



APRIL 2014

The 's Women Newsletter

GENERAL MEETINGS

Open to members and their guests

Place: Unitarian Church

10 Lyons Plains Road, Westport

10:45 am Coffee and Conversation

11:30 am Meeting and Speaker

April 14

James Naughton

James Naughton's first big break, in *Long Day's Journey into Night* on Broadway, came about a year after graduating from Yale Drama School. Since then he hasn't stopped acting as well as being active in many philanthropic organizations -- Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp (for 25 years), Wildlife in Crisis and others. He's always ready to emcee or perform for fundraising events and has commented, "When you give a little bit of your time, you wind up getting back a lot more than you give. Giving adds meaning to life." His acting genes have been passed along to his children, Keira and Greg, and daughter-in-law Kelli O'Hara.

April 28

Gary Alan Wood & Sakiko Ohashi: The World of Debussy

With more than two decades of experience in arts management, Gary now leads Fairfield University's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts into its 21st season as one of the most successful visual and performing arts venues in the region. Gary's wife Sakiko Ohashi began piano studies at age four in her native Japan and was accepted to the Juilliard Pre-College Division at ten. She has bachelor and master degrees from Juilliard and has performed all over the world. Gary and Sakiko, at the piano, will present Debussy's music context of color and light, which helps to explain his ever-lasting appeal.

LUNCHESES WITH SPEAKERS

There are only 3 more chances to join a small group for lunch with the speakers—if they have time to stay for lunch at the Red Barn: April 14 & 28 (see this newsletter) and May 12 (Carole Schweid). Let me know if you'd like to come to any of these: Katie Chase, 203-226-6013, kcreditserv@optonline.net.

SATELLITE GROUPS

(Y's Women members ONLY)

Book Club 1 will be meeting on Thursday, April 17 at 12:15 in the Seminar Room of the Library. We are reading *And the Mountain Echoed* by Khalad Hosseini. Questions? Call Frankie Stein, 226-4219 or Connie Beskind, 255-8682.

Book Club 2: We will meet on Thursday, April 3, from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the home of Regina Krummel. Arlene Bloom will facilitate discussion of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. If interested in joining our group, call Eileen Rosen at 226-1433.

Book Club 3 will be meeting on Friday, April 4 at 10:30 am at the home of Inge VanGelder, Our book of the month is *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow. Joan Harnett will facilitate. Questions? Please call Joan Harnett, 587-1170.

Newcomer's Luncheon

Join us on April 14, after the general meeting, at The Spotted Horse, 23 Church Lane, Westport for an interesting gathering and delicious lunch. There will be a selection of entrees and a price set menu of \$20, covering food, tax and tip. Come for good conversation in a pleasant setting. Remember, you don't need

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SATELLITE GROUPS (continued)

to be new to the Y's Women to come to lunch, you just need a sense of adventure. Please contact Barbara Morrow at morrowtoo@aol.com or Barbara Brown at barbarabrown1313@gmail.com to reserve your place at the table.

Newstalk will meet on Thursday, April 24, in the Y's Board Room promptly at 10 am, until 11:30. Don't miss it! Bring along a current events item you think interesting. Contact: Phyllis Groner, 226-5583.

Carpool and Go!

On Wednesday, April 16, we will go to New Haven to visit the Yale University Art Gallery. We will have a guided tour (at 11:15) of the 2nd part (*Brush and Ink in Byobu*) of their three-part exhibition of Japanese screens, as well as some highlights of the newly renovated galleries. Then we will lunch at a nearby Thai restaurant on Chapel St.

Meet in parking lot at Trader Joe's/Wells Fargo at 9:45am for a 10:00 departure. There is no charge for the Museum, but we might want to leave a cash donation in the box in their lobby. The gas charge for drivers is \$4.00 per person (based on 3 passengers per car). We will share the cost of parking in New Haven. Please reply ASAP to Lydia Menendez by email: lydiamnndz12@gmail.com, or by phone: (203) 319-1110. Also indicate if willing to drive - we always need drivers!!

Walking Group:

We will meet at 9:45 and walk from 10:00—11am

April 1- Sherwood Island State Park. Meet at pavilion parking lot.

April 8- Compo Beach - Meet at cannons

April 15- Meet at Westport Library, back parking lot, to walk downtown neighborhood

April 22- Compo Beach - Meet at cannons

April 29- Sherwood Island State Park - Meet pavilion parking lot.

Let's hope for good weather. Come out and join us as it has been a long, cold winter and I think we can all use a nice walk on the beach. See you on the trail, ladies!

Questions? Call Polly Temple, 293-4688.

