

Y's Men of Westport/Weston, Inc.



NEWSLETTER <http://www.ysmenwestportweston.org>

Dec 3, 2013

Enlightenment • Fellowship • Community service in retirement

THURSDAY DEC 5

Charles Firlotte is the President and CEO of Aquarian Water Company. He will discuss Aquarian's position in maintaining healthy water to drink and an environment that will preserve the habitats of land and water animals in the areas that they operate.

THURSDAY DEC 12

Christopher Manfredi, DO., is Chief of Norwalk Hospital Sleep Disorders Center. He is also involved in Critical Care Medicine, Sleep Medicine and Pulmonary Disease Medicine. Dr. Manfredi will present his perspective on sleep disorder and the havoc it will bring to patients with the many forms of Sleep disorders.

DEC 19

No Meeting. Holiday Party at Continental Manor – See below:

THURSDAY DEC 26

NO MEETING – The next meeting is Jan 9, 2014.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Jan 9 Amy Riggio – *Builders Beyond Borders*
- Jan 16 Art Gottlieb – *Inside Nazi Germany WWII*
- Jan 23 Pam Allyn – *Literacy for Children*
- Jan 30 Les Devillier –
Safari and Wildlife Photographer

IN MEMORIAM

Walter Schlenker
John Sneider

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach year end and the holiday season I thought it good to reflect on our events to date and think about plans. We have had some interesting speakers with ample political coverage and even a first time culinary experience. The response to our WWII Veterans coverage was positive. We are following up with some partners to make our WWII Veterans' stories a more permanent part of our club and town history. Looking ahead I hope we can continue to surprise and perhaps occasionally even delight. For sure we are going

to fix our audio problems so they do not recur. We will not meet Thanksgiving week but following our 12/5 and 12/12 meetings we have our Holiday party to look forward to on 12/19. Marty and his team have a great party planned – including faster service and some holiday humor! Thank you to all for your active participation in our activities and especially your efforts to get others out of the house and involved and socializing. It makes a big difference when we do that. I wish you a restful and tasty Thanksgiving Holiday!

— Brian

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Holiday Party is on Thursday, December 19th at the Continental Manor, 112 Main Street, Norwalk from 11:30AM to 3:30PM, the same place that we have used for the past several years. The cost is \$42 per person and that includes choice of Prime Ribs, Chicken Piccata, Grilled Salmon or a Vegetarian platter. There will also be dancing to the music of the 40's, 50's and 60's, a performance by the Hoot Owls with Chris Coogan, and a comedy special brought to you by Marty Yellin. In addition there will be a visit from Santa, gifts for all the ladies, and a take home prize at each table. Bring your checkbooks to an upcoming Thursday meeting or mail check made out to Y's Men of Westport/Weston to Y's Men of Westport/Weston P.O. Box 167 Westport CT 06881-0167. Be sure to include your meal preference and, if so desired, with whom you would like to sit.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Carmell	Bill	203-222-0851
Druks	Neil	203-221-0364
Loselle	Dewey	203-858-0820
Perlman	Mark	203-256-1842
Stephenson	Richard	203-227-2160

BACKGAMMON CLUB

Neil Druks is the first player to join Y's Men's Backgammon Club and win his way to the top on his first day of competition. Neil joined the Y's Men last Thursday. We are expecting big things from you. Welcome aboard. We meet Tuesdays at the Westport Senior Activities Center. For details contact **Woody Bliss** at woodybliss@optonline.net or 203-515-8535.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club selection for December is “The Ghostwriter” by Phillip Roth, hailed by many critics as Roth’s greatest novel. Larry Hirsch will lead the discussion. We will meet in the Board Room at the Y at 1:30 on December 12th. Note that this is the second Thursday not our usual third Thursday, changed to accommodate the Holiday Party. All Y’s men are welcome.

CAMERA CLUB

All new members are invited to join the Y’s Men Camera Club whose main objective is to encourage Y’s Men to participate in and enjoy photography. We do this by having lectures on the subject, “show and tells”, field trips, competitions, editing tutorials, showings and displays of members’ work, all in a congenial atmosphere. Our members have a broad range of skill levels. We generally meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in the Board Room of the Family Y from 10:00AM to noon.

COLLECTOR’S CLUB

The next meeting of the Collectors Club – the last of this calendar year – will be at 10AM on Tuesday, December 17th, at the Senior Center. Please bring some things of interest or just come to see those of others and to share in the discussion. Please contact Rick Towers with any questions (Towersme@aol.com or 227-6530).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We need two drivers for Stew Leonard’s pickup – we have an opening on 4th Tuesdays. If you volunteer you will pick up food at Stew’s on Tuesday mornings and distribute it to the Gillespie Center, Project Return and The Senior Center. You will be joining a veteran. We always have 2 men for every Tuesday. Beginning in January we have an opening for 3rd Tuesdays. Details are the same as above except it is the 3rd Tuesday. Stew Leonard’s Drivers gather at Stew’s between 6 and 6:15 am. You will receive day old baked goods and the 2 drivers split up deliveries. Additional details are on the Y’s Men webpage. You will receive an email reminder the Friday and Monday before you’re scheduled to volunteer. If you are interested in this important ongoing volunteer effort please email Pete Powell at petepowell@yahoo.com.

GLASSES FOR THE NEEDY

Jon Fox is collecting your old eye glasses. They are given to the poor throughout the world. Deposit them in the box at the Travel and Event table.

HOOT OWLS

Enjoy Christmas carols? The Hoot Owls will be singing a lot of them with 4 performances in December. You may catch us at a benefit for Homes of Hope at the Christ and Holy Trinity Church on Monday, December 9 at 6PM, at the Y’s Men Holiday Party or at the Weston Senior Center Holiday lunch, Thursday, December 19 at Noon.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Details and sign up at the Trips and Events table:

Dec 3 – Bradley Air Museum Car pooling from Merritt Exit 42 parking lot, 9AM.

Dec 5 – Bowling Party 2PM at Nutmeg Bowl wives and best friend invited.

Dec 10 – Noon Jazz Lunch at Bertucci’s. Video concert by Erroll Garner with supplementary comments by Garson Heller.

Dec 11 – Radio City Christmas Bus and lunch – Contact Y’s Women.

Dec 19 Y’s Men’s Annual Holiday Party, Continental Manor 11:30AM.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Dec 5 Charles Firlotte

Dec 12 Christopher Manfredi

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Dec 26 No Meeting



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