

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

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## THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Educator **Claire Gold** will talk about creating schools of the future that will focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and achieve desegregation while maintaining educational excellence. This school model will provide opportunity for minority, inner-city children to graduate from high school, go to college, enter the work force at a skilled level, and have a positive, productive life. She believes it can be done. Claire served nine terms as Westport's superintendent of schools and two terms as interim superintendent of schools in Weston.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 12

The **Wolf Conservation Center** teaches people about wolves, their relationship to the environment, and the human role in protecting their future. A Y's Men visit last October to the Center, located in South Salem, N.Y., was such a hit that the Center now will come to us. **Alex Spitzer**, an educator there, will tell us about the aims of WCC to become the pre-eminent facility in the eastern United States for the captive breeding and pre-release of endangered canid species. He may even bring along a wolf ambassador.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 19

**Julie Belaga** will focus on her lifelong commitment to environmental integrity and the danger of global warming, both examples of her belief in the vital importance of volunteerism. She was co-chairman of the CT League of Conservation Voters, and was on the board of the Fund for The Environment and the CT Mirror. Julie was appointed by President Clinton to the Board of the Import-Export Bank. Prior to that, she was appointed by President George H. W. Bush as the EPA's Region One Administrator of the EPA. Julie was in the CT Legislature from 1976 to 1986, and was the Republican candidate for governor in 1986.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 26

**Dan Woog** returns to the Y's Men to talk about the evolution of his blog "06880, Where Westport meets

the world" from its inception to its current scope. Besides multiple daily blog postings, Dan writes "Woog's World," a weekly column which has appeared in the Westport News since 1986. He is a full time freelance writer whose work has been published in The New York Times, USA Today and Sports Illustrated. A graduate of Brown University, Dan is the author of 17 books.

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

## FUTURE MEETINGS

May 3 **Jim Hines**

*Report from Washington*

May 10 **James Canton**

*Hole in the Wall Gang Camp*

May 17 **Westport/Weston First Selectmen**

*State of Our Towns*

May 24 **Annual Meeting and Picnic**

*Saugatuck Congregational Church*

## IN MEMORIAN

Howard Aibel

Herb Bloom

Sumner Glimcher

## NEW MEMBERS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
<b>Cahill</b>	<b>Paul E.</b>	203-856-6506
<b>McKinney</b>	<b>William E.</b>	203-226-9845
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<b>Press</b>	<b>David</b>	203-222-8220
<b>Spring</b>	<b>Raymond</b>	203-454-3152

## FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

The IRS/AARP no charge, tax preparation and filing service continues until April 17th. It's open to all individual filers regardless of age or income

level. 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 Mondays at Westport Town Hall (1:00-7:30) by appointment at 203-341-1050.

## **BACKGAMMON**

We had seven players and 18 matches to start our Y's Men's Winter Quadruple Elimination Backgammon Tournament. It was our 11th tournament. **Peter Nahabedian** dominated the day, winning all five of his matches, scoring 65 points, while giving up only 9. He also extended his winning streak to eight matches and 10 out of his last 11. **Brian Strong** also had a good day winning four of his six matches.

## **GOLF OUTING**

**The Y's Men Spring Golf Outing** will be at Longshore Golf Course on Wednesday May 16th. The entry fee will be \$60.00 and will include greens fees, carts, and post golf goodies at the Black Duck. The fee will be payable (in cash) at the first tee on the day of the tourney. The format will be a "Scramble" utilizing teams of four players. Teams will be assigned at random. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd Place "Low Gross" teams 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** will be coordinating the golf outing. You can enter by signing up at the T&E desk in April or by contacting Dick at [hagarnew@att.net](mailto:hagarnew@att.net) or 203- 650-2317.

## **INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION GOUP**

**Peter Nathan** has replaced **Mike Belaga** as the head of the International Discussion Group. Mike was a longtime head of this group and one of its originators.

## **BAKED GOODS PICK-UP**

Every Tuesday at 6:00AM a one or two-man crew picks up a car load of baked goods from Stew Leonard's. We deliver them to the Gillespie Center, Senior Center and Project Return. Contact **Don Roth** (203-226-5066 or [donaldroth78@gmail.com](mailto:donaldroth78@gmail.com)) if you would like to join this vital group.

## **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. These trips are a superb way to meet other members.

### **Apr 16**

Monthly dinner at Gingko Sichuan Cuisine, 923 Post Road, Fairfield. **Jon Fox** has arranged this gourmet evening at "the best Chinese restaurant outside of Chinatown". \$35.00 per person tax and tip included. Menu is available at the T&E desk. BYOB. RSVP and pay at T&E desk by Thursday April 12.

### **Apr 18**

Louis Dreyfus Foundation Art Museum, Mt. Kisco, NY [www.wildfoundation.org](http://www.wildfoundation.org). Admission is free but you must RSVP NLT Thursday, April 12 at T&E desk or to **Dan Christianson** [drdanstone@aol.com](mailto:drdanstone@aol.com) Maximum participation is 20. Tour and talk starts at 11:00AM. Individual viewing time will be about an hour and a half.

### **Apr 23**

Tour the "9/11 Museum" at the World Trade Center, NYC. It is a "profound experience in a sacred place." Self-guided tour (with or without Audiophone \$7.00) or a guided tour. Take the 9:05 from Saugatuck then subway. Buy tickets in advance on line or purchase them at the Museum where there are long lines. Admission \$20.00, optional group guided tour \$20.00. Information and tickets: <https://www.911memorial.org>. RSVP T&E desk or **Nestor Sawicki** [nestorsawicki@gmail.com](mailto:nestorsawicki@gmail.com). RSVP is optional though helpful.

### **May 7**

FDR Museum & Vanderbilt Museum, Hyde Park, NY. Guided tour (\$10.00) starts at 11:00AM. Lunch on your own. Approximately 2:00PM tour of Vanderbilt Museum. Car pool Merritt Exit 42. RSVP and pay at T&E desk by May 3 or to **Seth Kaye** [sethgkaye@gmail.com](mailto:sethgkaye@gmail.com).

### **May 12**

Buckhorn Sculpture Garden Park on private grounds in Pound Ridge, NY. \$25.00 per person

deposit in advance is refundable unless you don't show. Car pool from Merritt Exit 41. There is a lot of walking. No organized lunch but many local options such as Grace Farms. RSVP and pay at T&E desk or **John Weiss** weissjf@aol.com.

### May 14

NBC Universal Studio Tour \$30.00 at Rockefeller Center, NYC. RSVP and pay in advance by May 10. We need a minimum of 14 persons. RSVP T&E desk or **Nestor Sawicki** nestorsawicki@gmail.com.

### May 15

Monthly dinner at The Boathouse restaurant, Riverside Ave., Westport. Superb cuisine, outdoor patio and riverfront seating. \$45.00 pp tax and tip included, wine and spirits extra. Sign up and remit at T&E desk or contact **Jeff Hare** jeffhare@optonline.net.

### May 20

"Priscilla Queen of the Desert" at Downtown Cabaret. BYO dinner and beverage. RSVP \$26pp pay in advance at T&E desk or contact **Jeff Hare** jeffhare@optonline.net. Note: It is not too early to sign up for any of these events.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

April 5	Claire Gold
April 12	Alex Spitzer
April 19	Julie Belaga
April 26	Dan Woog



*Stew Leonard's Crew:  
Lou Rolla, Jorgen Jensen, Bill Blaufuss, Bob Fox & Jay  
Dirnberger. Missing are JPMontillier & Gary Stuart.*



*Peter Nathan (r) replaces Mike  
Belaga(l) as head of the  
International Discussion Group.*

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