



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Gregg Dancho has been affiliated with Connecticut's *Beardsley Zoo* for the past 37 years and has been its Director since 1983. He started as a volunteer from Bunnell High School and became a full-time zookeeper in 1980. The zoo received national accreditation for the first time in 1983 from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association and Gregg has been instrumental in making it an exceptional recreational and tourism asset. He has promised to bring along some of his charges from the zoo to give us a flavor for the range of experiences the zoo offers its visitors. We also will be hearing from the Westport Country Playhouse's **Anne Keefe** about the *Script-in-Hand Playreading* series.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Last May, **Mary Elizabeth Fulco**, faculty adviser to Staples High School's *Inklings* newspaper, was honored by the *Deadline Club* of the New York City Society of Professional Journalists for the excellence of her teaching and the professionalism of her advising. She followed that up in September, being named *Teacher of the Year*. But it is as a teacher of journalism that gives her a special perspective on what the future of journalism might hold. She praises her students as talented, passionate, driven, inquisitive, honorable and accomplished, and thanks to them, she says, the future of journalism looks very bright.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

If you ever followed the Peanuts comic strip, you may recall Lucy's pop-up booth with the sign: "The Doctor is In - 5c." We have our own "The Doctors are In" when five of the most talented physicians in the area gather to answer some of the most frequently asked questions in each of their specialties. They are **Dr. Robert Altbaum** in internal medicine, **Dr. Richard Ellis** in radiology, **Dr. Martin Krauthamer** in cardiology, **Dr. T. Jay Kleeman** in orthopedics and **Dr. Kenneth Wright** in emergency medicine. Learn how to get the most out of your short visit to the doctor by preparing a list of prioritized questions in advance. Our doctors will also answer questions from the floor in each of their specialties.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

If it's "Oscar time" (Sunday, February 26) it's time for Y's Men to hear from the noted film and theater critic **Susan Granger**. She will give us her picks in the major categories and provide some insight into the machinations

of the Academy and how it is dealing with accusations of racism. She will also play movie trivia with us and spread Oscar cheer with gifts for those of us with in-depth movie chops. Susan 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Mar 2 **David Pogue**
Science in Our Lives
Richard Ellis
24 Hours in the Human Body
- Mar 9 **Mike Daglio**
President, Norwalk Hospital & Chief Strategy Officer of Western CT Health Network
- Mar 16 **Andrew Wilk**
Executive Producer of "Live from Lincoln Center"
- Mar 23 **Sue Atkins and Meredith Kazer,**
The New World of Physicians
Marty Krauthamer
Aortic Stenosis
- Mar 30 **Daniel Lanzilotta**
Environmental Artist

IN MEMORIAM

Ernest "Ernie" Arnow
John Skinner

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
Horowitz	Ted	203-454-8766
Robinson	Lawrence (Larry)	203-226-5799

CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY

David Benjamin will present a few of his favorite composers from Monteverdi to Shostakovich on Tuesday, February 28, 12:15 to 1:45 at the **Senior Center**. A two hour program is planned for Saturday, April 8, also at the **Senior Center** from 12:30-2:30 on the life and work of **Leonard Bernstein**. A RSVP to **Ed Bloch** is recommended for both programs because seating will be limited.

Y's MEN VISIT NEWLY-CLEARED BARON'S SOUTH

Jay Dirnberger led a group of Y's Men on an exploratory tour of the newly-cleared, 22-acre Baron's South property on Monday, January 23. They paused for a photo in front of *Golden Shadows*, (see below), the main property of the late **Baron Walter Langer von Langendorff**, founder of *Evyan Perfumes*. Westport bought the property in 1999.

TRIPS & EVENTS

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

2/7, Tues. – Dinner: Chinese New Year, \$40.00 includes tax and tip with a glass of wine. BYOB. Village Gourmet, 22 Chestnut Hill Rd. in Norwalk. RSVP and pay at T&E desk.

2/11, Sat., 2:00 – UConn Women's Basketball (vs. SMU) at Storrs. Carpool, \$21.00.

2/15, Wed. – "The Great Hunger Museum" (Irish Potato Famine). Quinnipiac University.

2/22, Wed. – Tour of Asylum Distillery, Bridgeport. Meet at exit 18 at 11:30, lunch first, 2:00 tour – sign up at T&E Desk.

2/28. Tues., 2:00 -- "Memories of World War II." Weston Historical Society.

Trip to Gettysburg

Please join the Y's Men and revisit history. During the first week of May the Y's Men will be taking a trip to visit many Civil War sites. You will visit **Antietam, Harpers Ferry, Shepherdstown** and of course **Gettysburg**. The cost of approximately \$550.00 per person includes round trip bus transportation from Westport, hotels for two nights and meals. Please sign up at the T&E desk or email your interest to **Seth Kaye** at sethgkaye@gmail.com. We need to have 30 people sign up by February 2, 2017.

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

Feb 2	Gregg Dancho
Feb 9	Mary Elizabeth Fulco
Feb 16	Physicians Panel
Feb 23	Susan Granger



The Y's Men tour the Baron's South property

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