



The Larch Tree

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THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF LARCHMONT, INC.

Calendar of Events

Note:

LAC—Larchmont Avenue Church

MTC—Mamaroneck Town Center

Ground Floor, Conference Room C

FEBRUARY 2026

Saturday, February 7

11:00-1:00 Community Collection Day (LAC)

Friday, February 13

9:15 am Executive Board Mtg (MTC)

Thursday, February 19

10:15 am Book Discussion Group

Friday, February 20 **CLUB DAY** (LAC)

12:00 pm AMERICAN HOME LUNCHEON

12:45 pm Business Meeting

1:15 pm Program

MARCH 2026

Thursday, March 12

11:30 am Federation March Conference

12:30 pm Luncheon, Program

2:30 pm Board of Directors' Meeting
Scarsdale Woman's Club

Snow date: March 16 (Zoom)

Friday, March 13

9:15 am Executive Board Meeting (MTC)

Thursday, March 19

10:15 am Book Discussion Group

Friday, March 20

12:00 pm **CLUB DAY/Tea Table**

12:45 pm Business Meeting

1:15 pm Program

Thursday, March 26

TBD Trip to Katonah Museum of Art

TBD Federation Past President's Lunch

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**

CLUB DAY

Friday, February 20, 2026

12 noon — American Home Luncheon

12:45 Business Mtg — 1:15 Program

How to Begin Process of Decluttering

Guest Speaker: Sheryl McSherry



Sheryl McSherry will tell us how to approach this sometimes overwhelming task and offer suggestions about what to do with those things we no longer need.

Sheryl McSherry of New Rochelle is a senior move manager for Changing Places based in Harrison and also serves as an online Auction Manager for Clearing House Estate Sales. As a resale specialist, Sheryl assists clients in the downsizing and decluttering process and identifies options for re-housing unwanted furniture, clothing and other household items. A graduate of Cornell University with work experience in the non-profit sector, Sheryl enjoys applying her experience in logistics, thrift and community outreach to accomplish success for her clients and community.

The American Home Luncheon will begin our February Club Day. Please register early using Zelle or the reservation form on Page 3 of this Larch Tree.

Special Events / Dates to Remember

Fri. January 23Community Affairs Program

Sat. February 7Community Food Drive

Thurs. March 26.....Katonah Museum Art Trip

Thurs. April 23.....Annual Philanthropic Luncheon

Fri. April 30Drama Trip — *Catch Me if You Can*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Club Members,

January 2026

We finished off our Centennial Year with a wonderful Book and Author Luncheon at Orienta Beach Club in December. Thank you Karen Robb, Bonnie Vail, and all who helped make this such an enjoyable event.

Traditionally, the Club does not have a program in January. But this year it seemed like a perfect time to hold our annual Public Affairs Program. We had not had a program on education in our local schools for some time. Since our schools are a vital part of our community and many of our members were active volunteers while our children were enrolled, many of us wondered how the schools have changed. So, we have invited School Superintendent Dr. Charles Sampson and Chatsworth Principal Lauren Scharfstein to bring us up to date. We hope the weather will cooperate! Join us Friday, January 23 at 1:00 in Russell Hall at the LAC.

Our upcoming programming in February, March, and April will be wide-ranging. The February American Home Luncheon will feature a program on decluttering. (No comment!) In March we will be visited by Barbara Davis of the Westchester Historical Society. I have seen part of her program on remarkable women of Westchester before and I'm looking forward to the full video. Finally, in April, we will be introduced to Buddhist Meditation and the foundations of Buddhist philosophy for our last Club Day.

After looking back on the last one hundred years as we celebrated our Centennial, it's now time to look forward. How do we build on what we have? I have mentioned pulling together a "strategic plan" for the Club's future. The truth is that we are facing some immediate needs in Publicity, the Archives, and the Yearbook. For continuity, we should establish a deputy Treasurer position. Our Club has been blessed with dedicated and active members but we have to expand our roster.

