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.

Monday, May 13
The Hoot Owls and Chris Coogan

We’re in for a treat at the last meeting of the 2018/2019 season on May 13. The Y’s Women are proud to present The Hoot Owls and Chris Coogan. The Hoot Owls are the 20-piece Y’s Men’s glee club, and their director is well-known musician and performer Chris Coogan. Together, they conduct approximately 15 performances a year for senior centers and assisted living facilities, sharing songs and show tunes that all audiences know and love! Join us for this fun special meeting.

Westport tech guru David Pogue spoke of the future of automation and robotics to a packed audience of Y’s Women on March 25. “Everyone agrees that many of our jobs will be automated,” he said. “That doesn’t necessarily mean massive unemployment – only massive displacement to new kinds of jobs we can’t imagine yet.” Photo courtesy of Dave Matlow for WestportNow.com.

“APRIL SHOWER”
We are collecting diapers of all sizes and new clothing for children – sizes newborn to toddler six – for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission Guest House.

This is a great opportunity for our members, grandmothers and others, who miss buying baby clothes! Please bring your donations to the General Meeting on Monday, May 13.

SATELLITE GROUPS
(Y’s Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, May 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 Parrot and Oliver in America by Peter Carey, and the discussion will be led by Judith Schomer. Please contact Arlene Bloom at bloomah@sbcglobal.net or 254-9096 to RSVP.
Y’s Women’s Spring Picnic & Annual Meeting

MONDAY, June 10 - Noon to 2:00 pm
Temple Israel
14 Coleytown Road, Westport

Cost: $20 per person

Assorted sandwiches and salads from Gold’s Delicatessen
Yummy desserts from The Pantry

Pay at Membership Table at General Meetings
or send check for $20, made out to Y’s Women, to:
Barbara Morrow, 132 Old Mill Road, Shelton, CT 06484.

Be sure to include the names of people with whom
you would like to sit. (Tables seat 10.)

Payment must be received by May 23. No walk-in exceptions.

I will attend the Spring Picnic.

Name: ___________________________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________

Email address: __________________________________________________

I would like to sit with: ___________________________________________
Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, May 17 at 10:30 am to discuss *Guns, Germs and Steel* by Jared Diamond. Our meeting will take place at Panera Bread in Westport. New members are most welcome. If you’d like to attend, please contact Doris Levinson at 227-3371 or drjlevinson@gmail.com.

The Movie Club will meet on Wednesday, May 15 at Panera Bread in Westport. We plan to meet informally at 1:00 pm and begin discussion promptly at 1:30. Our two discussion movies are *The Best of Enemies* and *Amazing Grace*.

*The Best of Enemies* is based on “the true story of the unlikely relationship between Ann Atwater, an outspoken civil rights activist, and C.P. Ellis, a local Ku Klux Klan leader. During the racially charged summer of 1971, Atwater and Ellis come together to co-chair a community summit on the desegregation of schools in Durham, NC. The ensuing debate and battle soon lead to surprising revelations that change both of their lives forever.”

*Amazing Grace* is a “long-lost documentary and concert film from 1972 featuring the incomparable Aretha Franklin singing Gospel songs while supported by members of her band and the Southern California Community Choir founded by gospel music legend, the Rev. James Cleveland. The music in *Amazing Grace* is soul-stirring and filled with strong Christian content, including favorite hymns like ‘Mary Don’t You Weep’ and ‘What a Friend We Have in Jesus’ and, of course, Aretha Franklin’s powerful rendition of John Newton’s classic hymn, ‘Amazing Grace.’”

Both movies have been playing in local theatres since mid-April: *The Best of Enemies* at Fairfield-Bullard Square, New Canaan, and Trumbull; *Amazing Grace* at Trumbull, Norwalk’s Garden Cinema, Stamford’s Avon Theatre, and Bethel Cinema. We hope they will be shown in future weeks and at other locations, but there is no guarantee of this.

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Solos will celebrate Memorial Day on Memorial Day itself, May 27, after the parade at 1:00 pm. Join us for lunch at the home of Joan Weinstein, 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883. Please send your $25 check to Joan Weinstein – Solos and email her at 46tannery@sbcglobal.net if you plan to attend.

Lunch and Trivia will meet on Thursday, May 16 at noon at the Rowing Club on Riverside Avenue. Also, in case you missed this, Lunch and Trivia is meeting at noon on Tuesday, April 30 at Sakura on the Post Road at Hillspoint Avenue. Please contact Ann Lloyd at aslloyd@optonline.net or Arlene Bloom at bloomah@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in coming to either or both events.

New Member Luncheon will be held on Monday, May 13 following the Y’s Women meeting at Tarantino’s, across from the Saugatuck Railroad Station. New members and long-time members are welcome. Contact Sheila Weiss at 227-2786 or srweiss@optonline.net if you would like to join us.
Carpool and Go!

On Wednesday, May 15, we will make a return visit (by popular request) to the William Louis-Dreyfus Foundation Art Collection in Mt. Kisco, NY. The collection was started more than 50 years ago by the late Mr. Louis-Dreyfus and features diverse work chosen with a “sensibility for the process of making art by hand – via brush, pencil, palette and knife.” The pieces range from traditional watercolors, oils, and sculpture to abstract ones in similar mediums. The Foundation has the intention of promoting public awareness of work by self-taught and emerging artists and to benefit specific educational purposes. Our tour starts at 11:00 am and lasts 1-1/2 hours, including independent viewing time. After the tour, we will have lunch in Mt. Kisco.

To reserve your spot for this trip, please email or call Lydia Menendez at lydiamndz12@gmail.com or 319-1110. There is no charge for this event, but a firm commitment to attend is necessary – ASAP, please – since a list of visitors is required by the Foundation prior to our arrival.

We will meet in the Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:30 am for a 9:45 departure. Please bring $5 in cash for gas reimbursement for drivers and indicate if you are willing to drive – drivers are always needed and appreciated!

TRIPS

BEAUTIFUL BROOKLYN: Wednesday, May 15

Join the Y’s Women and spend the day in Beautiful Brooklyn. The first stop is a guided tour of The Brooklyn Museum of Art, which exhibits collections that seek to embody the rich artistic heritage of world cultures. From the Museum we will head to the well-loved Brooklyn classic Juniors Restaurant, for lunch with pre-selected entrees. Following lunch we will visit the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, a very special place that contains a large number of specialty “gardens within the Garden” plant collections. The total cost for the day is $129 per person, all inclusive. Detailed flyers are available at the General Meetings or by contacting Pat Farmer.

The trip to Brooklyn will be a WONDERFUL trip. All of the venues are very special, and our group has not been there for several years. There is still space availability, so please give thought and consideration to being a part of this group.

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

This in-depth land tour of Portugal begins and ends in Lisbon and circles the country. Several Y’s Women members have signed up for this exciting trip, which is 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 interested in the trip, contact Fran or Dorothy and they will be able to give you all the details.

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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. 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!