



The Larch Tree

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APRIL/MAY/JUNE 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

APRIL 2026

Friday, April 10

9:15 am Exec Board Meeting (MTC)

Thursday, April 16

10:15 am Book Discussion Group

Friday, April 17 **CLUB DAY** (LAC)

12:00 pm Tea Table

12:30 pm Annual Meeting & Elections

1:15 pm Program

Thursday, April 23

11:00 am **Annual Philanthropic Luncheon**
Oriente Beach Club

Thursday, April 30

2:00 pm Drama Trip

MAY 2026

Thursday, May 7

1 to 3 pm Watercolor Class
Mam'k Community Resource Ctr

Friday, May 8

9:15 am Executive Board Meeting (MTC)

Thursday, May 14

11:30 am Federation Spring Conference

Friday, May 15 **Annual Celebration Luncheon**

12:00 pm **and Installation**

Thursday, May 21

10:15 am Book Discussion Group

Saturday, May 30

11:00—1:00 Community Food Collection (LAC)

JUNE 2026

Friday, June 5

11:00 am Federation Board of Directors Mtg
Bedford Hills Woman's Club

Friday, June 12

9:15 am Exec Board Meeting (MTC)

Thursday, June 18

10:00 am Book Discussion & Lite Lunch



CLUB DAY — Fri. April 17, 2026

12:00 pm Tea Table

12:30 pm Annual Meeting & Elections

1:15 pm Program

Introduction to Buddhist Meditation

Guest Speaker: *Katy Romita*



Join Katy Romita, of One Small Stone, for an exploration of Buddhist meditation. She'll share the foundations of Buddhist philosophy, as well as some of the current neuroscience research that supports these centuries-old teachings. This

60-minute workshop will conclude with a guided shamatha (mindfulness) meditation practice, appropriate for new and experienced meditators. Participants can expect to leave with a basic understanding of Buddhism as well as the ability to practice mindfulness meditation.

Katy Romita brings nearly two decades of experience in a variety of meditation and healing practices, including Buddhist Meditation, Modern Mindfulness Meditation, Sound Healing, Yoga Nidra, Restorative Yoga, and Reiki. You can find Katy online at www.onesmallstone.net, on Instagram @onesmallstonesustainability, and on YouTube @onesmallstone.

Special Events/Dates to Remember

Katonah Museum—Thursday, March 26

Philanthropic Luncheon—Thursday, April 23

Drama Trip —Thursday, April 30

Watercolor Class—Thursday, May 7

Installation Luncheon —Friday, May 15

Community Food Drive —Saturday, May 30

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Club Members,

March 2026

It occurred to me that this is my last President's Message! Our editor Joyce Edelstein has had to squeeze these out of me. I have often missed her deadlines and I apologize. Her efforts in pushing out "The Larch Tree" have been essential to the health of our Club.

While preparing for our Centennial, I reviewed many past issues, from bound volumes to PDFs. They were primary sources for writing our histories, the 75th anniversary in 2000 and our new history of the last 25 years. I don't think those editors in the 1930s could have imagined that their articles would be scanned and made available on our website! Our histories will be scanned and added to the website soon. They will make for fascinating reading.

But our Yearbook is still "hard copy." Thanks to Susan Doud, Janet Thompson, and their committee the Yearbook is our glue. We now have added cell phone numbers and email addresses. The committee reviews all this information from our annual membership dues envelopes. Please take the time and accurately fill it out. I will be taking over as Editor this summer. All help is welcome and appreciated.

Our major philanthropic event is our luncheon on Thursday, April 23rd. The Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Dorothy Rainier and Nancy McGarr, has begun the tremendous job of preparing the program, approaching sponsors, organizing raffle baskets and silent auctions. This year we will again have a fashion show featuring "The Golden Shoestring" with Club members as models! Be there, and bring a friend!

Have you seen the articles about our Philanthropy Committee's work in *Patch*? Kudos!

We have a full Spring Calendar of events, including our annual drama trip, described in this issue, as well as our Club Day, annual installation luncheon, book discussion group, and May food drive.

Finally, I want to thank our new President nominee, Nancy McGarr, for agreeing to succeed me. We will be working closely to ensure our Club's continued success.

Anne McAndrews, President





SPRING FROLIC

The Woman's Club of Larchmont Annual Philanthropic Luncheon

Oriente Beach Club
Mamaroneck, New York
Thursday, April 23, 2026

Doors open 11:00 Luncheon 12:30

Enjoy browsing the Gift Baskets, Silent Auction, and Raffles
while socializing and admiring fashions from Golden Shoestring,
a thrift shop run by the Junior League of Westchester on the Sound.

