



THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Nothing may be quite as timely as the plight of immigrants and refugees. **Claudia Connor**, president and CEO of the *International Institute of Connecticut*, a Bridgeport based non-profit that assists in settling and assisting immigrants and refugees, is especially qualified to help us understand the complexities of the problem. Claudia is an attorney who has more than 25 years of world-wide experience in legal representation and human rights advocacy. She has held leadership positions with *Save the Children*, the *International Rescue Committee*, *UNICEF* and other organizations. She began her career with the *Legal Aid Society* in New York City.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Y's Man **Marty Yellin** worked for many years on the Hubble Space Telescope at *Perkin-Elmer* in Danbury. He will give an update of the latest findings from the Telescope with emphases on the recent discoveries of many exo-planets that seem to have the conditions for life of some kind. There will also be an overview of the latest in Black Holes including the first ever picture of a Black Hole swallowing a star like the Sun. Marty served as president of the Y's Men in 2014-2015.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Jim Himes represents Connecticut's 4th District in the United States House of Representatives where he is serving his fifth term. He is a member of the House Committee on Financial Services, serves as the ranking member of the NSA and Cybersecurity Subcommittee of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and is Chair of the New Democrat Coalition. He attended Harvard and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. Jim began his professional career at *Goldman Sachs & Co.* where he worked his way up to Vice President over the course of a 12-year career.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Neighborhood Studios delivers arts education to children at risk and those with special needs throughout Fairfield County. A full-time champion of the arts, Executive Director **Frank Derico** will tell us how his organization manages 14 school year programs and four summer camps that serve 1500 students with arts education each year. Under his leadership, *Neighborhood Studios* won the President's Committee on the *Arts and Humanities Coming-Up-Taller Award* in 2005. Frank graduated Magna

Cum Laude from the University of Bridgeport in 1998, where he received a Bachelor of Music in Performance.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 4 Jon Stashower
NBC Sports Radio
- May 11 Adele Cutrali Valovich
Staples Chamber Orchestra
- May 18 Westport/Weston First Selectpersons
State of Westport and Weston
- May 25 Annual Meeting and Picnic
Sherwood Island Pavilion

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2017 Annual Meeting and Picnic will take place on Thursday, May 25th, beginning at 11:00AM at the Pavilion at Sherwood Island State Park. All members should attend to share in the award ceremonies, to vote for the new Board and to enjoy each other's company. A terrific buffet lunch will be catered by a top quality local establishment. Amazingly, the admission price is still only \$10.00. Please sign up at Thursday's meeting so we can get an accurate count for the food.

CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY

On Saturday, April 8th, there will be a two-hour (12:30 – 2:30PM) program devoted to the music, life and artistry of **Leonard Bernstein** at the Westport Center for Senior Activities. To attend the April event, you must register with the Senior Center by calling 203-341-5099 and giving your name and phone number. Then let **Ed Bloch** know that you have registered so that we can save a seat for you. An "American Masters" film entitled "Reaching for the Note" will be featured.

BICYCLE RIDING

Y's Men interested in weekly cycling rides are invited to join our group. As soon as temperatures reach the 50's, we'll begin meeting on Tuesday mornings at the Longshore Club gravel parking lot (near the marina) initially at 10:00 or 10:30AM for our ride. Once the Y's Men's year ends and warmer weather arrives in late May, we switch to Thursdays and begin earlier. Generally, we ride approximately 20 mile loops between Longshore and Southport or Longshore and Norwalk's Calf Pasture Beach. From time to time, we venture north of the Merritt Parkway in Fairfield for longer outings. The 32-mile ride around Manhattan's perimeter along the

Waterfront Greenway was last season's highlight and we plan to do it again this summer. Suggestions for other routes are welcome. If you would like to join, please contact **Tom Douglas** at 203-291-9975 or tdoug92048@optonline.net. In the photo below, Y's Men **Maury Wind**, **Tom Douglas** and **Larry Shapiro** are seen at the halfway mark (Battery Park) of Manhattan's Waterfront Greenway bike route.

GOLF

The Y's Men **Spring Golf Outing** will be held at Longshore Golf Course on a date in May that is to be determined (after we meet with **Jon Janik** the new head professional). The entry fee will also have to be determined but it most likely will be \$60.00. The fee will be payable at the first tee on the day of the tourney. The format will be a "Florida Scramble" utilizing teams of four players. Teams will be assigned at random. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st Place "Low Gross" team and to individual golfers for the "Longest Drive," "Closest to the Line," and "Closest to the Pin" on holes 8 and 15. Golf news and tourney information will be posted on the Y's Men site under Golf in the "Activities" section. **Dick Hagan** and **Ed Simek** will be coordinating the golf outing. You can enter by signing up at the T&E desk or by contacting Dick at hagarnew@att.net or 203- 650-2317.

TENNIS – SUMMER

We can firm up the details of tennis this summer as soon as we know **who is going to participate**. Contact **John Luscombe** if you are going to play this summer at 203-227-0393 or preferably by e-mail, JPluscom@att.net. With fewer players last summer and in the winter, we need to know who wants to play, no later than the end April. Also, winter tennis played at the Westport Tennis Club needs players. Contact **Judy Palmer** if you are interested, 203-255-3481.

TRIPS & EVENTS

4/25, Tues. – Dinner at "Boca," Parker Harding Plaza, Westport. Price \$45.00 pp, tti. Sign up at T&E desk or contact **Steve Jacques**, stephenjacquesesq@gmail.com.

5/3, Wed., 9:00AM – Industrial Tour, Sonics, Inc. Meet at exit 42 at 8:45AM, depart 9:00AM, lunch afterwards. Sonics is a cutting-edge high-tech niche manufacturer of ultrasonic devices used in liquids processing, plastics assembly, metal welding, ultrasonic cutting and cleaning, nanotech, automotive, and other industries worldwide. Located in Newtown, www.sonics.com. The tour is highly recommended by others who have visited. If interested, contact **Bill Blaufuss**.

5/7, Sun., 5:00PM – "In the Heights" – Downtown Cabaret Theater, \$25.00 pp BYOF, BYOB. "In the Heights" was

written by Lin-Manuel Miranda of "Hamilton," the Tony Award winning musical. Seating may be sold out but check with **Jeff Hare**, JeffHare@optonline.net.

5/8, Mon., 1:00PM – United Nations. This is a privately guided tour of the United Nations. We will take Metro North in and those who wish will have lunch first, on their own or in a group; email to follow. The tour will be specially conducted for the Y's Men. The tour fee is \$20.00 payable at the YM meeting. If interested, contact **Bill Blaufuss**, prosit67@gmail.com.

5/15, Mon., (date to be confirmed) – Tenement Museum, lower East side. This event is being rescheduled from an earlier date to 5/15. We will take Metro North 9:42AM in, and immediately head to Katz's for an 11:30AM lunch. If interested, sign up at the T&E Desk or contact **Seth Kaye**, sethkaye@gmail.com.

5/23, Tues. – Dinner at "The Boathouse" at the Saugatuck Rowing Club. \$45.00 pp, tti. Seats are going fast. Sign up at the T&E Desk or email **Jeff Hare**, JeffHare@optonline.net.

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



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