



The Larch Tree

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2026

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF LARCHMONT, INC.

Calendar of Events

Note:

LAC—Larchmont Avenue Church

MTC—Mamaroneck Town Center

Ground Floor, Conference Room C

SEPTEMBER 2026

Friday, September 8

10:30 am Federation Board of Directors Mtg
(Zoom)

Friday, September 11

9:15 am Exec. Board Meeting (MTC)

Tuesday, September 15

10:30 am Federation President's Welcome,
Continental Breakfast
Women's Civic Club of Katonah

Thursday, September 17

10:15 am Book Discussion Group

Friday, September 18 **CLUB DAY** (LAC)

12:00 pm New Member Reception/Tea Table
12:45 pm Business Meeting
1:15 pm Program

OCTOBER 2026

Friday, October 9

9:15 am Exec. Board Meeting (MTC)

Thursday, October 15

9:15 am NYC Architecture Cruise

Friday, October 16 **CLUB DAY** (LAC)

11:30 am American Home Luncheon,
Welcome Visiting Presidents
12:45 pm Business Meeting
1:15 pm Program

Thursday, October 22 (new date)

10:15 am Book Discussion Group

CLUB DAY

Friday, September 18, 2026

12 noon New Member Reception
12:45 pm Business 1:15 pm Program

THE EFFECT LEGALIZING CANNABIS HAS HAD ON OUR ROADS

Guest Speaker: State Trooper Raymond Renzo



Are there more accidents.. and more distracted drivers? How are drivers suspected of cannabis use behind the wheel being handled? Trooper Raymond Renzo will answer those and many other questions during his PowerPoint presentation.

Trooper Renzo is the School Community Outreach Coordinator for the New York State Police Troop K and works in Westchester, Dutchess, and Putnam Counties.

New Member Reception/Tea Table Join us at the Tea Table to welcome our new members of the previous year. Preceding the program we have time to socialize while enjoying a delicious snack. If you prefer, bring your lunch!

Nancy Keelan (914) 473-2843



Special Events and Dates to Remember

Sat. Sept. 26 —Larchmont Day (12 noon)

Thu. Oct. 15 —NYC Architecture Cruise

Sat. Oct. 17 —Larchmont Arts Festival

Fri. Dec. 11 —Book & Author Luncheon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Club Members,

September 2026

Over 100 years old and still going strong! At our Centennial Gala in 2025, we celebrated the founders of the Woman's Club. These women envisioned an organization devoted to service, fellowship, and philanthropy, in and for our community. Over the past 100 years, we never abandoned this vision. In every decade, our members have risen during times of challenge and adversity. During the Great Depression, they formed a Woman's Exchange; during WWII, they rolled bandages and contributed to the War effort; and recently, during the pandemic, members met via Zoom to keep the community connected. These are just a few examples with many more discussed in our 75- and 25-year publications (see these on our website). But in truth, our community mission is as critical now as ever. This year at our philanthropic luncheon alone we raised over \$15,000. Thanks to the generosity of our members and the many Larchmont merchants who contributed to this event, we were able to distribute these funds to over 20 charities.

But we do not sit on our accomplishments. Many members have worked tirelessly this summer to put together Club Day programs, educational trips, trips to art museums, the theater, the Book and Author luncheon, and many other events. And yes, we have already started on next year's Philanthropic luncheon. We especially thank Anne McAndrews, Joyce Callahan, and Joyce Edelstein for working so hard to publish the 2026-2027 Yearbook. In there, you can find the information to connect with other members, as well a listing for all our upcoming events. You will also be able to find these events published in *The Larch Tree*.

At the September 18th Club Day meeting, the speaker will be State Trooper Raymond Renzo who will be discussing the effect that legalizing cannabis has had on our roads. The October 16th Club Day meeting, our American Home luncheon is on the menu, along with a talk on breast cancer awareness by two members of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Support Team. The day before Club Day, on October 15th, there is a trip planned to New York's Chelsea Piers. We will board a boat for an architectural tour of New York City as seen from the water. And do mark your calendars for the Book and Author luncheon on December 11th. We invite you to enjoy all the programs and events planned for 2026-2027. And I urge you to volunteer for a committee. There is always room for one more! We need your input, your ideas, and your energy. And together we will be moving this vital organization well beyond our centennial. See you in September!

Nancy McGarr, President



CLUB DAY

Friday, October 16, 2026

11:30 am American Home Luncheon — Greet Visiting Presidents

12:45 pm Business Meeting 1:15 pm Program

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Guest Speakers: Elish McGrath and Tania Weiss



Today The Cancer Support Team at Memorial Sloan Kettering is seeing far too many women who are diagnosed before they have their first mammogram (several in their 20s). While this may not be our population, all of us are sisters in the effort to make sure *if you feel something - say something!*

Elish McGrath has particular expertise in women's health and breast health due to her experience as an oncology nurse at MSK. As the Director of Patient Services, she is very knowledgeable about the latest treatments for all stages (and types) of breast cancer.