All proceeds support our local charitable community which help the less fortunate!
Please be Generous and Bring a Friend! We need everyone's help.

***** **RESERVATION** *****

Name _____ Phone _____

Guests _____ Names _____

No. of Tickets _____ \$75 ea. Total _____

Please indicate # of entrée: Salmon _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

I am sorry I can not attend. Enclosed is my donation for \$ _____

RSVP by **April 17, 2026** — No reservations accepted after this date

Pay by Zelle: **treasurerwcol@gmail.com**

or make checks payable to

The Woman's Club of Larchmont, Inc.

Send to Anne-Mieke Smeets, 48 Country Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543



MEMBERSHIP

INFORMATION

Dear Members of the Woman's Club of Larchmont,



My name is Theresa Fanelli, and I was introduced to TWCOL by Fran Fanelli and Mattie Mancini—two women who truly understood the importance of volunteering and giving back, just as you do. The Woman's Club of Larchmont has long been recognized for its commitment to community service, fellowship, and so much more. I am honored to have the opportunity to connect with such a warm and caring group of people who share a passion for leadership, service, and strengthening different communities. Thank you for contributing your time, energy, and skills to support the Club's mission. I also hope you become involved in one of the club's many wonderful activities and initiatives. I am excited about the journey ahead and I am proud to be associated with the Woman's Club of Larchmont.

With sincere appreciation, *Theresa Fanelli, Chair Membership Committee*

We have 2 new members

YOUNG YANG CHUNG

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Larchmont, NY 10538
Tel #: 914-656-3013
Email: youngchung_nyc@hotmail.com
Proposed by: Carey Federspiel
Seconded by: Theresa Fanelli

DIANE SJOSTEDT

916 Lester Avenue
Mamaroneck, NY 10543
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Proposed by: Carolyn Gallaher
Seconded by: Theresa Fanelli



and a reinstated member

ELIZABETH POYET

5 Bayard Street
Larchmont, NY 10538
Tel #: 914-325-8553
Email: epoyet@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Laura Bruno January, 2026
Member since 2010

Marlene Dufort February, 2026
Member since 2004

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursday, Apr 16, 2026 10:15 am

The Giver of Stars
By Jojo Moyes

Thursday, May 21, 2026 10:15 am

The Loneliness of Sonia and Sunny
By Kiran Desai

Thursday, June 18, 2026 10:00 am

Jane Eyre By Charlotte Bronte
(Lite Lunch at noon)

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)

Anyone interested may always join the discussion.



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

February 7 – Community Food Collection February 20 – Club Day Collection



On Feb. 7th, one of the coldest days to date, Philanthropy Committee members Georgia Jesse, Zsuzsanna Baan-Jonas, and Sarah Jonas braved the cold and winds due to their dedication to the Community HOPE Food Donation Day. “We have to be there!” said Georgia. Community members bringing food packages thanked them for their stalwartness. How cold was it? Zsuzsanna’s comment says it all! “I will take the bags of items into my home tonight and do the tally there. The pen won’t write in this weather!”

Over 142 food items were donated (including 19 boxes of cereal that Sr. Mary Alice, head of HOPE Food Pantry, had particularly asked for) along with 251 diapers and 4 packages of wipes. We missed Gerry Gerace (who rarely has missed a collection day) who sadly fractured his foot recently. Passionate about food collection for HOPE Pantry, he said he is looking forward to returning soon.

Club Day, Friday Feb. 20th Georgia Jesse and Carolyn Gallaher were at the corner of Larchmont Avenue and Forest Park collecting for HOPE as is customary. This time it RAINED! For 20 minutes we could record the donations but then the paper turned soggy and tore. After this occurred, donations had to be put in back seat to be counted on Saturday. Despite these challenges our concerned WCL members donated over 75 food items, 134 diapers and one item for the housekeeping.

Extra note: Under Joyce Callahan’s leadership, WCL’s cupboard at LAC was decluttered. Lilac House in Mt Vernon will be given leftover items of several bags of paper cups, plates, plastic place settings and napkins for their Shelter.

Carolyn Gallaher, Chair Philanthropy Committee



February 3 – Assembling Children’s Activity Bags



Children who visit their mothers in Bedford or Taconic Women’s prisons can not bring anything with them. Thinking of and missing their mothers, they may have made a picture or designed a card in school but these must be left at home.

