

# Y's Men of Westport/Weston, Inc.



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## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**David Pogue** is the founder of Yahoo Tech. Previously, he was the personal-technology columnist for the New York Times. He's also a monthly columnist for Scientific American and host of science shows on PBS's "NOVA." He's been a correspondent for "CBS Sunday Morning" since 2002. David graduated summa cum laude from Yale in 1985, with distinction in Music, and he spent ten years conducting and arranging Broadway musicals in New York. He's won two Emmy awards.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

**Dr. Paul A Strassmann** is an Adjunct Research Advisor for the International Data Corporation and was Distinguished Professor of Information Sciences at George Mason School of Information Technology. He will discuss his early experiences as a 15 year old partisan fighter in Slovakia in 1944-1945. Strassmann is recipient of the General Stefanik Medal for his actions as a guerilla commando.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**Deirdre M. Daly** was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as the United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut on March 13, 2014. She was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on May 21, 2014 and was sworn in on May 28, 2014. She will fill us in on the activities and priorities of her office against federal crime in the state. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Georgetown University Law Center. Ms. Daly is the first woman to be nominated and confirmed to be the U.S. Attorney for Connecticut.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**John Dodig** is the principal of Staples High School. Last year Staples was recognized as a 2013 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the United States Department of Education. He will cover the effects of developments in technology on the teaching process and on the student experience. He will also cover the challenges these present to teachers and administrators. Finally, he will discuss the pressure on students, teachers, administrators and parents to get students into the "right" colleges.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Oct 2 **John Seo**  
*CEO of Fermant Capital Management*
- Oct 9 **Jeff Benedict**, Professor and Author:  
*"The Glory and Scandal of Big Time College Football"*
- Oct 16 **Edward Hynes**  
*"Connecticut in the Revolutionary War"*
- Oct 23 **Captain Carl A. Lahu**, Commanding Officer  
*The Naval Submarine Base at New London*
- Oct 30 **Ronald M. DeFeo**, CEO of Terex Corporation

## IN MEMORIAM

**Arnold Berke**  
**William Hart**  
**William (Bill) Meyer**  
**Allen Raymond**  
**N. Kemp White**

## President's Message

Fellow Y's Men, Our 2014-2015 Y's Men season is about to start. Our first meeting will be on Thursday September 4th. We will begin the coffee and donuts social hour at 9:00AM. Do not miss our first meeting – our kickoff speaker will be **David Pogue**, technology author, columnist, speaker, NOVA host, musician and wit. This is the beginning of a great lineup, booked by our Second VP and Program Chair **Chris Lewis**. This year please keep an eye on the local news for expanded coverage of our club and activities. Also do not forget to check in at the Travel and Events desk to see what our busy group has in store for us for the fall. Remember that the purpose of the Y's Men is to have fun, develop lasting friendships, become more enlightened, and serve our community. There are so many opportunities available to explore your own interests, or to try exciting and stimulating new interests with like-minded members. As you participate you will find, as happened to me, that your circle of friendships will grow and grow, friendships that will be priceless. I truly believe that being an active member of the Y's Men will become one of the best things you could do with your life right now.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
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Boyle	Michael	203-222-7121
Helburn	Richard	203-952-7995
Mackiewicz	Joseph	203-227-5661
Urbania	Carl	203-226-7974

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets the 3rd Thursday of every month the year round. The members jointly select the book to be read by election. Starting this fall we will meet at the Weston Library. The September book is a biography "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas". The meetings are lively and present some interesting thinking. All are welcome. The new location will result in a time change. The September meeting will be September 18 at 2 PM.

## CAMERA CLUB

SAVE THIS DATE: October 24. This is the date of the GALA opening of the Y's Men Camera Club and Westport Senior Center Eleventh Annual Photo Contest and Exhibition. Entries for the EXPO will be accepted from September 4 to October 10. Get your application forms and EXPO Rules from the Camera Club desk at Y's Men General meetings, from the Senior Center or from the Camera Club page on the Y's Men website. Make arrangements to purchase print mats from **Buddy Rubin** at (203) 454-0445 or from the Camera Club desk. You don't have to be a member of the Club to participate. There are great awards for contest winners. Good exposure (pardon the pun) for all entrants.

## COLLECTORS CLUB

What better way to start the Y's Men year than to share intriguing items and stories with the Collectors Club? Our first meeting will be at 10 AM on Tuesday September 23 at the Senior Center. Questions? – contact **Jon Fox** or **Rick Towers**.

## TELL YOUR STORY

This year we would like to get more participation from the Y's Men in presenting a 5 to 10 minute talk about any subject thought to be interesting and enlightening to the Y's Men.

Suggested topics should be e-mailed to Mary Yellin at [maryy39@optonline.net](mailto:maryy39@optonline.net). The first presentation will be on September 18th when **Dr. Marty Krauthamer** will talk about interpreting the recommendations for controlling Cholesterol.

## TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

We are in the process of trying to provide drivers for those members needing help getting to and from the Thursday meetings. Any Y's Men that need that service should e-mail **Peter Knight** at [Pknight101@aol.com](mailto:Pknight101@aol.com).

## TRIPS AND EVENTS

*Details and Signup at the Trips and Events table*

Sep 19 Museum outing to Litchfield Historical Society and Tapping Reeve House – **Gus Porter** leader

Sep 25 Dinner at Martels – **Leo Cirino** leader

Sep 26 Antique Machine Exhibit in Kent, CT carpooling **Bill Blaufuss** leader

Sep 30 Beardsley Zoo carpooling, **Alan Landis** leader

## WALKING GROUP

The walking group will be walking the entire year, weekly, including the summer months.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Sept 4 David Pogue

Sept 11 Paul Strassmann

Sept 18 Deirdre M. Daly

May 22 John Dodig

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