



February 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. Otherwise, we will park in the lower lot and walk to the upper entrance.

February 8

Eileen Hunt: Opera and Arias

Eileen Hunt is the former Minister of Music for the Congregational Church of Greens Farm in Westport. Her primary teachers were George Saxon, Jack Fisher and Max Miller. She has studied in Paris under the auspices of a Carneal Drew Foundation Grant, working under the direction of Andre Isoir with a specialty in 17th and 18th-century French keyboard music. In her spare time, Eileen enjoys travel, long distance walking, cooking, and cheering for her beloved Boston Red Sox.

February 22

Patricia Russo: Women's Campaign School -Yale

Pat Russo, Executive Director of the Women's Campaign School at Yale, is a women's rights activist, with 25 years experience in leadership roles in local, state and federal political campaigns. As a student at George Washington University, she served as an intern to U.S. Representative Bella Abzug. Russo has written that the late New York Democrat "inspires me to this day." The mission of the Women's Campaign School, "is to provide the very best training in the world for women who want to run for office or who want to move up the ladder to higher elective office. We train women to run political campaigns and to advance their careers in public service."

LUNCHEES 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.

SNOW DAYS

If Westport schools are closed due to 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, February 18 at 1:00 pm in the Library Seminar Room. We are reading *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Questions? Call Frankie Stein at 226-4219 or Connie Beskind at 255-8682.

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, February 4 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. We will be discussing *While I Was Gone* by Sue Miller, led by Doris Skutch. Jill Meyer will host the meeting at her home. Please let Jill know if you will be attending — 226-4310 or jill@awayfortheday.net.

SATELLITE GROUPS (continued)

Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, February 5, at 10:30 am to discuss *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. We'll meet at the home of Inge Van-Gelder. If you have any questions call Joan Harnett 587-1170.

Paddle Tennis: Winter Warriors (paddle players) are excited about our new courts and the enthusiasm of so many players now that the sport is beginning to catch on here. Anyone interested in playing, either on Monday at 4:30 or Friday 10:30 to noon, is welcome. We do ask that you take a clinic before coming to game play. Contact Parks and Rec in Westport for the dates of the clinics. Do come and play: we're having such fun! Want more information? Contact Suzi Miller at sjamjoy@aol.com.

Carpool and Go!

Prepare for a stimulating outing on Wednesday, February 17, when we visit the **Bruce Museum** in Greenwich for a 10:30 tour of the exhibit "*Fierce and Fragile: Big Cats in the Art of Robert Dallet,*" which will include 60 paintings, drawings, and sketches of lions, tigers, cheetahs, and other large felines. Hermès and Panthera, the global wild cat conservation organization, have collaborated to mount this exhibition of the works of the master French animal painter Robert Dallet. The exhibition is a celebration of the beauty and allure of big cats and a call to protect their wild populations for the future. The paintings have been selected from the Hermès' collection and from that of Dallet's son, Frederic. Also on view is a cityscape photo show titled "**Images of the City.**" Following our tour, we'll have lunch at **Thai Basil** in Greenwich.



We'll meet at Trader Joe's at 9:30 am for a 9:45 a.m. departure. Reserve your place by contacting Jill Meyer at jill@awayfortheday.net or at 226-4310. Please bring along on the trip a check, payable to the Bruce Museum (no cash), as the exact amount of admission is yet to be determined. The gas reimbursement for your driver will be \$3 in cash. Please indicate whether you can drive, as drivers are **always** needed and appreciated.

Solos will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 14, with a brunch at 12:30 pm, at the home of Joan Weinstein. Menu includes: Bloody Mary's or Mimosas, French Toast, Quiches, Eggs, Bagels & Lox, Tea, Coffee and something sweet.

Send your check for \$25.00 made out to Joan Weinstein—Solos, 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, Ct. 06883. You can car pool, if you choose, by meeting at exit 42 of the Merritt.

Newcomers Luncheon

We will not be lunching together in February but be sure to look for our plans next month in the March newsletter.



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.

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.

TRIPS



Wednesday, June 15, 2016: 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 at 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 \$165, all inclusive

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8 DAYS -- EMBARK ON APRIL 15, 2016**

SPACE IS VERY LIMITED

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PAT FARMER
227.3076 or pahf02@gmail.com**

In addition.... even more international trips are available to Y's Women this year:

**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 will be available at the regular Y's Women's General Meetings with all scheduled dates.



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.**