

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



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## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

**Dan Woog**, Staples High School soccer coach and long-time columnist, blogger and speaker on Westport things, will talk on his almost forty years of coaching soccer teams in Westport and sharing in and learning from the development of our youth into young men. Mr. Woog has won numerous coaching awards for his contributions to soccer, including induction into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame and a Presidential Honor from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. His most recent of 17 published books is *We Kick Balls: True Stories of the Youth Soccer Wars*.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**Andrew Wilk**, Executive Producer of *Live from Lincoln Center* and winner of four Emmy awards for earlier production work with National Geographic television, will talk on his career in production and direction of broadcast entertainment and his current activities with the long-running Emmy Award-winning series on PBS. At *Live from Lincoln Center*, he oversees presentations of some of the world's greatest performers from that behemoth of an arts complex that includes the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera, New York City Ballet, Lincoln Center Theatre and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Westport's **Susan Granger**, film critic, entertainment industry maven and child of Hollywood, will return to give us her take on the Oscars and update us on what is going on in the world of movies.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**Florence Ricciuti, Ph.D.**, former college professor of biology and manager of clinical trials for Bristol-Myers Squibb, will talk on the pros and cons of alternative medicine. Dr. Ricciuti received a PhD in biological sciences specializing in human genetics and development and master's degree in Public Health in chronic disease epidemiology, both from Yale University. After teaching biological science for 18 years, she worked in clinical drug development for eighteen more years, managing clinical trials in infectious diseases.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

Mar 5 **Foster Hirsch**  
*Professor of Film, Brooklyn College*

Mar 12 Open  
Mar 19 **Dacia Toll**, *Co-CEO and President, Achievement First Public, Charter Schools*  
Mar 26 **Mark Albertson**  
*"The Great Patriotic War – The Titanic Clash Between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union."*

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jack Coplen**  
**Raymond (Ray) J. Orr**

## NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Little	Tom	203-247-2526
Perliss	Robert	203-434-0693

## NORWALK HOSPITAL DONATION

Marty Yellin reports that **Jon and Dorothy Fox** have made a very generous donation for a new room at Norwalk Hospital. The donation was made in the Y's Men's name. Thank you Jon and Dorothy!

## FREE TAX PREP AND 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).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At our January 22nd, meeting, First Selectman **James Marpe** issued a call for volunteers to serve on the following town committees: Conservation Commission, Flood & Erosion Control Board, Maintenance Study Committee, Building Board of Appeals, Green Task Force, Human Services Commission, Senior Services Commission, Make A Difference Day and First Night Westport/Weston. Contact the Selectman's office at 203-341-1111 for further information.

## BACKGAMMON

In the tournament Round Robin matches, Paul Miller was the winner, Neil Druks finished second, Woody Bliss finished third and John Richard finished fourth. Congratulations to Paul! In the tournament Double Elimination matches for the Tournament Championship, Ed Meisner was the winner and is our overall Tournament Champion. Woody Bliss finished second and Neil Druks finished third. Congratulations to Ed! So far this year, in just two short weeks, the top spot on the ladder has changed 10 times and we have had seven different occupants! WOW! Our current ladder leader is Larry Hirsch.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 19th at 1:45 at the Weston library. The book to be discussed is *The Manticore* by Robertson Davies. Our group reads a wide variety of titles, mostly fiction that will promote a lively discussion.

## TRIPS & EVENTS

February 23rd Monday – Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum. **Gus Porter** will lead. Details are pending.

February 24th Tuesday – Village Gourmet of Chinese New Year. \$35 per person includes tax, tip, and one glass of wine. You can also bring your own wine.

March 20th Friday – New Britain Museum of American Art. **Gus Porter** will lead. Details are pending.

March 24th Tuesday – Finalmente Trattoria; **Al Landis** will lead. Details to be announced.

April 7th Tuesday – Tour of Grand Central Station, \$15 per person. Plus lunch there or in the area. Take the train in. Tour is 75 minutes.

April 14th Tuesday – *La Paella Tapas* Wine Bar and Restaurant. **Peter Kolbrener** is organizing.

April 27th Monday – Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme, CT. **Gus Porter** will lead. Details are pending.

May 12th Tuesday – *Valencia Luncheria* (Pig Roast). **Al Landis** is organizing

May 15th Friday – Eric Sloane Museum Kent, CT. **Gus Porter** will lead. Details are pending.

May 16th Saturday – Downtown Cabaret Theatre “California Surf” with former members of the Beach

Boys. \$45 per person (discounted from the regular price of \$60 per person).for the best six tables of six in the theatre. Make your checks payable to **Jeff Hare**. Bring your own food and beverage.

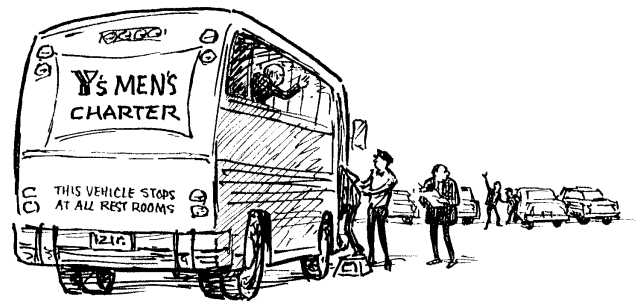
May 19th Tuesday – Kykuit. The Rockefeller Estate in Sleepy Hollow, NY.

May 27th Wednesday – United Nations Tour. Leader **Bill Hass** (career at the UN). Lunch in the Delegate’s Dining Room (\$30 buffet, drinks extra. Jackets required). Guided tour about \$15 per person. At the end of the tour, a room will be secured for questions and answers.

**Future Events** being investigated are:

Thimble Islands tour – West Point visit and overnight stay at the Thayer Hotel, Fall 2015.

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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