



February 2015

The Y's Women Newsletter

GENERAL MEETINGS

Open to members and their guests

Place: Temple Israel

14 Coleytown Road, Westport

10:45 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

11:30 a.m. Meeting and Speaker

February 9

Paul Bogaev

Paul Bogaev is an award-winning music director, arranger, conductor, and composer. Among the highlights of his career are two Grammy awards – one for Elton John and Tim Rice's *Aida*, for which he produced and conducted the Tony award-winning score, and a second for the Oscar-winning musical film *Chicago*, for which he was executive producer of the film's soundtrack. Paul also served as music director of the ABC-TV musicals *Cinderella*, *Annie*, and *South Pacific*. As a symphony conductor, Paul conducted the music for Francis Ford Coppola's presentation of the silent film epic *Napoleon* with major orchestras around the world.

February 23

Joe Meyers: Who Remembers Last Year's Oscar Winners?

In this season of high interest in entertainment awards (Golden Globe, Academy Awards, etc.), Joe Meyers returns to the Y's Women to talk about the industry and this year's nominees. Joe writes about movies, theater, and books for Hearst Connecticut Media. Current columns have covered the play *Forever* at Long Wharf, Jessie Muller as Carol King in *Beautiful*, MOMIX, the dance program in Torrington, and the book *Sympathy for the Devil* about Gore Vidal. With producer Sean Hudock, Joe has launched a new podcast, "Off Book," exploring the lives of New York theater artists. The blog can be found at www.wildroot.org.

LUNCHESES WITH SPEAKERS

We encourage a small group of members to have lunch with the speakers (see above), at a Westport restaurant, following their presentation. If interested, please contact Dava Waltzman, VP Programs, at dwaltz@optonline.net.

SATELLITE GROUPS

(Y's Women members ONLY)

Book Group 1 will meet on Thursday, February 19, at 1:00 p.m. at the Library in the Seminar Room. We are reading the "Westport Reads" book, *The Dubliners*, by James Joyce. Questions? Call Frankie Stein, 226-4219 or Connie Beskind, 255-8682.

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, February 5, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. We will discuss Daniel Brown's book *The Boys in the Boat*, led by Jill Meyer. Beverly Silverman will host the meeting at her home. Please let her know if you are planning to attend, 256-0046 or bevjsil@yahoo.com.

Book Group 3: Our next meeting will take place on Friday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Inge van Gelder. We'll discuss *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro, led by Doris Levinson. For more information call Joan Harnett, 587-1170.

Newcomers Luncheon

Where: Sakura Japanese Restaurant
680 Post Road East, Westport

When: February 23, 12:45 p.m.

RSVP by Friday, February 20 to

Ann Stewart: ann@AnnStewart.com

All Y's Women and their guests are welcome to attend the Newcomers Luncheons — new members, long-time members and women thinking of joining. This is a great way to get to know each other better. Please come join us!

SATELLITE GROUPS (continued)

Solos

Be our Valentine and come for brunch at Centro's in Fairfield on Sunday, February 15, at noon. Separate checks. Make reservations with Joan Weinstein (46tannery@sbcglobal.com or 227-7304).

Please note that annual Solos dues of \$20 are now due. This money is used to defray extra costs for food at our monthly events. Mail your check, payable to Joan Weinstein — Solos, to Joan at 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883.

Carpool and Go!

On Wednesday, February 11, we will return to the **Bruce Museum** for a docent-led tour of their spectacular exhibition of Dutch and Flemish 17th century paintings: *Northern Baroque Splendor: The Hohenbuchau Collection from Liechtenstein*. This recent collection features still life, landscape, hunting scenes, portraits, and more — all of outstanding quality. We will also have a chance to see a newly opened show of *Maps & Sea Charts: Discovering the "New World"* as well as *Native American Pottery from the Bruce Museum Collection*. Then we will lunch at Thai Basil on Railroad Avenue, a repeat favorite.



We will meet at Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:45am for a 10:00 departure. Please reserve your place with Lydia Menendez - lydiamnndz12@gmail.com or by phone, 319-1110 and send a check for \$6.00 made out to Lydia Menendez - 388 Oldfield Rd. Fairfield, CT 06824 for the museum entrance. The gas charge will be \$4.00 (cash) to be paid to drivers. Also indicate if you are willing to drive - drivers always needed and appreciated!

PS - Advance notice of June trip: We have a special Carpool & Go! outing planned for Wed. June 17 at Caramoor in Katonah, NY. We will attend a morning classical concert in the Renaissance music room, have lunch on the premises and then tour the grand Rosen home, full of treasures from around the world. Space is limited to 30 people and the cost is \$52.00 - please let us know immediately if interested.

Walking Group

Suspended until nicer weather returns, sometime in April. Hope to see you then.

Bring food ...

The Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport

provides basic literacy and life skills training to low-income women, without regard for race, color, or creed ... and does an extraordinary job. There is often an urgent need for food, and we try to help by bringing non-perishable food items to the **first Y's Women's meeting of each month**. The food is then delivered to the Center for distribution.

Food suggestions:

- Canned vegetables, soups, fruit, tuna fish, tomato sauce.
- Cereals, pasta, sugar, rice (in bags).
- Baby food (jars), baby cereals.
- Bags of dried beans.
- Peanut butter, jelly.
- 100% juice boxes.
- Tea, coffee (regular and decaf).

Please help! Your contributions are much appreciated. Any questions? Call Jean McGurk, 222-0501.

SNOW DAYS



If Westport schools are closed due to 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**

TRIPS



Wednesday, March 25: A Broadway Treat ... "On the Town"

A classic and dazzling revival of Leonard Bernstein's musical comedy. The performance will be preceded by lunch at **Sardi's**. **Price per person is \$178, all inclusive.** Reservations are still being taken on the basis of **"availability only."** If tickets are unavailable, we will start a waiting list.

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" with a Luncheon at Petrossian

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, *The Sleeping Beauty* brings together all the appeal of classical ballet, set to Tchaikovsky's wonderful score. **Price per person \$160, all inclusive.**

OUT-OF-THE-COUNTRY TRIPS for 2015

Costa Rica: 9 days — March 2

Includes Tourteguero National Park, Arenal, and Manuel Antonio. Price from \$2,999.

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. Price per person \$3,599. 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 including the Vatican, the Coliseum, the Academia with the statue of David, as well as the preserved ancient city of Pompeii. The price includes airfare, 12 meals (all breakfasts and four dinners), rail journeys, escorts while in Italy, baggage handling, and transfers.

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**Brochures for the three trips abroad can 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, 203.227.3076 or pahf02@gmail.com.

Just a reminder of our Trip Cancellation Policy: Your payment is your reservation.