

# Wilton Encore Club



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Encore Member,

Are those February winter blues, creeping in? We have a lineup of fabulous events this month to lift your spirits!

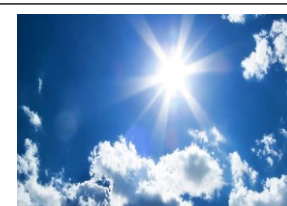
First up, mark your calendars for an unforgettable Valentine's Day event, organized by the dynamic duo, Dolores Cunningham, and Lynn Warren. Trust us, you won't want to miss it.

What truly makes the Encore Club shine is an incredible community of members, full of fresh ideas and a willingness to make every event amazing. Do you have a brilliant idea for our next gathering? We'd love to hear from you!

For those who couldn't attend our Holiday Luncheon, we are thrilled to share that we donated a whopping \$5,825 to the Wilton Community Assistance Fund. A big thank you to everyone who contributed so generously.

\*\*\*\*BE THE FIRST TO KNOW!\*\*\* change your paper Encore Newsletter to the EMAIL version. Get in touch with Gail Nielsen: [gvnielsen38@gmail.com](mailto:gvnielsen38@gmail.com)

Stay warm and see you at the events! Kathleen Wrampe



## VP News

Please welcome Kathy Melrod, our first New Member of 2025! We look forward to greeting Kathy at one of our many upcoming events.

Believe it or not it will soon be time for elections of Officers, Directors and Activity Chairpersons for the July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 term period. Elections will take place at the May luncheon meeting. Please let me know if you plan to stay on for another term (I hope so!).

If anyone is interested in becoming part of the Executive Board, please also let me know. It's a great way of keeping Encore a vital and fun Club. Pat Vezendy



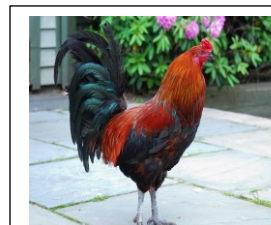
## Lunch Bunch

Our February Lunch Bunch will meet on **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. at the Red Rooster Restaurant, 10 Center Street, in Wilton at noon. Check them out at: [redroosterct.com](http://redroosterct.com).

Since we never know what the weather will be like in February, staying in Wilton and choosing this warm and comfortable restaurant was the ideal choice. It is a favorite because of their "American inspired comfort food".

**Please RSVP** Christine at 475-259-6822 or [christinerharvey@gmail.com](mailto:christinerharvey@gmail.com).

Looking forward to seeing you,  
Best wishes,  
Joyce and Christine



### *Chick Flick*

Let's plan to see a movie and enjoy dinner together on **Tuesday, February 18 or Wednesday, February 19, 2025**. Hopefully, there will be some films that are nominated for Academy Awards playing in February.

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 February 18 or 19!

Alice Morgan



### *February Coffee*

**WHEN:** Friday February 7; 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

**WHERE:** Home of Kathy Gebbia, 32 Pond Road, Wilton

**RSVP:** Directly to Kathy. [ckg1163@optonline.net](mailto:ckg1163@optonline.net) or cell 203-856-2177

**PARKING DIRECTIONS:** There is parking on Pond Rd as well as in Kathy's driveway. Please carpool if convenient.

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



### *Enhancement*

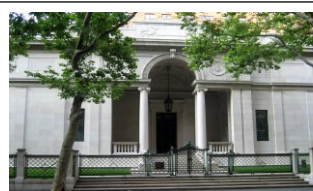
ENHANCEMENT is planning a trip to the J P Morgan Library in January. The Library is on Madison Avenue and 36th street, New York City.

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 Hope that your Valentine's Day was filled with roses and chocolates!  
(EVERYONE loves candy for Valentine's Day!)

The February brunch for Encore Club members will be held on **Wednesday February 19th** at 10:30 AM at Orem's Diner (167 Danbury Road in Wilton).

**Please RSVP** to Joan Roman either by phone at 203-210-7690 - or by email at joan7545@gmail.com. by Monday February 17th. I will then notify Orem's on the number attending. Hope you can come. Stay safe, Joan Roman

**Happy Hour**

The February Happy Hour for Encore will take place at another of our group favorites; the Dry Dock, at 215 Main Street in Norwalk, on **Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**. from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Please 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, February 27, 2025**, at the home of Nea Martin, 203 Catalpa Road, Wilton. RSVP to Nea: 203-762-3913 or neapmartin@gmail.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 play or to be on the Sub List, please contact: Roseanne Forslund @ 203 -984-7131 or email roseannef@optonline.net.



