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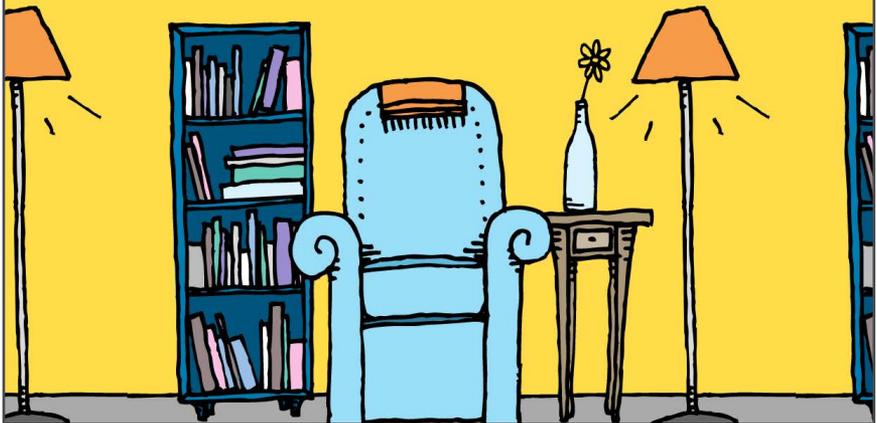
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ANNUAL INDOOR TAG SALE

The Woman's Club of White Plains
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APRIL 29th
11:30am - 3pm



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CLUB DAY

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - 12 Noon



Join us for lunch and celebrate International Women's Day with members and the Presidents from surrounding clubs. Learn more about the history of International Women's Day in this edition of Club Dial.

Cost of lunch is \$25 for members, \$30.00 for guests. RSVP to **Kristen Larkin** by Friday, March 3, 2023 at kristenrit22@gmail.com.

You can also pay for Club Day on our website womansclubofwhiteplains.org. Just click on Club Activities under Event tab to find the payment button.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 2023

*"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another.
We're strongest when we cheer each other on."*

- Serena Williams -

"Community over Competition"

- Kristen AR Larkin -

I would like to welcome all of our newest members since the last Club Dial. Those who don't know me, my name is **Kristen Larkin** and I am the President of the Woman's Club of White Plains. I have been an active member since 2017, the President of the Foundation for 2 years and now rounding out 2 years as the President. While being on the board is a lot of work, there are so many rewards. I have learned so much about myself along with the history of the house and the club. I hope you each take advantage of your membership and dive in with both feet. Whether you enjoy attending events or running them, volunteering for the garden or joining the board itself, there is something for everyone. Don't hesitate to reach out if there is ever anything you want o ask.

So excited that we have 6 more weeks of winter...which by my account just means we continue the guessing game daily of what to wear outside! March is going to be a busy busy month with both scheduled and new programs and events. The Annual Indoor Tag Sale on March 4 is going to be as fun as ever. I can't wait to sell my treasures so I can walk around and buy others. At the time of this writing, we have not decided on the beneficiary of the snack table, but I do know that we can use donations and volunteers. There will be updated information within Dial and the weekly blasts. The form for renting a table is also available – request yours from wcvpevents@gmail.com.

We will celebrate International Women's Day at the club on Wednesday March 8, 2023. The day will begin with our Club Day lunch at noon that we purposely moved from **March 1 to March 8** to align with the day of celebration. Presidents from surrounding Woman's Clubs that are part of the Federation have been invited to attend this month's lunch. Please be sure to RSVP to me directly for the lunch. We have also

planned an evening event starting at 6:30 p.m. I am excited about the day because I remember going out in the city with my friends and colleagues and embracing everything about being women in business. And while I was thinking through how this year's event could look, and getting suggestions from others, I was adamant that it didn't become a standard networking event focusing on only women in business but more so a party to connect with women in our community at the home where women support the community. As simple as that. And we can talk amongst ourselves about how we have evolved and where we want to go. The special evening event starts at 6:30 p.m.in the house.

The Woman's Club of White Plains invites you to party with your peers – women! All are welcome and it's going to be a fun night. Meet and greet influential women across our community. Sip, snack, socialize and more. For your attire just add a touch of purple to honor IWD. Tickets include drinks, lite bites, music and door prizes. To purchase tickets, go to our website under Events. Questions can be directed to wcvpevents@gmail.com

Also, per my last letter we will be posting soon for nominations and election information for the board. There is a Quarterly Meeting scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on March 5 at the club. Please plan on attending to learn more.

