



November 2018

## 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.*

**November 12**

**Harold Bailey: TEAM Westport**



TEAM Westport stands for Together Effectively Achieving Multiculturalism. Its mission: to help Westport achieve and celebrate a more welcoming, multicultural community. Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, this initiative was launched as a Selectman's Task Force

in 2003 and became a standing town committee in 2005.

Harold Bailey, TEAM Westport's Chair since it was founded, says, "A primary focus and concern of our organization since inception has been the impact of the town's relatively low levels of racial and ethnic diversity on our children. Each year an essay topic provides young people an opportunity to reflect upon that impact and make their personal statements about it in very meaningful ways."

At this meeting, Harold will discuss ways in which TEAM Westport engages the community and draws attention to issues surrounding multiculturalism and diversity – making the invisible visible. It partners with a wide range of municipal government and community institutions, offering conversations, lectures, and programming. He will also discuss TEAM Westport's recent Essay Contest and its

outstanding winners, so many of whom were touched by the tragedy of Parkland.

Harold is President of Aisha & Co. LLC. He was formerly CEO, Americas for Show Business Software, Ltd. A 30-year veteran of IBM, he is a trustee emeritus of Brown University, his alma mater, from which he also received an honorary PhD. Harold is also a Board member of the Westport Country Playhouse and a founding member of the Stamford chapter of 100 Black Men. He received the Anti-Defamation League's Distinguished Community Leadership award in 2005.

**November 26**

**Patricia Russo: Female Power Unleashed – Politics and Positive Change**

Patricia Russo, Executive Director of the Women's Campaign School at Yale, is a nationally recognized leader focused on improving the quality of life for women in Connecticut and throughout the US. For more than 25 years she has held numerous leadership positions in public, private, and not-for-profit organizations centered on women's rights. She has also held leadership positions on federal, state, and local political campaigns. The Women's Campaign School at Yale University, her current assignment, is a nonpartisan, issue-neutral political campaign training program. It attracts women from the US and abroad who are interested in running for public office or becoming involved in campaign management.



Patricia is a member of the national leadership team of Political Parity, a bipartisan initiative dedicated to increasing the number of women in elected office. She is the founder of the Connecticut Women's Agenda, a state-wide advocacy coalition comprised of women leaders, and was named "Woman of the

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Year” by the Connecticut chapters of both the American Association of University Women and the Association of Business and Professional Women. Patricia was also Director of Southern Fairfield County’s Centers for Planned Parenthood of Connecticut and Executive Director of the Middlesex County Sexual Assault Crisis Center. She holds a BA in Political Science from George Washington University. While an undergraduate, she served as an intern to US Congresswoman Bella S. Abzug (D-NY), who inspires her to this day!

## SATELLITE GROUPS

### (Y’s Women Members ONLY)

**Book Group 2** will meet on Thursday, November 1 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm at Panera Bread, located in Westport at 1860 Post Road East (next to Home Goods). The book to be discussed is *My Antonia* by Willa Cather, and the discussion will be led by Nancy Bloom. Please contact Arlene Bloom at 254-9096 or [bloomah@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bloomah@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP.

**Book Group 3** will meet on Friday, November 9 at 10:30 am at Panera Bread in Westport to discuss *Plenty Ladylike: A Memoir* by Claire McCaskill. New members are welcome. If you're interested in attending or have any questions, contact Doris Levinson at [drjlevinson@gmail.com](mailto:drjlevinson@gmail.com) or 227-3371.

### LUNCHEES 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 [dynamicro@optonline.net](mailto:dynamicro@optonline.net).

## Save the Date

Holiday Luncheon - December 13

Birchwood Country Club  
\$45 per person, cash bar

Pay BY NOVEMBER 30 at a general meeting, or mail check to Barbara Morrow, 132 Old Mill Road, Shelton, CT 06484.

Select up to 10 people with whom you would like to sit.



