



February 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.

February 13

Deirdre M. Daly: Life As Principal Litigator in the U.S. for CT, and What Comes Next

Deirdre Daly is the first woman to be nominated and confirmed as U.S. Attorney for the State of CT, an office that was established in 1789. In this role, she prosecutes all criminal and civil cases brought by the federal government and defends the U.S. when it is a party in a civil case. All resources are dedicated to the aggressive investigation, prosecution, and prevention of terrorism.

Ms. Daly previously served in the Southern District of New York, where she prosecuted a wide range of cases from racketeering and murder to corruption and fraud. She was a partner at Daly & Pavlis LLC, a Connecticut law firm focused on corporate and commercial litigation, white-collar criminal investigations, SEC enforcement actions, and corporate internal investigations and monitoring. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Georgetown University Law Center, earlier in her career Ms. Daly served as law clerk for the Honorable Lloyd F. MacMahon, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of NY. Join us to hear her interesting and relevant perspective on the major issues she sees going forward.

February 27

Chris Brubeck: Jazz and International Diplomacy

Chris Brubeck – a Grammy-nominated composer, innovative performer, and educator – will discuss his fabulous career in jazz blended with information on international diplomacy. Chris has created an impressive body of symphonic work while maintaining a demanding touring and recording schedule with the Brubeck Brothers Quartet (with his brother Dan on drums). He wrote and premiered two children's pieces: The Hermitage Cats Save the Day, a Russian-American cooperative project about the cats in the Hermitage Museum, and "The Cricket in Times Square," based on George Selden's book. Other major works include "Travels in Time for Three," with performances by The Boston Pops, Indianapolis Symphony, and Portland Symphony; "Ansel Adams: America," which he co-wrote with father Dave Brubeck and was nominated for a Grammy for Best Instrumental Composition; and "Interplay for Three Violins and Orchestra," which was broadcast on PBS's Evening at the Pops and won Chris an ASCAP Deems Taylor Award. Chris also performed with his brothers Darius, Dan, and Matthew in a tribute to their father that was part of the Kennedy Center Honors, which was televised around the world. We hope you can join us to learn more about what's up these days for our All-American Star.

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.

SATELLITE GROUPS (Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 1 will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 1:00 pm in the Westport Library's Seminar Room. We are reading *Stalin's Daughter* by Rosemary Sullivan. Please call Frankie Stein at 226-4219 or Connie Beskind at 255-8682 if you have questions.

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, February 2 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 *A Man Called Ove* by Frederik Backman, and the discussion will be led by Jill Meyer. Please contact Arlene Bloom at 254-9096 or bloomah@sbcglobal.net to RSVP.



Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, February 3 at 10:30 am to discuss *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. We will meet at Panera Bread, located in Westport at 1860 Post Road East (next to Home Goods). (The discussion of *Lab Girl* has been postponed to February because our last meeting was canceled as a result of snow.) Questions? Please call Joan Harnett at 587-1170.

Newcomers Luncheon

When: February 27 at 1:00 pm

Where: Bartaco, 20 Wilton Road, Westport
(behind Vespa)

RSVP by February 23 to Judith Runnette at 838-8764 or younglady2@optimum.net

All are welcome – new members, old members, and those who are thinking of joining.

Volunteer Corner

Westport's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will be conducting a training session in February. These are not held often; if you are interested, contact andreebrooks@hotmail.com. The training is subsidized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Solos

Solos will meet at **Via Sforza** for a buffet brunch on Sunday, February 26, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The cost is \$25, which includes a drink; Solos will pick up tax and tip. If you wish to attend the musical *Working* at the Edgerton Theater at Fairfield University at 3:00 pm, Joan Weinstein will be happy to purchase senior tickets at \$15 each. Your \$25 check will hold your brunch reservation. Please mail your check to Joan Weinstein – Solos at 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883. Also on February 26, the Music Theater of Connecticut has a performance of *I'll Eat You Last* at 2:00 pm. You'll need to purchase your own tickets if you're interested.

Food Donations for Mercy Learning Center

Please continue to bring your gifts of non-perishable food to the first general meeting of each month. It is much appreciated by needy clients of the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. Questions? Contact Jean McGurk at 222-0501.

Carpool & Go!

On Wednesday, February 15, we will have a leisurely guided tour of the Stamford **Ukrainian Museum**, a hidden gem adjoining St. Basil Seminary that was formerly the home of coal baron Edward Quintard. Long-time curator Lubow Wolynets will introduce us to the eclectic Ukrainian collection and treasures of this museum, including religious icons, Pysanky eggs (more than 300), folk art, embroidery, furniture, bronze sculptures, ceramics, and paintings and etchings by artist Nicolas Bervinchak. Major motion pictures have been filmed there. There is no admission fee, but a suggested donation of \$5 is encouraged. Lunch will follow at Trips Restaurant in Stamford, which specializes in traditional American seafood and Mediterranean food.



We will meet in the Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot at 10:00 a.m. for a 10:15 departure. Please let Charlene Boyer know if you want to join us (434-2953 or cboyer1991@att.net), and indicate if you are willing to drive. Drivers are always welcome and will be reimbursed \$3 per passenger for gas.



TRIPS

Your **Trip Leader** would like to share a few thoughts with you. I am frequently asked about trips involving more than one day. However, I have found when such trips have been planned in the past, they have ended up being canceled because of a lack of member participation. For several years the overseas river boat cruises were quite successful, but none of our members took advantage of them last year. This is possibly due to the uncertain world situation, which I certainly can understand.

At the suggestion and urging of several members, I am thinking of planning trips of several days duration, and there are a number of interesting possibilities. I am looking into river cruises within the United States, and the overseas river cruises are still available. A trip to Cuba has been suggested as another option. I encourage you to contact me regarding any or all of these suggestions, or with ideas of your own (**227-3076 or pahf02@gmail.com**). It takes a great deal of effort, planning, and time to put such trips together. If there is sufficient interest, we will move ahead.

Meanwhile, stay tuned for details about our spring 2017 trips. And thank you, as always, for your support of our **Trips and Travel Program**.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, March 7: New York City Historical Society, in combination with the Y's Men.

Tuesday, May 16: New York Botanical Gardens for the Chihuly Exhibit.

Wednesday, June 7: ABT Ballet at the Metropolitan Opera House, *Le Corsaire*.

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FLYERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL MEETINGS

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. 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.***