

May 2015

# The Y's Women Newsletter

## GENERAL MEETINGS

*Open to members and their guests*

**Place: Temple Israel**

**14 Coleytown Road, Westport**

**10:45 am Coffee and Conversation**

**11:30 am Meeting and Speaker**

**May 11**

**U.S. Representative Jim Himes**

Jim Himes has been our Congressman from the 4th District since 2009. He is a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and its Subcommittee on the National Security Agency and Cyber Security, as well as the House Financial Services Committee. Born in Lima, Peru to American parents, Jim spent his early years in Lima and Bogota, Columbia. He received his B.A. degree from Harvard and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, where he received his Master of Philosophy in Latin American Studies. He was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the University of Bridgeport. Jim will speak to us about happenings in Washington, D.C. Come prepared to ask him about whatever issues affecting our country interest you!

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Y's Women will participate in Westport's parade. We need a convertible, so that 3 - 4 women can ride. Please contact Katie Chase (226-6013) if you have a convertible and can drive it in the parade. Others can walk alongside or watch the parade from the sidelines. If you have a pink Y's Women t-shirt, please wear it.



## LUNCHES 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 Sheila Weiss at [srweiss@optonline.net](mailto:srweiss@optonline.net).

## SATELLITE GROUPS

**(Y's Women members ONLY)**

**Book Group 1** will meet at 1:00 pm on Thursday, May 21 in the Seminar Room of the Library. We are reading *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt. Any questions? Call Frankie Stein, 226-4219 or Connie Beskind, 255-8682.

**Book Group 2** will meet on Thursday, May 7 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. We will discuss *Life After Life: A Novel* by Kate Atkinson. Regina Krummel will be hosting the meeting at her home. Please let Regina know if you plan to attend (853-7147 or [rebilkru@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rebilkru@sbcglobal.net)).

**Book Group 3** will meet on Friday, May 1 at 10:30 am to discuss *The Great Fire* by Shirley Hazzard, led by Diane Becker. We will meet at the home of Inge van-Gelder. Questions? Please call Joan Harnett at 587-1170.

## Newcomers Luncheon:

Where: **Tavern on Main**, 150 Main Street, Westport

When: **May 11** (after the meeting)

RSVP: Ann Stewart, 451-8002 or [ann@AnnStewart.com](mailto:ann@AnnStewart.com)

EVERYONE is welcome to join us for lunch—old and new members, as well as those thinking of joining Y's Women. The Newcomers Lunches are convenient, casual opportunities to get to know each other better, and they're always fun!

### Carpool & Go!

Prepare for a fun outing on Tuesday, May 12 when we will be visiting the **Florence Griswold Home and Museum** in Old Lyme, CT. There will be an 11:00 am guided tour of Miss Florence's fascinating boarding house / museum, which was a summer home for many of the group of artists known as American Impressionists. The house is delightful and the gardens should be spectacular. Following lunch at the **Morning Glory Cafe**, we will have a one hour painting class at the museum (for an additional cost of \$5.00). Those not wishing to join this class may spend time in the Kriebel Gallery viewing Peter Halley's "Big Paintings."

Meet at Trader Joe's/Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:15 am for a 9:30 am departure. Please email or call Jill Meyer ([jill@awayfortheday.net](mailto:jill@awayfortheday.net) or 226-4310) to reserve your place, and mail a check for \$8.00, made out to Jill Meyer, to 40 Owenoke Park, Westport, CT 06880. For the painting class, bring a check for \$5.00 made out to the Florence Griswold Museum. The gas reimbursement charge will be \$8.00 in cash, for the drivers. Please indicate if willing to drive - drivers always needed and appreciated!

**Solos:** We'll kick off the Memorial Day weekend on Friday, May 22 at 6:00 pm with a festive dinner at Jean McGurk's home at the "Westport" condos (on the Post Road, next to Pepperidge Farm. Reserve your place with Joan Weinstein, 227-7304 or [46tannery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:46tannery@sbcglobal.net). Details to follow by email.

