

# Y's Men of Westport/Weston, Inc.



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## THURSDAY SEPT 12

John P. McKinney is a Republican member of the Connecticut Senate, representing the 28th district, comprised of Easton, Fairfield, Newtown, Weston & Westport, since 1999 and has served as its Minority Leader since June 2007. Senator McKinney has just announced his intention to enter the Connecticut Republican Primary as a potential candidate for Governor.

## THURSDAY SEPT 19

John Herzog is the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Museum of American Finance. John founded the Museum following the Stock Market Crash of 1987. It was his vision of a national museum to preserve, exhibit and teach about the nation's finances and financial history. In 2001 the Museum became an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, and in 2008 it moved from modest quarters to its current home in a historic bank building at 38 Wall Street.

## THURSDAY SEPT 26

William E. Burrows is a retired professor of journalism, founder and director emeritus of New York University's graduate Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program and currently an aerospace writer and historian. Bill is currently writing a book about the creation of an international defense system involving spotting potential asteroid and comet threats long ahead of the danger point and either sending a spacecraft out to nudge it (them) off course or attacking them with some of the technology that was conceived for Reagan's SDI (aka Star Wars).

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Oct 3 Joseph Agris, MD  
Author "Tears On the Sand," finding Bin Laden
- Oct 10 Joseph McNay  
Chairman Essex Investment Mgmt. Co.
- Oct 17 Jim Himes  
Democratic US Representative CT's 4th District
- Oct 24 Brian Nurnberger  
Founder of "Simply Smiles" a local charity
- Oct 31 Donny Beaver  
Member of the Marcellus Shale Oil Coalition

## IN MEMORIAM

James Canton  
Ernest Ferari  
Tom Hunter  
Bill Killough  
Craig Matheson  
Carl Rhodes  
John Sachs  
Dick Sylander  
Robert Wachsler  
Ken Wilson

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Bruce Allen; Tennis (Winter), Otis Crawford; Tennis (Summer), John Luscombe; Video, Bruce Allen, Austen Doolittle; Walking Art Greenberg; Web Site, Bill Balch.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Y's Men, Our 2013-2014 Y's Men season is about to start. Our first meeting will be on Thursday September 12th. We will begin the coffee and donuts social hour earlier: at 8:30AM. Do not miss our first meeting – our kickoff speaker will be John P. McKinney, a member of the Connecticut Senate, representing the 28th district since 1999 and its Minority Leader since June 2007. This is the beginning of a great lineup booked by our Second VP and Program Chair Art Greenberg. This year please keep an eye on the local news for expanded coverage of our club and activities. Our First VP Marty Yellin has formed a great publicity team that will significantly increase our news coverage and raise local awareness of how and why our membership thrives in our wonderful club. Also do not forget to check in at the Travel and Events desk to see what our busy group has in store for us for the Fall.

#### Y's Men Awards 2012-2013

Annual Award Certificates for Outstanding Service: Harry Audley, Bill Balch, Russ Blair, Herb Bloom, Jerry Claire, Jon Fox, Peter Kolbrener, Art Greenberg, Larry Hirsch, Shelly Lipsett, Louis Lemond, Chris Lewis, Peter Nathan, Jorgen Jensen, Mario Sa' Couto, Peter Sternbach, Brian Strong, Larry Untermeyer, Ted Voss, & Marty Yellin. Owl Awards for Long Term Dedicated Service: Mario Ottaviano, Steve Raffel, Joe Schachter & John Weiss Special President's Award: Neil Coleman, Neil Croarkin & Jeff Hare.

#### BADGE BOX

Each year in September we rearrange the badge boxes to reflect the past year's change in membership. The sheets on the inside cover of each box and the yellow stickers on the badges reflect the changes. Please note your new number and location in the boxes. If you did not turn in your badge at the end of May, please see Bill Blaufuss, Larry Hirsch or Dan Wilder at a Thursday meeting. We will provide a new yellow sticker to match your badge's new spot in the box.

