

# Y's Men of Westport/Weston, Inc.

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## THURSDAY, MARCH 1

The 90th Academy Awards ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, March 4th. For Y's Men, that means noted film and theater critic **Susan Granger** will give us her picks in the major categories and provide insight into the latest machinations of the Academy. She may deal with the sexual harassment complaints which have roiled the industry in recent months.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 8

**Dan Woog**, who was snowed out of our January 4th meeting, 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.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 15

**Kevin Green**, a physicist who is on the board of the Westport Astronomical Society, will talk about "This Golden Age of Astronomy" where hardly a week goes by without some new announcement representing a major advance in Astronomy over distance scales from the Solar System to the size of the Universe itself.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 22

What's doing at the Westport Weston Family YMCA? CEO **Pat Reimersma** will bring us up to date on what the Y offers, with particular emphasis on how our physical and mental health has a direct relationship to longevity. She will take us through various programs and talk about how the Y has fared since its controversial re-location nearly four years ago.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Historian **Arthur N. Gottlieb**, a specialist in military and political history, returns to the Y's Men with another fascinating talk – this time about World War I which ended 100 years ago this November. Art has served as a professional curator of naval history and the technical director of Exhibits at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City.

*Additional speaker information appears on the Y's Men website: <http://www.ysmenwestportweston.org/>*

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Apr 5 Claire Gold  
*Magnet Schools*
- Apr 12 Alex Spitzer  
*Wolf Conservation Center*
- Apr 19 Julie Belaga  
*Community Service*
- Apr 26 Sarah Bloom Raskin  
*Former U.S. Deputy Treasury Secretary*

## IN MEMORIAM

Ed Vebell

## NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
Cahill	Paul E.	203-856-6506
McKinney	William E.	203-226-9845
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Peroni	Anthony	203-221-0558
Press	David	203-222-8220
Spring	Raymond	203-454-3152

## FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

The IRS/AARP provides a no charge, tax preparation and filing service through April 17th. It's open to all individual filers but emphasis is on low- and middle-income households, and those 60 and older. The service is 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 Mondays at Westport Town Hall (1:00-7:30) by appointment at 203-341-1050.

## SEWER DRILLING PROJECT

A group of Y's men visited the worksite (see photo below) under the I-95 overpass to view the drilling of a new sewer conduit 75 feet below the river connecting Westport west of the Saugatuck River to the town's sewage treatment plant on the east side of the river. Sewage is pumped through the conduit from a pump-house next to the Black Duck. The project is to install a new plastic conduit under the river to replace a deteriorating 50+ year old iron conduit which will be decommissioned when the project is completed. Y's Men will revisit the site at a later date to witness the drill head exiting the ground at the sewage treatment plant where it will be then connected to the plant.

## GARDEN CLUB SCHEDULE UPDATE

The Y's Men Garden Club has announced its 2018 schedule. **Jorgen Jensen** will lead three programs: Wednesday, March 21st, from 11:00AM to noon at the Westport Center for Senior Activities, Master Gardener **Diana Ringelheim** will talk about Spring Preparation; Wednesday, March 28th at 1:00PM, tour of greenhouses at Gilbertie's, Westport, and talk by **Joe Gloria**; a Wednesday in late April/May to visit the garden at the home of Y's Man **Bill Christiaanse**. **Skip Shaeffer** will lead two programs: a Wednesday in late June to view "Prolific Peonies" locally and a Wednesday in June or July to visit a working farm. On a Wednesday in early August, **Lou Rolla** and **Nick Mancini** will lead a community gardens visit. On a weekend in September, **Steve Taranko** will lead a visit to the Greenwich Spectacular Dahlia Show. Stay tuned for additions and changes to the schedule. The Club continues to look for homes with interesting gardens or landscapes that it can visit. Contact Co-Chairs **Jorgen Jensen** (jorgensen5@gmail.com) or **Chuck Greenlee** (greenleecw@gmail.com) for additional information.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

There will be a golf tournament in May with the date to be determined. The April newsletter will have all the details.

## JAZZ CLUB

The Jazz Club will meet on Tuesday, March 13th at the VFW with a focus on the iconic **Louis Armstrong**. We will show a documentary of his rise in the world of Jazz from the "battleground of New Orleans" to international celebrity, with lots of music. Join us at noon for lunch, \$15.00 per person including tax and tip. If you plan to attend, please drop a note with a "yes" to Club Chairman **Ralph Levitan** at rlevitan@sbcglobal.net.



Y's Men at Sewer Drilling Project

## TRIPS AND EVENTS

*Details and sign up at the Trips and Events table. Spouses and significant others are always welcome. Non YM friends welcome space permitting.*

Mar 13 – American Museum of the America Indian-Customs House in lower Manhattan, NYC. Please sign up at T&E desk. We will take the 9:06 train from Saugatuck then a subway or taxi. This will be self-guided, pay at the door, lunch on your own. This trip is an opportunity to obtain a NYC Metro Senior card at a ticket booth.

Mar 26 – Monthly dinner at Bobby Q's, 11 Merwin Street, Norwalk. Location is near the former Loehmann's Plaza. \$40.00 pp tax and tip included. Pay in advance. Sign up at T&E Desk.

Mar 27 – New England Air Museum, 36 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT, just North of Bradley Airport. No RSVP necessary We will car pool from Merritt Exit 42 at 8:30AM. Further information at [www.neam.org](http://www.neam.org). Lunch on your own afterwards at choice of area restaurants.

*Note: It is not too early to sign up for any of these events.*

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Mar 1 Susan Granger  
Mar 8 Dan Woog  
Mar 15 Kevin Green  
Mar 22 Pat Reimersma  
Mar 29 Arthur Gottlieb

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Ys Men Skiers On a Blue Bird Day at Butternut: Tom Douglas, Bill Christiaanse, Blair McCaw, Tom Kieffer and Larry Shapiro