Tania Weiss is the Executive Director of the Cancer Support Team.

The Woman's Club of Larchmont

American Home Luncheon — Welcome Visiting Presidents

Friday, October 16, 2026 11:30 am

The Larchmont Avenue Church (Carhart Room)

Meet and greet old friends and welcome new ones at our first luncheon.

Say hello to Presidents from neighboring Woman's Clubs

The cost of the luncheon is \$30.00 per person.



Name _____ E-mail _____

Name of guest(s) if applicable _____

Number of reservations _____ \$30.00 per person Total \$ _____

Pay by Zelle — treasurerwcol@gmail.com

Or pay by check — payable to: The Woman's Club of Larchmont, Inc.

Send to: Sophie Kent 490 Bleeker Ave, #5H Mamaroneck, NY 10543

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

A Warm Welcome Upon Your Return!

We are delighted to welcome you back to our community. Your decision to join us strengthens our organization and helps us continue our mission of serving, supporting, and connecting people throughout our area.

As a valued member, you are now part of a group dedicated to building meaningful relationships, sharing ideas, and making a positive impact. We look forward to getting to know you, hearing your perspectives, and working together toward our common goals.

Whether you returned for networking, learning opportunities, community involvement, or simply to connect with others, we hope your membership will be both rewarding and enjoyable. We encourage you to participate in upcoming events, programs, and activities and to take full advantage of the benefits available to you.

We are excited to have you with us and look forward to your continued contributions in the months and years ahead.

Respectfully, Theresa Fanelli, Membership Chair

IN MEMORIAM

Anne (Chen) Byers March 29, 2026
Member since 2011

Carolyn Chubet March 31, 2026
Member since 2024

Alice Mulderrig April 13, 2026
Member since 2004



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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, Sept 17, 2026 10:15 am
"Mailman"

By Stephen Starring Grant

Thursday, Oct 22, 2026 10:15 am
"The Shoemaker's Wife"

By Adriana Trigiani

Thursday, Nov 19, 2026 10:15 am
"The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny"

By Kiran Desai

The first meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be at 35 Locust Ave, Larchmont

If any member would like to join the Book Group, please contact

Ann O'Brien (834-0961) or
Dorothy Rainier (318-1337)



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

MY SISTER'S PLACE Special Project May 30 Community Food Drive for HOPE

Mary Ann Mazza spearheaded the April Philanthropy Committee's project to provide Toiletry Bags for My Sister's Place. She reminded us that "50 years ago, a group of activists came together to address domestic violence in the community. Today, My Sister's Place reaches out to 25,000 individuals in Westchester to end domestic violence and human trafficking. More importantly, it provides hope and safety to these battered women." Mary Ann delivered 24 large cosmetic bags filled with toiletries and a sweet treat to Carly Levine, Director of Development at MSP's White Plains Office. Carly thanked WCL members for reaching out and supporting their clients. Gratefully, she observed "a little pampering means a great deal to their women who have been silenced by shame."

Saturday morning, May 30th, Zsuzsanna Baan-Jonas, Gerry Gerace, and Carolyn Gallaher waited at the corner of Larchmont Avenue and Forest Park hoping that on this busy day that supporters in the community would remember the WCL's Community Food Collection for HOPE Food Pantry in New Rochelle.

Our worries were for naught. We were kept busy collecting over 130 food items (rice, cereals, tuna and salmon, soups - even a ham) plus 246 Diapers, size 1-6 which are so needed by clients of HOPE. \$100 was donated by WCL club members which helps HOPE purchase needed items at cost. Community members asked about WCL club activities while members and passers-by stopped to chat. Happily, May 30 donations equaled that of other weekends plus we could add 65 food items and 124 diapers collected at our April membership meeting.

Carolyn Gallaher, Philanthropy Chair

WASHINGTONVILLE HOUSING ALLIANCE – *an introduction*



The Washingtonville Housing Alliance (WHA), located in Mamaroneck, is one of the traditional recipients of the funds raised by The Woman's Club of Larchmont at our Spring Philanthropic Luncheon. WHA is affiliated with WestHab, Inc., an organization dedicated to the improvement of housing throughout Westchester County.

WHA works to help low and moderate income individuals and families find affordable housing and provides guidance and assistance to those in our area who are facing housing challenges caused by displacement from catastrophic events such as flooding or fires or from rising costs. The Alliance has participated with WestHab in the construction of new multi-family homes and the rehabilitation of apartments in the Village of Mamaroneck. Theresa Colyar, executive director of WHA, spoke to the Woman's Club about current issues and the increasing need for funding to support affordable housing initiatives and to provide emergency housing assistance in our local community. The Woman's Club is proud to support local organizations that directly benefit Westchester residents.

