



The Y's Women

January 2021

The Y's Women Newsletter

A Letter from the President and the VP, Programs

Many thanks to all of you who have paid your dues. To those who may have forgotten, please go ahead and do so now by writing a check for \$45 (or what you can afford) to Y's Women and popping it in the mail to Doris Levinson, 6 Beechwood Lane, Westport, CT 06880. (We have included a membership form on page 3 of this newsletter for your convenience.)

We have had positive feedback on our past speakers and the ease with which we can go back to the Y's Women YouTube Channel ([Ys Women YouTube](#)) to see them whenever we choose. Incidentally, the number of views for the presentations has ranged from 110 to more than 200. These are promising developments, and the housekeeping of sending a check now to pay your dues will ensure that we are able to continue to bring you the best speakers and the high-quality live-streaming provided by Alliance Video & Post at Temple Israel.

We have lined up four excellent speakers who will present remotely on the second and fourth Mondays in January and February at 11:30 am. On January 11, Dr. Kelly Marino will speak about Women's Suffrage; January 25, Dr. Richard Prum will discuss the Evolution of Beauty; February 8, Jane Ferreira will update us on the work of Mercy Learning Center; and February 22, Bill Harris will preview the opening of Sacred Heart University Community Theatre in downtown Fairfield. Be sure to watch for upcoming emails from Margaret introducing the speakers, then note the information on your calendars and sit back, click on, and enjoy.

Happy Holidays to each and every Y's Woman and your families!

Many thanks,
Barb & Margaret

Dr. Kelly Marino, January 11 at 11:30 am

Dr. Kelly Marino will speak about the American suffrage movement, focusing on women's suffrage and the events leading up to the passage of the 19th amendment in 1920. She will provide observations concerning the suffrage story; analyze the ways in which the women's suffrage movement is related to issues of race, class, gender, age, geography, and sexuality; and describe how the US has been dealing with suffrage during the past 100 years.

Dr. Marino is Assistant Lecturer of History and Coordinator of Women's Studies at Sacred Heart University. She has a PhD in History from Binghamton University (SUNY) and an MA in History



from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. A Connecticut native, she is passionate about state and local history as well as women's history and the history of sexuality. Dr. Marino is currently working on a book about advances in women's higher education and the women's rights movement in 20th-century America.

We look forward to your joining us as we belatedly recognize 2020 as the centennial celebration year for passage of the 19th amendment.

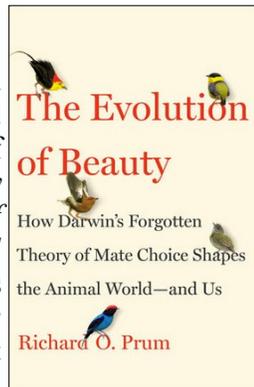
Richard O. Prum, PhD, January 25 at 11:30 am



Dr. Richard Prum will speak about “The Evolution of Beauty.” He will provide a fascinating and amusing account of beauty and mate choice in birds and other animals – including humans! You will be amazed by his discoveries concerning the mat-

ing behavior of birds, findings which resonate with humans as well. According to Dr. Prum, life is not just a dreary slog of survival. It brims with exuberance – from extravagant plumage to courtship rituals. In other words, beauty is central to the history of life. Dr. Prum is a witty and entertaining speaker who brings humor to his presentations.

The William Robertson Coe Professor of Ornithology at Yale University and head curator of Vertebrate Zoology at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, Dr. Prum is a recipient of both MacArthur and Guggenheim fellowships. He helped discover dinosaur feathers and their colors, and is the author of *The Evolution of Beauty: How Darwin's Forgotten Theory of Mate Choice Shapes the Animal World – And Us*, which was selected by *The New York Times Book Review* as one of the Best Books of 2017.



The **Movie Club** will have a Zoom meeting on Wednesday, January 20 at 1:30 pm. We plan to discuss *On the Waterfront* and *I Never Sang for My Father*. Both movies are being shown on the WNET network of PBS as part of Reel 13 Classics (*On the Waterfront* on January 9 at 9:00 pm; *I Never Sang for My Father* on December 26 at 9:00 pm). If you do not see or record these movies when they originally are broadcast, you may be able to see them through a PBS playback system (such as Thirteen Passport) or another streaming service. Also, the DVD for *On the Waterfront* is listed in the catalogs of the Westport and Fairfield libraries.

On the Waterfront tells the story of dockworker Terry Malloy (Marlon Brando), who had been an up-and-coming boxer until powerful local mob boss Johnny Friendly (Lee J. Cobb) persuaded him to throw a fight. When a longshoreman is murdered before he can testify about Friendly's control of the Hoboken waterfront, Terry teams up with the dead man's sister Edie (Eva Marie Saint) and the street-wise priest Father Barry (Karl Malden) to testify himself, against the advice of Friendly's lawyer, Terry's older brother Charley (Rod Steiger).

I Never Sang for My Father tells the story of Gene Garrison (Gene Hackman), a successful college professor who has a rocky relationship with his dad Tom (Melvyn Douglas). Gene believes that his father has never truly accepted him. He worries about the effects of his plans (move to California and marry his girlfriend) on his relationship with his father. His mother (Dorothy Stickney) encourages Gene to move on despite how Tom may feel; but when his mother dies, Gene worries that his marriage and move might depress his father even more.

If you wish to be added to the email list for future events, please contact Margaret Mitchell at margaret06824@yahoo.com or 255-9094.

SATELLITE GROUPS

(Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, January 7 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm on Zoom. The book to be discussed is *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth, and the discussion will be led by Nancy Bloom.

Book Group 3 will meet via Zoom on Friday, January 8 at 10:30 am to discuss *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride, one of *The New York Times'* Top Ten Books of 2020. Ellen Cahill will lead the discussion. The Zoom link will be sent on January 7. New members are welcome. Questions? Please contact Doris Levinson at drjlevinson@gmail.com or 227-3371.



The Memoirs Group met monthly outdoors until late fall and is now meeting on Zoom. The intimacy of sharing memoirs has been something they all enjoy during a time when intimacy is out of the question!

The **Trips and Travel Committee** has joined with the **Trivia Group** to bring you –

TRAVEL TRIVIA WITH THE Y's WOMEN

Thursday, January 21, 12:30 pm

We may have to continue to sit tight at home for the time being, but that doesn't mean we cannot still "travel" – virtually!

Come along and have some fun as we journey the world and learn a few things at the same time. Tyler Zajacz, President and CEO of Tours of Distinction, will take us to some incredible destinations through a series of travel trivia questions.

Join the fun and win a FREE Day Trip!

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAIce6vrDsuGNcvJhfhg5rcUW1T9SILODrC>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Y's Women Membership Form 2020-2021

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

DUES INFORMATION:

- Dues are \$45 a year.
- Make your check payable to the Y's Women.
- Dues for new members who join Y's Women in April 2021 or later are in effect through June 2022.
- 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.**

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