Monthly Calendar of Activities**

Wednesday, April 30	Newsletter Deadline	To gvnielsen38@gmail.net			
Thursday, May 1	Board Meeting	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe			
Friday, May 2	Monthly Coffee	RSVP to: Christine Harvey			
Wednesday, May7	Enrichment- Grace Farms	RSVP to: Pat Egan or Luisa Kelso			
Friday, May 9	Lunch Bunch	RSVP to: Joyce Ploder			
Monday, May 12	Take a Walk With Us	Questions? Contact Amelia Petrikas			
Tuesday, May 13	Happy Hour	RSVP to: Diane Russ			
Thursday, May 15	Book Discussion	RSVP to: Alice Morgan			
Friday, May 16	Installation Luncheon	Mail check to Carol Kopfmann			
Monday, May 19	Sew and Sew Social	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe			
Wednesday, May 21	Ladies who Brunch	RSVP to: Joan Roman			
Thursday, May 22	Chicago Bridge	RSVP to: Karen Birck			
Tuesday, May 27	Chick Flick	RSVP to: Alice Morgan			
Weekly:					
Mondays 12:00 noon	Bridge	Contact Ellen Raleigh			
Wednesday's 1:00-3:00	Mahjongg	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe			
See you in the Spring!	Walking Group	<b>T</b> -			
Save the Date: Tuesday, June 3 Arthur Avenue Tour					
Saturday, June 7 Buckaroo Bash					
Wednesday, June 11 NYC Ballet					

**Buckaroo Bash Reservation Slip** 

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

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

Guests:\_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your check, made out to Encore Club, in the amount of \$40 p.p. by May 25.

Mail Reservation & Check to Carol Kopfman, 5 Coley Rd., Wilton, CT 06897

#### May 16 Luncheon Reservation Form:

 Name:
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Phone Number:

Entree Selection: A. Chicken. \_\_\_\_. B. Salmon \_\_\_\_. C. Vegetable \_\_\_\_\_

Please MAIL this form and YOUR CHECK for \$50 made out to ENCORE to: Carol Kopfmann, 56 Coley Road, Wilton, CT 06897

by the **FINAL DEADLINE......May 7**... (Members Only)

Wilton Encore Club Gail Nielsen 38 Glen Ridge Wilton, CT 06897