So, we will be in touch!

Anne McAndrews, President



CLUB DAY

Friday, March 20, 2026 — 12 noon

12:45 pm Business Meeting 1:15 pm Program

REMEMBERING REMARKABLE WOMEN OF WESTCHESTER

Guest speaker: Barbara Davis



Nationally-prominent leaders in all aspects of American life have lived in each Westchester community. Women who were born and raised in Westchester; women who settled in the county because of its proximity to Manhattan, natural beauty, fine schools, tight-knit neighborhoods, rural charm. This 60-minute illustrated presentation by Barbara Davis features a sampling of the businesswoman, artists, scientists, activists, athletes, authors, and others whose work and lives left a significant legacy.

Barbara Davis is the Executive Director of the Westchester County Historical Society, which is the only organization that collects and promotes the countywide history of Westchester. A resident of New Rochelle, she is also the New Rochelle City Historian, a position she has held since 2001, and is the former Community Relations Coordinator for the New Rochelle Public Library. Barbara has served on Westchester County's Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) since the early 1990s, and as chair for over 25

Our Tea Table will be at 12 noon, initiating the Club Day meeting. Come early and socialize.

Thank you, Nancy Keelan, for your delicious goodies.

The Woman's Club of Larchmont American Home Luncheon

Friday, February 20, 2026 12:00 noon
The Larchmont Avenue Church (Carhart Room)

Meet and greet old friends and welcome new members at our first luncheon of the new year.

The Luncheon will begin at 12:00 PM

The business meeting follows at 12:45 pm and the program at 1:15 pm.

The cost of the luncheon is \$30 per person

Name _____ Email _____

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

Pay by Zelle or check. Zelle address is treasurerwcol@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: The Woman's Club of Larchmont, Inc.

Send to: Joyce Callahan, 35 N. Chatsworth Ave. #1K, Larchmont, NY 10538

RSVP by: February 13, 2026 - No reservations after this date

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



Hello Members,

Welcome back! As we move into the winter months, we are excited to come together once again and move forward in full force with a wonderful season of connection, learning, and service.

The Women's Club of Larchmont has an exciting lineup ahead, including engaging programs, meaningful community collections, lively book discussion groups, and so much more. These offerings reflect the heart of our club, bringing women together to support one another, give back to our community, and enjoy shared experiences.

Whether you are a longtime member or joining us for the first time this season, we encourage you to get involved, attend events, and invite a friend. Your participation and enthusiasm are what make our club such a vibrant and welcoming place.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events and sharing another fulfilling season together.

Warm regards,
Theresa Fanelli, Membership Chair



IN MEMORIAM

Susan Amlicke September 4, 2025
Member since 2003

Adriana van Nes Jervis May 2025
Member since 2015



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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, Jan 15, 2026 10:15 am
"James" by Percival Everett

Thursday, Feb 19, 2026 10:15 am
"The Stolen Lady"
by Laura Morelli

Thursday, Mar 19, 2026 10:15 am
"The Lion Women of Tehran"
by Marjan Kamali

Thursday, Apr 16, 2026 10:15 am
"The Giver of Stars"
By Jojo Moyes

The next book group discussion meeting will be at the home of Hannah O'Brien, 35 Locust Ave, Larchmont.

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

Hannah O'Brien (834-0961) or
Dorothy Rainier (834-0507)

An email will be sent to the membership at the beginning of the week inviting all those interested.



