



March 2016

The Y's Women Newsletter

GENERAL MEETINGS

Open to members and their guests

Place: Temple Israel, Westport

10:45 am Coffee and Conversation

11:30 am Meeting and Speaker

We must enter through the doors from the upper parking lot. Since there are a limited number of parking spaces in the upper lot, please leave them for those who have difficulty walking. Others please park in the lower lot and walk to the upper entrance.

March 14

Kay Maxwell: The World of Women Beyond Our Borders – A Personal Perspective

Kay Maxwell is executive director of the World Affairs Forum in Stamford. She served as the 16th president of the League of Women Voters and chaired its Education Fund from 2002-2006. She is also vice-chair of the Board of Planned Parenthood of Connecticut and served on the Board of the Women's Campaign School at Yale. She attended Smith College and earned a BA degree in international relations from the University of Pennsylvania.

March 28

Susan Granger: Movies – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

Susan Granger brings an experienced and unique perspective to the field of communication. For more than 25 years she has been an on-air TV and radio commentator and entertainment critic. Her reviews, commentaries, and interviews are distributed around the world. Born into a film-business family and raised in Hollywood, she appeared as a child actress in movies with Abbott and Costello, Red Skelton, Lucille Ball, and Lassie. She studied journalism with Pierre Salinger at Mills College and earned a BA degree in journalism with honors from the University of Pennsylvania.

LUNCHESS WITH SPEAKERS

We encourage a small group of members to have lunch with the speakers, at a Westport restaurant, following their presentation.

If you would like to join us, please contact Polly Temple at pnptemple@icloud.com.

Y's Women Explore Library's MakerSpace



Y's Women members had a real treat at the January 25th General Meeting, held in the innovative MakerSpace at the Westport Library. Alex Giannini, the new Manager of Digital Experience, demonstrated a variety of technological gadgets including a fully programmable robot, a range of 3-D printers, and The Oculus Rift virtual reality headset.

SNOW DAYS

If Westport schools are closed as a result of bad weather, the Y's Women General Meeting will be canceled.

If in doubt, check local radio stations WNLK (1350AM), WSTC (1400AM), WEBE (108FM) — or TV Channel 3

SATELLITE GROUPS Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 1 will meet on Thursday, March 17 at 1:00 pm in the Seminar Room of the Westport Library to discuss *Two Years Eight Months and 28 Nights* by Salmon Rusdie. If

you have any questions, please be in touch with Frankie Stein at 226-4219 or Connie Beskind at 255-8682.



Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, March 3 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the **Weston Library**. We will be discussing *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd, and the discussion will be led by Judy Noe. For further information, please call Nancy Bloom at 259-0071.

Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, March 4 at 10:30 am to discuss *All the Old Knives* by Olen Steinhauer. We'll meet at the home of Inge VanGelder. If you have any questions, please call Joan Harnett at 587-1170.

Solos will be combining an evening of Happy Hour appetizers and Margaritas or wine at **Rio Bravo** in Westport, followed by the Staples High School musical "**Drowsy Chaperone.**" We will meet at the restaurant on Friday, March 11 at 5:00 pm, and will stand around, drink, eat, and socialize in the bar area. The show begins at 7:30 pm at Staples. Food and drinks will cost \$20 each, and the ticket to the show is \$15. You may participate in both events, or choose just one. If you'd like to be included in this fun evening, please contact Joan Weinstein at 227-7304 as soon as possible so that we are able to get the best orchestra seats, and send your check for the appropriate amount, made out to Joan Weinstein-Solos, to 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883.

Newcomers Luncheon

Our next Newcomers Luncheon will be held in April. Stay tuned to the next newsletter for details.

Carpool and Go!

On Thursday, March 17, we will visit the Katonah Museum of Art for a guided tour of their new special exhibit, **The Nest: An Exhibition of Art in Nature**. "In a provocative display that incorporates contemporary art, relics from the natural world, and items of material culture, this show examines the exquisite beauty and profound symbolism of the nest in art and culture – illustrating how the fundamental drive to gather, assemble, and create is a function of both nature and the artistic process." Our tour is scheduled for 11:30 am, and afterward we will lunch at Peppino's in the charming village of Katonah.

We will meet at the Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:45 am for a 10:00 departure. To reserve your spot, please contact **Lydia Menendez** at 319-1110 or lydiamndz12@gmail.com,



and send her a check for \$6 to cover the cost of admission and the tour. Lydia's address is 388 Oldfield Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. The cost for gas will be \$4, payable in cash to the drivers. Please indicate if you are willing to drive – **drivers are always needed and appreciated!**

Y's Care

If you know of someone in our organization who is sick or grieving and could use a card, contact Cary Peterson at carypeterson3@gmail.com.

Food donations for Mercy Learning Center

Please continue to bring your gifts of non-perishable food to the first general meeting of each month. It is much appreciated by needy clients of the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. Questions? Contact Jean McGurk, 222-0501.

TRIPS



Wednesday, June 8: “The Roar of the Greasepaint – The Smell of the Crowd” at Goodspeed's Norma Terris Theatre.

We will start this fun day with lunch at the historic **Griswold Inn** in Essex, CT. Then we will head to the intimate and award-winning **Norma Terris Theatre** for a matinee performance of this fun show. In a world turned upside down, a ragtag group relies on humor, song, and dance to try to build a new life. **Price per person is \$130, all-inclusive.**

Wednesday, June 15: The American Ballet Theatre's "Swan Lake."

We will enjoy luncheon at charming **Pappardella Cucina Italiana**, and then take our seats in the Dress Circle of the Metropolitan for the classic *Swan Lake* ballet. Of all the great classics performed by ABT today, *Swan Lake* remains the quintessential ballet set to Tchaikovsky's glorious score. **Price per person is \$165, all-inclusive.**

Thank you to all who have already signed up for this ballet. We have almost a full bus and will welcome anyone who signs up from now on, starting a waiting list when the bus is full.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

April 15–23: 8-Day Cruise Aboard the Brand New Luxury Boat Amadeus Silver II.

This 5-Star cruise to Holland, France, Germany, and Switzerland is being offered at a **BIG SALE PRICE**. Space is very limited. For more information, contact Pat Farmer at 227-3076 or pahf02@gmail.com.

In addition, several international trips available to Y's Women this year include:

- **Danube River Cruise Featuring Vienna and Budapest**
- **Rhine River Castles, Alsace, and Switzerland**
- **Holland Tulip Cruise**
- **Burgundy, Mediterranean, and Provence, France**
- **Paris and Normandy River Cruise**



Each trip will be offered on a variety of dates. Flyers for all scheduled dates will be available at the regular Y's Women's General Meetings.

Detailed flyers for all trips are available at the Y's Women's General Meetings or by contacting Pat Farmer at 227-3076 or pahf02@gmail.com. When reserving for a trip, please observe the tear-off on the bottom of the flyer with the pertinent information and entree choices requested, just to make life a little easier on the Travel Chairman. If you are unable to attend a meeting and want a flyer, please contact Pat Farmer and she can mail you one either electronically or by snail mail. Many thanks!

Trip Cancellation Policy: Your payment is your reservation.
Refunds will be given only if your place can be sold to someone else.