

Y's Men of Westport/Weston, Inc.



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Lisa Wexler, Probate Judge for the Westport/Weston District, will speak about the duties and jurisdiction of the probate court as well as her experiences and initiatives during the past year. She graduated with a BA from The Johns Hopkins University in 1981 and received her JD from the New York University School of Law in 1984. She entered the New York Bar in 1985 and the Connecticut Bar in 1989. She served on Westport's Planning and Zoning Commission and has been active with groups that promote the advancement of women, seek to erase the stigma of sexual assault, and promote screening of newborns for primary immunodeficiency disease. She was elected Probate Judge of Westport/Weston in a special election in November 2013 and is running unopposed for reelection on November 4. She also has an award-winning radio talk show, The Lisa Wexler Show, which airs weekdays 4-6:00PM on AM 1230.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Frederic Chiu, a Westport resident, classical pianist, teacher and host of "arts immersion salons," will speak about his life in classical music and his broader activities in the arts that he shares with his wife, sculptor Jeanine Esposito. With a bachelor's degree from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University and a master's degree from Juilliard, Mr. Chiu has enjoyed an active career both in Europe and the U.S. With over 20 CDs on the market, his repertoire includes the complete works of Prokofiev as well as popular classics of Chopin and Liszt and lesser-known masterpieces of Mendelssohn and Rossini, with a special place for the piano transcriptions. His innovative workshop program, Deeper Piano Studies, brings together pianists from around the world to study in an environment that encompasses such non-traditional techniques as cooking and learning without using an instrument. He and his wife direct artistic activities at Beechwood Arts, an arts immersion non-profit whose activities include music, sculpture, painting, film, dance and cooking, at their Westport home. Beechwood is also shown via link to "satellite salons" around the world. His is an expansive and inclusive view of artistic expression.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving (no meeting).

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Dec 4 Professor Jamie Raskin
Maryland State Senator on First Amendment issues
- Dec 11 Lt. Col. Sherman Fleek (Ret.)
West Point historian on the Battle of the Bulge
- Dec 17 **Holiday Party**
Note- date is a Wednesday
- Dec 25 **Christmas**
No Meeting

IN MEMORIAM

Richard (Dick) Brown

NEW MEMBERS -

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Goldstein	Marvin	203-644-2299
Hawley	Joseph	203-256-2336
Lieberstein	Stan	203-226-9060
Luterman	Gerry	203-227-6255
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HOLIDAY PARTY

The Holiday Party is on **Wednesday, December 17th** at the Continental Manor, 112 Main Street, Norwalk from 11:30am to 3:30PM, the same place where it has been held for the past several years. The cost is \$42 per person with an entree choice of Prime Rib, 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, and a performance by the **Staples Orphenians** singing group. 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 your check 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.

DUES ARE DUE NOW

If you are younger than 90, please pay your \$50 dues now. After November 1 unpaid dues will increase to \$60. After December 1 your membership will be revoked. Renewal forms can be found on the website under "Membership" or they are available at every Thursday meeting.

BACKGAMMON

Here are the top 5 people in the backgammon ladder as of October 21: (1) Neil Druks, (2) EdMeisner, (3) Peter Nahabedian (4) Woody Bliss (5) Larry Hirsch The Backgammon Club meets Tuesday from 9:00AM to noon at the Westport Center for Senior Activities. We hope to see you there.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, November 20 at the Weston Library at 2:00PM. The book to be discussed is "The House of Mirth" by Edith Wharton.

CAMERA CLUB PHOTO EXPO

Lenny Messman won the Best in Show for his 1st place photo in the General Category. Below are the winners in each category. You should visit the Center for Senior Activities to see all 100 of the beautiful photos. The exhibit runs through New Year's Day.

Category	1st Place	2nd Place
Action/Motion	Buddy Rubin	Jean Montillier
Architecture	Bernard Perry	Martin Krauthamer
Critter	Chuck Greenlee	Lori Bolle
General	Lenny Messman	Karl Fischer
Landscape	Martin Krauthamer	Karl Fischer
Nature	Lenny Messman	Buddy Rubin
Portrait	Karl Fischer	Karl Fischer
Waterscape	Jean Montillier	Bill Balch

GARDEN CLUB

The garden club has concluded a successful year with many garden tours and informational meetings on garden topics. Please join us when spring fever arrives in late February to plan for next year's garden events.

HOOT OWLS

The Hoot Owls featured our new musical program at our first concert at The Greens at Cannondale in Wilton. We will be at the new Darien Senior Center in November and at Meadow Ridge and the Weston Senior Center for Holiday concerts in December. If you are interested, come to our rehearsal Thursday, November 13, 1:30PM at Saint Luke Church in Westport.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Our Trips and Events committee is busy preparing for new activities. Here is a partial list of possible events. All these options are being investigated and will be reported on soon:

There will be no December dinner because of the Holiday Party

Among future dinner locations being considered are Artisan (brunch), Village Gourmet, Finalmente and La PaellaMuseum visits for 2015 are being explored. Inquiry is being made for the Staples Candlelight Concert and the Staples Players rehearsal of "Hello Dolly." There are also possible trips to the Goodspeed, Downtown Cabaret Theatre and the Yale Repertory Theatre. Jazz lunches will continue. The November Grey Goose dinner, the New York City trip and the Downtown Cabaret Theater are all sold out, but you can get on the waiting lists.

That is where future plans stand now. More information will be published soon.



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