

# Wilton Encore Club



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Encore Member,

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025! As we head into this exciting new year, Encore continues to shine as a bright and welcoming part of our community. Together, we've donated over \$5000 to the Wilton Community Assistance Fund— and even more generous contributions are still rolling in at the time of the printing of this newsletter. I'll share the exact final amount in our next newsletter. Thank you all for your incredible kindness and support.

Our wonderful activity chairs are already hard at work planning new and engaging programs for you to enjoy, as well as ensuring your favorite groups continue to thrive. There's so much to look forward to!

To stay in the loop and get the latest news first, please consider switching from a printed newsletter to our online version. Just send an email to: Gail Nielsen at [gvielsen38@gmail.com](mailto:gvielsen38@gmail.com) to request online-only delivery. Gail will let you know the moment each new addition is available, so you'll never miss a thing.



Here's to a healthy, happy, and truly wonderful 2025! Let's make it our best year yet!!  
Kathleen Wrampe

## VP News

No New Members were added to our membership last month. We currently have 128 active members and hope to add additional ladies in the New Year. If you have a friend or two you think would be good for the group, please bring them to a coffee where they can meet other members and see if Encore is a good fit for them.

I hope the New Year will bring everyone good health and happy days filled with laughter.

All the best.  
Pat



## Lunch Bunch

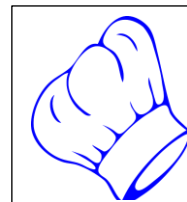
Dear Encore Friends,

Our next Lunch Bunch will be held on **Friday, January 10th at noon**. It will be at Nino's Restaurant, 390 Post Rd, Darien. Phone # 203-325-6856 If you need a ride, please call Joyce.

**Please RSVP** Joyce at: [jploder@optimum.net](mailto:jploder@optimum.net) or call Joyce at: 203-762-3513. Come join us in starting the New Year off at this favorite Italian restaurant.

Wishing you all a year filled with Love, Peace, Good Health and Happiness.

Our Best, Christine and Joyce 



### Chick Flick

Let's plan to see a movie and enjoy dinner together on January 21 or 22 to warm up a chilly winter evening. We will welcome in the New Year together.

I will email everyone a few days ahead after I review what movies are playing and at what theaters. I hope many of you will join us on January 21 or 22.

Alice Morgan



### January Coffee

**When:** Friday January 3; 10 am - 12 p.m.

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

**RSVP:** to Gail at 203-762-0559 or gvnielsen38@gmail.com

**Parking Directions:** You may park any where there are white lines on the pavement. Lots of parking just past condo near pool.

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



### Enhancement

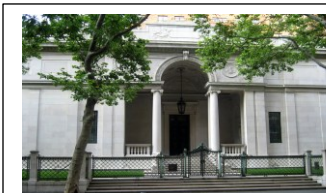
ENHANCEMENT is planning a trip to the J P Morgan Library in January. The Library is on Madison Avenue and 36th street, New York City.

To mark the 2024 centenary of its life, the Morgan Library is presenting a major exhibition devoted to the life and career of its inaugural director, Belle da Costa Greene. Greene's life story was told in the book MY PERSONAL LIBRARIAN. This exhibition honors her enduring legacy.

Using medieval manuscripts, rare books, archival records and portraits, this exhibition demonstrates the confidence and savvy Greene brought to her roles as librarian, scholar, curator and cultural executive. In addition, the Museum itself is a wonderful place to visit. The original 1906 building has been kept intact but enlarged. It houses a unique collection of literature and fine art.

Our Encore visit is on **Friday, January 31 at 1pm**. We will carpool to the South Norwalk train station; take the train to Grand Central Station and then walk 10 minutes to the Library. At the Museum, there is a wonderful Cafe that offers a full lunch menu. The plan is to arrive at the Museum in time for lunch and then go to the exhibit.

Details about carpooling and train time will be decided closer to the date. The group rate is \$15. per person. **RSVP date is January 17**. To reserve, call Luisa Kelso at 203-762-1346 or email [luisakelso@yahoo.com](mailto:luisakelso@yahoo.com). Checks should be made out to Encore and sent to Luisa at 64 Deforest Road, Wilton 06897.



