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## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

The Orphenians, a by-audition, 33-member vocal ensemble at Staples High School, was founded in 1958. Since then, the group has concertized in the U.S. and abroad, even opening two Yankees baseball games at the Stadium with the National Anthem. On December 7th, the Orphenians, led by their director, Luke Rosenberg, will herald the holidays in the Sanctuary of the Saugatuck Congregational Church with a performance of sacred and seasonal music. Members and their significant others are cordially invited.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

The 2017 Y's Men's Holiday Party begins at 11:30AM at the Norwalk Inn and Conference Center at 99 East Avenue. It's the second of only two meetings in December and our last chance to get together before the holiday break.

We've been taking reservations and payment for the Party at the past three meetings and the tables are filling up fast. The party is already north of 140 revelers. Now is a good time to organize a table with friends and their guests. Either as a group or an individual, please have names, payments and food preferences ready when you make your reservation. It will help smooth the process.

The cost is \$46.00 per person and a cash bar will be open throughout the affair. Food choices are prime rib with horseradish sauce, chicken cordon bleu and poached salmon with dill sauce. There also will be a special meal for people with food sensitivities.

The Staples Jazz Band will play a set of Big Band Favorites before lunch, and music for dancing will be played during and after the meal. And, of course, in true Y's Men tradition, there will be some surprises.

I hope you will take part in this annual opportunity for fellowship and celebration of the great life we share. Contact John Brandt at [jkbrandt@aol.com](mailto:jkbrandt@aol.com) or 203-227-6321.

There is no meeting December 21 and 28. The next meeting will be January 4, 2018.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

Jan 4 Dan Woog  
*Author, Columnist, Soccer Coach*

Jan 11 James Naughton & Carole Schweid  
*Theater Talk With Carole and Jim*

Jan 18 TBA

Jan 25 Staples Chamber Orchestra  
*Performance in the Sanctuary*

## NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Chodroff	Stephen L.	203-222-2209
Christiaanse	William R.	203-557-3317
Greene	William	203-221-1715
Grogins	Jack	203-227-0600
Rottel	Stanley	203-227-0008
Rusoff	Arnold	607-592-5967
Shear	Ronald	917-450-3808 (c)
Wolff	Martin	203-254-9073

## VETERANS DAY

Bedford Middle School celebrated Veterans Day by inviting local veterans to address the 8th grade class and many Y's Men participated. Each gave a brief summary of his military experiences and lessons learned. The students asked the type of questions that showed they had given the subject a lot of thought. The school's principal, Dr. Adam Rosen, and Westport School Superintendent, Dr. Colleen Palmer, participated. All felt that this was a completely worthwhile event.

## DUES

Attention dues paying members of all ages. Thanks to all of you who already have paid. Thanks to all our members age 90 or more by the end of this year who do not have to pay dues but need to fill out a membership renewal form to continue their membership. If any current members are not planning to renew for any reason, please notify Membership Chair John Weiss so you can be removed from the roster. Membership dues for the 2017-2018 Y's Men season are now \$70.00. A membership Renewal Form can be found on our website. 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. You may also obtain the form at a Thursday meeting and make payment at the same time. For all membership concerns, please contact John Weiss at [atjf@aol.com](mailto:atjf@aol.com) or 203-858-5555.

## PHOTO EXPO 14

All 100 entries in this year's Photo Expo have been posted on the Y's Men website (click Event Photos under the

Photos & Videos tab). Best in Show, First Place and Second Place winners are highlighted. Y's Men or their spouses garnered most of the 24 winning entries in nine different categories. Best In Show went to **Jean-Pierre Montillier** for the photo *I See You-Leopard-Sri Lanka*. Honorable Mentions went to **Art Greenberg** for *Mario Cuomo Bridge 1*, **Johanna Rossi** for *Alien Confrontation*, **Marty Krauthamer** for *Patagonia Glacier Trekking*, **Richard Schwam** for *Tribute to Bravery*, and **Karl Fischer** for *Hello Red*.

## 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.

## SKIING

The basic plan calls for Tuesdays to be the primary day for Y's Men skiers to meet at the Merritt Parkway Exit 42 commuter parking lot to carpool to Ski Butternut. Arrive at the parking lot in time for an 8:00AM sharp departure and plan on being back before 5:00PM. I will send out an email blast to those on my email list on Sunday evenings to see who intends to ski the following Tuesday. If going, it is important to "reply all," so we know whom to expect. It also is important to monitor your email, so that you are aware of any changes to the plan. New members or members thinking of participating for the first time check out the **Ski Group** at the Y's Men website and/or contact me if you need more information and/or wish to be on the weekly email list. **Tom Douglas**, 203-291-9975 or tdoug92048@optonline.net

## TRIPS & EVENTS

*Details and sign up at the Trips and Events table*

Dec 3 UConn Women's Basketball vs. Notre Dame in Hartford. Sold Out.

Dec 5 Industrial tours of Nucor Wire Mill and Proton OnSite, Wallingford, CT. Nucor produces wire products. Proton makes high-purity hydrogen production equipment (e.g., fuel cells). [www.protononsite.com](http://www.protononsite.com)

Dec 10 "Phantom" an operetta-style production at Downtown Cabaret Theatre. Sold Out. Based on the 1910 novel "The Phantom of the Opera," not to be confused with the musical.

<http://dttcab.com/show/phantom/>  
Dec 31 UConn Women's Basketball vs. Memphis in Hartford 1:30PM. Sold Out.

Jan 9 Holiday Train Show NY Botanical Garden. Lunch on Arthur Ave. Car pool. Signup at T&E desk or email **Bill Blaufuss** at [prosit67@gmail.com](mailto:prosit67@gmail.com)

Jan 16 Osteria Romano, Norwalk. 6:00PM. \$40.00 pp tax and tip included. Reserve and pay at T&E desk or email **Bill Blaufuss** at [prosit67@gmail.com](mailto:prosit67@gmail.com).

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Dec 7 Orphenians

Dec 14 Holiday Party

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Veterans Day, with:

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