Our Newest Members

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Seconded by: Theresa Fanelli



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2025 FOOD COLLECTIONS for HOPE

COMMUNITY DAY — Sat, Nov. 15 and CLUB DAY — Fri, Nov. 21



The federal program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, provides electronic benefits on an [Electronic Benefits Transfer \(EBT\) card](#) to help eligible low-income households buy food. When approved by the administering state agency, an individual's benefits are automatically loaded onto the EBT card each month, which can be used like a debit card at participating retailers to purchase eligible food items. Television and newspaper reports of intended cuts to SNAP sparked giving to the HOPE Food Pantry by WCL members and the community. In addition to the monthly food drive at WCL meetings, Saturday, November 15 was the first of WCL's 3 Community Donation Days. At the corner of Larchmont and Forest Avenues, Zsuzsanna Baan-Jonas, Sarah Anna Jonas, Gerry Gerace, and Mary Ann Mazza worked steadily separating the items and organizing two

carloads of donations. Car 1 had 246 food items, 260 diapers (plus several packages of wipes). Value: at least \$595. Hope requests large sizes and our members have been great about responding. Car 2 had 236 food items (value \$536.) and 109 diapers (value \$383). Total \$920.

WCL members were equally generous at the Nov 21st meeting with 185 food items donated (value \$390) and 84 diapers (value \$53) along with wipes. Total value \$446. Members of WCL and the community also gave checks (totaling \$230) which are used by HOPE to purchase items in bulk that are in particular demand. Sr. Mary Alice, head of HOPE Food Pantry, has been particularly appreciative of the reliability of our food donations.

A popular feature of WCL monthly meetings is a raffle basket created and donated by one of our members with the proceeds going to the local charity. Joyce Edelstein's lovely November 21 holiday-themed basket attracted many ticket buyers generating an additional \$250 for Hope Food Pantry. New member Lynn McCabe was the lucky winner.

Also in November, Mary Ann Mazza headed a Christmas Toy project for CRC children to be distributed at a holiday party in December. A longer description follows. Also please remember that our next Community Food Collection will be February 7.

Carolyn Gallaher



PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM — FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 1:00 PM (LAC - RUSSELL HALL)

The Changing State of our Schools

Charles Sampson, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools, Mamaroneck School District
Lauren Scharfstein, Principal, Chatsworth Elementary School

We know our schools are a vital part of our community and many of our members were active volunteers while our children were enrolled. We wonder — have the schools changed? How are they facing post-COVID and internet challenges? We will discuss all these issues on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 1:00 in Russell Hall (LAC).

Please join us. All are welcome. For additional information, please contact Anne McAndrews.



WCL DECEMBER TOY DRIVE



Members of the Woman's Club of Larchmont more than met the challenge to donate toys to the Community Resource Center in Mamaroneck in support of the work they do every day to transform lives in our community.

The Philanthropy Committee met initially to discuss a project for young children during the holidays. Working with Marco of CRC, 30 children were chosen from ages 1-13. At the time, we thought this was an ambitious project and we would not receive the needed toys. We were wrong. The generosity

and spirit of giving by our members was outstanding. We collected over 40 toys for these underprivileged children - more toys than we ever anticipated. For these children, each toy is a treasure.

The members, although mostly seniors, became carefree children once again as they brought in their selected toy. They proclaimed they had the latest toy, the best toy, or let me show you how this works. Others brought in a football, a cosmetic case, a book bag, a sport sweater, cash, and the toys kept coming in. These toys were distributed to the children at their holiday party in mid-December. Also, homemade brownies, cookies and hot apple cider were delivered on the day of the party, compliments of The Woman's Club of Larchmont.



The important message of giving and caring, apropos of this holiday season, was very much alive. Thank you all. *Mary Ann Mazza*

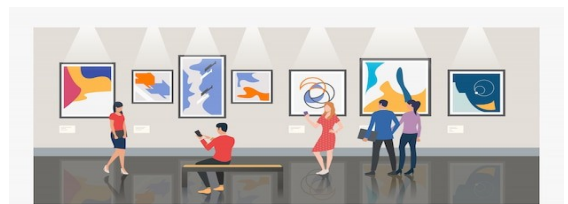
TRIP TO THE KATONAH MUSEUM OF ART

A trip to the Katonah Museum of Art is planned for Thursday, March 26. We will see an exhibit entitled "Shen Wei: Still/Moving". This show commemorates thirty years of Shen Wei's visionary career as a dancer, choreographer, visual artist, and global cultural ambassador. We will have a docent-led tour starting at 11am. The cost will be ten dollars per adult. Lunch is planned after our tour at the Moderne Barn in nearby Armonk. Transportation will be via carpool. Contact Dorothy Rainier at 914 318 1337 for more information.