### ***Take us out to the Ball Game!!!***

**Yankees vs. Washington —  
June 10 at 1:00 pm at Yankee Stadium**

The Y's Men are planning this outing (**1/2 price tickets and bus for \$95**), and a limited number of tickets are available, which they are offering to Y's Women. If interested, time is of the essence! Contact David Benjamin at 222-7602 immediately.

### **Please bring non-perishable food ...**

**to the first Y's Women's meeting of the month.**

It will be delivered to the **Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport**, which provides basic literacy and life skills training to low-income women, without regard for race, color or creed. There is often an urgent need for food, and our donations are greatly appreciated. Questions? Call Jean McGurk, 222-0501.

*Mark your calendar and join us for our*

## ***End-of-the-Year Brunch and Annual Meeting***

***Monday, June 8, 11:30 am  
at Temple Israel***

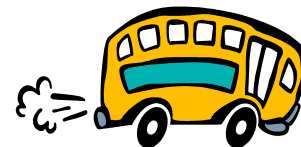
***Cost: \$15 per person***

***Send your check, made out to Y's Women, to  
Carole Rubenstein, 46 Mohawk Drive, Norwalk, CT 06851***

***Checks must be received by May 26; no walk-in exceptions***

***Any questions? Call Carole at 847-2834***

## TRIPS



*The following two trips still have space, but NOW is the time to reserve your spot!*

**Tuesday, May 19: The NY Botanical Gardens' Special Exhibition – "Frida Kahlo: Art, Garden, Life" with a Tour of Woodlawn Cemetery**

Enjoy a one-hour guided tour of the **Frida Kahlo** exhibition, focusing on the artist's involvement with nature in her native country of Mexico. Enjoy a **Garden Market Basket lunch** in the Garden's Cafe. We will then meet our guide for a motorcoach tour of **Woodlawn Cemetery**, one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the world. **Price per person is \$124, all inclusive.**

**Wednesday, June 10: The American Ballet Theatre's "Sleeping Beauty"**

We start with **luncheon at the elegant Petrossian Restaurant**, unique in its own right, and then take our seats in the Dress Circle at the Metropolitan for the classic *Sleeping Beauty* ballet. Whether this is your perennial favorite or a first-time discovery, *Sleeping Beauty* brings together all the appeal of classical ballet, set to Tchaikovsky's wonderful score. **Price per person is \$160, all inclusive.**

*Look ahead and include the following in your summer plans! It's hard to make commitments so far ahead, but we have a deadline and don't wish to cancel the trip. More reservations are needed to make it a "go"!*

**Wednesday, August 5: The New Musical "My Paris" at Goodspeed's Norma Terris Theatre**

Start this fun day with luncheon at the historic **Brushmill by the Waterfall** in Chester, followed by a performance of *My Paris*, an original new musical about the life and times of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec... the artist who captured the gaiety, color, and heartbreak of Montmartre, Le Can-Can, and the world of Le Moulin Rouge. *C'est magnifique!* **Price per person is \$130, all inclusive.**

### **OUT-OF-THE-COUNTRY TRIPS for 2015**

**Paris and Normandy Seine River Cruise: 9 days — April 22-30**

5-Star River Boat Cruise featuring Paris and the French countryside, with airfare. Price from \$3,399.

**Amazing Italy by Rail — just two hotels: October 1-10**

Visit Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa, the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii. An immersive experience exploring the best of Italy. You will ride in comfort on the high-speed rails. This is a complete vacation including admissions to many of the famous sights such as the Vatican, the Coliseum, the Academia with the statue of David, as well as the preserved ancient city of Pompeii. Price per person is \$3,599, which includes airfare, 12 meals (all breakfasts and four dinners), rail journeys, escorts while in Italy, baggage handling, and transfers. This will definitely be an amazing trip — in a slightly different way.

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 Brochures for the trips abroad are available at the General Meetings or by contacting Pat Farmer  
 and can also be found at [www.dmvacation.com/ys](http://www.dmvacation.com/ys)  
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**Detailed flyers for all trips are available at the Y's Women's General Meetings or by contacting Pat Farmer, 227-3076 or [pahf02@gmail.com](mailto:pahf02@gmail.com).**

**Trip Cancellation Policy: Your payment is your reservation.**