



The Y's Women

January 2022

The Y's Women Newsletter

GENERAL MEETINGS

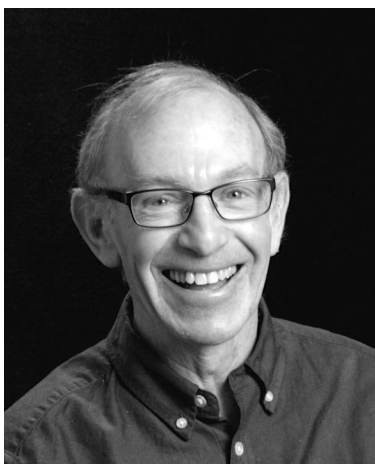
Open to members and their guests

Place Branson Hall, Christ and Holy Trinity Church, 75 Church Lane, Westport

10:45 am Conversation

11:30 am Meeting and Speaker

January 10: Dan Woog – 06880: An Inside View



Nearly every Westporter wakes up with Dan Woog – or at least, his “06880” blog. Since 2009, Dan has chronicled all things Westport: current events and controversies, history, interesting people, great organizations (like Y’s Women), and bad parking jobs. On January 10, Dan will pull back the curtain of “06880”

and describe to the Y’s Women exactly how “Westport meets the world.”

Dan is a lifelong Westporter. A graduate of Staples High School and Brown University, he’s a full-time freelance writer. He has published 17 books and written thousands of magazine and newspaper stories. Since 2009 he has published “06880,” the local blog with the tagline “Where Westport meets the world.” In his spare time, Dan is the head boys soccer coach at Staples High School and an LGBTQ activist. He speaks nationally on LGBTQ issues, particularly the intersection of sexuality and sports.

January 24: Mark G. Contreras – The Growing Role of Public Media in Serving Local Communities

As traditional providers of local news and information contract, public media providers have grown to fill in parts of the void left by legacy organizations. Connecticut Public, the state’s primary public media organization for radio, television, and digital content, continues to grow. The organization is embarked upon a



multi-year initiative to expand local journalism, local entertainment, and children’s programming in the communities of Fairfield County.

Mark G. Contreras currently serves as President and CEO of Connecticut Public, the parent company of Connecticut Public Television (also known as CPTV) and Connecticut Public Radio (also known as WNPR). He has held top leadership roles at major local media companies, leading the newspaper and digital businesses for Pulitzer, Inc. and the E.W. Scripps Company. Mark also served as CEO of Calkins Media, a television, newspaper, and digital media company based in Bucks County, Pennsylvania; and as Chairman of the News Media Alliance and the American Press Institute. He currently is on the boards of The Groundtruth Project (home of Report for America), Highlights for Children, and Woodward Communications, Inc. Mark holds a Bachelors degree in history from The University of Chicago and an MBA from The Harvard Business School.

SATELLITE GROUPS (Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, January 6 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm to discuss *The Diver's Clothes Lie Empty*, by Vendela Vida. The discussion will be led by Lois Ross. For questions, contact Nancy Bloom at nancyerb@aol.com or Arlene Bloom at bloomah@sbcglobal.net.

Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, January 14 at 10:30 am to discuss *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt. Ellen Cahill will lead the discussion. We will meet via Zoom as a Covid precaution; look for the link the Thursday before the meeting. Questions? Contact Doris Levinson, drjlevinson@gmail.com or 227-3371.

The **Movie Club** will meet on Wednesday, January 19 at Panera Bread on Post Road East, next to Home Goods in Westport. We meet informally at 1:00 pm to give members a chance to socialize and/or eat lunch, and our discussion begins at 1:30. We ask all attendees to have been vaccinated and to wear masks when not eating.

We will discuss the movies *Red Joan* and *Te Ata*. Both movies are available on Netflix.

Red Joan is a 2018 British spy drama directed by Trevor Nunn, from a screenplay by Lindsay Shapero. The film stars Sophie Cookson, Stephen Campbell Moore, Tom Hughes, Ben Miles, Nina Sosanya, Tereza Srbova, and Judi Dench. It is based on a novel of the same name written by Jennie Rooney, which was itself inspired by the life of Melita Norwood. Norwood worked at the British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association as a secretary and supplied the Soviet Union with nuclear secrets. The materials that Norwood betrayed to the USSR hastened the pace at which the Soviets developed nuclear bomb technology.

