

September 2015

## The Y's Women

### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

*Open to members and their guests*

**Date:** September 28  
**Place:** **Westport Library**  
**McManus Room (lower level)**  
**11:45 am** Brief business meeting  
**12:00 pm** Speaker

[Please note that this meeting is co-sponsored with the Westport Library. Since space will be limited, we recommend that Y's Women members arrive at 11:30 to ensure seating.]

#### **Andrew C. Wilk: *Live From Lincoln Center***

The Y's Women are pleased to open our 2015/16 season with a special presentation by the brilliant, charming, and multitalented Andrew C. Wilk. Currently Executive Producer of the PBS series *Live from Lincoln Center* – the longest-running arts program on TV – he has also served as Chief Creative Officer of Sony Music Entertainment and as Executive Vice President, Programming, Production & News for the National Geographic Channel. An Emmy Award winning writer, director, and producer of TV programs, Mr. Wilk is also an acclaimed playwright, director, and symphony conductor. He will discuss his 40-year career in various aspects of television, theater, and music, and will also cover the changing landscape of media in 2015 in a more general sense.

#### **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 Polly Temple at [pnptemple@icloud.com](mailto:pnptemple@icloud.com).

#### ***In Memoriam:***

*We would like to pay tribute to Katie Chase for her service to The Y's Women. Katie recently passed away. After first serving as Vice President in charge of Programs, she was our most recent President until forced to resign in July as a result of her illness. Katie was valiant in serving The Y's Women despite her health problems and we are very grateful for her commitment.*

#### **New Officers**

At the August Board meeting, the Nominating Committee proposed the following to fill two vacant positions:

**President: Sheila Weiss**

**Vice President/ Programs: Polly Temple**

Both were elected by a vote of the Board.

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#### **SATELLITE GROUPS**

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

**Book Group 1** will meet on Thursday, September 17 at 1:00 pm. We are reading *The Children's Act* by Ian McEwan. The location of this meeting is still to be determined. We are looking forward to welcoming new members to our Book Group. Please call Frankie Stein at 226-4219 or Connie Beskind at 255-8682 if you are interested in joining.

## SATELLITE GROUPS (continued)

**Book Group 2** will meet on Thursday, September 3 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. Each member will make a five-minute presentation on a biography, autobiography, or memoir of their choice. The discussion will be led by Sue Harris, and Phyllis Groner will be hosting the meeting at her home. Please let Phyllis know if you plan to attend (226-5583 or [Phyllis.Groner@Takata.com](mailto:Phyllis.Groner@Takata.com)).

**Book Group 3** will meet on Friday, September 4 at 10:30 am to discuss *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Kathy McCabe will lead the discussion, and we will meet at the home of Inge van Gelder. Questions? Please call Joan Harnett at 587-1170.



### **Carpool & Go!**

Prepare for an enjoyable outing on Wednesday, September 16, when we will be visiting the **The Florence Griswold Home and Museum** in Old Lyme, CT. After an 11:00 docent-guided tour of the exhibit “All the Sea Knows: Marine Art from the Museum of the City of New York,” we will visit Miss Florence’s fascinating boarding house/museum next door, which hosted all the New York Impressionist artists at the turn of the last century. Following our tours, we will have lunch at the **Morning Glory Café**.

We’ll meet at Trader Joe’s at 9:15 am for a 9:30 departure. To reserve your place, please email Jill Meyer ([jill@awayfortheday.net](mailto:jill@awayfortheday.net)) or Lydia Menendez ([lydiamnndz12@gmail.com](mailto:lydiamnndz12@gmail.com)), or call Jill at 226-4310. Mail a check for \$8 payable to Jill Meyer to 40 Owenoke Park, Westport, CT 06880. The gas reimbursement for your driver will be \$8 in cash. Also indicate whether you are willing to drive, as drivers are always needed and appreciated!

## Coming Attractions....

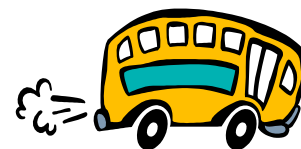
### **Volunteer Fair**

Have you wondered what types of volunteer opportunities are available in our area? The Y’s Women plan to help you find out at our October 26th meeting, when we will host some area organizations that can use your help. We have invited representatives from a number of local nonprofit groups to share information on the types of volunteer opportunities available along with the time commitment and the scope of work involved. If you have volunteered with an organization that you would like to see included in the fair, please email Cary Peterson at [carypeterson3@gmail.com](mailto:carypeterson3@gmail.com).

### **STAY TUNED**

- Y’s Women dues for 2015/16 are due by the end of October. Watch for an email blast that will include the membership renewal form.
- The Board voted to accept a draft of revised by-laws at its August meeting. This draft will be distributed to all members by email during September and will be voted on at our October 12th general meeting.

## TRIPS



### **Wednesday, October 21: An Open Rehearsal of the NY Philharmonic, Luncheon at Pappardella Cucina Italiana, and a Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Metropolitan Opera House**

A wonderful day at Lincoln Center for the **first 35 people** (we are limited) who reserve! **October 2** is the firm date for final confirmation with the Opera House, so don't be left behind. **Price per person is \$135, all inclusive.** Detailed flyers will be available at the first Y's Women's meeting on September 28 or can be sent electronically, if requested, prior to that date.

### **Wednesday, November 4: A Delightful Day in the Hudson Valley – the Culinary Institute with Staatsburgh Historical Site**

Enjoy the epicurean delights of Italian cuisine during luncheon at the elegant *Ristorante Caterina de' Medici*, located at the magnificent Colavita Center for Italian Food & Wine. After luncheon we will move on to *Staatesburgh Historic Site (Mills Mansion)* – once the country home of Ogden and Ruth Livingston Mills. Experience the Gilded Age firsthand on a "Downton Abbey" themed tour led by our costumed guide. **Price per person is \$119, all inclusive.** A guaranteed count is necessary by October 21, so early reservations are important.

### **Tuesday, December 1: A Brandywine Holiday, featuring Christmas at Nemours Mansion with Magical Longwood Gardens.**

Celebrate the festive Holiday Season at *Nemours Mansion & Gardens*, the restored home of Alfred I. DuPont. It will be spectacular with a guided tour of this beautifully decorated mansion with stunning works of art concluding with a tram ride around sculpture-filled, formal French gardens. Then, onward to *Longwood Gardens*, one of the world's premier garden conservatories. There we will have lunch, wander through a magical world of half million twinkling lights, fragrant flowers....a starry holiday wonderland! **Price per person \$116.00, all-inclusive.**

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### **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES**

There will be international travel opportunities in 2015/16, but the final dates have not yet been determined. As soon as they are available, we will provide you with detailed brochures.

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**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](mailto:pahf02@gmail.com).

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