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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Weather cancelled her presentation to the Y's Men last March, but **Pat Riemersma**, CEO of the Westport Weston Family YMCA, will bring us up to date on what's happening at this venerable organization which was founded in Westport in 1923. She will review what the Y offers specifically for Y's Men like us and talk about how the Y has fared since its relocation more than four years ago.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Eric Burns will talk about his book "The Golden Lad: The Haunting Story of Theodore and Quentin Roosevelt." It is one of only two biographies that Eric has written among dozens of other works yet Publishers Weekly said of them: "This is how biographies should be written." Besides being an author, he is a playwright, media critic, and former broadcast journalist.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Just in time to provide an analysis of the upcoming state elections on November 6, **Mark Pazniokas**, Capitol Bureau Chief of the CT Mirror, returns to the Y's Men. Mark covers state politics and elections as well as legislation and the legislative process. Before co-founding CT Mirror in 2009 Mark was a reporter for The Hartford Courant and The Manchester Journal Inquirer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Walton Brown-Foster, Ph.D., is a professor in the department of political science at Central Connecticut State University. Her presentation is entitled "Latin America for All"– untold and ignored legacies of race and ethnicity and their impact on the challenges facing the region in the 21st Century. Dr. Brown-Foster will cover the impact of race, identity, exclusion and inclusion on the politics and economics of select countries in the region.

Complete speaker information appears on the Y's Men website at:

https://www.ysmenwestportweston.org/events/speakers.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Nov 1	James Mapes
	Gift of Imagination
Nov 8	Vincent Santilli
	Homes for the Brave
Nov 15	John Durham
	United States Attorney
Nov 22	Thanksgiving
	No Meeting
Nov 29	Andrew Banoff
	Jewish Senior Services

In Memoriam William (Bill) Crowther

NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Phone
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HOLIDAY PARTY

The Y's Men's 2018 Holiday Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 13th, beginning at 11:30AM at the Norwalk Inn. The Staples High School Jazz Band will be back by popular demand and the menu includes a choice of grilled New York steak, Coq au Vin, or Norwegian salmon. We will begin taking reservations and making table assignments at the October 4th meeting. The cost of this year's party remains the same at \$46.00 per person. Checks should be made out to Y's Men of Westport/Weston, with "Holiday Party" in the memo space.

DUES FOR 2018-2019

We have annual expenses each year such as renting Hoskins Hall, liability insurance, coffee and donuts, a service that sets up and takes down chairs at each meeting, and several other lesser expenses. They amount to about \$20,000 to \$22,000 annually. Member dues are our only source of revenue. We receive no donations or other income. Each member pays renewal dues of \$60.00. New members pay \$70.00 for the first year. Members who are 90 years of age or older by December 31st are exempt from paying renewal dues. There is a renewal form on the website which can be downloaded. Pay by check made out to Y's Men of Westport/Weston and mail to P.O. Box 167, Westport, CT 06880 or give to **Phil Johnson**, Treasurer, or **Ross Burkhardt**, Assistant Treasurer, at our Thursday meetings. Renewals are due by November 1st after which \$70.00 is due.

FLU CLINIC

The health district will conduct a flu clinic for Y's Men and others in mid-October. **Dr. Laura Haynes, Ph.D.**, a professor of immunology at UConn Center on Aging has suggested that people aged 65 and older wait until late October to be immunized. She cited a study endorsed by the CDC that found the standard flu vaccine tended to wear off more quickly in older adults. Waiting to be vaccinated would ensure the vaccine lasts through flu season which runs from October to May.

CAMERA CLUB

All Y's Men are invited to participate in Expo 15, the Y's Men Camera Club and the Westport Center for Senior Activities 15th annual photo contest, which opens on Monday, October 15th. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, October 4th and they may be made at the Y's Men meetings from Thursday, September 13th through Thursday, October 4th or brought directly to the Center. An opening reception, hosted by the Camera Club and the Center, will be on Friday, October 19th at 4:00PM. If you have any questions about Expo 15, please contact Hal Foodman at hfoodman@gmail.com or 203-454-5941.

CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY

The Classical Music Society meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 2:30 to 4:15PM in the media room of the Westport Center for Senior Activities. Future programs are chosen by consensus of the membership which has resulted in a variety of presentations that have focused on different types of music, orchestras, composers, and conductors. For the Tuesday, October 23rd meeting, there may be a continuation of a series that has featured great conductors of the past. To be placed on the Society's mailing list, please contact **Ed Bloch** at 203-227-4920 or edbloch@optonline.net.

CROQUET CLUB

A croquet club (aka The Mallet Club) is being formed. It will meet monthly on Tuesday mornings.

If you are interested, contact **Brian Strong** (bstronger@yahoo.com) for more information.

GLOBAL ISSUES GROUP

The Global Issues Group meets every other Monday all year at 8:45AM at the Westport Center for Senior Activities. The sessions last for one hour or a bit more. Our topics include specific countries or issues of concern such as climate change, lack of water worldwide, scourge of nationalism including fascism and racism. We do not discuss domestic issues. We currently have about 40 members attending but encourage other to join, especially our new members. Address any questions to **Peter Nathan** at: peter@nathanct.com.

