



The Y's Women
• *Newsletter* •

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Y's Women Unveil New Logo!

Last year the Y's Women Board decided that the trusty old owl logo – which had been in use for at least 25 years – needed to be replaced with something more modern and relevant to the organization we now are. We originally asked for designs to be submitted in a contest, but none came in. So we turned to Vera DeStefano, Special Events Coordinator, and asked her to come up with some suggestions. Vera was an ideal choice for this assignment. She has designed many logos for industry groups, family mental health facilities, and the town of Fairfield during her long career as a graphic designer, and is now focusing on watercolors and fine art. Vera readily accepted the assignment and came up with a number of good choices, fine-tuning along the way until we ended up with the exciting new logo shown here!

"I wanted the logo to reflect sisterhood, the many friendships formed among Y's Women of varying ages," Vera says. "The women are all holding hands, the hands together form two W's, and the hands holding pocketbooks form two Y's," she adds. "Also, the bird in the top center of the logo represents the owls flying into the sunset!"

The Board is pleased to introduce this new logo, and we hope you all like it as much as we do!



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, September 9

Barbara Kellerman, Women in Leadership

Barbara Kellerman, the James MacGregor Burns Lecturer in Public Leadership at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, is an expert on leadership, "followership," and the dynamics of change.



Winner of the Wilbur M. McFeely Award from the National Management Association for her outstanding contributions to the fields of leadership and management, she has been ranked among the "Top 50 Business Thinkers" by *Forbes.com* and is one of *Leadership Excellence's* Top 15 "Best Minds on Leadership."

Barbara received her BA degree from Sarah Lawrence and both a Master's in Russian and East European Studies and a PhD in Political Science from Yale. She was awarded a Danforth Fellowship and three Fulbright fellowships. The author and editor of many books, she has spoken to audiences all over the world on women and leadership.

Monday, September 23
ATTENTION, ATTENTION Must be Paid!



Susan Filan, Courtney A. George, and Suzanne B. Sutton lead practices involving women's rights at law firm Cohen & Wolf PC. In this timely presentation, they will share their

ideas, experiences, and to-dos regarding #MeToo, the internet meme that has changed the discussion around an issue that remains a societal problem today.

Coined in 2006 by social activist Tarana Burke to raise awareness of the pervasiveness of sexual abuse and assault, Me Too was a response to toxic behavior by men on women. The phrase became viral in October 2017 when *The New York Times* reported on Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein's three-decade history of sexual harassment. Ten days later, actress Elyssa Milano, following an encounter with Weinstein, tweeted: "If you've been sexually harassed or assaulted write 'me too' as a reply to this tweet."

With the Twitter hashtag #MeToo, Milano's tweet was retweeted almost 25,000 times in the next few hours and received more than 53,000 likes. The *Times* followed up in November: "In what appears to be a seismic shift in what behavior is tolerated in the workplace, 71 high-profile men were fired or forced to resign after accusations of sexual misconduct that ranged from inappropriate comments to rape." Two weeks later the number had passed 100. In December 2017, #MeToo and its victims became *Time* Magazine's Person of the Year. Ashley Judd, Reese Witherspoon, and Megyn Kelly, among others – "The Silence Breakers" – discussed their encounters.

The presentation will include a historical discussion of the women's movement, from women's suffrage to the ongoing struggle to get the Equal Rights Amendment approved.

Please continue to bring your gifts of non-perishable food to the first general meeting of each month. They are much appreciated by needy clients of the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport. Questions? Contact Sarah Hock at 557-4249.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Don't forget to renew your Y's Women membership for 2019-20. The membership form can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

SATELLITE GROUPS (Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, September 5 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 *The Reporter* by Seymour Hersh, and the discussion will be led by Lois Ross. Please contact Arlene Bloom at bloomah@sbcglobal.net or 254-9096 to RSVP.

Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, September 13 at 10:30 am at Panera Bread in Westport to discuss *The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story* by Hyeonseo Lee. New members are welcome. Questions? Please contact Doris Levinson at 227-3371 or drjlevinson@gmail.com.

Movie Club: The Movie Club will meet on Wednesday, September 18 at Panera Bread. We plan to meet informally at 1:00 pm and begin discussion at 1:30. Our two discussion movies are *Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood* and *The American Factory*. *Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood*, which received an 85% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, is being shown in local theaters. *The Factory*, which received a 98% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, is available on Netflix and is expected to appear in select theaters as well.

"Quentin Tarantino's *Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood* visits 1969 Los Angeles, where everything is changing, as TV star Rick Dalton (Leonardo DiCaprio) and his longtime stunt double Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt) make their way around an industry they hardly recognize anymore. The ninth film from the writer-director features a large ensemble cast and multiple storylines in a tribute to the final moments of Hollywood's golden age."

