



THURSDAY, MAY 2

The Westport Library is nearing completion of its extensive Transformation Project, and a grand re-opening is scheduled for Sunday, June 23rd. Library Executive Director **Bill Harmer** will tell us all about the Project and what to expect after the Library re-opens. He came to head the Westport Library in 2015.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

The Westport Country Playhouse is a nationally recognized, not-for-profit, professional theater whose mission is "to enrich, enlighten, and engage our community through the power of professionally produced theater worth talking about." **Anne Keefe**, associate artist at the Playhouse, accompanied by **Bruce Miller**, company manager, will tell us about the rich history of this Westport institution and bring us up to date on its activities.

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Westport First Selectman **Jim Marpe** and Weston First Selectman **Chris Spaulding** will end our season with discussions on the State of Our Towns. **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.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

The 2019 Y's Men's Annual Meeting and Picnic begins at 11:00A.M. on Thursday, May 23rd at our regular Thursday morning meeting venue in Hoskins Hall. Plan to attend this year's edition which includes the election of next year's officers, awards for contributions to this year's successful programs and a great buffet luncheon catered by Fortuna's. The luncheon fee is \$10.00, payable at the weekly meetings through May 16th at a table when you enter Hoskins Hall. Don't miss this celebration of another great year for the Y's Men.

Additional information about the speakers appears in the Speakers Calendar on the Y's Men website at:

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

Sept 5 **Orin Grossman**
Musical Performance

Sept 12 **Lou del Bianco**
Mount Rushmore

Sept 19 **Al Moskin**
Concentration camp liberator

Sept 26 **Kathie Bennewitz**
Westport Schools Art Collection

The Y's Men Nominating Committee has published its slate of officers and directors for the 2019-2020 season which will be voted on at the annual meeting and picnic on Thursday, May 23rd.

Y's Men Officers & Directors 2019-2020

Officers:

President, **Ed Bloch**
First Vice President, **Peter Chelico**
Second Vice President, **Bob Mitchell**
Secretary, **Dewey Loselle**
Assistant Secretary, **Maury Wind**
Treasurer, **Phil Johnson**
Assistant Treasurer, **Ross Burkhardt**

Directors:

Past President, **John Brandt**
Membership Chair, **Randy Abrams**
Community Service Chair, **Don Roth**
Historian/Technology, **Neil Goodkind**
Trips & Events, **Bill Blaufuss**
Communications, **Roy Fuchs**
Director at Large 1, **Peter Nathan**
Director at Large 2, **Peter Donovan**
Director at Large 3, **Deej Webb**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We're about to go on summer hiatus, but that doesn't mean the end of fun for all the Y's Men. The summer brings with it a wide range of activities that keep us engaged, physically and mentally, and remind us how important it is to live every day to the fullest. There will be weekly beach parties, sets of tennis and rounds of golf to be played, hiking of every description, lots of chances to get together for impromptu fun in the sun and even in the moonlight, and countless opportunities to celebrate our love of and support for the arts. That's my plan until we reconvene in September and I hope it's yours too. It's been a blast being your president this year. Hope you've had half as much fun as I have.

John Brandt

SPRING FLING

On Thursday, April 11th the first annual Y's Men "Spring Fling" was held at Branson Hall. One hundred forty plus Y's Men and guests grooved, rocked out and danced to a great evening of music from the 50's and 60's (and even some earlier). Delicious catered hors d'oeuvres were served along with four high quality wines. A continuous slide show of several hundred photos of Y's Men in all their glory and activities was shown on Branson's monster video screen. There were "door prizes," a "Survival Dance Contest" and a "Joke Off" competition from your favorite weekly comedians. Best of all, we found time to socialize and connect with new and old members. If you missed it this year, make sure to sign up next spring. Some have said it was the "best Y's Men party in years."

GARDEN CLUB

Late April/Early May: Pending: Colorblends Hour and Spring gardens in Bridgeport. **Steve Taranko** will advise.

May: Wed. 5/29, 10:00AM. 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 Center Garden speakers in the coming months. Reminders will be sent out as these dates get closer.

