

Wilton Encore Club



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

As we welcome the arrival of spring, the Wilton Encore Club is looking forward to April—a month of renewal and new possibilities. We are currently preparing to welcome our new slate of Board and Activity Chairs for the 2026/2027 term. We extend our sincere thanks to our current Board and Chairs for their dedication and hard work in making Encore such an outstanding club. Please be sure to join us at our Spring Fling Celebration Luncheon to gather with friends and vote on the proposed slate.

In an effort to modernize our communications, the Board has approved a transition for our newsletter:

Beginning in September 2027, the Encore Newsletter will be available online only.

While this change is over a year away, members currently receiving the newsletter by mail who wish to switch to the online version now should contact Gail Nielsen at gvnielsen38@gmail.com. If you have any questions regarding this transition, please contact me

There are many wonderful Encore activities scheduled for April, and I hope to see you at one soon. Wishing you a joyful Passover and a very Happy Easter.
Best regards, Pat

VP Membership News

WELCOME SPRING!

After the snowy and cold winter of 2026, we enter April with the promise of warmer days and new beginnings.

Within the body of this newsletter, you will find the slate of candidates for the new board and activity chairs for the upcoming 2026-2027 year. You will have an opportunity to vote on this slate at our spring luncheon.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve for the upcoming year. We are lucky to have many members returning to positions for next year as well as new members wanting to get more involved in making our Encore club exciting to all. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for all their efforts in coming up with a terrific group of women to serve next year!

Wishing everyone a Joyful Passover and a Happy Easter!
Pauline



Chick Flick

Let's plan to meet on April 21 or April 22 (Earth Day) for our April Chick Flick night. After the frigid winter we had, it will be nice to get together on a Spring evening for an enjoyable movie followed by dinner afterwards.

I will send an email to the Encore group a few days before April 21, so you will know what we will see and where we will meet.



Lunch Bunch

Our April Lunch Bunch will be at the Black Duck Café in Westport. Details are as follows:

Date/Time: **Friday, April 10th**. at noon

Address/phone/menu: 605 Riverside Ave. Westport 203-227-7978 blackduckwestport.com

Located on the Saugatuck River under I-95, The Black Duck Café serves salads, burgers, sandwiches, Down home seafood, steaks, & more. Park in the adjacent lot (behind Tutti's & in front Of Black Duck), on the street or in municipal lot.

Please RSVP to Pat Egan at 201-675-1707 or patriciaegan@gmail.com
.Looking forward to seeing everyone! 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



Enrichment

Join our visit to the newly renovated Frick Museum on Thursday, **April 23 at 11:30 am**. (All tickets are timed entry) The Frick is located at 1 East 70th Street, New York City.

The Frick is in the former mansion of industrialist Henry Clay Frick, showcasing his collection of paintings, sculptures and decorative arts. It offers an intimate viewing experience in a Gilded Age setting. We will have the opportunity to view a special exhibit; Gainsborough: The Fashion of Portraiture. This exhibit explores the relationship between Gainsborough's portraits and current fashion.

For lunch, there are choices, the Museum's cafe or nearby restaurants. To get there, we will take the 9:35am train from the South Norwalk Station. Carpooling to the train station will also be an option.

We have just 10 tickets discounted to the senior price of \$20. Please RSVP to Roseanne Forslund at 203-984-7131 or roseannef@optonline.net by April 13.

Please send checks, made out to Encore, to Roseanne at 5 Silvermine Way, Norwalk, CT 06897. Your check confirms your reservation and must be received by April 13.

Please join us as this promises to be a fun day.



Ladies Who Brunch

Hello everyone,...our April brunch for Encore members will be meeting on **Wednesday, April 15th at 9:30** at Orem's Diner. Located 167 at 167 Danbury Rd. Wilton.

Join us for food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Kathy de Vos by Mon April 13th by phone / text at 646-661-022 or email at kdvl947@hotmail.com

Sew and Sew Social

Sew & Sew Social meets at the Wilton Senior Center Lounge from 10am to Noon. The date in March is changed to Monday, March 30th because of the room use. We will also meet Monday, April 27.

All Encore members are welcome to share your needlework and craft talents with us. For more information contact: Kathleen_wrampe@Yahoo.com



Book Discussion

Our next book club meeting will be on **Thursday, April 16th** at 2:00 pm.

April book selection is “How to Read a Book” by Monica Wood. It is an intriguing book about 3 women who form a friendship in a bookstore. Please join us at the Wilton Senior Center in April. Please join us even if you have not read the book but are curious about the story.

Looking ahead: May selection is “The First Ladies” by Marie Benedict. A favorite author of historical fiction. The focus is the friendship of Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune.

June: “Culpability “ by Bruce Holsinger. We end with a suspense thriller! Our last meeting till September.



American MahJongg

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

We will be using the new 2026 MahJongg Card as soon as we receive them. For more information contact: Kathleen_wrampe@Yahoo.com



Monthly Coffee

Hello all, hope you are enjoying hints of spring!

