

September 2017

## The Y's Women Newsletter

### GENERAL MEETINGS

*Open to members and their guests*

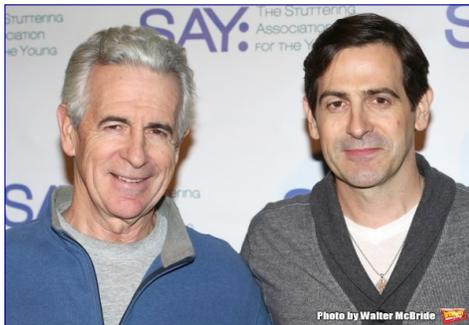
**Place:** Temple Israel, Westport  
**10:45 am** Coffee and Conversation  
**11:30 am** Meeting and Speaker

**We must enter through the doors from the upper parking lot.** *There are a limited number of parking spaces in the upper lot; please leave them for those who have difficulty walking. Others please park in the lower lot and walk to the upper entrance.*

**September 11**

**James and Greg Naughton: Update on the Clan**

We are pleased and grateful to have both Jim and Greg Naughton at our first meeting of the new season. They have graciously stepped in for Kelli O'Hara Naughton (our original speaker), who was called back to Los Angeles for a TV series. After a brief update on the Naughton clan, Jim and Greg will entertain us, accompanied by jazz musician Chris Coogan, so be prepared for an exciting opening day of the new Y's Women season!



Theater has been a family business for the Naughton clan for many years. Jim is a two-time Tony Award-winning actor and director, and son Greg is an actor, director, singer/songwriter, and founder of off-Broadway's Obie Award-winning Blue Light Theater. Daughter Keira is an actress and singer/songwriter, married to drummer Ben Forgash. Greg's wife, Kelli, is a six-time Tony Award-nominated actress.

The family has had projects at the Berkshire Theatre

Festival, Westport Country Playhouse, and Williamstown Theatre Festival. "I guess [our involvement in the arts] was pre-ordained," says Greg, who is with the folk-rock group The Sweet Remains. "The world in which my father worked was such a happy and appealing one for him – as well as for us. It was seductive right from the beginning."

**September 25**

**Susan Granger: Hollywood: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow**

Susan Granger brings an experienced and unique perspective to communication. For more than 25 years she has been an on-air television and radio commentator and entertainment critic. Her commentaries, reviews, and interviews are distributed around the world by SSG Syndicate.



Susan has worked extensively doing speech and presentation coaching for top management in several industries. Her articles have been published in *Working Woman*, *Playboy*, *The New York Times*, *Redbook*, and *Cosmopolitan*.

Born into a film-business family and raised in Hollywood, Susan appeared as a child actress in movies with Abbott & Costello, Red Skelton, Lucille Ball, and Lassie. She studied journalism with Pierre Salinger at Mills College and graduated with highest honors in journalism with a BA from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Broadcast Film Critics Association and the On-Line Film Critics Association.

We hope you will join us for what promises to be an exciting and informative presentation.

## SATELLITE GROUPS

(Y's Women Members ONLY)

**Book Group 1** will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 1:00 pm in the Westport Library's Seminar Room. We are reading *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. Questions? Please call Frankie Stein at 226-4219 or Connie Beskind at 255-8682.

**Book Group 2** will meet on Thursday, September 7 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Panera Bread, located in Westport at 1860 Post Road East (next to Home Goods). We will be discussing *Matisse: Father and Son* by John Russell, and the discussion will be led by Jane Malakoff. Please contact Arlene Bloom at 254-9096 or [bloomah@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bloomah@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP.

**Book Group 3** will meet on Friday, September 8 at 10:30 am at Panera Bread, next to Home Goods in Southport. The book under discussion will be *Rogues' Gallery: The Secret Story of the Lust, Lies, Greed, and Betrayals That Made the Metropolitan Museum* by Michael Gross. Please call Joan Harnett at 587-1170 if you have any questions.