GOLF OUTING

This year's Spring golf outing is Wednesday, May 15th at Longshore Golf Club. The first tee time is at 10:00AM. Entry fee is \$65.00, an increase from last year because of a slight increase in greens fees and cart rentals. The fee covers the greens fee, cart rental and goodies at the 19th hole, which will be at the Black Duck. Prizes will be awarded to the lowest score team and to individual golfers for the longest drive, closest to the line and closest to the pin (on two holes). The Tourney's format will be a Scramble or best ball utilizing teams of three or four players. Please register for the outing by signing up at the T&E desk or by contacting **Bob Leng** (978-289-0940 or Leng_7@msn.com). Hope to see you on the links.

SUMMER PICNICS

Wednesday picnics have been called off because of a lack of interest but Tuesday picnics will be bigger and better than ever. If weather is in our favor, they will begin on June 18th. **Jon Fox** will provide details soon.

SUMMER TENNIS

Summer tennis starts in early May. The games are on Tuesday and Friday, 8:00-9:30A.M. 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 & EVENTS

May

5/14, Tues. – Madison Square Garden, behind the scenes/back stage tour, \$22.00 per person. A fascinating trip to see the infrastructure of Madison Square Garden and how they change from hockey and basketball to musical events to monster truck shows, etc. Guided tour is at 11:00A.M. Take 9:05 Metro North from Saugatuck (1st off-peak train) – still time to sign up at the T&E desk or contact **Nestor Sawicki** nestorsawicki@gmail.com

5/15, Wed. – Y's Men Golf Outing. RSVP at T&E desk or contact **Bob Leng** 978-289-0940 or Leng_7@msn.com

5/19, Sun. – "The Full Monty" Bridgeport Downtown Cabaret. Unfortunately, this event is sold out.

5/30, Thurs. – Hudson Yards, Walk on the High Line, etc. NYC. Participants can combine at will with other attractions such as the new Whitney Museum, Chelsea Market, Hudson Yards, the Arts Center, or the K.G.B. Spy Museum at 245 West 14th St., kgbspymuseum.org <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/21/arts/design/kgb-spy-museum-new-york.html>. There is so much to see on this trip that it is not possible to see it all. While an RSVP is not really necessary, we would like attendees' e-mail addresses so parties interested in visiting certain places can form groups. Thirty members/spouses have signed up so far. Sign up at the T&E desk or contact **Bob Mitchell** at mitch161@optonline.net.

5/21, Tues. – Our monthly dinner will be at "Match" in SoNo, probably the finest restaurant we will visit for our monthly dinners. Spaces are still available at \$45.00 per person, tax and tip included, but drinks are additional. RSVP at T&E desk or contact **Jeff Hare** at jeffhare@optonline.net

June

6/6 and 6/13, Thurs. – Cops Island Oyster Farm, Norm Bloom & Sons, Norwalk. We will visit Bloom's oyster packing plant as well as go out on one of their boats to their oyster grounds in L.I. Sound. Two trips are planned, 6/6 and 6/13. **Bob Fatherley** (rfatherley@optonline.net) is the event leader.

6/27, Thurs. – Governor's Island. This is a popular excursion led by **Bob Mitchell**. We take Metro North and subway to lower Manhattan, then the special ferry (only \$1), and lunch locally.

Additional Events in the Works

In addition to the specific scheduled events listed above we are working on these possible events during May and June. Confirmation, date, time and details to come.

Branford Trolley Museum — We will tour the museum, workshops, a collection of vintage trolley cars and will ride on an operating trolley.

Florence Griswold Museum and Old Lyme Historical Society, Old Lyme — in addition to the museum and historical society, there are beautiful gardens which should be in their prime when we visit.

“Music Man” at Goodspeed Opera House — if we get sufficient interest, we will schedule a bus trip to see this show with lunch beforehand at LaVita. Price anticipated to be about \$125.00 for bus, lunch, and orchestra seating.

MEETING SCHEDULE

May 2 Bill Hammer
May 9 Anne Keefe
May 16 First Selectmen Westport/Weston
May 23 Annual Meeting and Picnic

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Dancers at the Spring Fling



Dewey Loselle and John Brandt at the Spring Fling



Y's Men cleaned up Westport's Baldwin Parking Lot on Saturday, April 13. Standing, second row, (left to right): Lou Rolla, Ross Burkhardt, Maury Wind, and Bill Blaufuss. Pat Kennedy and John Brandt wrestle with a plastic bag. Holding up his umbrella is Bob Mitchell with (left to right) Nancy Everson (Don Roth's guest), Bob Leng and Don Roth, who organized the event. Peter Chelico took the photo.