

Y's Men of Westport/Weston, Inc.

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THURSDAY, MAY 3

Jim Himes represents Connecticut's 4th District in the United States House of Representatives where he is serving his fifth term. He is a member of the House Committee on Financial Services, serves as the ranking member of the NSA and Cybersecurity Subcommittee of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and is Chair of the New Democrat Coalition. He attended Harvard and was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. Jim began his professional career at Goldman Sachs & Co. where he worked his way up to Vice President over the course of a 12-year career.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Who better to tell us about the 30-year history of **The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp** and its program "A Different Kind of Healing" than **James Canton** who has had a relationship with the organization since its founding in 1988? Jimmy has been a counselor, unit leader, assistant director and camp director, and was appointed Chief Executive Officer in 2002. He has extended the Camp year-round with fall and spring weekend programs to serve the previous summers' campers, as well as family retreats for children who might not have the chance to experience a summer session.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Westport First Selectman **Jim Marpe** and Weston First Selectman **Chris Spaulding** will end our season with discussions on the State of Our Towns. Continuing the format begun last year, **Rebecca Surran**, former News 12 anchor, will moderate an informational session with the Selectmen. It promises to bring us up to date on the latest important happenings in our two towns, put them in perspective, provide a better understanding and learn what's in store for the future

THURSDAY MAY 24

The **2018 Y's Men's Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon** begins at 11:00AM in and around Hoskins Hall, where New England's changeable weather, like last year's monsoon, will cease to be a factor. Plan to attend this year's edition and share in the award ceremonies, the confirmation vote for the new Board, and enjoy each other's company. A terrific buffet lunch will be catered by Fortuna's Deli, promising some special culinary treats. And, even with the indoor/outdoor venue and Fortuna's famed cuisine, admission is still only \$10.00. Please sign up at a Thursday meeting.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Sept 6 Bill Harris
Army Aviation Association of America
Sept 13 David Mark Brown
Spanish-American War
Sept 20 Police Chiefs of Westport/Weston
Sept 27 TBD

IN MEMORIAM

Robert N. Fisher

NEW MEMBERS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Cooper	Paul	203-227-8973
Fritz	Bruce	203-454-2304
Zemp	Richard	203-227-6690

The Y's Men Nominating Committee has published its slate of officers and directors for the 2018-2019 season which will be voted on at the annual meeting and luncheon on Thursday, May 24th.

President

John Brandt

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Randy Abrams

Trips and Events Chair

Bill Blaufuss

Historian

Jeff Hare

Director at Large 1

Alan Nevas

Director at Large 2

Maury Wind

Director at Large 3

Neil Goodkind

GARDEN CLUB

The Y's Men Garden Club has announced its 2018 schedule:
Wednesday, May 9th - 11:00AM Bartlett Arboretum, Stamford - **Jorgen Jensen**.

Wednesday, late May - Gardens of Y's Man **Bill Christiaan** - specific date dependent on things a poppin'!

Wednesday, late June - Area "Prolific Peonies" - **Skip Shaeffer**.

Wednesday, early August - "Farmer" **Lou Rolla** will lead a Community Gardens visit.

Weekend Day, September - Greenwich Dahlia Show - **Steve Taranko**.

The Club continues to look for homes with interesting gardens or landscapes that it can visit. Contact Co-Chairs **Jorgen Jensen** (jorgenjensen5@gmail.com) or **Chuck Greenlee** (greenleecw@gmail.com) for additional information.

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 or by contacting Dick at hagarnew@att.net or 203- 650-2317.

SUMMER TENNIS

Summer Tennis starts Tuesday, May 8th at Longshore. We welcome all of our regular players, new Y's Men members, as well as members who would like to participate but have not done so in the past. All are welcome. Remember to renew your Tennis Pass, if eligible. Please respond by email to: **Peter Kolbrener** at pkold@optonline.net, and include your telephone number. A special request: we want to form a committee of players whose thoughts and ideas may improve our Tennis program.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Our board of directors has decided to create a Technology Committee. Its mission is to advise the board on operational problems that can be solved through technology.

The committee is expected to make recommendations and implement those that the board supports. At present, we have identified a few important issues, such as record storage and retrieval, website maintenance, presentation hardware and software, presentation sound system and social media. The board is looking for volunteers to staff the committee. You will be making an important contribution to how we conduct our business. Please contact **Jay Dirnberger** at jaydirnberger@gmail.com.

CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY

The Classical Music Society will meet on Tuesday, May 22nd and will continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the summer hiatus. If you would like to be on the list to receive program notices, contact **Ed Bloch** at edbloch@optonline.net.

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.

May 7

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

May 12

Buckhorn Sculpture Garden Park on private grounds in Pound Ridge, N.Y. \$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** at weissjf@aol.com.

May 14

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

May 20

“Priscilla Queen of the Desert” at Downtown Cabaret. BYO dinner and beverage. RSVP \$26.00 per person pay in advance at T&E desk or contact **Jeff Hare** at jeffhare@optonline.net.

MEETING SCHEDULE

May 3 Jim Himes
May 10 James Canton
May 17 First Selectmen of Westport/Weston
May 24 Annual Meeting and Luncheon

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Y's Men in The Boat House Restaurant at the Saugatuck Rowing Club: From the right: Bill Blaufuss, Dan Wilder, Gus Porter, Larry Aasen, Tom Douglas, Mario Sa' Couto, Richard Ellis, Jeff Hare, Ken Olshan, Bill Brown, Alden Harris, Bill Carmell.



Y's Men and guests visited the New York Transit Museum in Brooklyn last month. Left to right are: Dick Sallick, Wendy Swain, Bill Blaufuss, Bob Mitchell, Bob Swain, Nestor Sawicky, Peter Donovan, Ellen Wasserman, Joel Wasserman, Larry Shapiro and Maury Wind.