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# **THURSDAY, SEPT 6**

Joseph Farris landed on the French German border, a Kodak 127 point-and-shoot camera, watercolors, India ink and paper in tow. From that day until his discharge in February, 1946, Farris used his talents to capture life as a soldier in Company M, 398th Infantry. He made sketches and watercolors and took photographs. In "A Soldier's Sketchbook," National Geographic compiles the work of the 87-year-old Farris, a Bethel resident now and an acclaimed cartoonist for The New Yorker magazine.

# **THURSDAY, SEPT 13**

Gordon Edelstein is the Long Wharf Artistic Director. "Why Theatre Still Matters" will be the topic of his talk. Gordon will talk about his abiding faith in the power of stories to increase empathy, stimulate thought and help us understand ourselves and the world around us. Gordon will make his points humorously and passionately!

# **THURSDAY, SEPT 20**

**David Pogue** graduated summa cum laude from Yale in 1985, with distinction in Music, and he spent ten years conducting and arranging Broadway musicals in New York. In November 2000, Pogue became the personal-technology columnist for the New York Times. In 2012, he was named the new host for the spinoff sesries "NOVA ScienceNow," which premieres in October 2012.

## **THURSDAY, SEPT 27**

Jay R. Tunney, a son of the famous prizefighter Gene Tunney (and also vice-president of the International Shaw Society), will recreate the story of the twenty-year friendship between his father and George Bernard Shaw. It is the story of two men who, ignoring a forty-year age difference, found enduring satisfaction in each other's company: John James (Gene) Tunney was thirty-two; Shaw was seventy-three when they met in 1929.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Oct 4 Jack Cavanaugh

Sports Author "Season of 42"

Oct 10 Arthur Levitt, Jr., Former Chairman US Securities & Exchange Commission (Note: Special Date & Time – 5 PM)

Oct 11 Jazz Session – Local Professional Musicians

Oct 18 To Be Announced

Oct 25 Sumner Glimcher, Professor Emeritus, NYU

## IN MEMORIAM

Robert Johnson Edward Sheldon

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

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2012-2013 Y'S MEN OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS/ COM-MITTEE CHAIRS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our 2012-2013 Y's Men season is just around the corner. The first Thursday meeting is on September 6th. We have decided to begin the coffee and donuts social at 9:00 AM. You will not want to miss this first meeting – to catch up with friends you may not have seen all summer and to hear the very interesting speaker booked by Brian Strong, our new Program Chairman. Our founding Y's Men goals of enlightenment, fellowship and community service are still front and center. That said I would like to make everything we do fun. I hope everyone enjoys our enlightening speakers. I hope we all make new friends with whom we can share laughter and fun experiences. I hope more realize that community service can be fun and is a critical building block for our organization and our community. I hope each of us ventures out and participates in a new club or activity. As Marty Yellin is fond of saying, don't forget to take your "F" vitamins: fun and fellowship with friends.

## **TRIPS & EVENTS**

Sept 19 – We will be going to see Carousel at the Goodspeed Opera House. This is a bus trip and includes lunch for \$107 per person. The trip is sold out but stand-bys are being accepted. Contact Warren Rossell 203-226-5357.

## **BOOK CLUB**

The September meeting of the Book Club is Thursday, September 20th at 1:30 in the Board Room at the Family Y. The book to be discussed is "River of Doubt" by Carol Millard. It's the story of Theodore Roosevelt's exploration in the Amazon–post Presidency.

#### **BRIDGE**

The fall season of Y's Men Friday bridge will start on September 7 at 12:45PM in the Bedford Room at the Family Y. Y's Men Monday bridge, for those wishing to improve their bridge skills, will continue to meet every week at 1PM at the Senior Center. For more information go to the Y's Men Web Site, click on "Activities" and then on "Bridge".

## **CAMERA CLUB**

SAVE THIS DATE: October 26. This is the date of the GALA opening of the Y's Men Camera Club and Westport Senior Center Ninth Annual Photo Contest and Exhibition. Entries for the EXPO will be accepted from September 13 to October 11. 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 section of the Y's Men website. Make arrangements to purchase print mats from **Buddy Rubin** at (203) 454-0445 or from the Camera Club desk. The price (\$4.00) is right! 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.

#### **COLLECTORS CLUB**

Absence makes the heart grow fonder! Because club leader Rick Towers will be out of the country most of September, the initial fall Collectors' Club meeting will be a little later than usual, but this just means we'll have more interesting historical artifacts to show and stories to tell. Please join us on Tuesday, October 16 at 10AM in the Senior Center conference room, and expect a lively discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Rick at 227-6530 or Towersme@aol.com.

#### PHOTO ON WEBSITE

Now is a good time to check the Photos and Bios page on the website to see if your photo is missing. If it is, come to a Thursday meeting and ask Larry Untermeyer or Bill Balch to take your picture. Click on this link or paste it into your browser if you are reading this as hard copy: <a href="http://ysmenwestportweston.org/members-only/photos-a-bios.html">http://ysmenwestportweston.org/members-only/photos-a-bios.html</a>. If you don't remember the user name and/or password just email me: <a href="https://wbblch@optonline.net">wbalch@optonline.net</a>.

#### **TENNIS**

Indoor tennis begins Monday, September 17 and Friday September 21. We play on Mondays and Fridays 8:00 to 9:00. For more information call **Otis Crawford** 341-0290. We have four courts on both days. We are always in 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 me. Oty1@Juno.com

#### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sep 6 Joseph Farris
Sep 13 Gordon Edelstein
Sep 20 David Pogue
Sep 27 Jay Tunney

**TRIPS** 

Sep 19 Carousel at Goodspeed

Editor—Steve Raffel Production—Paul Cohen Mailing—Neil Coleman Website—Bill Balch