

Y's Men of Westport/Weston, Inc.



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Enlightenment • Fellowship • Community service in retirement

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Gregg Dancho has been affiliated with the Connecticut's *Beardsley Zoo* for the past 36 years. He has been the Director of the *Beardsley Zoo* since 1983. The Zoo has received national accreditation from the *American Zoo and Aquarium Association*. He, his wife Laura and their three children, Meghan, Matthew and Jonathan enjoy sailing in their *Nonsuch* (sailboat) on Long Island Sound.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

For the past 30 years, as an explorer and international documentary photographer, **Daryl Hawk** has traveled alone to some of the most remote and isolated places in the world telling stories with his camera. He is a passionate defender of the world's remaining wilderness areas and uses his photography to shine a light on why we need to protect them. He runs a full-service studio named *Hawk Photography* in Wilton, specializing in wedding, portrait, corporate, editorial and advertising photography.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Coast Guard presentation. Speaker information not yet available.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Charles Frumberg has been the Managing Member of *Emancipation Capital* since its inception in 2003. He has over 30 years of investment experience, including analytical, deal and investment experience at various investment banks. Charles earned a B.S. degree in economics at *New York University*, graduating with multiple academic honors in 1979. He attended NYU's *Stern School of Business* as part of its B.S./M.B.A. program. He has been a member of the board of directors of several public and private companies.

THURSDAY MARCH 31

William Harmer, who became Executive Director of the *Westport Library* last year, comes from the *Chelsea District Library* in Chelsea, Michigan, where he served for three years as head of adult services before becoming Director in 2009. Bill brought national recognition to the institution, including its selection as the *Best Small Library in America* by *The Library Journal*. In 2013, the *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation* chose Bill as one of 120 world library leaders to attend its global conference on the future of libraries held in Cape Town, South Africa.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Apr 7 **Randall Enos**
Illustrator, Cartoonist
- Apr 14 **Paul Protomastro, M.D.**
Shoulder problems
- Apr 21 **Dan Libertino**
Sikorsky Historical Archives
- Apr 28 **David McCormick**
Bridgewater Associates

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 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).

MENTORS NEEDED

Connect with refugee families arriving in Bridgeport. Refugees have been uprooted from their homes and displaced due to war and violence. They may be unfamiliar with basic tasks such as grocery shopping, riding public transportation and dressing for the weather. They may be in need of a conversation partner or simply a friendly face to help them integrate into their new community. Become a mentor with the *International Institute of Connecticut*. All that is asked is one hour once a week for three months. For more information, contact *Mentor Coordinator Helen DeKorne* by email at hdekorne@iiconn.org or by phone at 203-336 0141 x 263.

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR Y'S MEN MEMBERSHIP

I joined the Y's Men a year and a half ago and want everyone to know about some of the many activities the organization sponsors. I play tennis once a week--outdoors at Longshore in the summer and indoors the rest of the year. I also started attending the international discussion group every other Monday at the *Senior Center*. Every Tuesday there is ping-pong at the new YMCA,

and we have exciting doubles matches every week. Wednesdays, we hike in parks around Fairfield County and frequent many beautiful spots. The lunches we hold after the hikes are fun, too. Once a month on Tuesdays there is a Y's Men jazz lunch—just good listening and good food and once a month on Thursdays there's a Y's Men book club. These discussions are always lively. Finally, Sunday mornings we hike, usually at one of our local beaches. If you like being in charge of something or helping us keep things going, think about joining the **Board of Directors**. There is a place for every one of you somewhere in our groups and clubs. The Y's Men is more than just the Thursday meetings. You can find a full listing of all our activities on our website: <http://www.ysmenwestportweston.org>. I'd be happy to talk with you about any of these activities. **Michael Boyle**

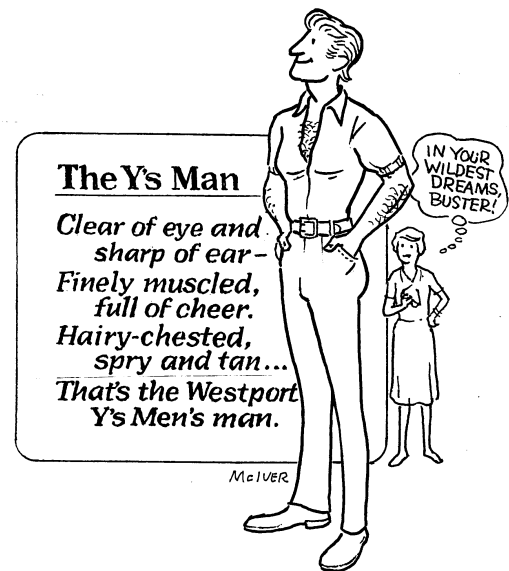
GOLF

The annual Y's Men *Spring Golf Outing* will be held at Longshore most likely on a Wednesday in May. It has also been suggested that we start a weekly golf group that will travel, once a week, to play some area courses. This is in the early stage of discussion, so it will have to be determined how much interest there is. **Dick Hagan** will be coordinating golf outings. He will be posting golf news and notices on the Y's Men site under Golf in the activities section. He is also trying to update the email and phone number listings for those interested in participating in some golf outings. You can contact him at hagarnew@att.net or at 203-650-2317 to tell him if you are interested in any or all of the golf activities. He is looking forward to hearing from all who are interested.

TRIPS & EVENTS

Details and sign up at the Trips & Events table

- Mar 4 – Harriet Beecher Stowe House/Mark Twain House, Hartford. *Sign up at T&E Desk.*
- Mar 7 – Dinner at Harvest Restaurant, \$45 per person tax and tip included. *Pre-pay/sign up at T&E Desk.*
- Mar 10 – “The Drowsy Chaperone.” Staples Players dress rehearsal, 6:00PM.
- Mar 24 – Two Roads craft brewery tour, Stratford. Lunch, tour and tasting. Depart after Y's Men's meeting. *Sign up at T&E Desk*



MEETING SCHEDULE

- Mar 3 Gregg Dancho
- Mar 10 Daryl Hawk
- Mar 17 Coast Guard
- Mar 24 Charles Frumberg
- Mar 31 William Harmer

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