*Meet the Y's Women's 2018-19 Board: Top row, from left, Maxine Meyerhardt, website; Karen Kleine, hospitality; Merle Spiegel, communications; Doris Skutch, publicity; Doris Levinson, membership; Pat Farmer, trips & travel; Sue Kane, hospitality; front row, from left, Joan Bassett, treasurer; Sheila Weiss, immediate past president; Polly Temple, president; Barb Stephen, vice president/programs. Missing from picture: Jennifer Barron, treasurer.*

### Newcomers Lunch

- Monday, November 12
- Panera Bread (next to Home Goods)
- Arlene Bloom and Ann Lloyd will lead a trivia game!
- Contact Sheila Weiss at [srweiss@optonline.net](mailto:srweiss@optonline.net) or 227-2786 if you plan to attend

### Solos

Solos' pre-Thanksgiving celebration will be dinner on Saturday, November 17 at 5:00 pm in the lovely recreation rooms at 597 Westport Avenue, across from Whole Foods. Please send your \$25 check to Joan Weinstein – Solos, 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883. Our hostess for the evening will be Agnes Flynn.

The **Movie Club** will meet on Wednesday, November 28 at 1:30 pm at Panera Bread in Westport to discuss *A Private War*, based on the true story of celebrated war correspondent Marie Colvin. If you wish to be added to the e-mail list for future events, please contact Margaret Mitchell at 255-9094 or [margaret06824@yahoo.com](mailto:margaret06824@yahoo.com). New members and all other interested participants are welcome.

### COAT DRIVE

Bring clean, warm coats, jackets, and vests to the General Meeting on **Monday, November 26**, for the benefit of the Bridgeport Rescue Mission.

Questions? Contact Jean McGurk at 222-0501.

## *Carpool and Go!*

On Thursday, November 8, we will travel to the **Bruce Museum** for an engaging exhibit tracing the history of Navajo weaving, from the earliest Mexican serapes in the 1880s to mid-20th century pictorial rugs. The unique Navajo textile collection is set apart from other Native American rugs and blankets because the warp (vertical strings on the loom) is one long continuous piece of wool thread. Also included in this docent-led tour is an exhibit called "ReTooled," featuring more than 40 imaginative works in varied media reflecting the subject of tools from objects of beauty to satirical and illusional displays. Lunch will follow (after a brief trip to the gift shop, if desired) at the Sedona Taphouse, 515 West Avenue in Norwalk. Free parking is available in the adjacent garage.



Please contact Charlene Boyer at [cboyer1991@att.net](mailto:cboyer1991@att.net) or 434-2953 to reserve a space, and mail a check for \$12 to Charlene at 162 Governor Trumbull Way, Trumbull, CT 06611. We will meet in the Trader Joe/Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:15 am for a 9:30 departure. The driver's reimbursement is \$4 in cash. Please let us know if you are willing to drive.

## *TRIPS*

### **THE Y'S WOMEN'S TRANSATLANTIC VOYAGE ON THE QUEEN MARY 2** **New York to Southampton, England, June 7-14, 2019**

Join us for this very special trip and escape to a world of discovery and relaxation while crossing the Atlantic aboard the extraordinary *Queen Mary 2*. Rates from \$1,299 per person, based on double occupancy. **Special return airfare and post-cruise hotel and tour packages available at additional cost.**



### **PORTUGAL IN DEPTH: 11-DAY TOUR** **September 12-23, 2019**

An in-depth land tour of Portugal, beginning and ending in Lisbon and circling the country. The price for this opportunity is \$2,299 per person double occupancy, excluding airfare and trip insurance.

*Both these trips are being offered through Westport-based Travel Exchange. Our travel contacts are Fran Thomas and Dorothy Fox, both Y's Women. They may be reached at 221-3500. If you are even remotely interested in either trip, contact Fran or Dorothy and they will be able to give you all the details and special incentives for early bookings.*

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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). If you are unable to attend a meeting and want a flyer, please contact Pat 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.***