



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

"Why Every Town in America Needs a Homes with Hope And Why They Don't Have One." That's the title of **Jeff Wieser's** presentation and he is in a position to know. Jeff has been president and CEO of *Homes with Hope* since 2010. Based in Westport, the organization is dedicated to ending homelessness in Fairfield County. It opened in 1984 as a homeless shelter for single men and now provides: a food pantry and soup kitchen: emergency shelters for single adults, families and young women aged 18 to 24; permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless; mentoring; youth education and the life skills training needed to prevent homelessness from recurring.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

John Krubski will talk about "A Family Heritage Journey," the love story of two young people who found one another in the worst of times and, in spite of the hell around them, made the most of their lives, even though they had to restart their lives three times virtually from scratch. Those young people were his parents who were buffeted by ever changing world events. John is currently the Founding Director of The Institute for Applied Decisional Sciences, and has a book coming out this year titled "Breaking Genius."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Just in time for the Academy Awards on Sunday, February 24th, **Susan Granger** returns to the Y's Men to give us her pick of who will win what Oscars and the reasons why. A product of Hollywood, Susan's natural father, S. Sylvan Simon, was a director and producer at MGM and Columbia Pictures; her adoptive father, Armand Deutsch, produced movies at MGM. Susan has been on radio and television as an anchorwoman and movie/drama critic, syndicating her reviews/articles around the world. She has appeared on American Movie Classics and Turner Classic Movies. Susan is also the feature film critic for *Video Librarian* magazine, distributed to libraries nationwide. Her latest book is "150 Timeless Movies."

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Ken Bernhard, a senior partner at Cohen and Wolf, PC, will be speaking about the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution. His talk will include the history of the amendment, how the courts have interpreted it over the past 240 years, the role of the NRA in the debate over gun rights and the current state of the law. Ken has lived

in Westport since 1974. He has held numerous positions in town government including Town Counsel for three administrations and Westport's State Representative. Ken is a Senior Attorney with the Center for International Legal Studies in Salzburg, Austria and has taught a course on the American Constitution in a number of European law schools.

IN MEMORIAM

Arthur Knies

Anthony (Tony) Pelligrino

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Mar 7 **Susan Filan**
#MeToo/Sexual Harassment
- Mar 14 **Ed Hynes**
L. I. Sound in the Revolution
- Mar 21 **Phil Vitiello**
Civil War Submarine CSS Hunley
- Mar 28 **Dr. Michael Lynch**
Advances in Knee Surgery

NEW MEMBERS

Last Name	First Name	Cell Phone
Halley-Wright	Andrew (Andy)	305-393-9255
Hutchins, Jr.	Edward (Hutch)	203-509-1041
Potter	Kenneth (Ken)	925-519-4680
Rosenberg	Alan	917-529-2378
Shrage	William (Bill)	203-216-2219
Valerio	Joseph	203-856-4847

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the song goes, "The weather outside is frightful..." But participation in the array of Y's Men's activities is keeping the winter cold out of our minds and bodies. This issue is a reminder that the array of new and different activities on our roster shouldn't make exploring uncharted waters that tough for any of us. So, give it a try. Let's all create rising attendance figures and reports of new fellowship across the board. And remember, only 10-weeks 'till spring.

John Brandt

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

The IRS/AARP again provides a no charge, tax preparation and filing service in Westport through April 15th, 2019. More than 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

New prospective members ... contact either **Chuck Greenlee** or **Jorgen Jensen** and please join us! Also check the Y's Men's website for gardening activities in previous years.

CLASSICAL MUSIC SOCIETY

The Society continues its study of Gustav Mahler at its meeting on Tuesday, February 26th from 2:30 to 4:15PM in the media room of the Westport Center for Senior Activities. Mahler's Symphony #1 will be seen and heard in its entirety under the direction of Michael Tilson Thomas. To be included in the Society's mailing list, please contact **Ed Bloch** at edbloch@optonline.net.

TRIPS & EVENTS

2/12, Tuesday -- Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale. 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. Make checks payable to "Harbor Yard Sports & Ent," and bring to next meeting. Or reserve directly with credit card by calling 203-345-4859 and specify "Y's Men Group for Monday, 2/18."

2/26, Tuesday -- Monthly Dinner -- "Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig" -- Ginkgo Restaurant, 923 Post Road, Fairfield. \$40.00 per person tax and tip included. Sign up at T&E Desk.

Please contact **Bill Blaufuss** at prosit67@gmail.com for additional information.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb 7	Jeff Wieser
Feb 14	John Krubski
Feb 21	Susan Granger
Feb 28	Ken Bernhard

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Y's Men visit to the Wadsworth Athenum



The Hoot Owls, directed by Chris Coogan, singing at the Senior Center Holiday Party. New singers are always welcome!