

Greenwich Club

F O R S I N G L E S

September 2024
FINAL Newsletter

Christ Church Greenwich
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www.GreenwichClub.org

Greenwich Club for Singles is a social club for mature singles. Sponsored by Christ Church Greenwich, we provide unmarried seniors in our community with the opportunity to meet up and enjoy life through social, cultural, sports and community events. We have held regular meetings, dinners, and social events. \$45 annual membership includes newsletters, discounted member fees to events, and access to members-only gatherings. Memberships are no longer available.

Come join your friends and meet new ones at Greenwich Club's final

Lobsterfest!

WHEN: Saturday, August 31, 2024

TIME: 3-7 PM (rain or shine)

WHERE: Lew Clark's home, 24 Creeping Hemlock Drive, Norwalk, CT

COST: \$48 members (Club is subsidizing),
\$72 non-members

Menu: Dinner service starts at 4 p.m. You have your choice of a delicious lobster meal with steamed clams and mussels, corn on the cob, potatoes, salad and dessert. For non-lobster lovers, you can choose a beef tenderloin, chicken, salmon or swordfish meal. Soft drinks will be provided. You may bring your own wine or beer.

RSVP Contact: Peggy Pryor, **Mail checks made out to "Greenwich Club" to:**
914-763-8395 peggyp@prodigy.net Peggy Pryor, 35 Truesdale Lake Drive, South Salem, NY 10590

RSVP: Your check is your reservation. Mail checks made to Greenwich Club and [include choice](#) of lobster, beef, chicken, salmon or swordfish. If you don't include your meal choice, you will get a lobster meal. Reserve ASAP and no later than Friday, August 23. Anyone who cancels after August 23 will be responsible for payment.

Directions on page 8.



WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO LEND A HAND:
Please contact Peggy Pryor.

Our Farewell: Start Fall Together with this FINAL Cocktail Party for Members

Thursday, September 26

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 p.m.

(South Deck)



RIVERSIDE YACHT CLUB
102 Club Road, Riverside, CT

Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres
CASH BAR || MEMBERS ONLY
RESERVATIONS ARE LIMITED

RSVP by Friday, September 20th to Ellen Murdock: emurdock0529@gmail.com

Directions on page 4

Pictures of Our Most Recent Greenwich Club Events



Derby winner Brenda with Ben

Kentucky Derby Party



Barbara, Kay and Barbara



Carol, Maryann, Katherine and Tom



Jack, Brenda, Lew and Peggy

Cafe Silvium Luncheon



June Social at Christ Church



Tony's at J House Happy Hour



Riverside Yacht Club Cocktail Party



Above: Kay, Peggy, Tom and Florence



Right: Tom and Lew



CORNER

Dear Members,

Whether you have been a member one year or for the many years since the Greenwich Club, nee Cotton Club, has existed, the Club has appreciated your support and participation. An attitude of interest and volunteerism has allowed the Club to exist and thrive for over 35 years.

Since COVID, the Board has worked diligently to offer varied programs, activities and change event times to adjust to member needs. However, there has been a notable drop in attendance and volunteers to help. There are good reasons: people move away, have health problems, don't drive distances, have necessary other priorities, etc. Membership, whether active or passive, is down.

Given the current realities of today's very low membership, lack of attendance at many activities, and an inability to identify capable successors, the Board has regretfully decided to close the Greenwich Club for Singles this fall.

But, it is not to be a quick "good bye"!

Here's the "heads up"! As you can see by the cover of this newsletter, we have two major events coming up! There will be a Labor Day weekend "Lobster-fest" on Saturday August 31 for members and guests at Lew Clark's home. This will be followed by an autumn cocktail party on September 26th at Riverside Yacht Club **FOR MEMBERS ONLY**. However there is no plan for any activities beyond then.

On page 5, we answer some of your most frequently asked questions.

Thank you for all those who volunteered and worked hard to make our club the success that is has been over the years. And thanks for the memories! We look forward to seeing you on August 31st!

Also, we regret to announce the death of long time member Wickford Weldon, 69, on 07/13/2024 in an assisted living facility in Winter Park, Florida.

The Greenwich Club Board

Your Leaders...Through the Years



Kay Breakstone
Membership Chairman



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Assistant Treasurer



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and Senior Advisor



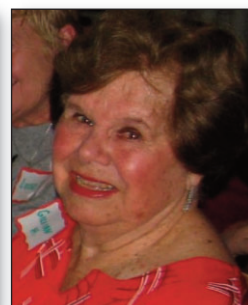
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Communications
Director



Pat Daigle
Former President



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Former Board member,
West Lyons Farm
Liason and Hostess



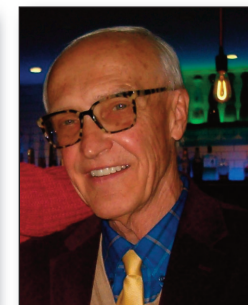
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Hospitality Chairman



Maryellen Vassalo
Former President
and Treasurer



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Former Board
Secretary



Tom Rusk
Former Board Member,
and Clean-up Captain
Extraordinaire



Katherine Kraig
Former Board member
and Dining Coordinator

Our thanks go to everyone who helped run the Greenwich Club over these last 35 years, and especially to all the volunteers, too many to mention here, without whom our events would never have happened, and who made our events memorable.



ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE:

Q: What other groups with comparable social activities exist?

A: There is a newly formed singles group at Christ Church called Kindred Spirits. Website: www.christchurchgreenwich.org/kindred-spirits

A: Many towns have seniors' groups offering a wide variety of activities, e.g. Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk, Westport, Lewisboro

Q: How are member dues used?

A: A party at Riverside Yacht Club with selected hors d'oeuvres is free to members. A cash bar is available but not included due to liability issues.

A: A donation is given to Christ Church (note, the Church does not charge us for use of its facilities or storage)

A: There is no charge at events with special speakers (e.g. Qi Gong, climate change)

Q: Is there a plan for a Holiday dinner?

A: No. Our final event will be at Riverside Yacht Club in September.

Q: How may I contact other members?

A: A list will be emailed with contact information (phone, email). Anyone who did not wish personal information published will have this omitted.

A: Come to remaining events and ask those you wish to be in contact with or provide your own.

Other notes of interest:

● **The Westport Singles Group** is a separate entity. For the monthly hiking schedule, directions and other information go to: www.thehikinggroup.com Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/The-Hiking-Group-Ct-NY>.

● **Free Friday night films at the Greenwich Library** are sponsored by the library and not affiliated with the Greenwich Club. If you wish to attend these events, you can find their film schedule at <https://tinyurl.com/yptjwtd7>.

● **The Book Club** is not run by the Greenwich Club but by Anne Sexton, a former librarian. If you are interested in the Book Club, contact Anne at 203-968-8090.

Through the years...



**Preparing the Midnight Run
(May 2012)**



This Cocktail meetup at the Hyatt Regency in Greenwich brought together 48 people! (November 2012)



Members at Roger Sherman Park listening to Beach Boys music. (September 2015)



**Erin Go Bragh!
There was fun and laughter at this Greenwich Club St. Patrick's Day party! (March 2014)**



Halloween social at the Christ Church library. (October 2015)



Thanks for the memories, and the friends we've made!



Holiday Gala at Shorehaven Golf Club with guests from American Singles Golf Assn. Almost 100 partiers enjoyed the evening. (Photos courtesy of Gene Borio) (December 2016)



Visit to Ground Zero World Trade Center site. (May 2017)

Labor Day Party at Lew Clark's. A long-standing tradition! (September 2016)



Summer Bash Porch Party – Oak Hills Restaurant on the Green – a beautifully balmy summer evening. (June 2017)

Halloween Party at Christ Church library. (October 2019)

You can always attend these with your own group of friends!

FREE FRIDAY FILMS

<https://www.greenwichlibrary.org/friends-friday-films/>

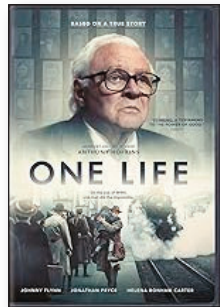
One Life

DATE: September 20

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Greenwich Main Library, Berkley Theater, 101 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich

There will be no meetup.



One Life (2024) This powerful film tells the incredible true story of humanitarian Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who sought to help children in German-occupied Czechoslovakia flee the country on the cusp of WWII. The film alternates between Winton's rescue work as a young man and his reflection in old age, inviting the viewer to contemplate the impact of unsung heroism. Anthony Hopkins and Helena Bonham Carter bring the story to life. Rated PG. 1h50m.



BOOK CLUB

The Book Group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 1:30 P.M. at Ann Sexton's house, 57 Drum Hill Lane, Stamford, CT. Ann is a former librarian, and all books selected for discussion are of interest to both men and women. New members are always welcome! For more information: Call Ann Sexton, 203-968-8090



HIKING

For the monthly hiking schedule, directions and other information go to: www.thehikinggroup.com Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/The-Hiking-Group-Ct-NY>

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DIRECTIONS:

Lew Clark's home, 24 Creeping Hemlock, Norwalk, CT. I-95 to Exit 15 or Merritt Pkwy. exit 39B. At the end of the Route 7 Connector, turn right. Turn left at next light (DMV in front of you) onto Route 7. At next light, immediately before Walmart, turn right. Go up hill to the first right, Creeping Hemlock. No. 24 is at the top of the hill on left. Green house, white trim. Park on street or pull up onto grass in front of the house.

Riverside Yacht Club, 102 Club Rd., Riverside, CT. I-95 exit 5, turn left at the light and proceed west on Route 1 (East Putnam Ave./Post Rd.). Proceed through the next traffic signal. The second traffic signal will be at the intersection of Route 1 and Riverside Ave. A large brick church (St. Catherine of Sienna) will be on your far left corner. Turn left onto Riverside Ave. and proceed about a mile down the road, over the railroad bridge. At the stop sign, bear right to continue on Riverside Avenue. Club Rd. will be the second road on your right after the bridge. Turn right onto Club Rd. and proceed to the end to enter Riverside Yacht Club.