

Y's Men of Westport /Weston, Inc.

Newsletter

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Enlightenment . Fellowship . Community service in retirement

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

David Pogue returns to the Y's Men to talk about the latest in his "Basics" series of books, "Basics: Money, Essential Tips and Shortcuts (That Nobody Bothers to Tell You)." His previous Basics books dealt with technology and life. A graduate of Yale with a music degree, David spent ten years working in musical theatre and continues to be a brilliant pianist and song writer. We also will hear from Y's Man Dr. **Rich Ellis** on "24 Hours in the Human Body."

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Our local Norwalk Hospital, now part of Western Connecticut Health Network, illustrates the trend toward consolidation by healthcare providers. **Michael J. Daglio**, President of Norwalk Hospital and Chief Strategy Officer of WCHN, will tell us about these changes and how they affect us. Based in Danbury, WCHN is comprised of hospitals in Danbury and New Milford in addition to Norwalk.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

We'll go behind the scenes with multiple Emmy Award winner **Andrew Wilk**, Executive Producer of *Live From Lincoln Center* and *Lincoln Center at the Movies* as he creates the PBS special, "Joshua Bell: Seasons of Cuba" which aired last December. He is responsible for some of the most creative, innovative television on the air today. Prior to joining the Lincoln Center family, Andrew was Chief Creative Officer for Sony BMG Music Entertainment.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

New categories of healthcare professionals are emerging and chief among them are the physician's assistants who we often meet on a doctor's visit. **Susanne Atkins**, a physician's assistant, and Dean **Meredith Kazer**, dean and professor at the Fairfield University School of Nursing, will enlighten us about these professionals how they help define the healthcare quality. Before their presentation Y's Man Dr. **Marty Krauthamer** will talk about aortic stenosis.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Once we called it garbage; now it's recyclable, but **Daniel Lanzilotta** turns it into art. He will tell us about his artistic mission and how he brings greater significance to the seemingly insignificant. Calling himself a "plastician," Daniel works predominantly with plastic waste as well as detritus, rubbish, fragments of litter, flotsam and jetsam and transforms them into art.

FUTURE SPEAKERS

- Apr 6 **Claudia Connor**
The Refugee Crisis
- Apr 13 **Michael Harrison**
Evolution of Radio
- Apr 20 **Jim Himes**
The State of the State in Washington
- Apr 27 **Frank Derico**
The Neighborhood Studios of Fairfield County

IN MEMORIAM

George F. Avery, Jr
Lawrence N. Waterbury

NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Bekku	Toshifumi (Toshi)	203 454 7539
Branson	Donald (Don)	203 255 5071
Colletti	Charles (Chuck)	203 226 6136
Hutchison	Hal	203-613-4222 (c)
Schmidt	Robert (Bob)	203 451 3248 (c)

FREE TAX RETURNS

The IRS/AARP will be providing a no charge, tax preparation and filing service in Westport through April 18. Last season over 730 returns were prepared and filed almost all electronically. Refunds totaling \$870,000 were received by Westport clients. 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.

BACKGAMMON

The 2017 Y's Men's Winter Backgammon Tournament is scheduled for Friday, March 24th, starting at 9:00AM. Please arrive by 8:45AM. It is an all-day affair ending at 5:00PM. The tournament will be at Larry Hirsch's, 17 Cockenoe Drive, Westport. Deb promises to put together one of her outstanding lunches. So far, we have six people signed up for the tournament, It would be great if we could get two more players.

THE HOOT OWLS

The Hoot Owls will be performing again for Saint Patrick's Day at the Westport Center for Senior Activities on Friday, March 17th. To make reservations for lunch call 203-341-5099.

THE GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club tentative 2017 schedule of events, details and updates can be found on the website under Gardening. Contact Lou Rolla or Chuck Greenlee if you have any questions: Feb: Diana Ringleheim, Master Gardener, Senior Center; March: Hickories Farms; April: Tulip show; May: Wadsworth Arboretum; July: Wakeman Town Farms; August: Community Gardens/Nick Mancini Master Gardener; Greenwich Dahlia Show. visits to Gilberties and to home gardens are being considered.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

Spouses and significant others are always welcome. Non-Y's Men friends are welcome assuming space available. Details and sign-up at Trips and Events table.

3/3, Fri., 10:00 AM – Westport Country Playhouse - Backstage Tour – no charge, please sign up at T&E desk or email Bill Blaufuss, prosit67@gmail.com

3/7, Tues. – “The First Jewish Americans”, exhibit at the NY Historical. Society, NYC. If interested, contact Bill Blaufuss, prosit67@gmail.com

3/22 Wed. – Personally guided tour at the Thomas Edison Center, Menlo Park, N.J. Edison received 1,093 patents and perfected innovations such as the phonograph, light bulb, and early movie camera and the alkaline storage battery. Car pool from Merritt Exit 42 at 8:15AM. Lunch locally after the tour. RSVP Bill Blaufuss prosit67@gmail.com or 203-8562004 \$15.00 payment due Thursday March 9th.

3/27, Mon. 6:00 PM – Monthly dinner at Valentino's, (a little jewel of a restaurant in E. Norwalk by the drawbridge) -- \$45.00 pp tax and tip included, drinks extra. RSVP at T&E desk or email JeffHare@optonline.net

3/29, Wed. “New York at its Core”- docent-guided tour of exhibition of NYC Museum of the City of NY (5th at 103rd). Metro North and subway. RSVP and remit docent fee of \$20.00 at T&E Desk. Optional lunch first, followed by the tour at 2:30 PM. Sign up at T&E desk or contact Bob Mitchell, mitch161@optonline.net

Special trips coming up. There are other events coming for April and May, but these require advance payment soon.

May Trip to Gettysburg

5/2-4, Tues. - Thurs. --Bus trip to Gettysburg- three days, two nights, visit Antietam, Shepherdstown, Harper's Ferry and Gettysburg. Guided tours throughout. Cost approximately \$550.00 – \$650.00 pp double occupancy. If interested, contact Seth Kaye, sethgkaye@gmail.com

United Nations Tour

5/8, Mon. 2:00PM - Guided tour of United Nations. We will take Metro North in and those who wish will have lunch first. The tour will be specially conducted for Y's Men. The fee of \$20.00 is due at the 3/15 meeting. If interested, contact Bill Blaufuss.

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