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# **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Who better to tell us about addressing the opioid crisis here in Connecticut than someone who is on the front lines of the battle? He is **Charles Grady**, Community Outreach Specialist for the FBI based in New Haven. He became a police officer in Hamden in 1982 and was the department's first African American civil service ranked detective. During the next 25 years, Charles focused on investigating long term narcotics trafficking on assignment to FBI and DEA task forces and was deputized by the U.S. Marshalls. He has a long history of creating a number of significant community programs including the FBI's Connecticut youth program.

# **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

**Stefan R. Underhill** has been a U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut since 1999. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1978 with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, and, in 1981, received a second B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University. He graduated from Yale Law School in 1984. After graduation, he clerked for Judge Jon O. Newman of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and then joined Day, Berry & Howard LLP, becoming a partner in 1991. Recently, he has begun a program of trying to rehabilitate convicted drug dealers who have served long sentences, once they are released from prison.

# **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

The Y's Men's own **Leonard Everett Fisher**, a pillar of the Westport arts community, will talk about "Artists in Westport." Len served with the 30th Engineers in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in WWII, making topographical maps from aerial photographs. After discharge, he returned to the art world, receiving Yale's *Winchester Fellowship* and the *John Ferguson Weir Prize*. He taught Design Theory as a Graduate Fellow. He was recently appointed to the board of the Westport Arts Center where he will focus on helping to bring the Westport Artists Museum to fruition.

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Thanksgiving (no meeting)

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

A close up view of Connecticut politics, public policy, and all things going on in Hartford that affect us will be provided by Mark Pazniokas, Capitol bureau chief of

The CT Mirror (CtMirror.org) a non-profit and non-partisan web site launched in 2010 to help fill the void left by the retreat of newspapers from coverage of the State Capitol. A winner of numerous journalism awards, Mark has written for The Hartford Courant and The New York Times. In more than 30 years as a reporter, he has covered some of the most compelling stories in the state.

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dec 7 – Staples Orphenians

Performance in the Sanctuary

Dec 14 – Holiday Party Norwalk Inn

Dec 21 – No Meeting Dec 28 – No Meeting

Next regular meeting will be Thursday, January 4, 2018

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

Charles "Chuck" Herbert Halper

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Last NameFirst NamePhoneGoodkindNeil203-374-0489WolfRichard203-454-3819

#### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

The 2017 Y's Men's Holiday Party is on Thursday, December 14th at the Norwalk Inn beginning at 11:30AM. Reservations and payment will be taken at Thursday meetings. Organize a table with friends and their guests, but either as a group or as an individual, please have names, payments and food preferences ready when you make your reservation. Cost is \$46.00 per person with a cash bar. Food choices are prime rib, chicken cordon bleu and poached salmon, and a special meal for people with food sensitivities. The Staples Jazz Band will play before lunch, and music for dancing will be played during and after the meal. And, of course, there will be some surprises.

# **DUES**

Membership dues for the 2017-2018 Y's Men season increased from \$60.00 to \$70.00 on November 1st. A Membership Renewal form is on the website. Click on the Membership tab and then on Membership Renewal. Print it, fill it out, write a check to the Y's Men of Westport/Weston, and mail both to: Y's Men of Westport/Weston, P. O. Box 167 Westport, CT 06881-0167 or bring to a Thursday meeting where forms also are available. Members age 90 or more by the end of 2017 do

not have to pay dues but should fill out a membership renewal form to continue their membership. If you want to discontinue your membership, please let Membership Chairman **John Weiss** know so you can be removed from the roster. Also contact him with any membership problems at weissjf@aol.com or 203-858-5555.

# **CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY**

The Classical Music Society meets in the Senior Center Media Room on the last Tuesday of every month, usually 2:30-4:15PM. The November 28th meeting will focus on the life, times and artistry of Arturo Toscanini. If you are not yet on our e-mail list, please contact Corresponding Secretary **Ed Bloch** (edbloch@optonline.net).

#### **TENNIS**

We have a great group of guys playing indoor tennis on Fridays for an hour from 8:00 to 9:00AM. Please join us. All levels are playing, and we have a few openings. Call **Judy** at the Westport Tennis Club (203-255-3481) for details.

## **TRIPS & EVENTS**

Details and sign up at the Trips and Events table

Nov 6 – Bloomberg News Tour, Bloomberg Hdqtrs, 731 Lexington Ave. (58/59 St.). Take the 9:05AM train from Saugatuck and subway to 59th St. Maximum 59 people. RSVP immediately to **Bob Mitchell** at mitch161@opton-line.net

Nov 9 – "Newsies," dress rehearsal of Staples Players fall musical production. No RSVP; no charge. Be at Staples at 6:00PM.

## Nov 14 -

Traditional Italian dinner at Massimo's, 100 Boston Ave., Bridgeport. \$35.00 includes tax and tip. "Good home cookin." RSVP at T&E desk or **Bill Blaufuss** at prosit67@gmail.com.

Nov 19 – UConn Women's basketball vs. Maryland in Hartford 1:30pm. Sold out.

Dec 10 – Bridgeport Cabaret Theatre at 5:30PM. "Highlights": a Broadway caliber performance of "Phantom." The best six tables; the best group ticket prices at \$ 26.75 per person. Sign-up and pay soon for your reservation.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Nov 30

Nov 2 Charles Grady
Nov 9 Stefan Underhill
Nov 16 Leonard Everett Fisher
Nov 23 Thanksgiving (no meeting)

Mark Pazniokas

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Enjoying Summer Tennis ...
John Monks & Paul Miller
(Is that J. Luscombe growing
out of John's shoulder?)