



THURSDAY, JAN 3

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THURSDAY, JAN 10

Alan H. Nevas, our fellow Y's Man, is a retired Senior United States District Court Judge, who serves as an arbitrator and mediator in a broad range of commercial disputes. He will speak about three trials he presided over that were particularly interesting jury trials.

THURSDAY, JAN 17

Frank G. 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. Earlier he served as the Director of Security for former US Secretary of State, Dr. Henry A. Kissinger. He was responsible for the safety and security of Dr. and Mrs. Kissinger domestically and internationally.

THURSDAY, JAN 24

Dr. Michael Carius serves as chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Norwalk Hospital. He practices clinically in the emergency department and is an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Traumatology and Emergency Medicine at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

THURSDAY, JAN 31

Bill Burrows will speak on the subject "International planetary defense and colonization." He has reported for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal* and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. Bill has a rich and varied background in print reporting. Recently, the *International Astronomical Union* named the minor planet (aka asteroid) #9930 "Billburrows." Bill points out that since #9930 is not an Earth-crosser, Billburrows will never wipe out Bill Burrows.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Feb 7 To Be Announced

Feb 14 To Be Announced

Feb 21 To Be Announced

Feb 28 To Be Announced

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

A special thanks to all who worked so hard to make the recent Holiday Party a success. Santa and his Elf stole the show with ladies standing in line for a chance to sit on Santa's lap and tell him what they really wanted for Christmas. **Steve Magnuson** then entertained us with a variety of seasonal songs to the delight of all. Some were still dancing when we had to "turn off the lights." As we enter the New Year, it's appropriate to reflect upon our good fortune to be part of a very unique and wonderful organization. One Y's Man recently related a story. His wife asked, "What do you do on all thoses?" Our wise man responded, "We laugh." If you talk to **Al Delardi** about bowling or **Bruce Allen** about ping pong or any other of our 30 clubs within our Club, you would get the same answer: we laugh. It has now been shown that laughter and fellowship actually extend lives. May your New Year be filled with laughter, fellowship and good health.

Roy McKay



... and what would *you* like for Xmas, my dear??

BACKGAMMON CLUB

The Y's Men's Backgammon Club welcomes new members. We meet every Tuesday at the Westport Senior Activities Center from 9:00 AM to noon. If you have an interest in playing or learning backgammon, please email me: WoodyBliss@optonline.net or just show up on Tuesday at the Westport Senior Activities Center. If you email Woody please indicate: (1) Your level of play – beginner, intermediate or advanced, (2) Whether you own a backgammon board that you can bring to our meetings, (3) If you are an experienced player, whether you would like to serve on the Rules Committee.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meeting in January will be on January 17th at 1:30 at a location to be determined. The book is "Cloud Atlas" by David Mitchell.

CAMERA CLUB

We are very excited and proud to be co-hosting with the Norwalk Camera Club a seminar with one of the leading photographers in the country – **Rick Sammon**. Rick has authored 36 books on photography, has photographed in almost 100 countries and gives more than two dozen photography workshops and presentations around the world each year. His substantial speaking fee is being sponsored by the Canon Explorer of Light program so admission is free to all members and their wives and guests. The seminar will be held at the Unitarian Church in Westport on January 14th from 7 PM to 9 PM.

COLLECTORS CLUB

January's meeting will be a special event. We will be gathering in two smaller groups and visiting Jon Fox's home to explore his accumulated exotic treasures from around the world. Dates are yet to be determined, and will be announced shortly. Please call **Rick Towers** (227-6530) with any questions.

GENEALOGY CLUB

Meetings of the Y's Men's Genealogy Club are held at the Weston High School Library in the Computer Lab, 115 School Road, Weston, CT. We help each other trace our ancestors. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of the month from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. Meetings for the next 2 months are: January 8, and 22nd, February 12th and 26th. All are welcome, from beginner to seasoned genealogist. If you have a laptop, I suggest that you get a copy of Family Tree Maker. You can get it at Walmart for \$25. Any questions, give me a call. 203-226-4859 **Woody Bliss**.

HIKING GROUPS

Fall has been a wonderful time for the hiking group, with crisp, clear air and everyone back from summer holidays. We have taken several strenuous new Friday hikes scouted and led by **Bob Fatherley** in the Tarrywile Park area in Danbury, and continue our tradition of post-hike Wednesday lunches at the Lumberyard in Georgetown. As for the winter, so long as the snow holds off, the brisk weather makes for invigorating hikes. Contact **Chris Lewis** 341-9734 or **Malcolm Davies** 761-7942 for more information. The Tuesday walking group will restart our walks again on Tuesday, January 8th. Weather permitting; we will walk the northern section of the new Shelton Lakes Recreation Path. This is an easy 3 mile walk through beautiful woodlands and lake country. We will have lunch at Archie Moore's restaurant in Derby, CT. The Tuesday group walks relatively easy flat trails that usually last 1.5 hours (3-miles). Newcomers are welcomed warmly into the group. If you are looking to meet a great group of guys, please join us. Contact **Arthur Greenberg** for more information 203 984-5386 or agreenb853@optonline.net.

JAZZ

The next jazz event for us will be our January tribute to jazz legend **Dave Brubeck**. We will gather for lunch at Bertucci's and enjoy both his music and some interesting video of his wonderful life. Stay tuned for the exact date. Renowned jazz patriarch **Ellis Marsalis** gave us a wonderful jazz experience at his Christmas Concert at the Quick Center on December 8. A bunch of us had dinner first at Liana's and a good time was had by all.

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