Judith O'Gorman, Philanthropy Committee Member



MANHATTAN ARCHITECTURE YACHT CRUISE

**DATE:**

Thursday, October 15

TIME:

9:00 am bus

10:45 am yacht

3:00 pm return

TRANSPORTATION:

Charter bus

COST: TBD

CRUISE LENGTH:

2 hours, 45 minutes

Limited to 20 people

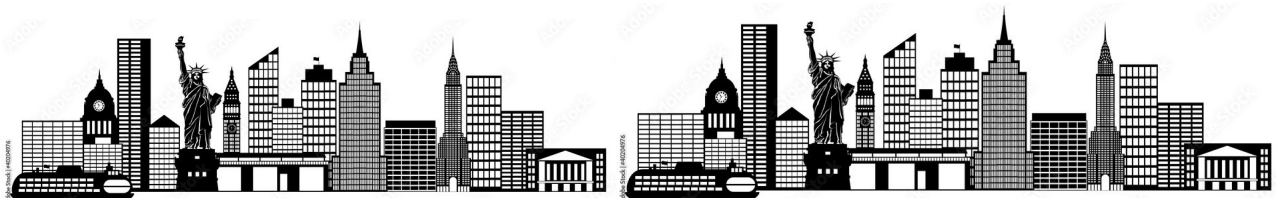
Contact: Nancy Keelan

Architecture Yacht Cruise Information

The best way to see the Manhattan skyline, is provided by AIANY (American Institute of Architects) guides. We will get a perspective of Manhattan from a 1920 style yacht. We will learn the history of the city and its buildings from a trained architect. They offer everyone an insightful narration covering New York's iconic landmarks, historic sights, modern architecture, and engineering feats including Art Deco spires, harbor monuments, and infrastructure.

See the Chrysler Building, One World Trade Center, Woolworth Building, Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Upper West Side, GW Bridge, Roosevelt Island, Four Freedoms Park, and the Brooklyn Bridge. plus recent buildings by Frank Gehry, Renzo Piano, and Bjarke Ingles, as well as other world-renowned architects.

This NYC architecture tour is packed with the modern high-rise residential buildings, super-talls, awe-inspiring structures that coat the NYC skyline! Enjoy a glass of wine, beer, or a non-alcoholic drink while we cruise. Nancy Keelan has organized this tour for us and will have additional information at a later date.



CLUB INFORMATION

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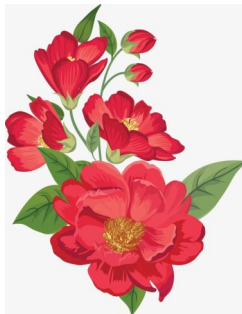
—We are now an IRS section 501(c)(3) organization. What does that mean? This designation means that a charitable deduction can be taken on an income tax return for a donation to the Woman's Club. (Not your dues). If you attend our Philanthropic Luncheon, for example, a portion of the ticket cost can be a charitable deduction.

—Payments to Woman's Club of Larchmont can be made using Zelle: As a reminder, find your bank account online or an app. In the Pay section find "Zelle." Choose "Send Money." Add new payee: treasurerwcol@gmail.com. Type in the amount you wish to transfer. Indicate on memo line what payment is for. Hit *Send*. Easy.

—Our new 2026-27 yearbooks have arrived. If you did not receive one, please contact Theresa Fanelli for an extra copy.

Larch Tree Dates

Issue	Deadline	Mail
Sept/Oct	Aug 1	Aug 15
Nov/Dec/Jan	Oct 1	Oct 15
Feb/Mar	Jan 1	Jan 15
Apr/May/Jun	Mar 1	Mar 15



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	Dorothy Rainier & Michele Laurino
	Anne McAndrews

SPECIAL EVENTS

INSTALLATION AND NOTEBOOK PASSING LUNCHEON

May 15, 2026



Everyone had a great time at the Installation & Book Passing Luncheon on May 15, 2026, at Hampshire Country Club. President Anne McAndrews welcomed all and thanked everyone who worked so hard to keep the Club active.

After the luncheon Presidential Advisor Lorraine Stratis installed new Board members: Irene O'Neill, Joyce Edelstein, Nancy McGarr, Theresa Fanelli, Mary Ann Martucci, Jenny Carter, and Janet Delbrook Day.



PHOTOS FROM OUR PHILANTHROPIC FUNDRAISER

APRIL 23, 2026



The Woman's Club of Larchmont held its Annual Philanthropic Fundraiser at Orienta Beach Club. The event was a wonderful success due to the hard work of the Ways and Means Committee and the club members. We celebrated the generosity of the WCL members and the community. The fundraiser, entitled "Spring Frolic", raised enough to distribute \$15,000 to 20 local charities. Congratulations and a big Thank You to everyone involved.