Although we will not have a coffee event in April as it falls on a religious holiday, we look forward to seeing you on Friday, May 1st for our next coffee gathering.



Happy Hour

The April Happy Hour for Encore will take place **Tuesday, April 14th**, from 4PM to 6PM at Craft 14, located in the Stop & Shop Plaza in Wilton Town Center. I hope you can join us! It'll be spring!

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

ABT Ballet in NYC on July 1

The American Ballet Theatre (ABT) will be performing Don **Quixote** on **Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 2:00 pm** at the Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center.

This is a new staging of the beloved classic tale of chivalry and devotion as it follows the misadventures of the knight of La Mancha and his loyal squire, Sancho Panza.

Enjoy the colorful, fiery bravura dancing to the beautiful music of Ludwig Minkus, with the outstanding Chloe Misseldine starring.

16 Tickets have been ordered in orchestra prime seating at \$75 each. (same group rate as 4 years ago)
Please make check payable to ENCORE for \$75 and mail to Inta Adams, 284 Chestnut Hill Rd, Wilton 06897 (include your tel # and email address)

I expect the tickets to sell quickly, so please don't delay....

A list of all those attending will be emailed to all participants, so you can easily make plans for travel and lunch.

If you have any questions, please call Inta @ 203-644-0325 or email iva284@gmail.com.

Spring Fling Celebration Luncheon

Friday May 15, 2026 at 11:30 AM

Silver Spring Country Club, 439 Silver Spring Road, Ridgefield, CT.

A Tribute and Thank You to our Officers , Directors, and Activity Chair People
Who have generously made 2025-2026 A Huge Success
And a Vote on The Proposed Slate of Officers for 2026-2027

Please Join us and Select Your Entree from the Following Luncheon Menu :

Silver Spring Salad

A. Roast Chicken Breast, whipped potato, grilled asparagus, wild mushroom madeira sauce

B. Seared Bronzini, Israeli couscous, tomato caper relish, haricot verts

C. Vegetable Napoleon Stack :

grilled artisan vegetables, whipped burrata pesto, balsamic glaze

Chocolate Bundt Cake, vanilla ice cream, berry coulis

Coffee & Tea Service



May 15 Luncheon 🌸 🌸 🌸 Reservation Form:

Name:: _____ Phone Number: _____

Entree Selection: A. Chicken. _____ . B. Bronzini _____ . C. Vegetable Napoleon _____

Please MAIL this form and YOUR CHECK for **\$52** made out to ENCORE
to.: Carol Kopfmann, 56 Coley Road, Wilton, CT 06897

by the **FINAL DEADLINE.....May 8...** (Members Only)

Member News

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO: Ann Lombardi - 13 rh, Kathy deVos - 18th, Susan Senior - 23 rd, Anne Hill - 24th, Sylvia Freije - 27 th, Linda Giers - 27th.

Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, April 2 **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 March newsletter by **Wednesday, March 4**

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

Monthly Calendar of Activities

Monday, March 30	Sew and Sew Social	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Wednesday, April 1	Newsletter Deadline	To gvnielsen38@gmail.net
Thursday, April 2	Board Meeting	RSVP to: Pat Vezendy
Friday, April 10	Lunch Bunch	RSVP to: Pat Egan
Sunday, April 12	Theater: Anastasia	Contact Marie Catauro
Tuesday, April 14	Happy Hour	RSVP to: Diane Russ
Wednesday, April 15	Ladies who Brunch	RSVP to: Kathy deVos
Thursday, April 16	Book Discussion	RSVP to Sylvia Freije
April 21 or April 22	Chick Flick	RSVP to Alice Morgan
Thursday, April 23	Enhancement	Check to Roseanne Forslund
Monday, April 27	Sew and Sew Social	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Mondays 12:30 PM	Bridge	Contact Ellen Raleigh
Wednesdays 1:00-3:00	Mahjonn	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Save the Date: ABT Ballet in NYC Wednesday, July 1		
Celebration Luncheon Friday, May 15		

WILTON ENCORE CLUB – 2026/2027

OFFICERS

President	Sylvia Freije
Co-Vice Presidents	Naomi Kalmus Betsy Thomas
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ACTIVITY CHAIRPERSONS

Book Discussion	Sylvia Freije
Bridge	Ellen Raleigh
Bridge At Home	Roseanne Forslund
Chick Flick	Alice Morgan
Coffees	Pauline Monteleone Ann Scozzafava
Enrichment Programs	TBD
Evening Social	TBD
Fundraiser	Gail DeLoia Pat Vezendy
Happy Hour	Diane Russ
Hospitality	Carol Comiskey
Ladies Who Brunch	Kathy deVos
Lunch Bunch	Joyce Ploder Pat Egan
MahJongg	Kathleen Wrampe
NYC Ballet	Inta Adams
Sew & Sew Social	Kathleen Wrampe
Special Event	Dolores Cunningham Lynn Warren
Theater	Marie Catauro
Walking The Trails	Amelia Petrikas

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