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THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Senator Chris Murphy will talk on what he has learned from his two-plus years in the U.S. Senate, what he has accomplished, the effort to get things done in Washington and what his priorities are going forward. A graduate of Williams College and UConn School of Law in Hartford, Senator Murphy served for eight years in the Connecticut General Assembly (four in the House and four in the Senate) before his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2006, representing Connecticut's Fifth Congressional District, covering Danbury to Waterbury. In 2012, he defeated Republican Linda McMahon to be elected Connecticut's Junior Senator in Washington.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Staples grad Matt Davies, a Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist at Newsday, will talk on the art and practicalities of his craft, how he shapes his commentary to the local and national environment and survival of the editorial cartoonist in an age of decline and transformation for newspapers. Mr. Davies studied at the Savannah College of Arts and Design (GA) and the School of Visual Arts in NYC. He worked for The Journal News in Westchester County, NY, the Hearst Connecticut Newspaper Group and the nonprofit online policy journal Remapping Debate.org before joining Newsday in 2014. Mr. Davies won a Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning and a Herbblock Prize in 2004, was a 2011 Pulitzer Prize Finalist and has won numerous other awards for his cartoons. His work appears widely in newspapers and magazines. He also writes and illustrates children's books.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Foster Hirsch, Professor of Cinema at Brooklyn College, will talk on movies of the 1950's, when Brando made the scene, Elizabeth Taylor grew up 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, where he still teaches. 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, APRIL 23

Julia Sweig, former Nelson and David Rockefeller senior fellow for Latin America Studies and director for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, will speak on Cuba and U.S.-Cuba relations. Dr. Sweig holds a B.A. from University of California and an M.A. and Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. She spent nearly 16 years with the Council on Foreign Relations where she established a reputation as an eminent scholar of international relations in the Americas. She is the author of *Cuba: What Everyone Needs to Know* (2009, 2013), *Friendly Fire: Losing Friends and Making Enemies in the Anti-American Century* (2006) and numerous publications on Latin

America and American foreign policy. Her *Inside the Cuban Revolution: Fidel Castro and the Urban Underground* (2002) received the American Historical Association's Herbert Feis Award for best book of the year by an independent scholar.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Westport resident **Anthony Banbury**, United Nations Assistant Secretary General for Field Support, will speak on his recent experience heading up the UN Mission for Ebola Emergency Response as well as other UN-related activities in the world's troubled regions. A graduate of Tufts University (B.A., political science) and the Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (M.A.), Mr. Banbury's early career at the UN took him to Thailand, Cambodia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. He also worked as an advisor on the Balkans in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (1997-1999) and at the National Security Council in the White House (2000-2003). He served as the Asia Regional Director for the World Food Program in Bangkok (2003-2009) managing humanitarian relief and development operations in 14 countries before taking on his current job as UN Assistant Secretary General for Field Support covering a broad range of missions.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 7 Nick DiBerardino
Modern Concert Music
- May 14 Jim Marpe & Gayle Weinstein
The State of Our Towns
- May 21 Annual Meeting and Picnic
Pavilion at Sherwood Island State Park

IN MEMORIAM

Chester Harlow

ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

The annual meeting will take place on Thursday, May 21 at 10:00 AM at the refurbished Pavilion at Sherwood Island. All members should attend to share in the award ceremonies, to vote for your new Board and to enjoy each other's company. In addition a buffet lunch will be served along with our "Hot Dog" truck for those so inclined. Admission price is still only \$10.00.

MEMORIAL DAY FLOAT

This year, the Y's Men's Memorial Day Float will depict the ceremony commemorating the end of WWII which took place on the Battleship Missouri. At this time the design is proceeding, and we expect to start building the float in early May. We welcome volunteers to support the fabrication and assembly effort. Contact **Art Greenberg** at agreenb853@optonline.net for details.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Johnston	Michael	203-226-7720
Preinitz	William H.	203-226-8599

Note: There will be a New Members lunch held after the regular Ys Men meeting on Thursday, April 23rd, at Bertucci's starting at 12:00 noon. All new members who were not at the first New Members lunch are invited.

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).

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club selection for April is "Dubliners" by James Joyce. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 16th at 1:45 PM at the Wilton Library. Guest leader will be Kelle Rudin of the Westport Library staff.

COLLECTORS CLUB

The Collectors Club will meet from 10 AM to 12 Noon at The Center for Senior Activities, Tuesday, April 28th. The topic will be what-do-we-do with our great stuff if nobody wants it. Also bring in treasures for evaluation.

SUMMER TENNIS

The Y's Men's summer tennis will begin on Tuesday, May 5th and end on Friday, September 4th at the Longshore tennis courts. We play on a rotating schedule on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 to 9:30 AM. Please arrive at least five minutes before 8:00 AM on the dates you are scheduled to play. Some players are still undecided on whether or not they are going to play, so the schedule will be sent out via e-mail toward the end of April. If you are new to the summer tennis group or want to play, please contact **John Luscombe** at jpluscom@att.net or 203-227-0393 for more information. Don't forget to get your tennis pass from Parks and Rec.

TRIPS & EVENTS

April 7th, Tuesday: Tour of Grand Central Station; \$15.00 per person for the tour. There is a maximum of 50 attendees.. We will train in. The tour starts at 12:30 p.m. and lasts 75 minutes. Lunch will be in the area. **Seth Kaye** will lead.

April 14th, Tuesday: La Paella Tapas Wine Bar and Restaurant. There will be three tapas followed by paella or a choice of fish or chicken. The cost is \$45.00 per person and includes sangria. **Peter Kolbrener** is the leader.

April 17th, Friday: Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme, CT. **Gus Porter** is the leader.

April 22nd, Wednesday: Dragone Classic Motor Cars in Bridgeport. Carpool from the Exit 18 lot at 9:30 AM. The tour is an hour and 30 minutes. Lunch will be at Ralph 'n' Rich's. **Bill Blaufuss** is the leader.

May 8th, Friday: New Haven Museum. "Artists at War." **Gus Porter** will lead. Details are pending.

May 12th, Tuesday: Valencia Lucheria (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. \$45.00 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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Apr 2 Chris Murphy
Apr 9 Matt Davies
Apr 16 Foster Hirsch
Apr 23 Julia Sweig
Apr 30 Anthony Banbury

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