Please include: Name and Phone.

I can drive or I would like a ride.

Count me in for lunch.



Additional Charitable Allocations The Executive Board of WCL had decided in May to add \$6000 collected from the Centennial Gala Fundraiser to the \$14,000 already allocated and described in the Yearbook. The Philanthropy Committee meeting in September drew up a list of community needs which became the main recipients for allocations. The following were adopted by the members of our Executive Board on Friday, Nov. 14. 1) Knowing how to swim due to our Sound Shore location and since drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1 - 4, we will give four \$500 scholarships to Swim Tank for individual lessons for children as determined by CRC. 2) \$900 was allocated to Shel-drake Nature Center to pay for 3 microscopes and \$100 toward a suitable storage cabinet. 3) Larchmont-Mamaroneck Girl Scouts will receive \$500, noting that they also are celebrating a centennial. 4) \$1000 be given to Larchmont/Mamaroneck VAC. 5) Dena Schumacher of LMC-TV has created a local Sesame Street-like program for children. We will allocate \$500 for her expenses. 6) We will give \$1000 to the Community Counseling Center/Friends of the Counseling Center. 7) Remaining \$500 will be held aside until January 2026. *Carolyn Gallaher*

STAYING CONNECTED



This December a poinsettia plant was hand-delivered to each of our *Staying Connected* Members, wishing them peace, joy, and all the best this holiday has to offer. We want these members to know that their years of dedication to the Woman's Club of Larchmont is not forgotten and is appreciated by everyone.

The objective of the *Staying Connected* Committee of The Woman's Club of Larchmont is to reach out to those members who no longer attend our events, especially those who are homebound and spend much time alone. Most are long-time members who have dedicated many hours to our Club.



If you are or know of a member who would like a call, a visit, or needs assistance getting to our events, please call Mary Ann Mazza (914-834-2604). I look forward to hearing from you.

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN



April 30, 2026 at 2:00 pm.

White Plains Performing Arts Center, 11 City Center, White Plains, NY
\$58.00 per ticket

Make check payable to The Woman's Club of Larchmont, Inc.

Send to Janet Day, 901 Fairway Green, Mamaroneck, NY. 10543
by March 30, 2026.

Transportation will be carpools and lunch will be on our own.

If you need a ride, or if you have questions,

write to Janet Day at fourdays@verizon.net

PAYING BY ZELLE — Repeat Instructions

Start using **Zelle**: a free, secure, online service offered by your bank to pay The Woman's Club!

- #1 Go to your bank account either online or in your bank's app
- #2 In the " Pay" or "Payments section" find "Pay via **Zelle**" or just "**Zelle**"
- #3 Choose "Send money"
- #4 Add your new payee: The Woman's Club of Larchmont: treasurerwcol@gmail.com
- #5 Type in the amount you wish to transfer
- #6 Specify in the memo line what your payment is for: dues, donation, luncheon etc
- #7 Hit **Send**
- #8 You, the sender, will receive notification that it is being processed
- #9 The Woman's Club will receive notification that it has been received



WOMAN'S CLUB EVENTS

BOOK & AUTHOR LUNCHEON

DECEMBER 12, 2025



Many thanks to Karen Robb, Bonnie Vail, Camille Odierna, Dorothy Rainier, and Anne-Mieke Smeets for the wonderful Book & Author Luncheon. We welcomed three interesting, informative, and personable authors. We listened to Kevin Curnin, Karen Dukess, and Noel Caraccio who all gave us interesting presentations of their life, book, and interest in writing. They were all available for autographed editions of their books. Additional thanks to Anderson's Book Store and the authors for help in gathering the books for us. Thanks to Orienta Beach Club and Iraci Di Buono for a lovely setting and a delicious meal.

