

Y's Men of Westport/Weston, Inc.



NEWSLETTER <http://www.ysmenwestportweston.org>

Dec 3, 2015

Enlightenment • Fellowship • Community service in retirement

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Our Speaker for December 3rd is **Robert Weingarten** who has researched more than 250 houses in Westport since 2003 for the Westport Historical Society (WHS). The oldest known house in Westport is c.1683-87. He is the curator of the WHS exhibit "Window to Westport Past and Present -- WPA Images of Historic Houses" (November 8th - March 26th). Bob graduated from NYU with an M.S.E.E degree.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Adele Cutrali-Valovich has been the director of orchestral music at Staples High School for more than 30 years. She is bringing her select chamber orchestra to play a short program from their repertoire and discuss the evolution of music in the Westport schools. Wives and significant others are invited. There will be coffee first as usual. The performance will be in the sanctuary.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

HOLIDAY PARTY – See Notice Below

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Jan 7 Randall Enos
Illustrator/Cartoonist
- Jan 14 Tony McDowell
Earthplace
- Jan 21 Howard Fillit
Alzheimer's Talk
- Jan 28 David Levinson, President
Norwalk Community College

NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Livingston	Jay	203-227-2755
Pozio	Michael	203-254-6590
Silberman	Charles	203-247-7018

SIGN-UP NOW FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY

The Y's Men's Holiday Party is coming soon. Sign up now so you don't miss this festive event on December 17th. There will be great entertainment by the Hoot Owls and a jazz combo from Staples High School. The party will be Thursday, December 17th, 2015 at the Continental Manor in Norwalk. The festivities will start at 11:30AM. The cost is \$43.00 per person. As in the past, there is a choice of roast beef, chicken, fish or vegetarian

meals. Bring your check to the next Y's Men meeting. If you can't make the meeting, call **Mike Guthman** at 203-521-8551 to make other arrangements.

Backgammon Ladder

Top 15 as of November 17th, 2015

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| 1 Ed Meisner | 6 Larry Hirsch | 11 Brian Strong |
| 2 Neil Druks | 7 Paul Miller | 12 Peter Shih |
| 3 Peter Nahabedian | 8 Bill Preinitz | 13 Bill Siegel |
| 4 John Richard | 9 Peter Chelico | 14 Herb Bloom |
| 5 Woody Bliss | 10 Bud Martin | 15 Gary Raschella |

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Thursday, December 10th (note change of day for December) at the Saugatuck Congregational Church in room 206 at 1:30PM. The book to be discussed is "Sense and Sensibility" by Jane Austen.

Camera Club

The Camera Club's EXPO contest photos are at the Senior Center through the end of December. You are now invited to attend our first December meeting on Tuesday the 8th at 10:00AM at the Seton Academy building on Long Lots Road adjacent to the St. Vincent's Behavioral Health Hospital. It will be a general meeting to discuss our plans for the coming year and discuss plans for both educational instruction and field trips to interesting locations. Email **Bill Balch** at wbalch@option-line.net with your questions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

For Westport's Make A Difference Day the Y's Men agreed to support the food pantry run by Person-to-Person in Norwalk. Our assignment was to distribute prepared shopping lists to people going into Westport's Stop & Shop. Our hope was that they would buy one or two items on the list and leave it with us to give to the food pantry. We were overwhelmed by the amount of food donated. Those working were Bill Blaufuss, Joe Hawley, Paul Miller, Dick Hagan, Skip Shaeffer, Roy McKay and Jay Dirnberger (chairman). At the end of the day we collected around 300 shopping bags, which we conservatively estimate to have a value of \$6,000 to \$8,000. One guy who was there to buy one loaf of bread came out with a grocery cart overflowing with bags of groceries. He said, "Here, this is for you guys - thanks for

what you are doing." Then he pointed to the white bread bag under his arm and said, "This is for me."

Thanks to Callie Jayne of Person-to-Person's food pantry who organized the tables and delivery truck schedules, Barbara Pearson-Rac who runs the amazing Make A Difference Day and the management of Stop & Shop, who let us use their facility and never complained when our piles of stuff blocked the cart path.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Details and sign up at the Trips and Events table

Dec 5 – Stamford Model Railroad Club Exposition, St. John's Church, 628 Main St., Stamford, \$5 at the door from 1:00 to 5:00PM. Car pool from Exit 18 at 11:15AM; lunch first at Boathouse (BBQ), Stamford. Sign-up at the T&E desk.

Dec 8 – Jazz Club 12:00 noon at Bertucci's. Jeff Hare to discuss Erroll Garner's "Concert by the Sea" which is a 2015 remastered album of the 1955 best-selling piano album of all time. \$13 includes lunch. The Club meets the second Tuesday of each month. Questions to **Ralph Levitan**, rlevitan@sbcglobal.net or 203-226-0596.

Dec 11 – Hill-Stead Museum in Farmington. Lunch at Piccolo Arancio. Details at the T&E desk.

Dec 17 – Y's Men's Holiday Party, Continental Manor, Norwalk. Details in article above.

Dec 18/19 – Candlelight Concert, Staples High School. T&E desk has mail-in ticket order form.

Jan 12

Dinner at Osianna in Fairfield. The cost is \$45 per person which includes tax and gratuity. Drinks are extra.

Jan 22 – Morgan Museum & Library, New York. "Hemingway Between the Wars." Train in at approximately 10:30AM. Website: Seethemorgan.org.

WESTPORT VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Several volunteers from the Y's Men have once again helped to create the fundraising campaign for the Westport Volunteer Emergency Medical Service to fund everything from tongue depressors to ambulances. This year's campaign is especially urgent,

MEETING SCHEDULE

Dec 3	Robert Weingarten
Dec 10	Staples Chamber Orchestra
Dec 17	Holiday Party
Dec 24	No Meeting

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