



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Mark Albertson will be making his fourth appearance before the Y's Men. He will discuss "Defeat of a Superpower," the last in the series from his class, "Vietnam: A History," spanning the years 1961 to 1973. An enthusiastic speaker on a variety of topics, Mr. Albertson recently completed the first of a two-volume set entitled "Sky Soldiers: The Saga of Army Aviation." He 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 teaches history at Norwalk Community College for the Extended Studies program, as well as its Lifetime Learners Institute. Prior to his presentation, we will hear from James D'Amico, the new principal of Staples High School, presenting his view of the school's future.

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Luke Rosenberg is Director of Choral Music and Music Theory at Staples High School. He will bring a group of his students, the Staples High School Orphenians, who will perform for us in the church sanctuary. We'll be hearing them just a week before the annual Candlelight Concerts, a gift to the community for the past 76 years. Founded in 1958, the Orphenians are an elite vocal ensemble celebrating more than five decades of vocal excellence. Luke is a native of Michigan and a graduate of Western Michigan University, a leader in vocal music education. He came to Staples in 2012 after serving as Director of Vocal Music at Caledonia High School in Caledonia, Michigan.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Holiday Party. See notice in this issue.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Jan 5 **Doug Schwartz**
Quinnipiac Research
- Jan 12 **Jerry Shereshevsky**
Social Media
- Jan 19 **Robin Tauck**
Artifacts Destroyed by ISIS
- Jan 26 **Vanessa Richards**
Cybercrime

IN MEMORIAM

Nick Thiemann

HOLIDAY PARTY

This year the Y's Men's Holiday Party will be Thursday, December 15th from 11:30AM to 3:00PM at The Norwalk Inn. Sign-up and make table reservations (10 people per table) at the Thursday meetings. The cost is \$45.00 per person. The menu is a choice of prime rib, broiled salmon or chicken marsala. The Hoot Owls and the Bedford Middle School Camerata Chorus will provide the entertainment.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues to renew membership increased \$10.00 to \$70.00 effective November 1st. Please fill out the Membership Renewal Form even if you are 90+ and don't have to pay dues. The form is available on the website or at the meetings. Mail it with your check to Y's Men of Westport/Weston, P.O. Box 167, Westport, CT 06881-0167 or bring it with your check to a meeting. If dues are not paid by December 31, 2016, your membership will be dropped.

PHOTO LIBRARY

The Y's Men has established a photo library of current images showing the club's activities and the members enjoying fellowship and fun. Photos taken by member photographers should be sent to Sal Mollica at smollica2@gmail.com for archiving. They will then be available for publicity and internal use. For further information, contact **John Brandt** at jkbrandt@aol.com

NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Dolberg	Steven	203-227-3295
Hannes	Richard	203-227-5975

ATTENTION Y'S MEN SKIERS!

The ski season approaches, so don't wait until there is snow in the backyard to check your equipment to be sure you are ready to hit the slopes. Okemo is open already and measurable snow has been recorded at Butternut. Tuesday remains the primary day for Y's Men skiers to meet at Merritt Parkway Exit 42 commuter parking lot to carpool to Ski Butternut. Arrive at the parking in time for an 8:00AM sharp departure and plan

on being back before 5:00PM. I will send out an email blast to those on my email list on Sunday evenings to see who intends to ski the following Tuesday. If going, it is important to "reply all," so we know whom to expect. Also, in case of changes to the basic plan, we can be sure everyone is notified in advance. New member or member thinking of participating for the first time? Please check out the Ski Group at the Y's Men website and/or contact me if you need more information and/or wish to be on the weekly email list. **Tom Douglas** (203-291-9975 or tdoug92048@optonline.net).

THE HOOT OWLS

The Hoot Owls will entertain you with some Holiday tunes at the Y's Men's Holiday Party. The Hoot Owls also sang for Holiday Celebrations at the Weston Senior Center at the Norfield Church, and at the Westport Center for Senior Activities. Both events were a joyful introduction to the Holidays.

TRIPS & EVENTS

Details and sign-up at the Trips & Events table. Remember that spouses and significant others are always welcome at our events.

Dec. 1, Thu. – 2:00PM, "Art to the Max," Westport Historical Society. Curator-guided exhibit of artists who were displayed in the front window of Max's Art Supplies store. Sign-up at the T&E desk.

Dec. 7, Wed. – The Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science, West Haven (www.henryleeinstitute.com). Sign-up at the T&E Desk. Carpool from Exit 18.

Dec. 11, Sun. -- "A Chorus Line" at Downtown Cabaret, Bridgeport (Sold out, wait-list only).

Dec. 14, Wed. – Annual Model Railroad exhibition at Wilton Historical Society. Carpool at exit 41.

Dec. 15, Thu. – Y's Men's Holiday Party. Norwalk Inn. Sign-up at the T&E desk.

Dec. 16, 17, 18, Fri., Sat., Sun – Candlelight Concert, Sold out.

During the first week of May, 2017 the Y's Men are planning a trip of three days and two nights to the historic Gettysburg area. The tour will include such famous Civil War sites as Harpers Ferry, Antietam and Shepherdstown. The trip includes hotels, meals and bus transportation. The cost will be approximately \$550.00 per person. Please sign up at the T&E desk.

Our events are a great way to meet many interesting members of our club as well as spouses and significant others. If you participate with us, you'll be happy you did.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Dec 1	Mark Albertson
Dec 8	Luke Rosenberg
Dec 15	Holiday Party
Dec 22	No Meeting
Dec 29	No Meeting

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