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THURSDAY, MAY 3

"Reflecting Absence; Designing and Building the National September 11th Memorial." This speech, by Michael Arad, describes the process required to realize the National September 11th Memorial project in Lower Manhattan, from the initial concept through the Memorial's opening last September. The design for the 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center site, titled "Reflecting Absence," was selected by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation from among more than 5,000 entries submitted in an international competition held in 2003. Mr. Arad joined the New York firm of Handel Architects as a Partner in April 2004 where he worked on realizing the Memorial design as a member of the firm.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Larry Gastwirt enjoyed a 30-year career as an executive in the chemical industry with ExxonMobil Corporation. His responsibilities there included managing multi-national technology organizations and chemical business operations of international scope. Upon his retirement from Exxon Mobil, Larry joined Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, where he was appointed Affiliate Professor of Management and Engineering Management and Director of the Howe School Alliance for Technology Management (HSATM). Larry and his wife Sylvia love living in Westport in the summer and early fall and in Manhattan the rest of the year.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Orin Grossman received his bachelor's degree from Harvard College and a master's degree and doctorate in music history from Yale University. It was in June 2009 that Fairfield University administrator Orin Grossman decided to recommit himself to his first loves: teaching and piano performance. So following 17 years as Fairfield University's academic vice president, he returned to the faculty in the fall of 2009, where he is Professor of Visual and Performing Arts.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Picnic: See Below

Out of respect for the speakers, would the members please remain in their seats until after the Q and A.

IN MEMORIAM

Steve Henrichson Tom Long Dick Webb Andy Wolfson

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ANNUAL MEETING & PICNIC

Our Annual Meeting and Picnic will be on Thursday, May 24th from 10 AM TO 2 PM at the Sherwood Island State Park Pavilion. This is a great way to wrap up a wonderful year and enjoy the fellowship of your friends. This year we have a fun filled program followed by a delicious picnic lunch. Please let us know if you are coming by signing up at the next meeting – cost only \$10.00.

MEMORIAL DAY FLOAT:

The Y's Men's Memorial Day Float this year will be a tribute to those who served in the Korean War – "Heros All." The float will be assembled in the Kowalsky Bros. facility at 1141 Post Road East, on Saturday, May 26 from 8-12. Come and join the fun! The Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday May 28th from 9-11 AM. Featured on our float will be seven Korean War Vets.

TRIPS & EVENTS

May 2 – A matinee "Mame" at the Goodspeed Opera House. The trip includes the bus and lunch at the Griswold Inn in Essex - \$107 per person. Contact Warren Rossell 203-226-5357.

May 16 – Bigelow Tea tour. Sign up at the T&E desk. The leader is **Greenberg.**

Sep 19 – Take the Y's Men's bus to enjoy the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical "Carousel" at the Goodspeed Opera House. Price is \$107 per person. Includes lunch at the Griswold Inn in Essex. Contact **Warren Rossell** 226-5357.

For latest information and more details please visit the T&E Section of the club website.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club selection for May is "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks. The meeting to discuss it will be on Thursday May 17th at 1:30 in the Board Room at the Family Y.

COLLECTORS' CLUB

The Collectors Club will end the year with a special event. Member **Bob Weiss** has invited us to his house to experience his marvelous and nationally-known collection of hundreds of antique US mechanical banks (and

several antique cars). This will be at 1 PM on Tuesday, May 1, at 24 Wedgewood Road in Westport. Due to space limitations, if you'd like to attend this special session, please notify **Rick Towers** (Towersme@aol.com or 227-6530).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

We need volunteers to assist STAR with one of their most important fundraising events of the year. They hope that 10 to 15 Y's men will join them on Saturday, May 5 at 4:15 PM to set up for the Sunday morning 7th annual STAR Walk Roll & Stroll at Sherwood Island State Park. 4 Y's men have volunteered. I hope you will join them. Please contact **Pete Powell**, petepowell@yahoo.com, if you wish to assist with this important cause.

PING PONG

Ping-Pong meets every Tuesday year around at 1:15 in the Upper Gym at the Family Y.

MEETING SCHEDULE

May 3 Michael Arad May 10 Larry Gastwirt May 17 Orin Grossman May 24 "Picnic"

TRIPS & EVENTS

"Mame" Bigelow Tour "Carousel"

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