The Domestic Violence Crisis Center

Annual Voices of Courage Spring Luncheon

Thursday, May 1

Keynote speaker: NBC Anchor Tamron Hall

If interested in attending or in starting a table — call Celie Rosenau, 203-544-8817

The Y's Women

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER FOR 2014

Make sure to pick up your copy of our handy directory! Copies will be on the table where you sign in at the general meetings.

The Y's Women Newsletter will be in your email about the 25th of each month.

You can also read the newsletter on our website —

www.yswomen.org

Make sure that your email address, as listed in the new 2014 Membership Roster, is correct.

Notify Carolyn Meyer of changes or corrections: 227-9476 or cwmeyer@optonline.net

GIVING ...

The Mercy Learning Center of Bridgeport provides basic literacy and life skills training to low income women, without regard for race, color or creed.

Their clients are often in urgent need of food and we Y's Women try to help. Please bring some non-perishable food items to the **1st meeting of each month**— and it will be delivered to the Center for distribution.

Any questions? Call Jean McGurk, 222-0501

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you help for an hour or two, once a month, to bring food to the Mercy Center after the collection at the Y's Women meeting?

Interested in giving occasional help with the Car Pool and Go trips? Maybe do some brainstorming for ideas on destinations? Or help with check-ins at the meeting place for carpooling?

Call Barbara Rogan, 226 0858.

TRIPS



Please consider the trips below—they are filling up nicely but still need participation from our membership and friends. The dates may seem like a long time away, but time flies and each date will be here before you know it!!!

Wednesday, APRIL 30 ~ Join us as we take our center orchestra seats at **Goodspeed Opera House** for the classic with a new twist, ***Damn Yankees***. Luncheon will be at the fashionable Riverhouse @ Goodspeed Station. Price is \$142 per person, all inclusive.

Wednesday, MAY 21 ~ A guided tour of the **West Point** campus with commanding views of the Hudson River, buffet luncheon at the historic Thayer Hotel and an afternoon visit to **Storm King Art Center**, one of the world's leading sculpture parks. Price per person is \$105, all-inclusive.

Wednesday, JUNE 18 ~ The **American Ballet Theater at the Met**. Dress Circle seats for the romantic ballet, ***Giselle***. Lunch at the elegant pre-revolutionary **Russian restaurant, Firebird**. Price / person is \$156, all-inclusive.

Sunday, JULY 13 ~ **Tanglewood—with Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops**, featuring Jason Alexander, best known for his role as George Costanza in Seinfeld...he's a singer, dancer, Tony Award-winning Broadway veteran who will perform selections from The Music Man, Pippin and Merrily We Roll and more. Luncheon will be enjoyed at the elegant Cranwell Resort in Lenox. Price person is \$160, all inclusive.

Monday, SEPTEMBER 29 - Wednesday, OCTOBER 1 ~ **FINGER LAKES TOUR!!**

3 Days/5 Meals. Includes **Corning Museum of Glass**, wine tastings at 3 wineries on beautiful **Cayuga Lake Wine Trail**, the lakeside campus of **Mackenzie-Childs** known for painted ceramics and home accessory line, visit to Victorian country estate overlooking Canandaigua Lake at **Sonneburg Gardens** and the **NY Culinary & Wine Center**. Stay at the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, NY. Price is \$475 pp Double, \$595 pp single. \$150 pp deposit to confirm.

OCTOBER 6 - 16 ~ **ALPS, BURGUNDY & PROVENCE RIVER CRUISE** Two pre-cruise days have been added, to be spent in the French Alps. The deadline date for the "**Early Booking Discount**" is **March 10th**. Read complete details available on the **Y's Women's website** or **www.dmvacation.com/ys**. Available space is very limited so your decisions need to be made soon!!

IN ADDITION — both previous cruises are also available, if you missed them in the previous two years...here is your opportunity!! **Danube & Prague: September 18-29** **Rhine Castle River Cruise : September 17-25**

Flyers with details of all trips will be available at the Y's Women's General Meetings and on our website at www.yswomen.org or by contacting Pat Farmer at 203-227-3076 or at pahf02@gmail.com

Something else to think about!

The Y's Men have some trips coming up that you may be interested in...

April 21: the FDR Library (If you missed our trip there last Fall – here's another chance!)

May 13 – 15: Visit Cooperstown and The Berkshires

June 5: Baseball—Yankees vs Oakland. Price: \$85 includes round trip private luxury bus and field level seats on right field line. Contact: Larry Hirsch, 226-1845 or lhirsch1990@gmail.com

See detailed flyers at General Meetings or contact Pat Farmer.