



Enlightenment • Fellowship • Community service in retirement

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

Why were so many polls leading up to last month's presidential election so wrong? **Doug Schwartz** is well qualified to give us insight into an answer. He is director of the widely known Quinnipiac University Poll and is responsible for the poll's methodology and all aspects of the survey process. Dr. Schwartz began his career as a survey associate with the CBS News election and survey unit and as an election night analyst for the late *60 Minutes* correspondent **Ed Bradley**. He has a B.A. from Connecticut College, and both an M.A. (in political science with a concentration in survey research) and Ph.D. (in political science) from the University of Connecticut.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Who better to tell us about social media — what it is, what it does, and how we can use it to communicate with our grandchildren — than **Jerry Shereshevsky**, a semi-retired digital marketing guru? He was a SVP at Young & Rubicam, Wunderman and Burson Marsteller. He held top marketing posts at BMG Music and then helped start Yoyodyne.com, a direct marketing online promotion company that was bought by Yahoo. He headed marketing for Yahoo's Media Sales Group and then became CEO at Grandparents.com, a website for baby boomer grandparents. Jerry then formed *GrownUpMarketing*, to help companies better communicate with agencies and marketers. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a degree in Russian History, and is a resident of Redding.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Robin Tauck is dedicated to creating positive change to protect and enhance our shared world heritage sites, especially in endangered places. She is a third generation co-owner and former President of Tauck, Inc., the luxury travel company started by her grandfather in 1925. A traveler, with decades of experiences to hundreds of World Heritage sites, Robin has become an industry advocate for economic development through global tourism and public-private partnerships in heritage protection. She serves on several boards and non-profits and was a founder of Tauck's *World of Giving*. Robin lives in Westport and has been a trustee of the Westport Weston Family Y, board advisor to Wakeman Town Farm for youth programs and a founder of the *Westport Electric Car Club*.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

A look at the threat of cybercrime and some practical tips on how to protect yourself will be discussed by **Vanessa Richards**, Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Connecticut, where she serves as the Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property (CHIP) Coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office. She prosecutes a variety of national security crimes, including cybercrime involving computer intrusions. AUSA Richards also oversees the Federal Cyber Working Group (FCWG), an organization composed of representatives from the federal law enforcement agencies in Connecticut mandated to investigate cybercrime. She will be accompanied by Special Agent **Jeremy S. Tandler** of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service who investigates mail and identity theft matters as well as cyber-enabled crime.

Future Meetings

- Feb 2 **Greg Dancho**
Beardsley Zoo
- Feb 9 **Mary Fulco**
Social Media and Journalism
- Feb 16 **Panel of Physicians**
The Doctor is In
- Feb 23 **Susan Granger**
Academy Awards

HOLIDAY PARTY

Thanks to **Jay Dirnberger** and his crew, the combined Holiday and 40th Anniversary Party was a great success. The room at the Norwalk Inn got great reviews (although the roast beef did not). The entertainment was terrific featuring the **Camerata** from Bedford Middle School and our own **Hoot Owls** with **Harrison Valente** sitting in at piano. Looking forward, we have great trips and speakers coming up in the second half of this year.

Mike Guthman

FREE TAX RETURNS

The IRS/AARP will be providing a no charge, tax preparation and filing service in Westport during the January 30, 2017 through April 18, 2017 season. Numerous Y's Men have used this service for several years, and a few have been volunteer counselors. Last season over 730 returns were prepared and filed in Westport, almost all electronically; refunds totaling \$870,000 were received by Westport clients, about a third of which being from tax credits such as for education and earned income. 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. The service will be available at the Westport Center for Senior Activities on Wednesdays (9:00-4:00) and Thursdays (1:00-8:00) by making an appointment at 203-341-5099; and at Westport Town Hall (1:00-7:00) via appointment at 203-341-1050.

NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Battagliano	Nicholas (Nick)	203-515-0474 (c)
Flanagan	William (Bill)	203-644-3285

REJOINED

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Ripka	John	203-255-6977
Rogers	Edward	203-255-0766
Rosenblatt	Paul	203-227-2754

BACKGAMMON CLUB

The Y's Men's Backgammon Club meets weekly at the Weston Senior Activities Center on School Road, every Tuesday from 9:00AM to noon under the leadership of **Woody Bliss**. We welcome new members, who range from those who want to learn the game to experts. In 2016, we had 10 active players who met 51 times, played 505 matches, and scored 6,828 points. Our Ladder Champion for 2016 is **John Richard**. **Neil Druks** finished the year in second place on the ladder,

Paul Miller finished third and **Larry Hirsch** finished fourth. Our Winter and Summer Tournament Champion was **Peter Nahabedian**. We hope to see you all to start the New Year right on Tuesday, January 3rd for another round of backgammon

CAMERA CLUB

The first meeting of the Y's Men's Camera Club for 2017 will be on January 10th at St Vincent's Hospital at 47 Long Lots Road. Meeting time will be 10:00AM. We will meet in the basement meeting room in the small satellite building to the left of the main hospital building. We will have a presentation by a group of experts on how to use Lightroom 5.

CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY

More than 50 Y's Men are now on our e-mail list. If you would like to be added please contact **Ed Bloch** at edbloch@optonline.net. We meet at the Westport Center for Senior Activities on the fourth Tuesday of the month. On January 24th from 12:15PM to 1:45PM, **Stu Rogan** will present a program on Mozart, and at the same time on February 28th, **David Benjamin** will hold a session on early music covering composers Claudio Monteverdi and Josquin des Prez as well as Gregorian chants. A two-hour program is planned in April on the life and artistry of Leonard Bernstein. Because seating is limited to 32 attendees, please make an early reservation with **Ed Bloch**.

HIKES

In 2017 hikers will continue to provide an array of hikes varying from congenial strolls (Tuesdays) to strenuous climbs (Fridays) with an in-between on Wednesdays and a street hike ramble on Sundays. Lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday provide spirited outlets for good humor. After Wales, outings to Italy (twice), Portugal and that most exotic of destinations, California, followed. A trip to Provence is planned for 2017. For all the variations in the types of hikes, it is the companionship that counts. Join us. Contact **Malcolm Davies** (our Welshman), **Chris Lewis** or **Art Greenberg**.

TRIPS & EVENTS

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

1/17, Tues. – Dinner at "Match" in SoNo. Event is sold out, wait list.
1/18, Weds. – Tour of Asylum Distillery, Bridgeport – meet at exit 18 at 11:30AM, lunch first, 2:00PM tour – sign up at T&E Desk.
1/31, Tues. – Tenement Museum tour, lower East Side. Lunch first at Katz's at 11:30AM – Metro North – sign up at T&E Desk.

GETTYSBURG TRIP PLANNED LATE APRIL/EARLY MAY

In late April/early May, we 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 cost will be approximately \$550.00 per person and includes hotels, meals and bus transportation. 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Come to our next meeting Thursday, January 12th, 8:00AM. Y's Men are all about: Enlightenment • Fellowship • Community service in retirement!

WHO: You and your Y's Men friends.

WHAT: Y's Men Community Service for Spring 2017.

WHEN: Second Thursday of each month 8:00-9:00AM @ Saugatuck Church.

Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11. To make it easy we meet just before our Y's Men meeting.

WHY: Tell us about your volunteer efforts. Maybe Y's Men can help! In addition, we are looking for one day group fellowship projects.

WHERE: Saugatuck Church, Rooms 109-110 (upstairs from Y's Men).

We deliver Meals On Wheels, pickup food at Stew Leonard's weekly for several local charities, serve as mentors (we would like to get additional people), and more. This year we have supported: Domestic Violence Awareness, Family Y "Of the Woods" Youth Obstacle Course on Make a Difference Day, Veteran's Day at Bedford Middle School and Town Hall, Person-To-Person Holiday (P2) Toy Store Personal Shopping Elves, Crossing Guards for our meetings. We're talking spring projects! Contact **Joe Hawley** at joe@gmail.com or <http://www.ysmenwestportweston.org/activities-list/community-service.html>

THE MARINERS

The Summer Cruising Season started on May 18th and ran through October 26th. Both power and sail boats participated in 19 Wednesday outings, cruised around 600 nautical miles (power boats) and visited 12 different ports on Long Island Sound. We are now planning this spring's charter sailing trips and have agreed on two boats. One will sail in the Caribbean around St. Lucia, and the other will sail in the Adriatic out of Venice to visit the Croatian islands. More information available on the website under Boating.

Mario Sa'Couto

BRIDGE

The 2017 Winter/Spring Season will open Friday January 6th, at 12:00 noon in the Westport Center for Senior Activities. We will have games through the whole year every Friday at the same time, unless the Center is closed for holidays or bad weather. More information available on the website under Bridge.

Mario Sa'Couto

MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 5 Doug Schwartz
Jan 12 Jerry Shereshevsky
Jan 19 Robin Tauck
Jan 26 Vanessa Richards

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