"*American Factory* is set in post-industrial Ohio, [where] a Chinese billionaire opens a new factory in the husk of an abandoned General Motors plant. Early days of hope and optimism give way to setbacks as high-tech China clashes with working-class America."

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

SATELLITE GROUPS (continued)

Wise Investment Group: We'd like to invite you to join W.I.G. (the Wise Investment Group). Become a member and co-manage the group's stock portfolio. Our guiding principles are the three E's – education, enjoyment and earnings. We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month; our next meeting is on September 26. Contact our president, Lois Block, for details at loisblock@optonline.net or 761-1177.

Lunch and Trivia: The Lunch and Trivia group will meet on September 26, the fourth Thursday of the month. The group will once again convene at noon at the VFW Club on Riverside Avenue in Westport, next to the room where we previously met. Please contact Ann Lloyd at aslloyd@optonline.net or Arlene Bloom at bloomah@sbcglobal.net if you plan to attend.

Solos: The Solos' Labor Day Event will be held on Monday, September 2 – Labor Day – at 12:30 pm at Joan Weinstein's house: 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883. The menus will feature Chicken and Spare Ribs. Send your \$25 check made out to Joan Weinstein – Solos, and make your reservation in advance.

Don't forget to join Solos for the new year. Membership is \$20 – \$10 for those who go away during the winter. Solo members MUST be Y's Women members as well, so make sure you pay your Y's Women dues.

Bridge Marathon: We will again be holding the Y's Women Bridge Marathon. Teams will play six matches between October 1 and May 31. Please sign up during the month of September and send \$10 per person to Karen Hoffman at 20 Terra Nova Circle, Westport, CT 06880. The \$10 goes toward prizes. Questions: Contact Karen at khhoffman1@aol.com or 454-2842.

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 Barb Stephen at dynamirc@optonline.net.

CARPOOL AND GO

On Wednesday, September 4, please join Carpool and Go for an engaging and informative exhibition at the Lockwood Matthews Mansion celebrating the centennial of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution with a special exhibit, *From Corsets to Suffrage: Victorian Women Trailblazers*. This is a unique opportunity to explore the suffrage movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries and view the treasured family heirlooms of suffragists. This movement shaped the 1960s Civil Rights movement and continues to echo in today's everyday life. The show will feature rare images, objects, memorabilia, and period costumes that illustrate the activities and contributions of these women.

We will also be treated to a tour of the Mansion itself, including the newly restored second-floor bedrooms of Anna Louisa Lockwood and LeGrand Lockwood. The opulent bedroom décor, which includes an Italian marble fireplace mantle inlaid with semi-precious stones, and the full bathrooms, featuring English ceramic sink basins inset in Italian Brescia marble, capture the latest technological advances of the Gilded Age.

Please meet behind the Wells Fargo Bank in Trader Joe's parking lot at 9:45 am for a 10:00 departure.

The guided tour, starting at 10:30, for both the exhibit and the Mansion, is \$12, with checks payable to Charlene Boyer, 162 Governor Trumbull Way, Trumbull, CT 06611. Please call Charlene at 434-2953 or email cboyer1991@att.net to reserve your place. The gas reimbursement for your driver is \$2, and we always need volunteers to drive.

Lunch will follow at the Sedona Taphouse, 515 West Avenue in Norwalk. Garage parking is free.



Head of suffrage parade, Washington, D.C., 1913, LMMM Permanent Collection

Y's Women Membership Form July 2019 - June 2020

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

DUES INFORMATION:

- Dues are \$45 a year (July through June).
- Make your check payable to The Y's Women.
- Your dues must be paid by October 31 to be listed in the 2020 Membership Roster.
- If you join after March 31, 2020, your dues are in effect through June 2021.
- Membership is complimentary at 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**. You may also join at a meeting at the membership table.

FOR NEW MEMBERS:

In which of these Y's Women activities do you expect to participate?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General meetings
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday and spring parties
<input type="checkbox"/> Book group
<input type="checkbox"/> Bridge marathon
<input type="checkbox"/> Investment group
<input type="checkbox"/> Memoir group
<input type="checkbox"/> Movie group | <input type="checkbox"/> Newcomer luncheons
<input type="checkbox"/> Newstalk discussion group
<input type="checkbox"/> Paddle tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Solos dinner group
<input type="checkbox"/> Lunch & trivia group
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel programs |
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Is there a new group activity that you'd like to suggest? Your ideas are welcome.

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