



THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

Our immediate past president, **Jay Dirnberger**, will talk about *Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or Drones*. The drone industry has expanded exponentially over the last three years when Jay last spoke to us and it is now a multi-billion dollar global endeavor. Drones serve the military forces of friends and foes and provide assistance to national and municipal organizations and commercial enterprises. Jay served in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Captain and was a helicopter pilot with the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam and the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

Grammy nominated musician **Chris Brubeck** will talk about "the life of a modern-day composer and jazz musician." He will show a video of one of his pieces and may play and discuss some other samples. Chris had been a long-standing member of the Dave Brubeck Quartet, writing arrangements and touring and recording with his father's group for over 20 years.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Our own member, **Leonard Everett Fisher**, will present "Past Is Present: Creative Connections Revealed." Leonard attended Yale after his World War II military service, where he earned bachelor and master degrees in fine arts. His visual works are part of collections in the White House, the Library of Congress, the Yale Art Gallery, the New York Public Library and many other prestigious galleries. He is also a past president of the Westport Library Board of Trustees and is currently a board member of the Westport Arts Center.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

Bill Mitchell, one of Ed Mitchell's two sons, will bring us up to date on what Mitchells is today. Ed Mitchell founded the store in 1958, with three men's suits, a coffee pot (brought from home) and 800 square feet of space. Today there are eight Mitchell owned stores. It truly is still a family business with Bill and his brother Jack having their children and grandchildren active in the business.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

Mark Albertson is historical research editor at Army Aviation magazine based in Monroe and is the historian for the Army Aviation Association of America. He teaches

history as an adjunct at Norwalk Community College. His talk is titled "American Putsch." He will tell the story of how, in 1933, retired Marine Corps Major General Smedley Darlington Butler reported to Congress the existence of a Wall Street plot against President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Some of those implicated -- the Du Ponts, Morgan interests, the Pitcairns, Remington Arms, and elements of the American Legion -- were attempting to erect a Fascist regime.

IN MEMORIAM

Mike Belaga
Stanley (Stan) Groner
John Murdock

FUTURE MEETINGS

Feb 7 **Jeff Wieser**
Homes with Hope
Feb 14 **John Krubski**
Poland
Feb 21 **Susan Granger**
Academy Awards
Feb 28 **Kenneth Bernhard**
2nd Amendment

NEW MEMBERS

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Rosenberg	Alan	917-529-2378
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has begun, and we look forward to some exciting speakers, trips and activities together. The new year brings some changes. The Global Issues Group, enjoying its own success, has moved to the Saugatuck Congregational Church for its twice monthly meetings. The hiking groups are exploring new venues. The Trips and Events Committee is breaking new ground with trips to many new and different locales. And, our Thursday meeting speakers span the range from the arts, to retail, to the history of warfare. So, plan to stay engaged with all that the Y's Men has to offer. Our success depends on your being part of the fun.

John Brandt

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

The IRS/AARP will again provide a no-charge, tax preparation and filing service in Westport from

January 28th through April 15th, 2019. Over 700 Westporters, including 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 Mondays at Westport Town Hall (1:00-7:30) by appointment at 203-341-1050.

GARDEN CLUB

Welcome to 2019 Y's Men Gardeners! We have added to our emailing list a few new Ys Men members who have shown an interest in joining us: **Peter Czuczka, Warren Jahn, Rob Moorman** and veteran Y's Man **Bob Fatherley**. Welcome! Take a look at the Garden Activity **section** on the Y's Men website to see some of the things we have done in the last several years. Note we had a couple of very impressive visits to member locations. We are always looking for more! Best regards to all, **Chuck Greenlee**, Co-Chair, **Jorgen Jensen**, Co-Chair, **Skip Shaeffer**, Co-Chair and Chief Event Scout, **Steve Taranko**, Event Planner, and **Lou Rolla**, Event Planner.

SKI CLUB

Y's Men's ski season has begun! If you have received emails about weekly trips, you are on the list. If you are not on the list and wish to be and/or need more information, contact **Tom Douglas** at tslade2048@gmail.com.

JAZZ CLUB

The first meeting of the year for the Jazz Club is Tuesday, January 9th. We meet at the VFW on Riverside Ave. at Noon for lunch and great Music. At this session, we will continue the Swing Era featuring Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey, and other stars of the 1960's and 70's. All this for only \$15.00 including tax and tip. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. We welcome all Y's Men. If you are interested in joining our group and are not receiving notices, please drop a note to **Ralph Levitan** at rlevitan@sbcglobal.net.

CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY

After a holiday hiatus, the Society resumes its monthly meetings on Tuesday, January 22nd from 2:30 to 4:15PM in the media room of the Westport Center for Senior Activities. A program about Gustav Mahler with commentary and performances by Michael Tilson Thomas will be featured along with comments from Society chair Bob Fatherley. To be included in the Society's mailing list, please contact **Ed Bloch** at edbloch@optonline.net.

TRIPS AND EVENTS

January

1/16, Wednesday -- Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art, Hartford – lunch nearby, car pool 9:30AM, from Merritt exit 42 to arrive Hartford for 11:00AM guided tour. *Sign-up at T&E Desk.*

1/23, Wednesday – Monthly Dinner -- Bistro du Soleil, Westport -- sold out; wait list is full.

February

2/12, Tuesday – Monthly Dinner – “Chinese New Year” – Gingko Restaurant, Fairfield. “The Year of the Pig.” Date to be confirmed and price to come.

Sign up at T&E Desk.

2/18, Monday 2:00PM – “Harlem Globetrotters,” Webster Bank Arena at Harbor Yard, Bridgeport. This is Monday of President's Week – ideal outing for granddads to bring grandchildren. Center Court group seating. Reservations \$39.00 per person due no later than 1/10. Make checks payable to “Harbor Yard Sports & Ent” and bring to meeting. Or reserve directly with credit card by calling 203-345-4859 and specify “Y's Men Group for Monday, 2/18.”

2/19, Tuesday – Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale. *Sign-up at T&E Desk.*

MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 3	Jay Dirnberger
Jan 10	Chris Brubeck
Jan 17	Leonard Everett Fisher
Jan 24	Bill Mitchell
Jan 31	Mark Albertson

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Good day skiing. L to R — Richard Wolf, Bill Christiaanese, Tom Kieffer, Tom Douglas and Larry Shapiro.



Staples jazz band entertains at the holiday party.