

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



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## THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

**Eileen Hunt**, organist at the Congregational Church in Green's Farms, will give us a history of opera illustrated by recordings of some of her favorite passages. Dr. Hunt holds degrees in organ and musicology from Boston University and has presented piano and organ recitals in Europe and the U.S. She is a keen student and passionate fan of opera, familiar with many of the great opera houses of the world, who enlivens her presentations on opera with her exuberant enthusiasm for the art.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Writer, artist, naturalist and angler **James Prosek** will talk on what he has learned from a lifetime (he's 39) of the acute observation of fish, eels, birds and other denizens of the outdoors that underlies his watercolor painting. He published his first book of watercolors, *Trout: An Illustrated History*, when he was an undergraduate at Yale. His *Ocean Fishes: Painting of Saltwater Fish*, came out in 2014. His art and writings reflect how his craft has led him to a deep appreciation of the profound richness and variability of nature.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

**Jeffrey Immelt**, Chairman of the Board and CEO of GE, will speak on what he has been doing at GE and what he sees as challenges for the economy and the country going forward. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Business School, Mr. Immelt joined GE in 1982 and succeeded Jack Welch as CEO and Chairman of the Board in 2001. He also served as Chairman of the Business Council in 2005 and 2006 and Chairperson of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness from February 2011 to January 2013.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

**Kevin Keenan**, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund ("LDF"), will speak on the history and current activities of the LDF. A graduate of Swarthmore College and Yale Law School, Mr. Keenan worked for various ACLU affiliates in New Jersey, Nevada and California, helped human rights reform efforts in Belfast, Northern Ireland and monitored elections in the former Yugoslavia before joining LDF in 2013. Founded in 1940 under the leadership of Thurgood Marshall, LDF has been a leading civil and human rights law firm.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Feb 5            **Dan Woog**  
*Local commentator on Westport*
- Feb 12          **Andrew Wilk**  
*Executive Producer, Live from Lincoln Center*
- Feb 19          **Susan Granger**  
*Movie critic on the Oscars*
- Feb 26          **Dr. Florie Riaciuti**  
*Biology PhD and retired university professor on pros and cons of alternative medicine*

## IN MEMORIAM

**Robert "Bob" M. Curtis**  
**Harold "Hal" L. Kendig**

## NEW MEMBERS

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## HOLIDAY PARTY

The Staples Orphenians Vocal Ensemble led by musical director Luke Rosenberg performed at the Y's Men's Holiday Party. Their performance was enjoyed by all. They are trying to raise money for travel and accommodations to attend the Chanticleer National Youth Choral Festival in San Francisco in March. If you would like to learn more, information can be found at their website: <https://fundly.com/staples-high-school-national-choir-tour-fundraiser>.

## FREE TAX PREP & E-FILING, FEDERAL & STATE

The IRS/AARP provides a tax preparation service at no charge in Westport during the February to mid-April tax season. A number of Y's Men have used this service for several years, and a couple have been volunteer counselors. It's open to all individual filers regardless of age or income level with emphasis on low- and middle-income households, and those age 60 and older. This service will be available at the Westport Center for Senior Activities on Wednesdays (Appointments: 203-341-5099) and at Westport Town Hall on Mondays (Appointments: 203-341-1050).

## BACKGAMMON

Please note that our Winter Backgammon Tournament will be held on Tuesday, January 6th from 9AM to 3PM at **Larry Hirsch's** home, 17 Cockenoe Drive in Westport. We will play a round robin before lunch and an elimination tournament in the afternoon. Larry says that he and Deb will whip up one of their not-to-be-missed fabulous luncheons. If you are planning to play, please call or email Larry by January 1st to let him know: 203-226-1845 or lhirsch1990@gmail.com. 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 selection for January is *The Sea Wolf* by Jack London. The discussion will be on Thursday January 15th, at 1:45PM at the Weston Library.

## SKI CLUB

The ski season is here, so pray for snow! Traditionally, Tuesdays have been designated for our weekly trips to Butternut. However, given the vagaries of the weather and the relatively brief local season, there is no reason to be limited to Tuesdays only. Anyone who wishes to go on other days and who wants company can send an email to the group to see if others would like to go as well. I plan on being opportunistic this season and ski on other weekdays as well. With regard to the regular Tuesday outings, we meet at Merritt Exit 42 parking lot and depart at 8:00 AM sharp. Count on being back by 5:00 PM. I'll send a weekly email out to the group Sunday evening advising of the conditions for the following Tuesday. Anyone planning on joining in please use the "reply to all" button, so those going know whom to look for at the Exit 42 rendezvous spot. If you are not on the ski club email list and wish to be, please contact me (**Tom Douglas**, 203-454-1494 or tdoug92048@optonline.net), and I will add your name. Likewise, if you are on the email list and no longer wish to be, let me know and I will remove your name.

## TRIPS AND EVENTS

There will be no Y's Men's dinner in January.

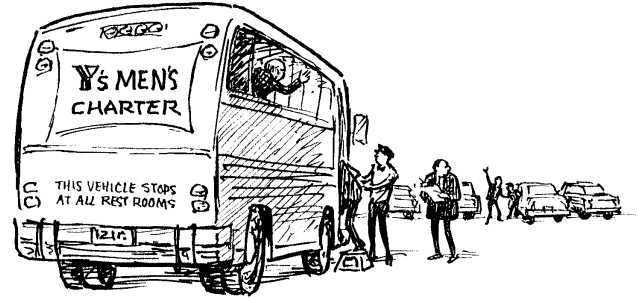
January 22nd: Rye Art Gallery, paper art exhibit. Carpool from the Unitarian Church after the Y's Men's meeting. Lunch at the Rye Bar and Grill.

January 23rd: Yale University Art Gallery. Carpooling from Exit 18. **Gus Porter**, event leader.

January 27th: Dinner at Café Madeline in Fairfield. Surprisingly good cuisine for a smallish, simple décor

restaurant. Appetizer-at-table, Entrée, Desert: \$36 per person, tax and tip included. Drinks extra. Limit of 36 persons, so sign-up and pay-up early.

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.



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