



## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**Judge Alan Nevas** will talk about his participation in the infamous *Pardue Brothers* case. Judge Nevas, a retired Senior United States District Court Judge, serves as an arbitrator and mediator in a broad range of commercial disputes. He also counsels clients on complex litigation and pre-litigation strategy issues. In 1985 Judge Nevas was appointed to the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut by President Reagan. He held that position until retiring in 2009. From 1971 to 1977, Judge Nevas served as the elected State Representative from Westport in the Connecticut General Assembly. Judge Nevas and his wife reside in Westport.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**Peter Van Heerden**, Executive Director of the *Quick Center for the Arts* will discuss his vision for future programs at the *Quick Center*. He was formerly the Executive Director of the *Westport Arts Center*. Prior to that position he was senior faculty member in performance studies for 15 years at *City Varsity School of Media and Creative Arts* in Cape Town, South Africa.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**Andrew H. Banoff** will discuss services for Alzheimer's and related dementia illnesses. He is the President and CEO of *Jewish Senior Services* which has a 360-bed skilled nursing facility and an operating budget of \$55 million – the second largest in Connecticut. He previously served as the Executive Vice President of *St. Vincent's Health Services* – a 391-bed acute care teaching hospital in Bridgeport. He lives in Trumbull with his wife Karen and has two adult children, Rebecca and Benjamin.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

This week's speaker is noted film and theater critic **Susan Granger**. She also has worked extensively doing speech and presentation coaching for top management and executives in several industries. Born into a film business family and raised in Hollywood, she appeared as a child actress in movies with *Abbott & Costello*, *Red Skelton*, *Lucille Ball*, and *Lassie*. Her education included studying journalism with Pierre Salinger at Mills College and a B.A. in journalism from the University of Pennsylvania. Our favorite critic will give us some perspective on this controversial time for the Oscars and her opinion on who this year's winners might be.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Mar 3 Gregg Dancho  
*Beardsley Zoo Director*
- Mar 10 Daryl Hawk  
*Explorer and Photographer*
- Mar 17 Coast Guard Representative  
*The Coast Guard*
- Mar 24 Charles Frumberg  
*Emancipation Capital*
- Mar 31 Bill Harmer  
*Westport Library Director*

## IN MEMORIAM

Stuart (Stu) S. Bernard  
Anthony "Tony" Falotico

## NEW MEMBERS

| Last Name | First Name       | Phone        |
|-----------|------------------|--------------|
| Isenberg  | Michael          | 239-206-0033 |
| Tsai      | Chung-Ta (David) | 203-349-5960 |

## 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 few 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 ages 60 and older. This year, in response to demand, this service has been expanded and will be available at the *Westport Center for Senior Activities* on Wednesdays and Thursdays (Appointments: 203-341-5099), and at Westport Town Hall on Mondays (Appointments: 203-341-1050).

## Y'S MEN'S CLOTHES COLLECTION

On New Year's Eve a fire in Bridgeport destroyed 30 apartments. All the people got out with just their night clothes. One of those people is **Jaime Pedrosa**, 42, who works at Garelick and Herbs in Saugatuck and is known by many Y's Men. He escaped with his wife and three children, two girls ages 12 and 8, and a 4-year-old son. They had no coats, no shoes, nothing. A clothing drive was organized by **Marty Yellin** and the response was tremendous: Over 75 bundles of clothes, shoes, books, toys, dishes, etc. plus a new bed and a new kitchen table

plus over \$600 in contributions. There was enough to help not only Jaime but also 8 other families. The Y's Men who contributed should feel a great deal of satisfaction with themselves. That's what the Y's Men is all about.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Walter Paulovic** is a Staples senior who will join the Marines upon graduation. Westport Police officer **Ned Batlin** picked him up on December 21st and drove him in a Humvee to Staples. Officer Batlin helped him with the Marine Corps application. The Humvee was courtesy of **Jay Dirnberger** who bought the use of that vehicle at a silent auction. Jay has mentored Walter since the 7th grade.

## MEN'S BACKGAMMON CLUB REPORT

The Y's Men's Backgammon Club meets weekly at the Weston Senior Center on School Road in Weston every Tuesday from 9:00AM to noon. We welcome new members from beginners to experts. In 2015, we had 11 active players who met 52 times, played 582 matches, the most ever, and scored 6,720 points. Our Ladder Champion for the year was Ed Meisner, who was also our Winter Tournament Champion. Larry Hirsch finished the year in second place on the ladder. Our Summer Tournament Champion was Peter Nahabedian. We have 12 categories of statistical measurement for the year and Neil Druks was the only player to score in the top four in every category. We look forward to a great 2016 and we welcome any Y's Man who wants to join us. **Woody Bliss**, Chair; **Larry Hirsch**, Vice Chair.

## GARDEN CLUB – THINK SPRING!

On January 19th we held a very successful luncheon at Panera's to discuss our 2016 plans. Fourteen enthusiastic gardeners showed up and some great ideas surfaced.

Special thanks to Tom Johnson for all his input as well as everyone else for their great ideas. The schedule can be found at the Y's Men website on the garden page. Next up is a meeting at the Westport Center for Senior Activities with Master Gardener Diana Ringleheim. It is set for Wednesday, March 2nd at 10:45AM. Hope to see you there. If anyone is interested in the Garden Club or has any questions, please contact **Chuck Greenlee** or **Lou Rolla**.

## TRIPS & EVENTS

*Details and sign up at the Trips and Events table*

Feb 15 – Chinese New Year, Village Gourmet, Norwalk, \$40 per person, tax, tip and a glass of wine included. You also can bring your own bottle.

Feb 16 – Tour Automotive Restorations, Inc., “mega” classic car restorer, Stratford. To be confirmed.

Feb 19 – Harriet Beecher Stowe House/ Mark Twain House, Hartford. Details at T& E desk.

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

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