

Summer 2018

The Y's Women Newsletter

Celebrating Y's Women's 25th Anniversary

The Spring Picnic and Annual Meeting were held at Temple Israel on Monday, June 11, concluding our 2017-18 season. The Board hosted a delicious indoor picnic of sandwiches, salads, and cupcakes—but the highlight of the day was a celebration of Y's Women's 25th anniversary. The first two presidents, Martha Aasen and Simone Dubow, shared with us the story of our organization's beginnings, with letters sent to about 100 Westporters whom the founders thought might be interested. Today we have more than 400 members!

After a brief business meeting during which the slate of officers was approved, Arlene Bloom presented the Fabulous Friends Award to webmaster Maxine Meyerhardt, who has displayed outstanding dedication and service ever since she joined Y's Women. Winners of the Bridge Marathon were also recognized and prizes awarded. The program concluded as the nine former presidents in attendance led us in singing the Y's Women Song, with lyrics by Gloria Stashower.



Top right: Martha Aasen (right) and Simone Dubow share the Y's Women's early history with guests at the luncheon.

Above: Arlene Bloom (right) presents the 2018 Fabulous Friends Award to Maxine Meyerhardt.

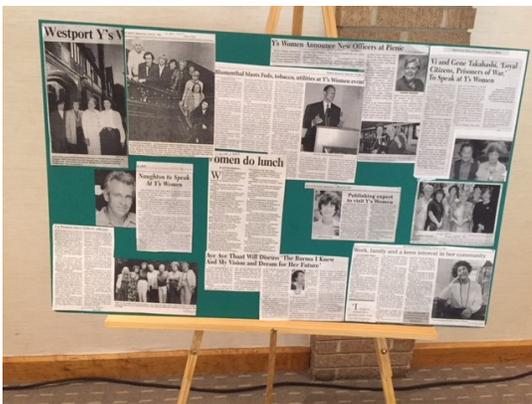
Left: Nine of the 12 Past Presidents attended the 2018 Annual Meeting. First row, from left: Simone Dubow, Arlene Bloom, Martha Aasen, Ann Lloyd; top row, from left: Sheila Weiss, Gloria Stashower, Carol Diamond, Mildred Bunche, Barbara Rogan.

- Photos by Sheila Rubin



Left: Karen Hoffman (right) presents prizes to Wilma Bieler (center) and Pat Voris, first place winners of this year's Bridge Marathon.

Below: Current Y's Women Board members hosted the festive 2018 Picnic.



Immediate Past President Sheila Weiss created a series of poster boards that featured the Y's Women's history and press coverage.



Above: One of the 15 tables at the 2018 Annual Meeting and Picnic.

- Photos by Sheila Rubin and Merle Spiegel

SATELLITE GROUPS Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, August 2 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 *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng, and the discussion will be led by Doris Skutch. Please contact Arlene Bloom at bloomah@sbcglobal.net or 254-9096 to RSVP.

Solos: Natalie Einson will host the Solos on Friday, July 20 at her lovely home at 29 Marion Road, Westport. She will be serving paella and flan in her backyard. The evening begins at 5:30 pm, and the cost is \$30. If you wish to attend, please make your check out to Joan Weinstein – Solos and mail it to her at 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883.

Also, Parks & Recreation has given us permission to go to Compo Beach without a sticker on Tuesday evening July 24, August 7, and August 21. Just identify yourself as a member of the Y's Women. We meet at the picnic tables to the right of the cannons at 6:00 pm. Bring your dinner, something to drink (alcohol in plastic, please), and something to share such as cheese, fruit, soup, or cookies.



From left, Gina Ryan, Sheila Weiss, Polly Temple, Barb Stephen, and George Dragone with his 1949 Caddy, which he lent to the Y's Women for the 2018 Memorial Day Parade.

The **Movie Club** will meet on Wednesday, July 18 at 1:30 pm at Panera Bread. There will be no August meeting. If you want to be put on the notice list, contact Judith Schomer at judith.schomer@gmail.com. Our July film selection, which has received a 97% rating by "Rotten Tomatoes," is **First Reformed**:

"Reverend Ernst Toller (Ethan Hawke) is a solitary, middle-aged parish pastor at a small Dutch Reform church in up-state New York on the cusp of celebrating its 250th anniversary. Once a stop on the Underground Railroad, the church is now a tourist attraction catering to a dwindling congregation, eclipsed by its nearby parent church, Abundant Life, with its state-of-the-art facilities and 5,000-strong flock. When a pregnant parishioner (Amanda Seyfried) asks Reverend Toller to counsel her husband, a radical environmentalist, the clergyman finds himself plunged into his own tormented past, and equally despairing future, until he finds redemption in an act of grandiose violence. From writer-director Paul Schrader (Taxi Driver; American Gigolo; Affliction) comes a gripping thriller about a crisis of faith that is at once personal, political, and planetary."



From left, Sarah Hock, Sandy Berliner, and Andrea Turner were among the Y's Women who enjoyed the Carpool & Go June trip to Wethersfield.

Y's Women Membership Form July 2018 - June 2019

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

DUES INFORMATION:

- Dues are \$45 a year (July through June).
- Make your check payable to the Y's Women.
- Your dues must be paid by October 31 to be listed in the 2019 Membership Roster.
- If you join Y's Women in April or later, your dues are in effect through June 2020.
- Membership is complimentary after age 90. If you qualify, please indicate that on your membership form.

To join Y's Women, send this form and your \$45 check to **Doris Levinson, 6 Beechwood Lane, Westport, CT 06880**. Or join at a meeting at the membership table.

FOR NEW MEMBERS:

Which of these activities that Y's Women offers do you plan to participate in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Twice-monthly meetings
<input type="checkbox"/> Book group
<input type="checkbox"/> Current events group
<input type="checkbox"/> Investment group
<input type="checkbox"/> Movie group
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday and spring parties
<input type="checkbox"/> Newcomer lunches at local restaurants | <input type="checkbox"/> Solos dinner group
<input type="checkbox"/> Memoirs group
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge marathon
<input type="checkbox"/> Paddle tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Day trips
<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. & foreign travel |
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Do you have an idea for another type of group activity for Y's Women? _____

Are you interested in starting a group of this type? _____

For any membership questions, contact Doris Levinson, membership chair, at drjlevinson@gmail.com or 227-3371.