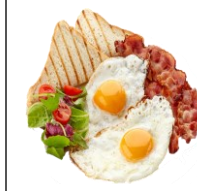
**Ladies Who Brunch**

Ladies: Happy new year!!! Hope that our holidays were fun, fattening, and FULL of items on a new "to do list" for 2025!

The first Brunch for Encore will be held on **Wednesday January 15th** at 10:30 AM at the usual place which is Orem's Diner located at 167 Danbury Road in Wilton.

Please **RSVP** by Monday January 13th. to Joan Roman either by phone at 203-210-7690 or by email at joan7545@gmail.com.

Thanks, Joan Roman



**Happy Hour**

The January Happy Hour for Encore will take place on **Tuesday, January 14th**, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at one of the group's favorite's, Tavern on 7, located at 611 Main Street in Norwalk (about midway between Walmart and DMV).

I hope you can join us! **RSVP** to Diane at: Email - druss1013@gmail.com, or (203) 834-0059 (home), or (203) 952-8719 (cell)



**Chicago Bridge**

The Chicago Bridge Game will resume on **Thursday, January 22, 2025**, at the home of Gail Nielsen, 38 Glen Ridge, Wilton.

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.



**Board Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, January 2 **Time:** 9:30 A.M.

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



**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



**Book Discussion**

For the winter months of January, February, and March 2025 we will meet at the Comstock Senior Center, 180 School Road, Wilton, for our Encore Book Discussions at 2 pm.

We will meet on **January 16, 2025** to discuss **The Demon of Unrest** by Erik Larson.

On February 20, 2025 we will discuss **North Woods** by Daniel Mason.

On March 20, 2025 we will discuss **Forty Autumns** by Nena Willner.

**Please RSVP to Alice at her email: [alice.c.morgan@gmail.com](mailto:alice.c.morgan@gmail.com) or phone: 203-216-2574 (text or call).**

You are welcome to join for any month that fits your schedule. I hope to see you at the Senior Center during the winter months of 2025!

Alice Morgan

**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 Rosemary Zangrillo at 203-847-8625 or [rzangrillo@aol.com](mailto: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 inspiration? This is the group for you.

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

Meeting dates are Monday: January 27, February 24, and March 24.

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](mailto:Kathleen_wrampe@yahoo.com)

**Newsletter Deadline**

Please submit all information for the February newsletter by **Tuesday, December 31**

To: Gail Nielsen [gvnielsen38@gmail.net](mailto:gvnielsen38@gmail.net) Questions? 203-762-0559 or 603-540-0266

**Member News**

**HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:** Sharon Thawley - 2nd, Peggy Sullivan - 7th, Blanche Ortner - 14th, Dorita Blanchard - 16th, Pauline Monteleone - 19th, Judy Bourtin - 23rd, Diane Bankowski - 26th and Sue Pryzbisiki - 29th.

**Monthly Calendar of Activities**

Wednesday, December 31	Newsletter Deadline	To gvnielsen38@gmail.net
Thursday, January 2	Board Meeting	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Friday, January 3	Monthly Coffee	RSVP to: Gail Nielsen
Tuesday, January	Happy Hour	RSVP to: Diane Russ
Friday, January 10	Lunch Bunch	RSVP to: Joyce Ploder
Wednesday, January 15	Ladies who Brunch	RSVP to: Joan Roman
Thursday, January 16	Book Discussion	RSVP to: Alice Morgan
Tuesday, January 21 or 22	Chick Flick	RSVP to: Alice Morgan
Thursday, January 22	Chicago Bridge	RSVP to: Gail Nielsen
Monday, January 27	Sew and Sew Social	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Friday, January 31	Enhancement-J.P. Morgan Library	RSVP to: Luisa Kelso
 Weekly:		
Mondays 12:00 noon	Bridge	Contact Rosemary Zangrillo
Wednesday's 1:00-3:00	Mahjonn	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
See you in the Spring!	Walking Group	



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