



*The Y's Women*

December 2021

# 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

## December 13: Holiday Concert by the Staples High School Orphenians Choral Group

The Orphenians are an elite group of 40 high school voices in grades 9-12. They have been invited to perform around the world: the Opera House in Sydney, Australia; Yankee Stadium; Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco; and many other venues. Luke Rosenberg, Choral Director, has been with Staples High School since 2012. Luke works with Stephen Zimmerman, Pre-K through 12 Music and Visual Arts Coordinator, to make the Orphenians successful. We look forward to enjoying their world-class entertainment at our December 13 meeting.



## SATELLITE GROUPS

**(Y's Women Members ONLY)**

**Book Group 3** will meet on Friday, December 10 at 10:30 am at Panera Bread in Westport to discuss *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Yu. The discussion will be led by Harriet Flehinger. Come at 10:00 am to enjoy coffee and socializing before the discussion starts. Any questions? Contact Doris Levinson at [drjlevinson@gmail.com](mailto:drjlevinson@gmail.com).

The **Movie Club** will meet on Wednesday, December 15 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. Our discussion begins at 1:30. We ask all attendees to have been vaccinated and to wear masks when not eating.

## Holiday Giving to Mercy Learning Center

As the holidays approach and temperatures become colder, the needs of the students of Mercy Learning Center and their families are greater than ever. Mercy Learning Center has requested the following donations for the holiday season:

Warm gloves and hats for women and children	
Staples and non-perishable food items:	
Rice	Oatmeal
Cornmeal	Lentils
All-purpose flour	Cereal
Vegetable oil	Canned beans
Bagged beans (black, pinto)	Canned vegetables

**Please bring your donations to the Y's Women meeting on Monday, December 13.**

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## SATELLITE GROUPS

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We plan to discuss the movies *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Victoria and Abdul*. *Fiddler on the Roof* was shown November 20 on the WNET network of PBS as part of Reel 13 Classics. If you did not see or record this movie when originally broadcast, you may be able to see it through a PBS playback system (such as Thirteen Passport) or other streaming service such as Hoopla. *Victoria and Abdul* is available through Netflix. The DVDs for both movies are also listed in the catalogs of the Westport and Fairfield Libraries.

*Fiddler on the Roof* is an epic 1971 American musical comedy adapted from the 1964 Broadway musical of the same name. The film centers on Tevye, a poor Jewish milkman living in Anatevka, who is faced with the challenge of marrying off his five daughters amid the growing tension in his village. The movie was theatrically released on November 3, 1971 to critical and commercial success. It received eight nominations at the 44th Academy Awards.

*Victoria and Abdul* is a 2017 British biographical comedy-drama directed by Stephen Frears and written by Lee Hall. The film is based on the book of the same name by Shrabani Basu, about the real-life relationship between Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom and her Indian Muslim servant Abdul Karim. It stars Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Michael Gambon, Eddie Izzard, Tim Pigott-Smith (in his final film role), and Adeel Akhtar.

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

The **Lunch & Trivia** group will meet at noon on December 16, 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.

The **Memoir Group** meets on December 21, the third Tuesday of the month, at 2:30 pm. Please contact Cary Peterson at [carypeterson3@gmail.com](mailto:carypeterson3@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Solos** will meet on Tuesday evening, December 7 at Panera Bread, 1860 Post Road, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for an informal get-together. Join us for good conversation, friendship, lite bites, or dinner. Questions? Contact Jane Malakoff at 516-662-8123 or [janedith215@optonline.net](mailto:janedith215@optonline.net).

The Solos Holiday Luncheon will be held at Rive Bistro, 299 Riverside Avenue, Westport on Saturday, December 11 at 12:30 pm. We will have a lovely three-course luncheon with salad and a choice from three entrees, dessert, and coffee or tea. The cost is \$45. Solos members who would like to attend this event should contact Terry Queirolo at 847-4121 or [tmq44@icloud.com](mailto:tmq44@icloud.com) before December 2. Please mail your check, made out to Y's Women – Solos, to Terry at 305 Foxboro Drive, Norwalk, CT 06851.