2018 FALL GOLF OUTING

The Y's Men Fall Golf Outing will be held at Longshore Golf Course on Wednesday October 17th. The entry fee is \$60.00 which includes greens fees, carts, and post golf goodies at the Black Duck. The fee is 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 "Low Gross" team and to individual golfers for the "Longest Drive," "Closest to the Line," and "Closest to the Pin" on holes 8 and 15. Dick Hagan will be coordinating the golf outing for the last time. We need someone to come forward to take over the Golf Group next year or it will not continue. You can enter the Fall Outing by signing up at the T&E desk or by contacting **Dick** Hagan at hagarnew@att.net or 203- 650-2317.

HIKING

October is one of the best months with cooler temperatures, less humidity, fall colors – join us. We have three strolls and two hikes of varying difficulty during the week. The strolls are Tuesdays (under the guidance of **Peter Nathan** and **Art Greenburg**); Fridays (**Malcolm Davies** in charge) and Sundays (under the leadership of **Marty Yellin**). **Chris Lewis** leads the hikes on Wednesdays (3-5 miles and about 2 hours, followed by lunch at Castle. Fridays (5-7 miles, more hills and up to 3+ hours). The hikes offer exercise, good humor and lots of chat. What else is retirement for? To get on the hiking list, email **Chris Lewis** at celewis14@gmail.com. See you on the trails.

TENNIS COMMITTEE

Peter Kolbrener (pkold@optonline.net) needs help with the Summer Tennis program. He wants several summer players to contact him about serving on a committee to work out the program's details. Also, please remember after your game to give the balls to Peter or **Don Roth.** They will take them to Norwalk to be used in the Grassroots tennis program.

TRIPS AND EVENTS: OCT. & NOV.

Our Fall 2018 Events program is in full swing and the calendar is chock-a-block with activities. Here's what's happening.

OCTOBER

10/10, Wednesday Essex Steam Train & Riverboat fall foliage tour of Connecticut River Valley. This trip is popular but as of this writing there are still spaces available. Those who have signed up must secure their reservation now by remitting payment. The fee is \$22.00 per person (lunch is extra and paid there). Make check payable to Y's Men of Westport/Weston and put "Essex Trip" in the memo section. Mail to: Y's Men, P.O. Box 167, Westport, CT 06881-0167. For further information Porter 203-434-7178 contact Gus at or gus_porter@yahoo.com.

10/14 Sunday – "Legally Blond" cabaret performance at Downtown Cabaret. BYO food and beverages. \$28.00 pp payable to Y's Men of Westport/Weston. RSVP at 10/4 meeting or with **Jeff Hare** at jeffhare@optonline.net.



Free hot dog night at the Y's Men Tuesday picnics at Compo Beach raised money for The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. Larry Lich and Mike Guthman show off t-shirts promoting the Camp.

10/16 Tuesday – Wolf Conservation Center (rescheduled from June rain-out). This is a visit to the Center in Westchester County that was the subject of a presentation to the Y's Men in May. Price is \$20.00 per person. We will car pool from Westport in order to arrive at the destination for our scheduled 10:00AM tour. RSVP to Event Organizer **Al Landis** at billa1@optonline.net or 203-227-6112. Pay at door.

10/22 Monday – Dinner at 190 Main, Westport. \$45.00 per person, tax and tip included. Drinks extra. RSVP at meeting or with **Al Landis** – billa1@optonline.net. 203-227-6112.

10/29-30 Monday & Tuesday – Whaling Museum (New Bedford), Battleship Cove (Fall River), Nautilus Museum (Groton). We will visit all three sites and all are excellent museums. This is a trip that we took several years ago and it was enjoyed by all. We will Carpool and, given the time involved, do this as a two-day trip overnighting in the area (perhaps Mystic). Whaling Museum, New Bedford, MA. https://www.whalingmuseum.org/ Pay at door, \$13.50/\$15.50 (guide/no guide). Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA – http://battleshipcove.org/ – Battleship Massachusetts, Destroyer USS Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., USS Lionfish SS298 submarine, PT boats, and more! pay \$20.00 admission at the door. Nautilus Submarine, Groton, CT http://www.ussnautilus.org/ - the Nautilus, of course! Admission is free. For information or to RSVP, contact Nestor Sawicki at nestorsawicki@gmail.com or 203-856-9478.

NOVEMBER

11/3, Saturday – Army vs. Air Force Football, West Point with "tail gate dining." This is the third year that **Roy McKay** has led this trip.Unfortunately, it is sold out.

11/5, Monday – Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme. Old Lyme is the center of the Old Lyme Art Colony and the development of American Impressionism. More details to come.

11/13, Tuesday — Dinner at Tazza, Fairfield or Osteria Romana, Norwalk. \$45.00 per person tax

and tip included. Drinks extra. First target is Tazza and if not, then we'll go to Osteria. RSVP at meeting or with **Al Landis** at billa1@optonline.net or 203-227-6112.

Date TBD – NY Historical Society, NYC.

"Two Centuries of Banking: The Enduring Partnership of Brown Bros. Harriman" plus "Harry Potter: A History of Magic" and many other exhibits.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- Oct 4 Pat Riemersma
- Oct 11 Eric Burns
- Oct 18 Mark Pazniokas
- Oct 25 Walton Brown-Foster

Remember, always stop by the Trips and Events desk after you have picked up your badge and before the meeting begins, to check out all that is being offered for your benefit and entertainment.

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The Golfers: {From Left to Right} Dick Hagan, Dan Wilder, Gun Moen, Tord Carmel, Willie Salmond, Bob Leverte, Bob Mitchell