On that note, stay warm and see you at the house.

*Your President,
Kristen Larkin*

Club Notes

HOSPITALITY

You need to make your reservations for Club Day by the FRIDAY prior to Club Day. RSVP to **Kristen Larkin** at kristenrit22@gmail.com. If you must cancel your reservation, please notify Kristen, not the club.

Online Payment Option: Members now have the option of paying online for luncheons and evening dinners. Go to the website: womansclubofwhiteplains.org and click on the Club Activities under the Events tab to find the payment button at the bottom of the events page. A small handling fee is charged for the convenience of paying online.

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 14

2 p.m. – Clubhouse Living Room

MASKS RECOMMENDED – VACCINATION REQUIRED

MARCH SELECTION: *The Magnolia Palace* by Fiona Davis is a “tantalizing” novel about secrets, betrayal, and murder within one of New York City’s most impressive Gilded Age mansions, now called The Frick Museum. Eight months after her mother’s death, twenty-one-year-old Lillian Carter, known as Angelica, an often sought-after artists’ model, stumbles upon an employment opportunity at the Frick mansion—a building that ironically bears her own visage. Hiding her previous life, Lillian is hired as a private secretary to the imperious and demanding Helen Frick, the daughter and heiress of industrialist and art patron Henry Clay Frick. As Lillian’s life gets intertwined with that of the family, she is pulled into a “tangled web of romantic trysts, stolen jewels, and family drama that runs so deep, the stakes just may be life or death.” (*Book Jacket*)

Fifty years later, the English model Veronica Weber has her own chance to make money and to support her family back home by being hired at The Frick, now a New York City museum. She, along with a charming intern/budding art curator named Joshua, find messages that will lead them on a hunt that not only solves their financial woes, but could finally reveal the truth behind a decades-old murder in the infamous Frick family. (*Book Jacket*)

Like author Fiona Davis’ other bestselling novels that include: *The Dollhouse*, *The Address*, *The Masterpiece*, *The Chelsea Girls*, and *The Lions of Fifth Avenue*, *The Magnolia Palace* will not disappoint the readers.

APRIL SELECTION: *The Girl with The Louding Voice* by Abi Dare

Club Notes

EVENING BOOK CLUB ON MARCH 14 HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Watch the Sunday blast for information about the next date and book.

EVENING PROGRAM

Sip & Swap originally schedule for March 23 will be held on Thursday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your gently used clothing and housewares to the club and find new items! Refreshments will be served.

KNITTING GROUP

Ladies, there has been interest in starting up our knitting group. We will be meeting in the Living Room of the Club House for the first time on Thursday, March 23 at 7:00pm. Please let me know if you plan to come and, if you can, what topics you might be interested in. I will share what happened at Vogue Knitting Live 2023 with you. Look forward to seeing you there.

Elizabeth Kurth, 914-761-7792 or Kurthej@KurthBirks.com

BRIDGE & GAMES

Wednesdays, March 1, 15, 22, 29

If you are interested in playing bridge, please call **Barbara Dannenberg** at 914-948-1747 or **Joan O'Shea** at 914-946-6141 or 914-318-7135 for more information.

WICS – WOMEN IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 8

10 a.m. – Tea Room.

We will be creating Meals On Wheels favors. Note change in time and location.

NOTICE

Going forward, in the section under Club Day where it says you can pay online, the Payment tab has been moved to the bottom of the events page on the website. www.womansclubofwhiteplains.org

CONTRIBUTE TO CLUB DIAL

We would love (and need) to have an article from you or a submission for Member's Notes from you. Simply e-mail it to Elizabeth Kurth or Judy Schermerhorn and they will see that the appropriate editor receives it. Thank you in advance. All submissions are due to the issue editor (check the Club Dial Directory) the first of the month BEFORE the article will appear, e.g. articles submitted by the first of November will appear in the December/January issue.

RIDE SHARE

Anyone who needs a ride to a Club Event, day or evening, please contact womansclubofwhiteplains@gmail.com

FOUNDATION REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM MARYANN MARTIN

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

- Aesop -

The Dance Party to benefit our ongoing Acts of Kindness - The Welcome to Your Home Kits - was a huge success. Who knew we had such vocal talent in our midst? Kudos to **Chris Roithmayer** for organizing this fun event and many thanks to all who attended and or donated. This will surely be an annual event. The profits from this evening will help us continue to supply baskets of cleaning supplies to those moving out of the shelter into permanent housing.

