



## THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Dan Woog returns to the Y's Men to talk about the evolution, from its inception to its current scope, of his blog "06880, Where Westport meets the world." Besides multiple daily blog postings, Dan writes "Woog's World," a weekly column which has appeared in the Westport News since 1986. A graduate of Brown University, he is the author of 17 books. In his spare time Dan is the head coach of the Staples High School boys' soccer team.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

The theatrical career of Tony Award-winning actor James Naughton will be examined when "Play With Your Food" artistic director Carole Schweid interviews him. In the process, she will add some of her own background in musical theater. A Weston resident, Jim won his first Tony for best actor in a musical in "City of Angels" and his second for his role in "Chicago." Carole is a co-founder of JIB Productions, Inc. a non-profit producer of professional performing and visual arts programs in Fairfield County. Following the interview, the two will perform a short "script-in-hand" piece entitled "Post-its."

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

David Waldman, whose firm, David Adam Realty, created the Bedford Square redevelopment of the YMCA, will discuss changes to downtown Westport in the last decade. He will describe zoning changes, Bedford Square, and the Save the Children development on the West Bank. Looking to the next decade, David will examine the rapid changes which are affecting the way we shop, live and work. David founded his company in 1991 following his graduation from Syracuse University.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

The Staples Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Adele Cutrali-Valovich, will perform a variety of pieces in their conductor's swan song appearance. Adele retires this year after heading the Staples orchestras, both symphonic and chamber, for more than 35 years. She started her teaching career in Atlanta, and found her way to Westport where she originally taught music in a middle school before coming to Staples. Wives and significant others are invited to attend. There will be coffee and donuts as usual downstairs in Hoskins Hall followed by our business meeting and the Orchestra's performance in the sanctuary.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Feb 1 Tom Seligson  
*Everyone Has A Story*
- Feb 8 Mary Elizabeth Fulco  
*Social Media & Journalism*
- Feb 15 Panel of Physicians  
*The Doctors Are In*
- Feb 22 Alison Davis  
*JP Morgan*

## IN MEMORIAM

Patrick (Pat) Cullen  
John (Jack) Farrell  
Saul Haffner

## NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

There will be a new member luncheon in January. John Weiss will provide details. New members will be guests of the Y's Men.

## FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

The IRS/AARP will again provide a no charge, tax preparation and filing service in Westport from January 29th through April 17th, 2018. Numerous Y's Men have used this service in past years, and a few have been volunteer counselors. 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 (1:00-7:00) by appointment at 203-341-5099, and at Westport Town Hall (1:00-7:30) by appointment at 203-341-1050.

## BACKGAMMON CLUB YEAR-END REPORT

The Y's Men's Backgammon Club meets weekly at the Weston Senior Activities Center on School Road every Tuesday from 9:00AM to noon. We welcome new members, from beginners to experts. In 2017, we had 10 active players who met 48 times, played 500 matches, and scored a record 14,410 points. Ladder Champion for 2017 is Woody Bliss. Peter Nahabedian finished in second place on the ladder, John Richard finished third and Larry Hirsch finished fourth. We look forward to a great 2018 and welcome all Y's Men to join us.

## JAZZ CLUB

The **Jazz Club** will meet Tuesday, January 9th at the VFW at Noon. Come and enjoy nice music, conversation and lunch, all for \$15.00, tax and tip included. The program will be announced a week prior to the meeting.

## SKIING

We anticipate starting our season on Tuesday, January 2nd. Cold weather was forecast at Butternut over Christmas week so, thanks to the miracle of snow making, we anticipate good conditions. The e-mail list has been revised and should include all those interested in skiing. If you have not been receiving Ski Group e-mails in recent days, you are not on the list. If you wish to be added, please contact **Tom Douglas** at tdoug92048@optonline.net or 203-291-9975.

## TENNIS

We have a great group of guys playing indoor tennis on Fridays 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.

## MISCELLANEOUS: TWO ITEMS

**Arn Levinson**, a retired doctor, is mostly home bound. He enjoys chess and would like someone to call him for a game. While he is somewhat skilled, he would be willing to teach a novice or play with an experienced player. He lives in Regent's Park and can be reached at 203-255-4447.

Congratulations to **Malcolm Davies** and **Frankie Davies** who became U.S. citizens in December.

## TRIPS AND EVENTS

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

Jan 10 - **Holiday Train Show** NY Botanical Garden. Lunch on Arthur Ave. Car pool. Sign-up at T&E desk or e-mail **Bob Mitchell** mitch161@optonline.net for more details.

Jan 16 - **Osteria Romano**, Norwalk 6:00PM. \$40.00 pp tax and tip included. RSVP and pay at our 1/4/18 meeting or e-mail **Bill Blaufuss** at prosit67@gmail.com.

Jan 24 - **Michelangelo Exhibit**, Metropolitan Museum (E. 82nd St). Self-guided tour, no docent. Pay at the door. Take Metro North and subway to Museum. If you are going, contact **Bob Mitchell** at mitch161@optonline.net.

Jan 27 - 4:00PM. Wine tasting at **Castle Wines**, Post Road, Westport. \$15.00 pp. A second wine tasting will be at 2:30PM if 13 or more sign-up. RSVP at meetings, or contact **Seth Kaye** at sethkaye@gmail.com.

Feb 7 - 11:30AM. **Bloomberg Financial tour**, NYC (E. 59th St). Take Metro North and subway. No charge. RSVP to **Bob Mitchell** at mitch161@optonline.net.

Feb 20 - "**Chinese New Year**" at the Village Gourmet, Norwalk, \$40.00 pp tax and tip included plus 1 glass of wine. BYOB.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 4 Dan Woog  
Jan 11 James Naughton and Carole Schweid  
Jan 18 David Waldman  
Jan 25 Staples Chamber Orchestra



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