



September 2019 Newsletter



Welcome To Our New Year

As your new president, let me welcome you back to what I anticipate will be an exciting new season for the Y's Men of Westport/Weston. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Although we suspend our weekly Thursday meetings for three months each year, Y's Men activities continue stronger than ever during the summer hiatus. Weekly picnics at Compo, trips to Governors Island and Mohegan Sun, a fishing outing, and a golf tournament are just some of the highlights of what Y's Men enjoyed during "vacation."

Enjoying one another's company, staying engaged, and remaining active continue year round. As we resume our weekly meetings, each featuring an interesting and informative speaker or performer, we provide a setting that is the backbone of our organization. We convene as a larger group where we relish what it means to be a Y's Man – we're out, with friends, making new friends, active and involved.

Look forward to being with you beginning Thursday, September 5th.

Ed Bloch

2019 - 2020 Officers and Directors

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Committee Chairs

Backgammon: Woody Bliss; **Biking:** Tom Douglas; **Boating:** Mario Sa' Couto; **Bocce:** Bob Fox; **Book Club:** Chris Lewis, Malcolm Davies; **Bridge:** Mario Sa' Couto; **Camera Club:** Hal Foodman, Sal Mollica; **Classical Music Society:** Bob Fatherley; **Collectibles Club:** Jon Fox; **Community Service:** Don Roth; **Computers:** Sal Mollica; **Croquet Club:** Brian Strong; **Garden Club:** Chuck Greenlee, Jorgen Jensen, Lou Rolla; **Golf:** Bob Leng; **Hiking:** Malcolm Davies, Chris Lewis, Marty Yellin;

Hoot Owls Glee Club: Jorgen Jensen; **Global Discussion Group:** Peter Nathan; **Investment Club:** Preston Koster; **Jazz Club:** Ralph Levitan; **Memorial Day Float:** Roy McKay; **Pickle Ball:** Tom Lowrie; **Platform Tennis:** Joel Wasserman; **Skiing:** Tom Douglas; **Support Group:** Jay Dirnberger; **Table Tennis:** Paul Bieler; **Technical Committee:** Neil Goodkind; **Tennis:** Dewey Loselle, Al Landis, Pete Wolgast; **Trips & Events Programming:** Bill Blaufuss; **Walking Club:** Art Greenberg.

All Good Things Must Come To An End

After many years of absorbing the costs of increased rental, increasingly sophisticated programs and more varied activities, to maintain momentum Y's Men of Westport/Weston will add a few dollars to its annual membership dues.

Starting July 1, 2019, annual dues for **new members** will be \$80.00, payable on the date of joining. Annual dues for **returning members** will be \$70.00, payable on or before October 31. If unpaid on that date, the amount will rise to \$80.00, due on or before December 1. A returning member whose dues remain unpaid on December 1 will be dropped from the club's rolls.

New Y's Men and returning Y's Men 90 years of age and older will continue to be exempt from paying annual dues, and are welcome for as long as they like. Each should, however, complete and return a membership form.

The membership renewal form is available on the website for downloading and printing by clicking on the Become a Member heading.

Dues payment checks should be made out to Y's Men of Westport/Weston and deposited in the Dues Box at a Thursday meeting, given to Treasurer Phil Johnson, or mailed to him at P.O. Box 167, Westport, CT 06880. Please, no cash.

The Board of Directors thanks you for your prompt attention.

Orin Grossman Opens Our New Season With a Music Lesson on September 5th

As Clark Kent, Dr. Grossman enjoyed a more than 40 year academic career at Fairfield University. He retired as its Academic Vice President, and today is Emeritus Professor of Visual and Performing Arts.

As Superman, he graduated Magna from Harvard, earned a Ph.D. in Music at Yale, then built a long second career, touring the globe as an entertainer and, ever the teacher, as an interpreter of some of America's most notable music.

He will play 100 years of American music history for our group, from two of America's early jazz giants, Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington, on to 1930's swing, to 1940's bebop, to today, pulling together Scott Joplin's ragtime, Zez Confrey's novelty piano, Jelly Roll Morton's Dixieland, and James P. Johnson's stride piano into contemporary jazz — America's Classical music.

We will meet for coffee and donuts between 9:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. as usual downstairs in Hoskins Hall. Please plan to be seated in the sanctuary by 10:00 a.m. for our business meeting followed at 10:30 a.m. by Dr. Grossman's presentation.

More Follows -- Next Week

More to follow over the weekend. Your semi-intrepid reporter is visiting with his grandchildren and soothed them with television to sneak in time to finish this newsletter. The longer version will provide information on the rest of our September speakers and about some of the summer activities.

Roy Fuchs