

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



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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Professor Jamie Raskin**, professor of constitutional law at American University's Washington College of Law and a progressive Democratic State Senator in Maryland, will speak on the Supreme Court's interpretations of "persons" in the Citizens United and Hobby Lobby decisions. A magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College and a graduate of Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of *The Harvard Law Review*, Professor Raskin has written dozens of essays and law review articles and several books, including *Overruling Democracy: The Supreme Court versus the American People*, an analysis of conservative judicial activism, and *We the Students: Supreme Court Cases For and About Students*. He co-founded the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project which has sent hundreds of law students from seven different law schools into public high schools to teach thousands of students in courses on constitutional literacy. He has also been an active pro bono lawyer in cases involving free speech, Greenpeace, censorship, and other civil rights issues.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Sherman Fleek**, U.S. army lieutenant colonel and currently command historian for the United States Military Academy at West Point, will speak on the Battle of the Bulge, with an emphasis on the role of air power in the battle. Col. Fleek has written numerous articles on military, frontier army, Mexican War and Civil War history, and in 2006 published his first book, the award-winning *History May Be Searched in Vain: A Military History of the Mormon Battalion*. He holds a MA in American History from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. The Battle began almost 70 years ago on December 16, 1944 at 5:30AM with an artillery eruption along the 85-mile Ghost Front in the Ardennes area of eastern Belgium and northern Luxembourg. An hour later, 250,000 German troops began to advance west against a surprised 70,000, primarily American, troops who defended the sector. The battle lasted about six weeks and was the largest battle the Americans fought in WWII. Approximately 90,000 Americans died. The Germans were counting on the thick fog and overcast skies that prevailed at the time to blunt American superiority in the skies.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Holiday Party – see below

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas – no meeting

## FUTURE MEETINGS

Jan 8 To Be Announced

Jan 15 **James Prosek**

*Artist, writer, naturalist and angler*

Jan 22 **Jeffrey Immelt**

*CEO and Chairman of GE*

Jan 29 **Kevin Keenan**

*COO and General Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund and Education Fund*

## IN MEMORIAM

Eric C. Olsen

## NEW MEMBERS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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## HOLIDAY PARTY

The Holiday Party is on Wednesday, December 17 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 (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.

## DUES OVERDUE

If you are currently a member under 90 and you did not join last May, your dues are overdue. Please submit a check for \$60.00 along with a renewal form to the address shown on the form. If dues are not received by December 31, your membership will end. The forms are available on the website or at the Thursday meetings. If you need a form mailed to you, contact The Y's Men at P.O. Box 167, Westport, CT 06881- 0167.

## TOY STORE 2014

Person-to-Person has hosted an annual Toy Store to serve more than 2000 children and their families in Stamford, Darien and New Canaan. This year P2P will incorporate Gift of Giving recipients from Norwalk, Wilton, Weston and Westport into the Toy Store program. Our volunteers set up a festive 'pop-up' Toy Store which is open for three days in December. Our clients shop for their children's holiday gifts as well as a new book for each child and a board game for the family to enjoy together. More than 300 volunteers help clients make their selections, stock the store, and wrap gifts. It is a magical event and everyone leaves with a smile! Get involved this holiday season! Volunteers are needed: Wednesday, December 10, Thursday, Dec 11, Friday, Dec 12, Saturday, Dec 13. Call Callie Jayne ASAP @ P2P 203-621-0691 to schedule your volunteer time.

## APPLE ROUNDTABLE

There will be an Apple Roundtable at St. Vincent's Medical Center's Westport Campus (Community Room, Main Building) at 47 Long Lots Road, on Tuesday, December 2 from 1:30PM to 3:30PM.

## BACKGAMMON

Here are the top 5 people in the backgammon ladder as of November 18: (1) Neil Druks, (2) Woody Bliss (3) Ed Meisner (4) Larry Hirsch (5) Peter Nahabedian. 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 next meeting of the Book Club will be on Thursday, December 18 at the Weston Library at 1:45PM. The book to be discussed is *The Country of the Pointed Firs* by Sara Orne Jewett.

## TRIPS AND EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 9 – Y's Men Jazz Club lunch at 12 noon at Bertucci's with a program featuring the new Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga album "Cheek to Cheek."

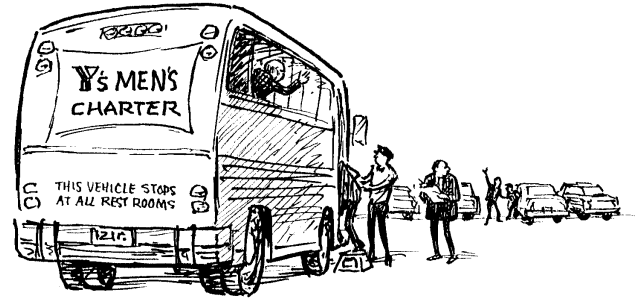
Y's Men Trips and Events meeting at 2:30PM in the Senior Center Conference Room. Any Y's Man interested in contributing to the Committee and attending the meeting should contact Jeff Hare.

Friday, Dec. 12 at 8:00PM and Saturday at 2:00PM and 8:00PM: Candlelight Concert at Staples High School. Obtain a ticket mail-in form at the T&E desk or pick one up at the Staples service desk in the school lobby.

The Y's Women are offering three overseas trips in 2015: Costa Rica; Paris-Normandy River Cruise; and Italy by Rail. Sign an "Expression of Interest and Contact" form at the Trips and Events desk.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Dec 4 Jamie Raskin  
Dec 11 Sherman Fleek  
Dec 17 Holiday Party  
Dec 25 No Meeting Christmas



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