



January 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

Please 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.

January 9

James Naughton: Life Changes and Goes On

We are thrilled to kick off our Speaker Program for 2017 with our hometown, handsome charmer and solid, reliable player of stage, film and TV, James Naughton. He is a two-time Tony award winner for his cynical, "Sam Spade"-like detective in *City of Angels* and the slick lawyer/razzle-dazzler Billy Flynn in the revival of *Chicago*. Jim graduated from Yale's School of Drama and soon scored on Broadway with the role of Edmund in *Long Day's Journey into Night*. He has directed stage plays, including *Our Town* with Paul Newman and his film work includes *The Paper Chase*, *The Glass Menagerie*, *The First Wives Club* and so much more. Come join him to catch up on his career, life and ever evolving, successful family!

January 23

Marty Yellin: The Universe

For 45 years Marty Yellin had a secret which he could not share even with his own wife. The Top Secret program he worked in began in 1965 and was declassified only in late 2011. Yellin was recruited to Project Hexagon, or *Big Bird*, as it came to be known, in 1966, seduced to Perkin-Elmer by an offer

doubling the recent college grad's salary to the sum of \$16,000. He would be part of a 1,000 person team tasked with designing a camera to be mounted in a "reconnaissance spacecraft" to take photos of areas of interest to the CIA. Five years later the team had succeeded and Big Bird flew. They had built a camera housed in a 60 foot long, 30,000 pound vehicle.

After years in what must have felt like a witness protection program, he was released and Marty Yellin went on to contribute to the development of the Hubble Telescope - something he is eager to discuss with all of us!

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 Polly Temple at pnptemple@icloud.com.

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.

SATELLITE GROUPS Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 1 will not be meeting in January. Questions? Contact Frankie Stein, 226-4219 or Connie Beskind, 255-8682.

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, January 5 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 *Canada* by Richard Ford. The discussion will be led by Sue Harris. Please RSVP by contacting Nancy Bloom at 259-0071 or nancyerb@aol.com.

Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, January 6, at 10:30 am to discuss *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. Our meeting will take place in the Community Room of The Saugatuck 35 Bridge Street in Westport. For more information please call Joan Harnett 587-1170.

Solos: We will hold our annual Game Night at The Saugatuck, 35 Bridge Street in Westport, on Friday, January 20 at 6:00 pm. Betty Kogen will be our gracious hostess and Pizza with Prosecco will be the menu. If you mail your \$20.00 check, made out to Joan Weinstein - Solo's, 46 Tannery Lane, Weston, Ct 06883, that will be your reservation.

Newcomers Luncheon

Where: Sakura, 680 Post Road East, Westport

When: January 23, 2017 at 1:00 pm

RSVP by January 19 to Judith Runnette at 838-8764 or email younglady2@optimum.net

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch - old members, new members, as well as those who are thinking of joining.

Movie Time will post a few film dates through January 2017. Then we will suspend operations and resume in March. We have had some enjoyable experiences - seeing good films, having thoughtful discussions, and meeting new friends. Join us in 2017! Any questions? Contact Judith Schomer at 557-0131.

Carpool and Go!



On Wednesday, January 18 at the **Katonah Museum of Art**, we'll have an 11:00 am guided tour of the exhibit "**Matisse Drawings: Curated by Ellsworth Kelly** from the Pierre and Tana Matisse Foundation Collection." This exhibit, "a unique exploration of Henri Matisse's drawings by one of America's greatest abstract artists, provides new insight into the French master's work." Many of the 45 Matisse works on view have rarely or never before been exhibited. On display in an adjacent gallery will be Kelly's large scale "Suite of Plant Lithographs," which were chosen to illuminate the sympathies and differences between the two artists. Following the tour, we'll have a 12:30 lunch at **Peppino's** in Katonah.

We'll meet behind the Wells Fargo bank at Trader Joe's parking lot at 9:30 am, with a 9:45 departure. The guided museum tour will cost \$6/person. Please call Jill Meyer at 226-4310 or e-mail her at jill@awayfortheday.net - to reserve your place and mail a check for \$6 payable to Jill to 40 Owenoke Park, Westport, CT 06880. The gas reimbursement for your driver will be \$4 in cash. Please indicate whether you can drive, as drivers are always needed and appreciated.

VOLUNTEER CORNER.

PAWs on Main Ave, Norwalk needs volunteers to help socialize the resident population of homeless dogs and cats. They also are looking for help in the office in placing animals and manning the front desk. If you are interested please call Lisa at 750-9572.

Y's CARE

If you know of someone in our organization who is sick or grieving and would appreciate a card, contact Cary Peterson at carypeterson3@gmail.com

Festive Holiday Luncheon

We hope you enjoy this selection of photos from our 2016 Holiday Luncheon. All were taken by Phyllis Groner, photographer *par excellence*!

