



## THURSDAY, APRIL 4

**Troy Amuso** will talk about "The Fine Art of Art Restoration" as he takes us on a descriptive and visual journey showing how the environment and age can cause paintings to deteriorate. Sharing his experience of restoring paintings for over three decades, Troy will show the processes used by master art restorers to bring paintings back to good health. Age old remedies as well as modern techniques are used every day by highly skilled art conservators to keep treasured paintings alive. He launched Troy's Fine Art Services, based in Fairfield, in 1997.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Water usage is something we take for granted. **Twig Holland**, a public information coordinator for the Aquarion Water Company, headquartered in Bridgeport, will discuss the public water supply, residential consumption, and suggestions for using water wisely, as well as the processes involved in collecting, treating and delivering safe drinking water. She is the former director of purchasing for the Town of Fairfield and is a graduate of Fairfield University.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18

One of the ways many Y's Men stay engaged is world-wide traveling. Y's Man **Toshi Bekku** will present his trekking experience in the Cordillera Blanca area of the Peruvian Andes, the highest tropical mountain range in the world with more than 32 peaks above 18,000 feet. Y's Man **Peter Donovan** will tell us about his two attempts to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa, its summit 19,300 feet above sea level. He made it to the top in his second try last year.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 25

**Bill Taibe**, Executive Chef/Owner of *The Whelk, Kawa Ni* and *Jesup Hall*, will talk about how the restaurant industry has evolved since he opened *Le Farm*, his first restaurant, in 2009 in Westport. He will address the impact of social media on the industry and how it affects the expectations of diners today. Bill is a leader among chefs who source and support local farms and distributors. He serves on the board of *Food Rescue US* and is President of the *Westport Farmer's Market*.

*Additional information about the speakers appears in the Speakers Calendar on the Y's Men website at: <https://www.ysmenwestportweston.org/events/speakers>.*

## IN MEMORIAM

**Neil Croarkin**  
**Micky Golomb**

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- May 2 Bill Harmer  
*Westport Public Library*
- May 9 Anne Keefe  
*Westport Country Playhouse*
- May 16 Westport/Weston First Selectmen  
*The State of Our Towns*
- May 23 Annual Meeting & Picnic  
*Saugatuck Congregational Church*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With only eight more Thursday meetings before our summer hiatus, this is a time to glance back at a great year of fine speakers, great events, some significant growth and memorable moments of fellowship and fun. But the focus for each of us must be forward to the upcoming summer, with all the warmth it brings in sun, fun and a full season of bonding with one another. Let's keep the beat going on the beach, in the theaters, in our homes and all-around town to celebrate another year as Y's Men, with an even better one on the horizon.

**John Brandt**, *President*  
& short-timer

## 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 is 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.

## BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets once a month at the Saugatuck Congregational Church at 1:30PM. We have 12 to 14 Y's Men who discuss their impressions of the current

book. Then we open the meeting to questions. Lastly, after much discussion, we choose a book for the following month. Contact **Norman Davis** at 203-293-4245 if you would like to join.

## CYCLING GROUP

Ready to Roll: The Ys Men cycling season will begin in mid-April. Starting from Longshore, we typically do about 20 mile weekly rides between Norwalk and Southport. When the weather warms up, we often have a picnic lunch at ride's end. An e-mail has gone out to current members. If you have received it, you are on the list. If you are not on the list and wish to be, contact **Tom Douglas** at [tslade2048@gmail.com](mailto:tslade2048@gmail.com) or 203-291-9975.

## GARDEN CLUB

**April:** Sat. 4/6, 10:00AM, Gilbertie's Herb Gardens, Adams Road, Easton, CT. A highlight trip hosted by **Sal Gilbertie**. See how commercial growing in greenhouses and outdoors has evolved with major emphasis on supplying consumers, stores, and restaurants with organically grown produce. Our **Skip Shaeffer** will have more information as date gets closer. Also, working on something for late April.

**May:** Wed. 5/29, (time to be confirmed). A tour of Y's Man **Win Allen's** residence. An impressive array of Japanese Gardens and landscape — unlike any other in Westport! This is a show place well worth seeing, particularly if you missed last summer's short notice visit!

**June, July, and August:** Still in the planning stages including Wells Hill Farms, another residence and Westport Community Gardens. Other suggestions can be relayed to us any time. Reminder, we are always looking for new Y's Men members' gardens to visit! Spouses and significant others are always welcome! Please RSVP to help with event planning! Also, **Jorgen Jensen** will be getting information on Senior Garden speakers in the coming months. Reminders will be sent out as these dates get closer. Regards, **Chuck Greenlee, Skip Shaeffer** and **Jorgen Jensen**.