The RDC Center for Counseling & Human Development will honor our very own **Diane Martino** at their "Friendly Gathering" on March 12. **Diane** will be feted for her tireless efforts providing care boxes for US service personnel with her annual Boodle Brigade. Congratulations **Diane**!

In news from the down under group:

Marking and Thrift learned a major lesson last month: reorganizing, refurbishing, and redecorating the basement "shoppe" was much more easily said than done. And it's really not done yet. But those of you who stopped by to shop or drop off a donation could not miss some of the changes: new paint (Thank you **Susan**) crisp curtains (kudos to **Mary, Molly** and **Laurette**) and multiple boutique areas with personal shoppers. It's a wonderful start, so keep stopping by to check out the status and to spend some money for our philanthropies. Our side door shoppe expects to be open for shopping most Tuesdays this month between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

The next big event will be The Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show on April 29. It will be here before you know it and I urge you to purchase your tickets right away. Our committee is diligently at work and we still need models of all shapes and sizes to showcase the newest looks. We also need volunteers to work the day of the event. Please contact **Angela Tobin** if you are interested.

FEDERATION NEWS

All members are invited to the Federation's March Conference and Board Meeting on Friday March 3 at Scarsdale Woman's Club (37 Drake Road Scarsdale) at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$29 per person, and payment will not be accepted that day. Luncheon will be sandwiches, salads, coffee, tea, desserts.

Sheila Marcotte will present "The Story of Old Glory"

Please send checks payable to WCFWC to:
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252 Tate Avenue
Buchanan, NY 10511

For more information, please contact:
Marie Silverman Marich *Federation Rep*
914-589-4614

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Woman's Club finished 2022 in a mixed financial position. While the Club ran a deficit in 2022, this was largely due to capital expenses, both planned and unplanned, related to the ballroom boiler. We are working with our insurance company to recover some of the expenses we incurred related to pipe leaks, the pump failure and subsequent heating issues in the ballroom.

In 2022 the Finance committee worked to get a better understanding of our operating costs by establishing and tracking Key Performance Indicators (KPI). As part of the KPI, we look at the revenues and expenses each rental event generates for the Club. We will continue to monitor and report to the Board the KPIs each month.

The Finance committee is always looking for new members. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please reach out to me (**Mary Helmsworth-Hamby**) or **Colleen Fay**. Likewise, if you have any questions about this summary, please reach out to me. mchhamby@gmail.com or 914 421 1589.

Mary Helmsworth-Hamby

Note: The Club filed a claim with the insurance company for losses associated with the boiler pump failure in November. We received a check at the end of January to cover the losses. The check was for \$33,000.

BACK TO THE LAND

My husband died in 2016, when I was 65. For the following few years, I found myself adrift. We had talked about what we would do together in retirement, and now I was mourning not only his loss, but also the future we had hoped to share. Then, in 2019, I got a call from a former colleague who was trying to help a neighbor in Columbia County, New York, find a buyer for his farmland. She asked me, did I know anyone who might be interested? I answered, much to my own surprise, "Yes. I am!"

To this day I don't know what prompted me to respond as I did. I had been working on a storytelling project with a group of writers about the crisis in the depressed Hudson Valley farm economy as farmland in the region was being snatched up for residential and commercial development. I had also been learning about a group of pioneering farmers in the region who were converting conventionally farmed land to organic, forgoing any synthetic chemical inputs. I guess on some subliminal level I wanted to support that movement in more ways than just as a storyteller. Here was my chance.

As it turned out that particular parcel of land did not work out for me but, with the aid of the Columbia Land Conservancy—an environmental nonprofit whose aim is to protect local open spaces for agricultural and conservation purposes—I identified another parcel located in a small rural farming town in southeastern Columbia County. The property had been farmed conventionally in a soybean/corn rotation for many years. The soil was fundamentally good but had been depleted by the application of chemical fertilizers and pesticides over many years. The acreage was nestled in a lovely spot and included forested areas, hedgerows and views of the Taconic hills.

I was fortunate to be introduced to an organic grain and legume farmer who lived down the road and who was interested in taking over management of the land. Over the next two years I had a small ranch-style built on the land, and I took occupancy the summer of 2021. Since then I have been settling in, observing the land through the seasons, and thinking about how I can be a better steward

of it. Last summer I planted my first vegetable garden (behind a deer fence!) and native perennials borders, which withstood last summer's drought. I've started a native perennial flower meadow separating my garden from the farmed land. This year the land was certified organic and my next-door neighbors tell me they saw a species of bird that had not visited them for decades. My farmer reports that dragonflies and swallows are sporting on his wheat fields, and the earthworms are returning to the soil in numbers.

