



THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Foster Hirsch, Professor of Cinema at Brooklyn College, will talk on movies of the 1950s, when Brando made the scene and the screen widened. Armed with M.F.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University, Professor Hirsch joined the English Department of Brooklyn College in 1967 and the college's newly established Film Department in 1973. He still teaches there. He has written about 20 books on theatre and cinema, including *Film Noir: The Dark Side of the Screen* (1983), *A Method to Their Madness: The History of the Actor's Studio* (1984) and *Otto Preminger: The Man Who Would Be King* (2007). He is a thoughtful, prolific and energetic analyst of and enthusiast for the world of American cinema.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Robert Klee, Commissioner of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), will talk on our 21st century environmental challenges. Commissioner Klee holds a Ph.D. in industrial ecology from Yale's School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, a law degree from Yale and an undergraduate degree in geology and environmental science from Princeton. From 2004 to 2006, he worked first as a Law Clerk for the U.S. District Court in Connecticut and then as a Law Clerk for the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals. After a stint in private practice with Wiggin & Dana LLP in New Haven, Mr. Klee joined DEEP in 2011 as Chief of Staff. Governor Malloy appointed him Commissioner in January 2014.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

Dacia Toll, Co-CEO and President of Achievement First, will provide an update on the activities of Achievement First and discuss what needs to be done to improve elementary and secondary education and the role of charter schools. A Morehead Scholar at University of North Carolina, Ms. Toll went on to earn a master's degree at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, a J.D. from Yale Law School and a teaching certificate from Yale University. Her leadership first at Amistad Academy and then at Achievement First underlay the success of both to attain dramatic improvements in achievement for a largely African-American and Hispanic student base. Achievement First is a non-profit management organization that operates 22 public charter schools in Connecticut and New York.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Mark Albertson, teacher for the Lifetime Learners Institute at Norwalk Community College, will speak on "The Great Patriotic War: The Titanic Clash Between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union." Mr. Albertson is an historical research editor for Army Aviation magazine, the historian for the Army Aviation

Association of America, and a longtime member of the United States Naval Institute. He is an enthusiastic speaker on a variety of topics who has spoken to us numerous times.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- April 2 Chris Murphy
U.S. Senator
- April 9 Matt Davies
Pulitzer Prize winning political cartoonist
- April 16 Open
- April 23 Julia Sweig
Former senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations – Cuba
- April 30 Jay Dirnberger
Our busy skies, the expanding use for drones.

IN MEMORIAM

Herbert D. Antell
Louis F. Lemond
Jack Morrow
Harry A.S. (Jeff) Read

NEW MEMBERS

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Porten	Charles (Charlie)	203-454-4615
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FREE TAX PREP AND E-FILING, FEDERAL AND 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).

FATHERLY FILM FESTIVAL

Bob Fatherley wants to thank the Y's Men for their interest in the May Film Festival which was announced on February 17 where 40 members signed up. The Senior Center can accommodate us for four sessions from 3:00 to 5:00 pm but only on Thursdays since they are booked solid for several months. The dates are May 14, 21, 28 and an extra date, June 11 in case we need it. The four films are classic docudramas about the environment and man's interaction with it. Titles include "Horatio's

Drive" (first drive across the continent in an automobile, 1903), "The River," "The Plow That Broke the Plains," "Louisiana Story" (Big Oil invades a Louisiana bayou), and "White Mane," (story of a boy and his wild white stallion in the desolate Camargue in France). Bob will be sending a more detailed reminder soon to all who signed up. Any Y's Men who were not at the meeting on the 17th and would like more information, please contact Bob (rfa-therley@optonline.net or 203454-3653).

BOOK CLUB

The March book for the Book Club is "The 42nd Parallel" by John Dos Passos. The meeting will be on March 19th at the Weston Library at 1:45 pm.

TENNIS

The winter tennis games (Monday and Friday 8am -9am) are looking for more players. Please contact **Al Landis** (203-227-6112) **Don Roth** (203-226-5066) or **Pete Wolgast** (203-2594215) for more information.

TRIPS & EVENTS

March 9th, Monday: Westport Country Playhouse, "Script-in-Hand" Playreading of "Flyin' West." Call the Playhouse (203-227-4177) for tickets. Cost \$20 direct.

March 12th, Thursday: "Sweeney Todd" performed by Staples Players. Staples Auditorium at 6:00 pm. Dress Rehearsal. Free.

March 20th, Friday: New Britain Museum of American Art. **Gus Porter** will lead. Entrance fee is \$12. Depart Exit 42 Commuter Parking Lot at 9:00 am.

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

April 7th, Tuesday: Tour of Grand Central Station starting at 12:30 pm. The tour is \$15 per person plus lunch there or in the area. Take the train in. Tour is 75 minutes. **Steve Kaye** will lead.

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, Bridgeport. "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. Details are pending. **Jon Fox** will lead.

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:

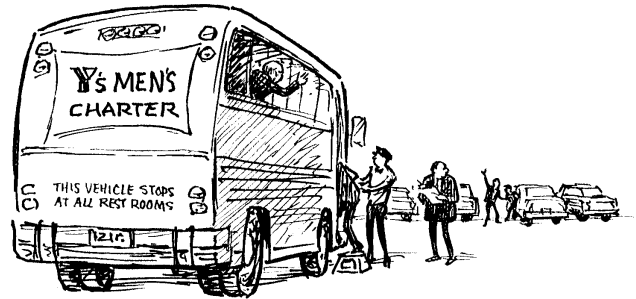
Thimble Islands tour.

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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