## JAZZ CLUB

The April meeting of the Jazz Club is on Tuesday, April 9th at the VFW on Riverside Avenue. We gather at noon, have a buffet lunch and listen, watch, and talk about great music - from New Orleans blues, to the Swing Era, to Modern Jazz. It's 90 minutes of joy. All this for only \$15.00 including tax and tip. If you are interested in joining us and do not receive notices, please contact **Ralph Levitan** at [rlevitan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rlevitan@sbcglobal.net). He will put you on the list and keep you up to date on the program of the month.

## SUMMER PICNICS

Once again, the very popular weekly Tuesday night picnics will be held at Compo Beach. **Jon Fox** will have details at a later date. The only requirement for attending is that you have a good time.

## SUMMER TENNIS

Summer tennis starts in early May. The games are Tuesday and Friday 8:00-9:30AM. New players are always welcome. If you would like to join the group, contact **Peter Kolbrener** (203-227-0137) or **Al Landis** (203-227-6112).

## TRIPS AND EVENTS

4/2 - Tues. - Peabody Museum of Natural History at Yale. April 2nd is the new date for this event, postponed from February due to weather – **Bob Mitchell** ([mitch161@optonline.net](mailto:mitch161@optonline.net)).

4/2 -- Tues. 10:30AM – “Sound Tigers” hockey game, Sound Tigers vs. Wilkes Barre/Scranton Penguins – \$10.00. Reserve direct for “Y's Men's Group Seating” by calling **Tarah Kelly** at 203-345-4859 at Webster Bank Arena/Harbor Yard (203-345-2300).

4/11 -- Thurs. 5:00PM – 7:00PM – “Spring Fling,” all Y's Men and guests “Cocktail Party” -- \$30.00 (Dewey Loselle [deweyloselle@gmail.com](mailto:deweyloselle@gmail.com)). Spaces still available but going fast. Deadline to RSVP and pay is 4/4.

4/17 – Wed. – Tour of NBC Universal Sports and Stamford's Chelsea Piers – NBC Sports Group, at 1 Blachley Road, Stamford – no charge. **Bob Mitchell** at [mitch161@optonline.net](mailto:mitch161@optonline.net) is event organizer.

## May

5/14 – Tues. -- Madison Square Garden -- behind the scenes/back stage tour -- \$22.00 per person. Rescheduled from March 4th, there is still time to reserve. (**Nestor Sawicki** [nestorsawicki@gmail.com](mailto:nestorsawicki@gmail.com)). Guided Tour is at 11:00AM. Take 9:05AM Metro-North from Saugatuck (first off-peak train).

5/19 – Sun. – “The Full Monty” – Bridgeport Downtown Cabaret. BYO dinner and beverage. RSVP at T&E desk. The Y's Men have the six best-located tables (42 people) in the theatre. \$28.00 per person. We are sold-out but check for any cancellations. (Jeff Hare at [jeffhare@optonline.net](mailto:jeffhare@optonline.net))





Friday Y's Men's Tennis — Wally King, Steve Raffel, Neil Coleman, Gun Moen, Bill Caldwell, Keith Brooks, Peter Kolbrener



Taking A Break at Battery Park — Tom Douglas, Maury Wind, Larry Shapiro, Peter Eyes



Westport Gilbertie's Garden Club — March Visit

### MEETING SCHEDULE

- April 4 Troy Amuso
- April 11 Twig Holland
- April 18 Toshi Bekku & Peter Donovan
- April 25 Bill Taibe

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*It's Spring! Come celebrate with friends!*

Y's Men of Westport / Weston

**“SPRING FLING”**

**COCKTAIL PARTY**  
*Fun Social Event of the Year*  
**Thursday, April 11 – 5 – 7 p.m.**  
 Branson Hall at Christ & Holy Trinity Church  
 Downtown Westport

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Socialize with fellow Y's Men & their ladies

Meet new & long-term members

Catered Hors d'oeuvres, Great Wines  
 Music & Dancing  
 Y's Men Activities Slide Show

Spouses & significant others invited  
 & encouraged to attend

Easy parking -- Plenty of tables & seating for all

\$25 per person if paid by Thurs., March 14  
 \$30 per person after March 14  
 Sign-up deadline Thurs., April 4  
*Cost partially subsidized by your Y's Men's dues!*

Checks payable to "Y's Men" – Pay at meeting or mail to:  
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