Last summer I joined a group of "Nonoperating Farmland Owners" in the Hudson Valley organized by the American Farmland Trust, a national nonprofit dedicated to farmland preservation and stewardship. AFT advisors have encouraged me to think more deeply about the highest and best uses of my land, how better to support my farmer, and how to enhance the land's biodiversity. I am continuing on this exciting journey as a farmland owner, finding other like-minded people to connect to through both Columbia Land Conservancy and the American Farmland Trust. My farm has given me a new purpose, and a way to collaborate in more meaningful ways with my human and natural community. I like to think that my late husband is cheering me on.

Susan Arterian Chang



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



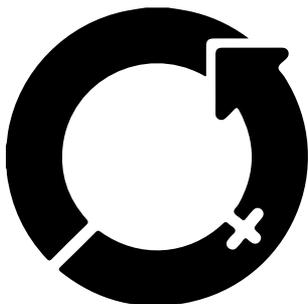
We will be marching in the White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 11.

Gather near the Italian Pavilion,
at the corner of Mamaroneck Ave and Edgewood St.
at 11-11:15 a.m.

Join us for drinks after!

LET'S CELEBRATE International Women's Day

MARCH 8



Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated. Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all #EmbraceEquity. This is the theme of the 2023 International Women's Day.

What is International Women's Day (IWD)? This day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

IWD has been celebrated for well over a century with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively, everywhere. It is not specific to any country, group or organization.

Long before the Feminist Movement of the 1960s, International Women's Day's genesis goes back to February 28, 1909, New York, U.S.A., with a prophetic focus on women's rights. Known originally as "National Woman's Day" it was first proposed by Theresa Malkiel and loosely based on the urban legend commemorating a protest by women garment workers in New York City, on March 8, 1857.

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Happy Birthday!



MARCH

- 1 – MARIE HERRERO
- 4 – MARY T. MACDONALD
- 6 – DORIS HERRICK
- 10 – LAURA AMADIO
- 16 – DEIDRE KIMBLE
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>COMING EVENTS...</p> <p>Scholarship Luncheon & Fashion Show - April 29</p>			<p>1</p> <p>12 pm Bridge & Games</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30 am Indoor Tag Sale</p>
			<p>5</p> <p>10 am Club Quarterly Mtg.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 pm Club Dial Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 am Marking Committee</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11 am WICS Meeting 12 pm Club Day 6:30 pm Intl. Women's Day Event</p>
<p>12</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am Marking Committee 2 pm Afternoon Book Club</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12 pm Bridge & Games 7 pm Packing "Welcome to Your Home" Kits</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>FIRST DAY OF SPRING 7 pm Finance Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am Marking Committee 7 pm Foundation Board Mtg</p>	<p>22</p> <p>12 pm Bridge & Games</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7 pm Knitting Group</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 pm Joint Board of Directors' Mtg</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Marking Committee</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12 pm Bridge & Games</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



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Inspired by Malkeil and other American activists, German Socialist Luise Zietz suggested there be an annual Women's Day which was quickly seconded by sister activist, Clara Zetkin and supported by Kate Duncker. One hundred women delegates from 17 countries agreed with the suggestion as a means to continue promoting the rights of women, including suffrage (the right to vote).

On March 19, 1911, International Women's Day was officially marked for the first time. More than one million people celebrated in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. Women demanded the right to vote, to fight against sex discrimination in the workplace, and to hold public office.

In 1913, International Women's Day was recognized in Russia for the first time, where it catapulted to become part of what led to the Russian Revolution in 1917. At that time, in St. Petersburg, women went on strike for "Bread and Peace" demanding the end to World War I, Czarism, and the shortage of food in Russia. International Women's Day began to spread. In 1922, it reached China where March 8 was declared an office "half-day of work" for women in 1949.

The demand for women's rights continued to grow, gain support, and shine a much-needed light on the poor conditions under which too many women continued to live. In 1967, the notion of women's rights was taken up by the next generation of feminists who called for equal pay, equal economic opportunity, equal legal rights, reproductive rights, subsidized child-care and the prevention of violence against women.

