

# Wilton Encore Club



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Encore Members,

Welcome 2026! America will celebrate its 250th Anniversary of independence this year while Encore will celebrate its 56th Anniversary!

The Encore Club has come a long way and continues to bring a lovely group of women together for fellowship and social gatherings along with a yearly fundraiser to benefit the Wilton Community Assistance Fund. I am so pleased to let everyone know that \$6,300 was donated to the WCAF from your exceptionally kind donations and our fundraising event ... the most amount ever!! BRAVO and THANK YOU.

January brings New Beginnings and Encore's Activity Chairs are busy planning new and exciting events for you. We'd love to know what you enjoy and what Encore might do better in 2026. Please email me (pvezendy@gmail.com) or Pauline Monteleone (pauline.monteleone@gmail.com) with your ideas and suggestions.

Wishing you all a very Healthy, Happy, Cozy & Fun 2026!

Pat Vezendy



## VP News

Happy New Year!

2025 was an active and fun filled year with Encore.

As we ring in the new year, 2026 promises to be another exciting year with many more opportunities to gather with friends.

Start off the new year right ..... January is a perfect time to bring a friend to one of our activities and introduce them to all that our group has to offer. Our current membership stands at 113 members and we are ready to welcome more to join in on the fun!

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy 2026 with friendship and laughter to fill your year!

All the best,  
Pauline



## Chick Flick

A group of six Encore ladies enjoyed a lovely Chick Flick evening together on December 3. We watched the movie, **Eternity**, and then we had a delicious dinner at Capuli's in Westport. It was a fun evening just sharing and relaxing together!

I hope you will join us next month on **Tuesday, January 20** for our first Chick Flick of the New Year. I will send an email to the Encore group a few days before January 20, so you will know what we will see and where we will meet.

Alice Moran

### **Lunch Bunch**

Our next Lunch Bunch will be held at Village Gourmet in Norwalk.

Date/time: **Friday, January 9th at noon**

Address/phone/menu: 22 Chestnut Hill Rd, Norwalk 203-849-8788 villagegourmetnorwalk.com

Please RSVP to Pat Egan at 201- 675-1707 or patriciasegan@gmail.com

Come join us in starting the new year at this favorite Chinese restaurant!

Wishing all a happy & healthy 2026!

Joyce and Pat



### **Bridge**

Hey ladies....how 'bout joining us for a few rounds of contract bridge...Monday afternoon at 12:30. We meet in the downstairs card room at the Wilton Senior center, All levels welcome. Call and see what we can arrange.

Contact Ellen Raleigh at 203-762-0632



### **Book Discussion**

It's a new year and here are the books that might be of interest to you.

**January 15th** - Detective Aunty by Uzma Jalauddin  
(A modern mystery with heart)

**February 19th** -The Correspondent by Virginia Evan's  
(A letter writing character named Sybil. Not your ordinary pen pal.)

**March 19th** - Broken Country by Clare Leslie Hall  
(A story of love, tragedy both past and present.)

All meetings are on **Thursdays at 2:00 PM**. The meetings for January, February and March are at the Wilton Senior Center. All are welcome to join us.

Many thanks for the cans of soup that were brought to the holiday book exchange. You are a terrific group! The soup cans were dropped off to the Wilton Senior Center Food Pantry.

Sylvia Freije



### **Ladies Who Brunch**

Hi Ladies... the January brunch for Encore members will be meeting on **January 21<sup>st</sup>** at 10:30 at Orem's Diner. 167 Danbury Rd, Wilton.

Come join us. Please **RSVP** to Kathy de Vos by phone/text at 646-661-0122 or email kdv1947@hotmail.com by Monday January 19th



### **American MahJongg**

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



To be notified of any updates from the Senior Center including winter related closings subscribe to the center : <https://www.wiltonct.org/subscribe>. Check off "Senior Center"

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

### **Happy Hour**

The January Happy Hour will take place on **Tuesday, January 13th**, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Siena Restaurant (in the Watershed Hotel), 353 Main Street, Norwalk.

Please join us, especially if you are a new member!

**RSVP** to Diane Russ at: Email: [druss1013@gmail.com](mailto:druss1013@gmail.com), or 203-834-0059 (home), or 203- 952-8719 (cell). See you there!

### **Enrichment**

In early 2026, we will visit the YALE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY. It is the oldest college art museum in America and it is free and open to the public. It has an extensive collection of paintings by well-known artists plus numerous artifacts on display.

The GALLERY starts scheduling group visits for 2026 in mid-December. We have asked for a date in January and are waiting to hear back. When we have all the information on our visit, we will send out an email to everyone. We hope you will consider joining us.

Luisa Kelso & Roseanne Forslund



### **Monthly Coffee**

Hold the date for our February coffee event!

Hello all, our monthly coffees are very popular! Although we are not having a coffee event in January, we look forward to seeing you on Friday, February 6th from 10-12 at the home of Gail Nielsen.

Thank you Gail for hosting again! All details to follow in next month's newsletter. In meantime, enjoy your holidays and all the best for a happy, healthy new year!

June Aori

### **Member News**

**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:** Sharon Thawley - 2nd, Peggy Sullivan - 7th, Dorita Blanchard - 16th, Pauline Monteleone -19th, Judy Bourtin - 23 rd, Sue Pryzbisiki - 29th, Sharon Steinberg - 29 th.

**Board Meeting****Date:** Thursday, January 8 **Time:** 9:30 A.M. -11:00 A.M.**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 November newsletter by **Wednesday, January 7**

To: Gail Nielsen gvnielsen38@gmail.net Questions? 203-762-0559 or 603-540-0266

**Monthly Calendar of Activities**

Wednesday, January 7	Newsletter Deadline	To gvnielsen38@gmail.net
Thursday, January 8	Board Meeting	RSVP to: Pat Vezendy
Friday, January 9	Lunch Bunch	RSVP to: Pat Egan
Tuesday, January 13	Happy Hour	RSVP to: Diane Russ
Thursday, January 15	Book Discussion	RSVP to Sylvia Freije
Tuesday, January 20	Chick Flick	RSVP to Alice Morgan
Wednesday, January 21	Ladies who Brunch	RSVP to: Kathy deVos
January	Enrichment	Luisa Kelso or Roseanne Forsland
Mondays 12:30 PM	Bridge	Contact Ellen Raleigh
Wednesdays 1:00-3:00	Mahjongg	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Monthly Coffee will resume in February		



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