The **Movie Club** is a new Y's Women satellite group. Each month a film (or films) will be selected by the Movie Club Committee for discussion at a meeting on the third Wednesday of the month. The notice will go out the first week of the month, with a two-week time frame for RSVPs. Members will see the movie at their own convenience, and we will meet at Panera's in the Home Goods shopping center on Post Road East in Westport at 1:30 pm to discuss the film. Because of Rosh Hashanah, the September meeting will not take place until **Wednesday, September 27**.

It is important that all members who are interested in the Movie Club RSVP to Judith Schomer at [judith.schomer@gmail.com](mailto:judith.schomer@gmail.com) within the two-week time frame, as there is a capacity limit at Panera's.

For those of you who are not aware of it, Panera's has a separate room solely to accommodate community meetings. They ask that you do not bring in food from outside and hope that you will purchase a cup of coffee and maybe even some lunch!

### LUNCHES WITH SPEAKERS

We encourage a small group of members to have lunch with the speakers, at a Westport restaurant, following their presentation.

If you would like to join us, please contact Barb Stephen at [dynamirc@optonline.net](mailto:dynamirc@optonline.net).

The **Investment Group** will meet on Thursday, September 28 at 9:30 am at the Westport Senior Center. For more information, please email group president Beverly Silverman at [bevjsil@yahoo.com](mailto:bevjsil@yahoo.com).

**Memoir Group:** Four people so far have indicated an interest in starting a new Memoir Group. Others have asked about it from time to time. If you would be interested in joining a Memoir Group, please contact Cary Peterson at [carypeterson3@gmail.com](mailto:carypeterson3@gmail.com).

### **Newcomers Luncheon**

**When:** Monday, September 25 at 1:00 pm

**Where:** The Pearl at Longshore, 260 Compo Road S. Please RSVP by September 21 to Judith Runnette at 838-8764 or [younglady2@optimum.net](mailto:younglady2@optimum.net). All are welcome – new members, old members, and those who are thinking of joining.

### **Food donations for Mercy Learning Center**

Please continue to bring your gifts of non-perishable food to the first general meeting of each month. They are much appreciated by needy clients of the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport.

Questions? Contact Jean McGurk at 222-0501.

### **Solos**

Solos is a group of single women who get together monthly for socializing and friendship. We sponsor happy hours, brunches, local theater trips, dinners, and beach evenings in restaurants, homes, and condo recreation rooms. We are now collecting our dues for 2017-18. To join this group or renew your membership, please send a \$20 check payable to Joan Weinstein – Solos, along with your email address, to Joan at 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883. Our Labor Day celebration – an outdoor barbeque at Joan's home in Weston – will be held on **Monday, September 4, at 12:30 pm**. Your **additional \$20 check** will hold your reservation for that special occasion.

### **Bridge Marathon**

Karen Hoffman will again be running the annual Y's Women Bridge Marathon, which takes place between October and the end of May. Each pair plays six matches and sends in their results, and prizes will be awarded to the first, second, third, and fourth place winners at the June meeting. The cost to participate is \$10 per person or \$20 per pair. Participants may sign up at the September General Meeting or they may email Karen Hoffman at [khhoffman1@aol.com](mailto:khhoffman1@aol.com). Please send the entrance fee to Karen at 20 Terra Nova Circle, Westport, CT 06880.

## Carpool & Go!

Join the Y's Women for a great outing on **Friday, September 15**, when we visit the **Florence Griswold Home and Museum** in Old Lyme, CT for an 11:00 am docent-guided tour of the exhibit "Flora/Fauna: The Naturalist Impulse in American Art," displayed in the Kriebler Gallery. Included are works by John James Audubon, members of the Hudson River School, and American Impressionists such as Childe Hassam. Not to be missed on the second



floor of Miss Florence's Boarding House is a permanent exhibit entitled "An American Place: The Art Colony at Old Lyme." Here we'll view paintings by members of one of the most significant

art colonies in America, including Henry Ward Ranger, Childe Hassam, and Willard Metcalf. Drawn to Old Lyme by its natural beauty and the enduring qualities of the rural New England setting, these artists found a landscape that was intimate and soothing as America was becoming urban, industrial, and restless. Following the tours, we'll have lunch nearby at the ever-popular **Morning Glory Café**.