With the money not spent in the spring in creating 30 release bags (filled with items valued at over \$80) for those leaving Bedford Woman’s prison, the Philanthropy Committee was able to make 25 Children’s Activity Kits that will be given to children when they visit. Filling a 2.5 gallon clear zip-lock-type bag was a pack of crayons, coloring book/activity book, writing notepad, a pen, deck of cards, packet of tissues, and a game of Uno. Hosted by Mary Ann Mazza, Philanthropy Committee members Judy O’Gorman, Georgia Jesse, Zsuzsana Baan-Jonas, Deirdre Winters, Carolyn Gallaher enjoyed assembling the Activity Kits in the Community Room at Carlton House. Afterwards Mary Ann treated us all to a lovely tea with delicious pastries which shouted out her mastery of baking classes taken at the Culinary Institute!

Mary Ann observed that the young children face “...significant challenges and hardships ...due to the child’s separation from a parent. They are deprived of a normal childhood ...working on such a project shows someone cares.” Sharon Geist Ballen of Interfaith Prison Project thanked us for creating the Children’s Activity Kits “for the children and their incarcerated Moms who are so grateful to be able to be “just” a Mom and kid playing and making memories together.”

Carolyn Gallaher, Chair Philanthropy Committee



WATERCOLOR CLASS

The Art Department invites you to a Watercolor Workshop to be held at the
Town of Mamaroneck Community Resource Center, 685 Weaver Street.

Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 1 to 3 PM.

Call or email me in advance to sign up.

Please let me know if you need materials.

People with all levels of experience in watercolor are welcome.

Dorothy Rainier 914-834-0507 or kraushuber@optonline.net



THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF LARCHMONT

Installation Celebration Luncheon and Notebook Passing

Friday, May 15, 2026 at 12:00 noon

Hampshire Country Club, 1025 Cove Road, Mamaroneck, NY

Come celebrate our new Officers with lunch in a beautiful setting.

We will feature our popular Book Swap.

Bring one or two books you have enjoyed and pick up a new treasure.

The cost will be \$60 for the luncheon. No reserved seating.

Please remember also to bring your Notebooks to pass on.

Any questions? Call Janet Demasi at 914-552-2750.

Make your reservations. Make check out to

The Woman's Club of Larchmont, Inc.

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

Or send by Zelle to treasurerwcol@gmail.com

Please indicate any guests. RSVP by May 7.

No reservations accepted after this date.



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 by 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

Catch Me If You Can is a musical drama with a libretto by Terrence McNally and a theatrical score by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman. It follows the story of a con artist named Frank Abagnale. Based on the 2002 **Steven Spielberg** movie, which starred **Leonardo DiCaprio** and **Tom Hanks**, the show chronicles the true adventures in crime of **Frank Abagnale Jr.** Before being captured in the mid-1960s while not yet 20, Frank had spent two years bouncing checks across the globe, passing himself off as a Pan Am pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, making him an elusive character, which is a great quality in a con man.

RESERVATION

"Catch Me if You Can"

Thursday, April 30, 2026 2:00 pm

Name _____ Email _____

Number of reservations _____ \$58.00 per person Total \$ _____

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

Send to: Janet Day, 901 Fairway Green, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

RSVP by: March 30, 2026 — NO reservations after this date

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF LARCHMONT

EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINATIONS FOR YEAR 2026-2028

The Nominating Committee for candidates for Officers & Directors of the Executive Board of 2026-2028 consisted of the following members: Dorothy Rainier (Chair), Therese Boyd, Janet Day, Janet Demasi, Carolyn Gallaher, Nancy McGarr, Karen Robb, and Anne-Mieke Smeets.

We presented the following candidates for the Slate at the Executive Board meeting of February 13, 2026 and at the Club Day business meeting to the full membership on February 20, 2026. There were no nominations from the floor and a viva voce was in order. Elections will be held on **April 17, 2026** at the Club Day business meeting.

Slate of the Executive Board for 2026-2028

President————— **Nancy McGarr**
2nd Vice President-Membership———— **Theresa Fanelli**
Corresponding Secretary ————— **Jenny Carter**
Director American Home Luncheon ——— **Mary Ann Martucci**
Director of Federation ————— **Camille Odierna**
Director of Finance————— **Irene O'Neill**
Director of Larch Tree ————— **Joyce Edelstein**
Directors of Literature ————— **Bonnie Vail and**
Noel Delborgo
Parliamentarian ————— **Janet Day**

The Committee members worked well together, and I thank all of them for their hard work and the great accomplishment getting this difficult task done. I much appreciate working with all of you. I also thank all proposed members who are willing to give their time and effort to our Club by volunteering for these Offices. We wish them all lots of success.

*Dorothy Rainier, Chair, Nominating Committee for Candidates
of Executive Board (2026-2028)*