The United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day in 1975, which was declared "International Women's Year". In 1977, the United Nations invited members to proclaim March 8th as the *UN Day for Women's Rights and World Peace*. International Women's Day continues to be celebrated worldwide on March 8.

The focus in 2023 is on equity which will ultimately result in equality. Equity means the quality of being fair and impartial. Pay equity, gender equity you have heard these terms

before. The most important part of this definition is the focus on fairness. You can think of it as bringing everyone up to the same level. Equity can be defined as giving everyone what they need to be successful. In other words, it's not giving everyone the exact same thing. If we give everyone the exact same thing, expecting that will make people equal, it assumes that everyone started out in the same place - and this can be vastly inaccurate because everyone isn't the same. Equity is bringing everyone along according to their unique needs.

International Women's Day has several missions for 2023:

- Celebrate women forging change
- Elevate the visibility of women creatives
- Build workplaces where women thrive
- Improve equality for women in technology
- Forge women's equality worldwide
- Empower women's choices in health
- Applaud equality for women in sport

We hope you will join with us to learn more about this and celebrate International Women's Day with all your fellow members and friends at the White Plains Woman's Club on March 8.

Elizabeth Kurth

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JAKARTA



For a period in my life, I had the privilege to travel to six countries in one month; seven if you count the USA.

I would start my journey flying out of NYC (USA), head to Paris (France), then hop on a train to Belgium (Brussels), head onto Cologne (Germany), then off to Copenhagen (Denmark), after that I would head to Milan/Lodi (Italy) and at last, but not least: Jakarta (Indonesia).

Although I was able to travel to wonderful places in Europe and beyond, I would never have imagined that Indonesia would become one of my favorite places. It may come as a surprise to some that Indonesia has the 4th largest population in the world and became my “go to” destination the last week of each month for three years.

Coincidentally, my first experience with this country was on a personal trip to dive in Bali. I had no idea how amazing an experience I was embarking on! Ocean blue as far as one can see, like prairie land combined with fields of lavender. Nothing can compare to the deep blue sea. However, the city of Jakarta is unparalleled as you are transported to a pre-Castro Cuba, old era aristocrats mixed in with the mafia; It worked like milk in coffee, just blended in.

The best way I can describe the inner city of Jakarta would be to ask you to imagine Central Park in your mind: the lush greenery, the statues, the attention to detail, with the bustle of Hong Kong and the most beautiful light show you could ever experience. No matter how many times I stayed in this city I always felt like I was driving down Rodeo Drive with the tall trees, but as Zen and picturesque as a Japanese garden. The homes outside of the city had lavish gates of gold, and the air was fragranced with blossoming trees.

In honor of Ramadan, I would like to give you a little bit more insight of this beautiful country. The terrain, the people, and

let's not forget: the FOOD! When you arrive in the city, the buildings are as high as the eye can see and when you look up at them, they glisten as if they are wrapped in tinfoil.

I worked for a pulp and paper company, one of the largest in the world, with a manufacturing plant so expansive one needed to travel by golf cart to cross its length. The buildings seem endless, I felt as if I was skiing in Vermont on a snowy trail that never ended. After a typical workday, unlike in Europe, there was no siesta in between work and dinner. Immediately after work would go back to our quarters and prepare for the evening, and when I say prepare, I mean dress up. Most everyone had a personal helper who assisted with preparation for you to look your very best for the evening. You all know we need help with that one top button on that one dress; it's always the hardest to reach!

No details are lost during dinner: place settings with florals and freshest of the ingredients -- from fishes to spices. There is a special feeling when walking into each restaurant between the interior and the vista views, it's a sweet spot between fine dining and royalty. The combination of the authenticity and the presentation of the food transports you into another era, one of elegance and grandeur.

At most restaurants, whether casual street fair vendors or fine dining, you will be served one of the most famous dishes in Indonesian called 'Nasi Goreng'. This is a fried rice dish you can have with meat and vegetables, but somehow it is as light as air, and the secret to this dish is each chef's twist on the spices. I like to compare this dish with how Julia Child used butter; everything tastes better with Nasi Goreng. It is very simple dish, yet it is a very proud dish as everyone that I have had the privilege to eat it with says "they make the best Nasi Goreng". I feel that besides the fact that this dish is a cultural staple, it is a conversation starter that gives an inside peek into the rich history of the Indonesian people.

I hope you enjoyed my peek into Indonesia and perhaps for dinner tonight this will inspire you to make "your family dish".