Te Ata tells the story of Mary Frances Thompson (1895 – 1995), who was best known as Te Ata. She was an actress and a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation known for telling Native American stories. She performed as a representative of Native Americans at state dinners before President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930s. She was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1957 and was named Oklahoma's first State Treasurer in 1987.

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

Newstalk: Attention all news junkies!!!! Make sure that you are aware of the news happenings! Don't be left out of what is going on in our world and our country! Join our Newstalk group on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00 am at Panera's Bread in Westport to get on top of the issues affecting us all. Our January meeting will be held on January 27. Call Doris Skutch for further information at 247-3656.

Solos will not be holding its monthly meeting at Panera's Bread in January. The group has tentatively scheduled a luncheon at the VFW for Saturday, January 22. Save the date and watch for Solos emails for further information.

The **Lunch & Trivia** group will meet at noon on January 20, the third Thursday of the month, at the VFW on Riverside Avenue. The cost of lunch is \$20. Please call Ann Lloyd at 226-4145 or Arlene Bloom at 254-9096 if you are interested in attending.

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Solos members enjoyed a delicious Holiday Luncheon at Rive Bistro on December 11.

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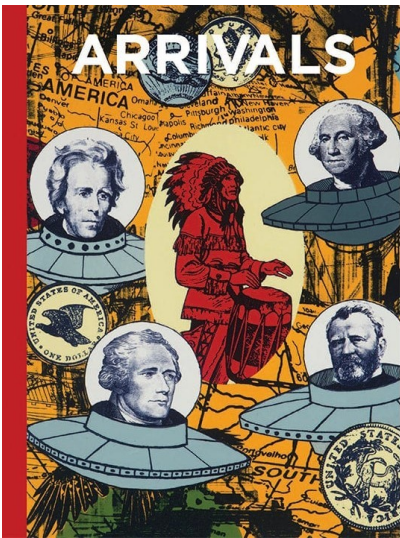
Wisest Investment Club: Start the New Year right. Consider joining the Wisest Investment Club. Currently we are nine women who manage our self-selected group portfolio on a Fidelity investment account. Yes, we've made a profit, but just as important we discuss and learn about EVs, hydrogen, lithium, and old standbys like Microsoft and Macy's. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Westport Senior Center. Call our president, Lois Block, at 761-1177 for more information.

Welcome to More New Members

Y's Women welcomed four new members in December – Alin Chelico, Suzanne McGovern, Jacqui Mori, and Deanna Saltzman. In addition, two new members – Audrey Klein and Stephanie Ross – were inadvertently omitted in last month's newsletter.

Carpool & Go!

On Friday, January 14, Carpool & Go will travel to the **Katonah Museum of Art** to see their current show, **Arrivals**, for which we will have a docent-led tour at 11:00 am. We will have lunch at the nearby Blue Dolphin (southern Italian) restaurant after our Museum visit.



Focusing on a select series of “arrival” moments in America, the show features some 50 works spanning the 16th century to the present day and showing a multiplicity of perspectives – confronting ideas of belonging, othering, storytelling, race, the memory of ancestors, displacement, resilience, and perseverance. The artists –

Ben Shahn, Saul Steinberg, and N.C. Wyeth, among others – shed light on the different ways the country has responded to societal change and changing demographics – and on the variety of strategies they

have used as they grapple with the myths and complexities of America's most cherished ideals.

We will meet at the Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:30 am for a 9:45 departure.

Please notify Lydia Menendez at 319-1110 or lydi-ammndz12@gmail.com if you'd like to reserve a spot for this outing. Also send Lydia a check for \$7 for the tour, made out to her, to 388 Oldfield Road, Fairfield, CT 06824. The cash reimbursement for drivers will be \$6.

And please indicate if you are willing to drive – drivers are always needed and appreciated!