**Board Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, February 6 **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**

The 2025 MahJongg Card will be arriving late March. You can order your 2025 card on line [www.nationalmahjonggleague.org](http://www.nationalmahjonggleague.org) All card orders received by February 19th will be mailed at the end of March.

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

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



### **Book Discussion**

For the winter months of February and March 2025, we will meet at the Comstock Senior Center, 180 School Road, Wilton for our Encore Book Discussion at 2:00 pm.

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

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

For those who like to read ahead, we have chosen **James** by Percival Everett for our April 17, 2025 discussion and, **The Accidental Empress** by Allison Pataki for our May 15, 2025 discussion.

**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), if you will be joining us on February 20 at 2 pm.**

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



### **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



### **Sew and Sew Social**

The Sew & Sew Social Group will meet at the Wilton Senior Center Lounge at 10am to Noon. Dates for the meeting: Monday, January 27, February 24, & March 24.

All Encore members are welcome. We work on all types of needlework along with good conversation.

For more information contact: [Kathleen\\_wrampe@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathleen_wrampe@yahoo.com).



### **Newsletter Deadline**

Please submit all information for the March newsletter by **Wednesday, February 5**

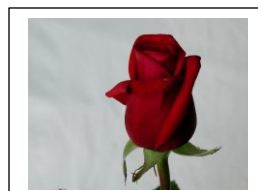
To: Gail Nielsen [gvnielsen38@gmail.net](mailto:gvnielsen38@gmail.net) Questions? 203-762-0559 or 603-540-0266

### **Member News**

**HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:** Patricia Egan - 4th, Mary Wagner - 4th, Sunila Kapur - 6th, Arlene Steinfeld - 8th, Gale Roeder - 9th, Bonnie Thompson - 9th, Betsy Pettit - 14th, Pat Giacalone - 19th, Anne Goslee-Jovovic - 20th, Luisa Kelso - 21st, Sonja Drummond - 24th, Marsha Shrago - 24th, Karen Birck - 26th and Dorothy Hyde.

#### **New Member**

Melrod, Kathy\*\* cell 301-523-2206  
10 Sasqua Trail  
Weston, CT 06883  
[kathmel@msn.com](mailto:kathmel@msn.com)





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### ***CONNECTICUT WEDDINGS THROUGH THE AGES***

SAVE THE DATE:  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2025 @ 2:00 p.m.**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A PRESENTATION FROM:  
THE CT MUSEUM OF CULTURE AND HISTORY

HOW WEDDINGS WERE CELEBRATED & HOW WEDDING CUSTOMS ORIGINATED

COFFEE, TEA & DESSERTS WILL BE SERVED

#### **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

LOCATION: WILTON SENIOR CENTER                      DETAILS WILL FOLLOW BY EMAIL

HOSTED BY: DOLORES CUNNINGHAM & LYNN WARREN



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

Friday, January 31	Enhancement-J.P. Morgan Library	RSVP to: Luisa Kelso
Wednesday, February 5	Newsletter Deadline	To gvnielsen38@gmail.net
Thursday, February 6	Board Meeting	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
Friday, February 7	Monthly Coffee	RSVP to: Kathy Gebbia
Tuesday, February 11	A Valentine Celebration	Details to Follow by email
Tuesday, February 11	Happy Hour	RSVP to: Diane Russ
Friday, February 14	Lunch Bunch	RSVP to: Christine Harvey
Tues. Feb.18/Wed. Feb 19	Chick Flick	RSVP to: Alice Morgan
Wednesday, February 19	Ladies who Brunch	RSVP to: Joan Roman
Thursday, February 20	Book Discussion	RSVP to: Alice Morgan
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Thursday, February 27	Chicago Bridge	RSVP to: Nea Martin
Weekly:		
Mondays 12:30	Bridge	Contact Ellen Raleigh
Wednesday's 1:00-3:00	Mahjongg	RSVP to: Kathleen Wrampe
See you in the Spring!	Walking Group	Amelia Petrikas



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