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THURSDAY FEB 7

Frank Gallagher has over twenty five years of international experience providing personal protection, intelligence gathering, counter-terrorism operations, surveillance detection, threat analysis, and security training in both the private security sector and the United States Military. He has recently founded Gallagher Security Advisors, LLC to provide those services to an impressive list of VIP clients. He served as the Director of Security for former US Secretary of State, Dr. Henry A. Kissinger.

THURSDAY FEB 14

Kristen Cusato – Presentation: A World Without Alzheimer's will be doing an overview of dementia and talking about the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, what to look out for in your friends, family, neighbors. Right now, there are 70 thousand people in CT with dementia. Kristen Cusato is the Southwestern Regional Director for the Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter. Kristen received her B.A in Communications from the State University of New York at Geneseo and has 22 years working in the television industry.

THURSDAY FEB 21

Susan Granger – Internationally known movie and drama critic. "Susan Granger's Hollywood."

THURSDAY FEB 28

Juan Negroni – *The Bottom Line* is that Employee Commitment is Key to the Bottom Line. Since 1996 as a consultant, coach and facilitator/speaker Juan has helped Fortune 500 companies enhanced employee commitment by assessing workplace practices, behaviors and policies for performance barriers and helping implement intervention measures. Organizations he has serviced include American Airlines, HBO, Marriott, Xerox, MasterCard, and UPS.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Mar 7 Iohn Krubski

Cracking the America Code

Mar 14 To Be Announced Mar 21 To Be Announced Mar 28 To Be Announced

Y'S MEN'S ANNUAL SPRING FLING COCK-TAIL PARTY

Save this date, April 2, 2013, for the 2013 Y's Men's Annual Spring Fling Cocktail Party, at the Unitarian Church, 4:30 - 7:30 PM. Additional details will follow shortly.

BILL MEYER TRIBUTE

Westport Tribute to **Bill Meyer**, Sunday March 10, 2013, 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM at Christ and Holy Trinity Church, Branson Hall. \$25 per person, \$50 per couple, tax deductable with net proceeds going to Bill's favorite charity via Rotary Charitable Trust – (Additonal contributions will be graciously accepted.). Refreshments: Hors d'oeuvres, hot and cold and drinks. Entertainment: A work in progress with Y's Men leading the way!

BACKGAMMON CLUB

As of Jan 22 the backgammon standings are as follows (#1 to #10): Peter Shih, Bob Minicucci, Woody Bliss, Bill Siegel, Ed Meisner, Larry Hirsch, Brian Strong, Gary Raschella, Harris Usdan, John Richard. We meet every Tuesday at the Westport Senior Activities Center from 9:00 AM to noon. Contact **Woody Bliss** if you have any questions.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at 1:30 on Thursday February 21st. The book to be discussed is "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout. We will meet at the Family Y. The meeting will be in the Breslin Room this time only. Then it is back to the Board Room.

COLLECTORS CLUB

The Collectors Club warmly thanks member **Jon Fox** for opening his home, and his extensive personal collections, to us in January. Our next two meetings will be back at the Senior Center at 10 AM on Tuesdays, February 19th and March 26th. If you have any questions, please contact **Rick Towers** (227-6530).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Board of Directors at its January meeting endorsed our participation in Norwalk Reads. In the coming months you will be asked to collect children's books for distribution in Norwalk. Norwalk Reads describes itself: Founded in 2003, Norwalk Reads! has been active in supporting the literary needs of the youth in Norwalk, CT. We are the Norwalk affiliate of RIF (Reading is Fundamental) the national program for literacy. We have three times been selected as Connecticut's premiere RIF program. We are an all-volunteer organization. We hope that individual Y's Men will see this as an opportunity to share the joy of literacy with those who do not have our advantages. Most of the donations are made to pre-K and early elementary students.

TRAVEL AND EVENTS

There will be a reception for Middle East Security expert, **Michael Doran**. Maxine Bleiweis has invited us to meet and hear Michael Doran, senior fellow at the Saban Center for Middle East Policy, where he specializes in Middle East security issues. Doran has held several academic positions and has served as a deputy assistant secretary of defense and a senior director at the National Security Council. The reception will be held on Monday, February 4 in the Library's Sheffer Reading Room at 6:30 PM followed by the talk at 7:30 PM in the McManus Room. Let Maxine know if you will be there. Call her at 203-291-4801 or email *mbleiweis@westportlibrary.org*.

Wednesday, Feb. 6 – Y's men/Long Wharf Theatre group "January Joiner" 1PM: Pre theatre "Behind the Scenes"; 2PM Performance; 4:30 or so Post Show Talk back Dinner at Brazzi's (pre-fix \$35 per person) for those interested.

MEETING SCHEDULE

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