#### BACKGAMMON

The Backgammon Club meets every Tuesday at the Westport Senior Activities Center from 9:00AM to noon. We welcome beginners, as well as experienced players. We have 13 active members this year. We met throughout the summer and so far this year we have had 418 matches. We play matches with a ladder for scoring. Peter Shih leads the ladder in first place at the present time. Larry Hirsch is in second place and Woody Bliss is in third place. If you have any questions about the Backgammon Club, please do not hesitate to call Woody Bliss at 203-226-4859.

#### BOOK CLUB

The selection for discussion on September 19 is "Mrs. Dalloway" by Virginia Woolf. Dave Thompson will lead the discussion; copies are currently available at the circulation desk of the Westport Library. October 17 the group picked "Dead Souls" by Nikolai Gogol. This classic Russian novel, first published in 1843, is a satiric look at Russian middle-class society in the era following the Napoleonic wars. No discussion leader has yet been named for this meeting. We meet in the Board Room of the Westport Y at 1:30PM and adjourn promptly at 3PM.

#### CAMERA CLUB

SAVE THIS DATE: October 25. This is the date of the GALA opening of the Y's Men Camera Club and Westport Senior Center Tenth Annual Photo Contest and Exhibition. Entries for the EXPO will be accepted from September 12 to October 10. Get your application forms and EXPO Rules from the Camera Club desk at Y's Men General meetings, from the Senior Center or from the Camera Club page on the Y's Men website. Make arrangements to purchase print mats from Buddy Rubin at (203) 454-0445 or from the Camera Club desk. You don't have to be a member of the Club to participate. There are great awards for contest winners. Good exposure (pardon the pun) for all entrants.

#### COFFEE AND DONUTS MEMBERS

Coffee Team: Neil Coleman, Lou Bregy, Chris Lewis, Louis Lemond, Mort Silverberg, John Weiss, Herb Bloom, Jeff Hare, John Murphy, Len Peterson

Donut Team: Michael Burke, Neil Croakin, Bob McGrath, Marty Ripchick, Morton Schomer. Mario Ottaviano Chairman.

#### COLLECTORS CLUB

First meeting of the New Year! We hope you've been accumulating interesting artifacts – and stories – over the summer, and now it's time to share them. Please join the Collectors Club at the Senior Center at 10AM on Tuesday, October 1. Contact Rick Towers with any questions (227-6530; or at [towersme@aol.com](mailto:towersme@aol.com)).

#### GOLF

The Fall Golf Outing at Longshore will be held Wednesday September 18th. The format is the very popular "Florida Scramble," with the first foursome teeing off at 11AM. Teams (foursomes) will be randomly selected. The \$40 entry fee (no rec pass necessary) includes green fees and a bucket of range balls. Team and individual winners will be announced at the Y's Men General Meeting, Thursday, September 19th, for low Gross & Net Teams, two Closest to the Pins, Closest to the Line, and Longest drive. More details are available on the Golf Activity Page of the Y's Men Website. Sign up at the upcoming Y's Men's Regular Meeting (September 12th), or email Kirk Gillies at [KirkGillies@aol.com](mailto:KirkGillies@aol.com)

#### HOOT OWLS

The Hoot Owls have a planned a busy schedule for the fall. If you enjoy singing, we invite you to our first rehearsal, after the first Y's Men meeting Thursday, September 12, 1:30PM at Saint Luke's choir room. We sing all the old songs and you will have a great time.

#### TENNIS

Tennis anyone? Indoor tennis begins Friday, September 13 and Monday September 16. Play is on Mondays and Fridays 8:00 to 9:00 at the Westport Tennis Center. For more information call Otis Crawford. We have players at all levels of skill. There is always a need of subs. If you played as a sub or regular during the summer or the last indoor season you are on the tennis list. If you want to know your status, either call or email Otis Crawford. 341-0290 or [Oty1@Juno.com](mailto:Oty1@Juno.com).

#### WALKING/HIKING CLUB

On September 10th, the Tuesday Walking Group is having a joint walk with the Greenwich Retired Men's Association at Greenwich Point. All walkers and hikers are invited.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sep 12 John McKinney

Sep 19 John Herzog

Sep 26 William E. Burrows

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