Makan, iya (translated to *Eat, yes*)

Molly Sutter

WHITE PLAINS ALMANAC BATTLE OF WHITE PLAINS



Unlike other significant Revolutionary War battlegrounds such as the Saratoga National Historic Park, the grounds of the Battle of White Plains have not been well-preserved. In fact, most of the battleground area has been supplanted by private homes of White Plains citizenry. Perhaps, that is not so surprising. At the time of the battle – late October of 1776 -- the town of White Plains consisted only of about seventy houses, scattered at a fair distance from one other, along with two churches, two taverns and a courthouse. But through its becoming the county seat of Westchester in 1757 and with the arrival of the New York Central Railroad, its population mushroomed in the 1800's and at that time of the city's unfettered growth, the significance of the battle was likely not appropriately appreciated. After all, it was a British victory.

Immediately prior to the Battle of White Plains, the Continental army, led by General George Washington, was in full retreat after a series of devastating defeats to the British in New York City and Long Island. The Continental army retreated northward, establishing defensive earthworks – made primarily

of cornstalks -- with the aim of avoiding being entrapped by the British in order to make a defensive stand in White Plains. The British army, led by General William Howe, pursued them but was repeatedly delayed by a general lack of knowledge of and significant difficulties presented by Westchester topography, which at the time was intermittently rocky and marshy with poor and often nonexistent roadways.

The three day battle was fought mostly on and around Chatterton Hill, on which the Americans made a determined stand and succeeded in causing significant British casualties, but were eventually overrun and forced to retreat. While General Howe apparently intended to demolish the retreating army, he initially hesitated in order to call in reinforcements and then a heavy storm ensued, leaving the ground so muddy that he was forced to again postpone the attack and, within a few days, abandoned it altogether.

The goal of the British military in the early part of the Revolutionary War was to demonstrate its military superiority so convincingly that the American rebels would accept a negotiated reconciliation with Britain. An important advantage the Colonial Army had over the British was while the British had to win a clear victory over the American rebels, the Colonialists just had to avoid total surrender. As so often happened elsewhere in the War, the Revolutionary army was forced to retreat but survived to win another important battle, in this case their decisive victory at Trenton in December of 1776. In fact, narratives of the time reported that the colonial combatants, for the most part, were buoyed by the outcome of the White Plains Battle.

As so often in wartime, the civilians of White Plains were casualties of the battle. Major John W. Austin of the 16th Massachusetts Regiment, upon Howe's abandonment of the White Plains camp, spent a boisterous afternoon with his men in celebration. By evening, though, he and his men, feeling resentful of the White Plains' inhabitants, burned the houses on Village Street (now Broadway) which during the battle had been occupied by the British. They stole possessions from inside the homes, dispossessed all occupants, including children, the ill and the aged, and torched the houses. They also destroyed the two churches and the two taverns on Village, one of which was a well-known patriot gathering

spot. Although Major Austin justified his actions by denouncing the White Plains citizens as “Tories”, his actions were roundly censured, and he was court martialed and dismissed from the service.

In closing, I do want to mention several Revolutionary sites in White Plains that are definitely worth a visit:

The Battle of White Plains Park, set on a sliver of what was the battleground offers some boards with historical information (as well as benches and a playground).

The Purdy House, moved from its original location on Spring Street to 60 Park Avenue, is the home where George Washington stayed for six days before the battle. An irony of the home is that although its owner was a patriot, two of his sons were loyalists who upon the American victory fled to Canada.

Finally, the newly renovated **Elijah Miller Home**, at 140 Virginia Road in North White Plains, which is on the National Registry of Historic Places, is the residence where General Washington stayed and worked during the Battle of White Plains. Built in 1738 by John Miller, the home was occupied in 1776 by his son, Elijah and Elijah’s wife, Anne Miller (née Fisher). Elijah, a member of the Westchester militia, had died in camp in August, 1776 and his two sons, also in the militia, died of fever in December, 1776. General Washington returned on two subsequent occasions to the home, in the summer of 1778 and July 5-7 of 1981. Anne Miller both times served as his hostess. It is currently a museum and open for tours.

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Rebecca lives in Rye Brook with her husband, her daughter who attends 2nd grade, and their toy poodle. Her family owns Zaltas Gallery of Fine Jewelry in Mamaroneck. Prior to entering the family business full-time 10 years ago, Rebecca was a special education teacher in Greenwich, Ct. Rebecca's family is involved in a number of charities and they love giving back and supporting local organizations, nonprofits and schools. Rebecca is very excited to join the Woman's Club and is interested in many activities including philanthropy, event planning, and book club.

