



April 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. 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.

April 11

Dan Woog: *Woog's World* – Dan Dishes on 06880

Dan's column *Woog's World* has appeared weekly in the Westport News since 1986. He has also written 16 books, as well as articles for *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Sports Illustrated*. A graduate of Staples High School and Brown University, this full-time freelance writer is an educator, a popular speaker and blogger (06880 – *Where Westport Meets the World*), and, in his "spare time," coaches Staples' boys soccer team. He has a lot to tell us about 06880!

April 25

Leonard Everett Fisher: Past is Present – Creative Connections Revealed

The career of this 91-year-old American artist ranges from his World War II experience with the top-secret Operations Section of the U.S. Army's 30th Engineers, creating invasion and campaign topographic maps, to illustrating some 250 books for young readers and writing 88 of them. His paintings and drawings are in numerous public and private collections. He has designed many U.S. postage stamps. His numerous honors include a Pulitzer Prize for painting. A co-founder of the Westport Arts Center, he has received Westport's Lifetime Achievement Award for the Visual Arts. Come hear about his "creative connections."

LUNCHESES 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 listen with interest as our March 14th speaker, Kay Maxwell, Executive Director of the World Affairs Forum in Stamford, speaks of her experiences educating women around the world in the political process.

Save the Date

Monday, June 13

***End-of-the-year luncheon
and annual meeting***

SATELLITE GROUPS Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 1 will meet on Thursday, April 21 at 1:00 pm in the Seminar room of the Westport Library. Our book is *On the Move* by Oliver Sacks. We are happy to welcome new members to our book group. Any questions? Call Frankie Stein, 226-4219 or Connie Beskind, 255-8682.



Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, April 7 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at the **Weston Library**. The book to be discussed is *Thérèse Raquin* by Emile Zola. The discussion will be led by Jane Malakoff. For further information, call Arlene Bloom at 254-9096.

Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, April 1 at 10:30 am to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Our meeting will be at the home of Inge VanGelder. If you have any questions, please call Joan Harnett at 587-1170.

Solos will celebrate Spring with a brunch on Sunday, April 17 at noon at **Positano's**, located next to the Westport Country Playhouse. If the weather is good, we can enjoy outside dining. This is a full buffet, including a carving station, dessert table, and Mimosas. If you want to be included, send your check for \$20, payable to Joan Weinstein – Solos, to 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883.



Y's Care

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

Carpool and Go!

Our next expedition will be on Wednesday, April 13 to the **Mattatuck Museum** in Waterbury, CT. The museum's collection focuses on Connecticut history and artists, both old and new. We will have a docent-led tour starting at 10:30 am, with time afterwards to view an exhibit of Thomas Moser furniture as well as a button collection. Then we will go to nearby Signatures Restaurant for lunch.

We will meet at Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:15 am for a 9:30 departure. The cost of admission and the tour is \$8. Please reserve your spot by contacting **Lydia Menendez** at 319-1110 or lydiamnndz12@gmail.com, and sending her a check (made out to Lydia) to 388 Oldfield Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. Please bring \$5 in cash for gas reimbursement to the drivers – and indicate if you are willing to drive. **Drivers are always needed and appreciated!**



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 at 222-0501.



TRIPS



Monday, May 2: The New Whitney Museum with NYC Tour by Daryl Williams and Lower Manhattan's New "Le District."

A wonderful tour with our acclaimed expert guide, Daryl Williams, including the new **Oculus Pavilion**, lunch (**on our own**) and browsing at "Le District," and a chance to enjoy the elevated, breathtaking views of the World Trade Center, Lower Manhattan, and the ever-growing New Jersey skyline. Following lunch we will check into the newly unveiled **Whitney Museum** and divide into three groups for one-hour docent-guided tours. There will be time to visit the museum collection, browse the gift shop, or even visit the High Line just outside. **Price per person is \$102, all inclusive!!** Because of the necessity to send a non-refundable deposit to the Museum soon, it is important to receive reservations as quickly as possible ... hopefully by **April 8**.

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.** Please note that we still need more participants to meet our minimum number.

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.** We have almost a full bus and will welcome anyone to a waiting list when the bus is full.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

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.