

September 2012



The 's Women Newsletter

GENERAL MEETINGS

Open to members and their guests

Place: Unitarian Church
10 Lyons Plains Road, Westport
11:00 am Coffee and Conversation
11:30 am Meeting and Speaker

September 10

Jane Fletcher Geniesse: Sects, Sex, and Doomsday Rapture

A writer's visit to a famous hotel in Israel sparks a tough look at American evangelicals and how they help or hinder American foreign policy. Jane Fletcher Geniesse, a former reporter with the New York Times, is the author of two biographies and a novel. A graduate of Radcliffe College ('58) and Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism ('60), she has contributed articles to many publications and is frequently invited to speak on her books and on the Middle East.

September 24

Dr. Roberta Tansman: Hemingway in Paris

Why were so many artists and writers drawn to Paris in the 1920's? In her discussion of this artistic and intellectual community, Dr. Tansman will focus on Ernest Hemingway. Dr. Tansman received her Ph.D. in American History from Cornell University. She has taught at Wellesley College, Bowdoin College and Douglass College of Rutgers University. Dr. Tansman also served as dean at Bowdoin and Douglass, was on the admissions committees at all three colleges and is now a private college consultant. A discussion leader for the CT Humanities Council, she leads literary and historical discussion programs and also directs *Reading, Learning, and Loving It*, a guided reading program.

SATELLITE GROUPS

(Y's Women members ONLY)

Book Club 1: We will meet on Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Breslin Room at the Y at 1:30 pm. Our book is *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett. Any questions? Call Connie Beskind, 203-255-8682 or Francine Stein, 203-226-4219.

Book Club 2 will meet on Thursday, September 6, 1:30 – 3:00 pm, at the home of Lois Ross. Discussion of *Last Man in Tower* by Arivand Adiga will be facilitated by Beverly Silverman Contact Eileen Rosen for more information at 203-226-1433.

Book Club 3 will meet on Friday, September 7 at 10:30 am in the Seminar Room of the Westport Library to discuss *Strapless* by Deborah Davis. Joan Harnett will facilitate. For more information, call Joan Harnett, 203-587-1170.

Newstalk: Our new season begins Thursday, September 27, 10:00-11:30 am. We will meet in the Y's Board Room. Please note: it is located one flight up, on the second floor. Bring a topic of interest for this first session. Future meetings will have a leader. Any questions? Contact Carole Donenfeld, 226-9313. Looking forward to seeing you.

Solos: We will be getting together for a Brunch at the Gray Goose in Southport on Sunday, September 23 at 11:30 am. Advance reservations are required. To reserve or for further info, contact Duffy Cleary, 203-972-5758 home, 203-219-3251 cell, or email dufcle@gmail.com. Bring cash for the bill!

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SATELLITE GROUPS (continued)**Hiking Group:**

September Walks —Meet at 8:45 am, walk at 9:00
(Will notify of any cancellations by 8:00 am)

9/4 - Haskins Preserve, Green Acre Lane, Westport,
(off Compo Rd South)

9/11 - Compo Cannons

9/18 - Sherwood Island

9/25 - Troutbrook Land Trust, Bradley Rd. Weston,
park at the Land Trust parking area of at Barb Stephen's home, 47 Bradley Rd. Directions: Lyons Plain Rd to Valley Forge - right onto Bradley.

Let's Carpool and Go! On Sept 19 we are off to the Storm King Art Center which is widely celebrated as one of the world's leading sculpture parks. Situated on 500 acres in the lower Hudson valley we will experience the relationship between art and nature as we tour the expansive sculpture collection. Our day begins with a docent led tour of the grounds surrounding the art center and continues with a tram tour of the grounds. We end our day with a picnic lunch on site. Enjoy this outdoor event by wearing comfortable shoes and dressing appropriately for weather.

Meet at Trader Joe's at 9:30 for an 11:00 arrival. Our tour will commence at 11:30. The cost is \$10.00 (paid individually by each rider in the car at the parking entrance) for the museum and tours, \$13.00 for lunch (prepayment required) plus \$8.00 (cash) to your driver for gas.

For reservations and lunch order, please call or email Becky Ruthven at 203-222-1206; bruthven@optonline.net. Prepayment of \$13.00 for the sandwich lunch is required and must be received by Becky by Sept 10, NO EXCEPTIONS. Lunch choices are ham, chicken or vegetarian and includes chips, cookie and water. Make checks payable to Becky Ruthven and mail to 3 Pan Handle Lane, Westport, CT 06880. Drivers are always needed. Please indicate if you are willing to drive.

NEW GROUP**Duplicate Bridge**

Our own Duplicate Bridge Group for all you bridge players out there, starting October 9. This is not a sanctioned game— no master points — only relaxed bridge with people you know. We will be playing every second and fourth Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 4 pm. So, clear your calendars and get ready for some fun afternoons! Contact Anne Fogel, 203-227-3425.

THE TIME IS NOW!

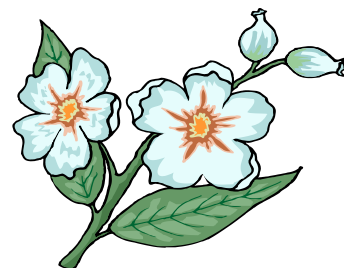
We have now changed from postal to email delivery of the newsletter. You can expect to receive it about the 25th of each month throughout our season— from now until next May.

Make sure that your email address, as listed in the membership roster, is correct.

Notify Ann Lloyd of any changes, 203-226-4145 or aslloyd@optonline.net

A member's e-mail address will only be used for the monthly newsletters and for occasional important announcements.

The newsletters are also available via links on the Y's Women website (www.yswomen.org)





TRIPS

It's a new season and we're on the road again.....

Friday, October 12 -- Some Enchanted Evening: The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein at Carnegie Hall. The New York Pops, featuring soloists Kelli O'Hara and Paolo Szot... and timeless music. Preceding the concert, dinner will be at B. Smith's on Restaurant Row, with pre-selected entrée choices. Departure time will be 3:15 pm from the Westport Commuter Lot off Imperial Ave. Cost is \$139 per person all inclusive

Friday, November 16 – A Day in Philadelphia: The New Barnes Foundation Museum and the newly restored Rodin Museum. With our docent at the Barnes Foundation Museum, we will view in its new home a collection celebrated for its exceptional breadth, depth and quality! At the Rodin Museum, which recently reopened after a 3 year restoration, we will enjoy the largest collection of sculptor Auguste Rodin's work outside Paris. Luncheon will be at the Water Works Restaurant with wonderful views of the Schuylkill River, Boat-house Row and the Philadelphia skyline. Cost is \$140.00 per person, all inclusive.

Sunday, December 16 -- The Vienna Boys Choir at Carnegie Hall, with luncheon at A.J.Maxwell's Steak-house. With an 8:30 am departure from the Exit 18 Commuter Lot there will be time to enjoy the NYC holiday atmosphere. Following luncheon we will take our Side Front Parquet (Orchestra) seats as the incomparable Vienna Boys Choir sings various seasonal classics, traditional Viennese Waltzes and folk songs from around the world. Cost is \$153 per person, all inclusive.

Details for trips are available at all Y's Women's General Meetings or by contacting

Pat Farmer, Chairman of Trips & Travel, at 203.227.3076 or pahf02@gmail.com

Just a reminder of our Trip Cancellation Policy: *Your payment is your reservation. Refunds will be given only when your place can be sold to someone else.*