We will also hold our popular gift exchange at the Holiday Luncheon. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gift costing between \$10 and \$15. Hope you can join us to celebrate the holidays together.



*Solos members enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 20 at the VFW on Riverside Avenue.*

## New Y's Women Members

Among our current membership we are pleased to welcome 37 new members who have joined Y's Women since August 2020:

<i>Barbara Alfinito</i>	<i>Claudia Kellogg</i>
<i>Janet Amadio</i>	<i>Audrey Klein</i>
<i>Jill Amadio</i>	<i>Dency Mann</i>
<i>Ginny Awn</i>	<i>Nancy Marcus</i>
<i>Susan Baron</i>	<i>Kathy Martinez</i>
<i>Carol Becker</i>	<i>Deborah Merberg</i>
<i>Diana Bell</i>	<i>Susan Nevas</i>
<i>Nancy Brown</i>	<i>Joni Nordstrom</i>
<i>Debbie Burns</i>	<i>Marilyn Payne</i>
<i>Dorothy Fincher</i>	<i>Carol Remler</i>
<i>Harriet Flehinger</i>	<i>Lisa Rome</i>
<i>Gina Flynn</i>	<i>Sandra Rosenberg</i>
<i>Karin Halligan</i>	<i>Stephanie Ross</i>
<i>Jennifer Hare</i>	<i>Barbara Sprung</i>
<i>Velma Heller</i>	<i>Liz Stokes</i>
<i>Trudy Horan</i>	<i>Marsha Temlock</i>
<i>Cynthia Keefe</i>	<i>Maria Villegas</i>
<i>Jeanette Keefe</i>	<i>Liz Zarrilli</i>
	<i>Joyce Zimmerman</i>

## New Satellite Groups?

With new members come new ideas for satellite groups that would enhance the Y's Women's current offerings. If you would be interested in joining a Mah Jong group, please contact Barbara Alfinito at 205-533-1884 or [barbsgetaway@aol.com](mailto:barbsgetaway@aol.com). Do you have an interest you would like to share with other members – e.g., photography, genealogy, or collectibles? Would you like to take part in an activity – e.g., pickle ball, attending local theater or musical performances, or playing bridge or board games such as backgammon, scrabble, or chess? Would you like to form a discussion group concerning global issues, transitioning to retirement, or some other topic? If any of these ideas appeal to you – or you have some other suggestions – please contact Margaret Mitchell at [margaret06824@yahoo.com](mailto:margaret06824@yahoo.com) or 255-9094. Also, our two book groups and our movie group are currently very full, and if you might be interested in forming another such group, please let Margaret know as well.



## Carpool and Go!

On Friday, December 10, Carpool & Go will go to the **Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum** in Hartford. We will first have a docent-led tour at 11:00 am of the special exhibit “By Her Hand: Artemisia Gentileschi and Women Artists in Italy, 1500-1800.” This is the first Wadsworth show solely dedicated to Italian women artists, illustrating how important this group was in the male-dominated art world of the time. Artemisia Gentileschi (1593-1654), one of the most fascinating 17th century Italian painters, is highlighted, while several other talented but virtually unknown women artists are introduced and celebrated.



Also on view is a fascinating portrait by Alice Neel (whose major retrospective was recently held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art) called “Rose Fried’s Nephew,” bringing into focus the art scene in New York City in the 1940s.



Then we can explore the richness of the Museum's holdings while enjoying the annual “Festival of Trees and Traditions” with accompanying music – a special treat at this time of year!

Afterwards we will lunch at one of the new restaurants in the renovated area of Hartford behind the Museum.

We will meet at Trader Joe's / Well's Fargo parking lot at 9:15 am for a 9:30 departure. To reserve your spot, please contact Lydia Menendez at 319-1110 or [lydiamndz12@gmail.com](mailto:lydiamndz12@gmail.com) and send your check for \$15 (Museum admission and docent tour), made out to her, to 388 Oldfield Rd. Fairfield, CT 06824. For gas reimbursement, please bring \$7 in cash for your driver. And please indicate if you are willing to drive – drivers are always needed and appreciated.