We'll meet at Trader Joe's at 9:15 am for a 9:30 departure. Please send an email to Jill Meyer at [jill@awayfortheday.net](mailto:jill@awayfortheday.net) or call her at 226-4310 to reserve your place. Send an \$8 check payable to Jill to 40 Owenoke Park, Westport, CT 06880 for the admission fee, and bring along an additional \$5 in cash for the docent tour. The gas reimbursement for your driver will be \$8 in cash. Please indicate whether you can drive, as drivers are **always** needed and appreciated.

## **Renew Your Y's Women Membership**

Membership dues for the Y's Women's 2017-18 season must be paid **before October 31** or you won't appear in the new Membership Directory. Please send a membership form and a check for \$45 to Doris Levinson at your earliest convenience. You can also pay at Y's Women General Meetings. The form can be found at [www.yswomen.org](http://www.yswomen.org).

## **Volunteer Corner**

Kristin Malagise is looking for volunteers to serve as either regulars or substitutes for routes on the Home Delivered Meals Program in Westport. Meals are picked up at the Senior Center and delivered to several homes on each route. If you can help, please contact Kristin at [kmalagise@westportct.gov](mailto:kmalagise@westportct.gov) or 341-5097.

## **New Members Luncheon**

A lovely time was had by all at the New Members Luncheon on August 10. At Westport's Rive Bistro restaurant and its beautiful setting on the Saugatuck River, 28 Y's Women – 16 of them brand new members – met for an elegant lunch and conversation. Special thanks to the "old" Y's Women members who joined us and shared information about our wonderful organization.





## TRIPS

### **Thursday, September 28: The Cloisters, Wave Hill, and Historic Fort Tryon Park**

Join us for a special trip to three of New York City's gems overlooking the Hudson River. Our day begins with a visit to renowned **Wave Hill**, a spectacular garden and cultural center in the Bronx, where we will have a guided tour. Lunch follows at **New Leaf Restaurant**, tucked away in a charming historic stone cottage in **Fort Tryon Park**. Then we visit **The Cloisters**, with a guided tour plus time to meander in their peaceful garden. Cost is \$145 per person all-inclusive.

### **Thursday, October 19: A Day in the Hudson Valley**

This trip into the Hudson Valley includes a tour and tasting at the famous **Harney & Sons Fine Tea** in Millerton, NY. Following that we'll have lunch at **The Rhinecliff**, a famous country hotel with commanding views of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains as a backdrop. We will conclude the day by touring the **Dia-Beacon Museum of Contemporary Art**. Price is \$120 per person, all-inclusive.

### **Thursday, November 16: Two Masters Under One Roof – Michelangelo and Rodin**

Join us for a trip to the **Metropolitan Museum of Art** to see two special exhibitions on **Michelangelo** and **Rodin**. After a one-hour guided tour of the Permanent Collection, we will view stunning works from Michelangelo's drawings, marble sculptures, and paintings that examine his rich legacy as a supreme draftsman and designer. Then we will view Rodin's work, including nearly 50 marbles, bronzes, plasters, and terracottas. A casual lunch at the **Metropolitan Café** caps this special day. Price per person is \$118, all-inclusive.

### **Sunday, December 17: New York Philharmonic's Holiday Brass**

Catch the holiday spirit with the **New York Philharmonic Brass & Percussion** performance of holiday favorites with works from the Baroque to the Contemporary! Luncheon will be enjoyed at the stylish **Chez Josephine**, where the legend of Josephine Baker lives on. Price per person is \$176, all-inclusive.

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**Detailed flyers for all trips** are available at the Y's Women's General Meetings or by contacting **Pat Farmer at 227-3076 or [pahf02@gmail.com](mailto:pahf02@gmail.com)**. When reserving for a trip, please observe the tear-off on the bottom of the flyer with the pertinent information and entree choices requested, just to make life a little easier on the Travel Chairman. If you are unable to attend a meeting and want a flyer, please contact Pat Farmer and she can mail you one either electronically or by snail mail. Many thanks!

***Trip Cancellation Policy: Your payment is your reservation.  
Refunds will be given only if your place can be sold to someone else.***