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Marla Beth is the creator and owner of Marla Beth Designs. She specializes in large-scale abstract art and her designs have been described as equal parts whimsy and sophistication. When the pandemic hit she turned her love of painting from a hobby to a business. Marla Beth resides in Rye Brook with her husband and two sons. She enjoys being very involved in the community and is a member of several small business and networking groups including the Westchester Business Council and the Women's Enterprise Development Center. Marla Beth is interested in philanthropy and event planning.

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Michelle has lived in White Plains since 2015. She is 32 years old and grew up in Harrison. Michelle has two dogs, Andy and Rover—Michelle jokes that her dogs like living in White Plains! Michelle has held positions as a sleep away Camp

Director in the Poconos and has served as the Business Director and Manager at a tennis club in Westchester. She is looking to do more for her community, and make new friends. She is excited to join the Club and is interested in philanthropy, event planning, the arts, and hospitality.

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Susan was a resident of White Plains from 1992 to 2005 and again from 2008 to 2012. From 1997 to 2005 she was editor and publisher of The White Plains Watch community newspaper. Susan now lives in the rural farm community of Ancram, NY. She has two adult children Austin and Hannah Chang and one grandson. Susan was previously a member of the Club and is rejoining now as a non-resident.

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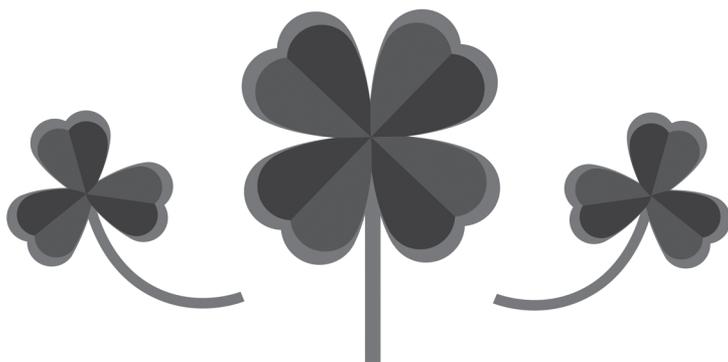
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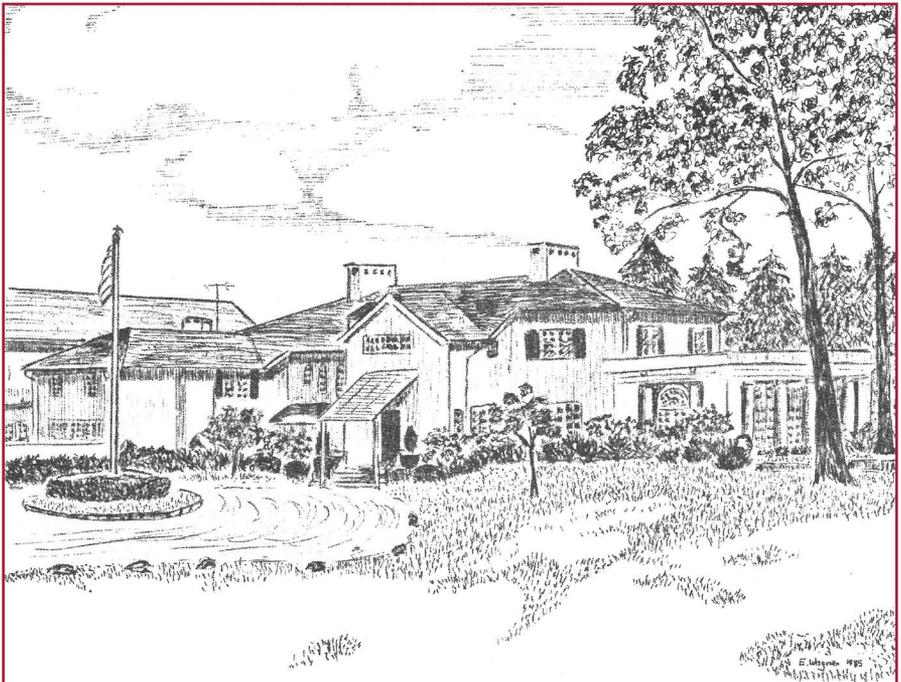
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