



*The Y's Women*

November 2019

## The Y's Women Newsletter

### 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.**

**November 11**

**The Staples High School "Orphenians"**

It's a great pleasure for the Y's Women to welcome the *Orphenians* Choral Group of Staples High School, directed by Luke Rosenberg and with Tom Scavone, Pre-K through 12 Music and Visual Arts Coordinator, on November 11.



*The Orphenians at the Sydney Opera House.*

The *Orphenians* are an elite group of 40 high school voices in grades 9-12 who have been invited to perform around the world. Luke Rosenberg, Choral Director, has been with Staples High School since 2012 and has taken the chorus to the Opera House in Sydney, Australia, Yankee Stadium, Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco, and many other venues. We look forward to enjoying their world-class entertainment at our November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**November 25**

**Stacie Lewis – Actor, Singer, Songwriter**

Stacie has performed on Broadway for nearly a decade, most notably as Glinda in *Wicked*. She is a teacher, arts advocate, mother to two curious and creative daughters, co-writer of the children's album "Harmonize," and creator of the **Harmonize Kidz** arts enrichment program, which uses her music to teach social and emotional learning to elementary school students.



Stacie, who grew up in Monroe, CT and then spent 20 years living in New York City, recently moved to Westport with her family. She has performed locally at the Levitt Pavilion as part of Melissa and Doug's sponsored children's series and is also a fan favorite at "Play with Your Food."

### Last Chance to Renew Your Membership and Appear in Annual Directory

Don't forget to renew your Y's Women membership for 2019/2020. A lot of members still haven't paid their dues. If you don't renew before October 31, you won't appear in the Y's Women directory – so contact Doris Levinson right away at 227-3371 or [drjlevinson@gmail.com](mailto:drjlevinson@gmail.com) to stay involved!

## SATELLITE GROUPS (Y's Women Members ONLY)

**Book Group 2** will meet on Thursday, November 7 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 *Educated* by Tara Westover, and the discussion will be led by Bev Silverman. Please contact Arlene Bloom at 254-9096 or [bloomah@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bloomah@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP.

**Book Group 3** will meet on Friday, November 8 at 10:30 am to discuss *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Our meeting will take place at Panera Bread in Westport. New members are welcome. Questions? Please contact Doris Levinson at 227-3371 or [drjlevinson@gmail.com](mailto:drjlevinson@gmail.com).

The **Movie Club** will meet on Wednesday, November 20 at Panera Bread in Westport to discuss *Pain and Glory* and *Motherless Brooklyn*. We will meet informally at 1:00 pm and begin discussion at 1:30.

*Pain and Glory*, which received a 96% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, is expected to open in theaters in late October. *Motherless Brooklyn*, which received a 59% rating, is expected to open in early November.

*"Pain and Glory* tells of a series of reencounters experienced by Salvador Mallo, a film director in his physical decline. Some of them in the flesh, others remembered: his childhood in the 60s, when he emigrated with his parents to a village in Valencia in search of prosperity, the first desire, his first adult love in the Madrid of the 80s, the pain of the breakup of that love while it was still alive and intense, writing as the only therapy to forget the unforgettable, the early discovery of cinema, and the void, the infinite void that creates the incapacity to keep on making films."

*Motherless Brooklyn*, "set against the backdrop of 1950s New York, follows Lionel Essrog (Edward Norton), a lonely private detective living with Tourette Syndrome, as he ventures to solve the murder of his mentor and only friend, Frank Minna (Bruce Willis). Armed only with a few clues and the engine



*We had a full house listening to Barbara Kellerman speaking about women in leadership on September 9.*

of his obsessive mind, Lionel unravels closely-guarded secrets that hold the fate of the whole city in the balance."

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).

**Wise Investment Group:** We 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 usually meet on the 4th Thursday of the month; however, our next meeting will be on December 5 because of the Thanksgiving holiday in November. Contact our president, Lois Block, for details at [loisblock@optonline.net](mailto:loisblock@optonline.net) or 761-1177.

**Solos** will be combining a Sunday hot & cold buffet, drink, and dessert at Positano's with the Staples musical *Mamma Mia!* This event will take place on Sunday, November 17 at 12:30 pm, with the show at 3:00 pm. You can attend both or just one of these events. The buffet is \$30 and the show is \$15. Staples tickets go on sale on October 26, so the sooner you get your reservation in, the better seats Joan Weinstein can purchase. Contact Joan as soon as possible at 227-7304 or [46tannery@sbcglobal.net](mailto:46tannery@sbcglobal.net), and send your check to Joan Weinstein – Solos at 46 Tannery Lane South, Weston, CT 06883.

**Lunch and Trivia** will meet on Thursday, November 14 at noon at the VFW on Riverside Avenue. Please contact Ann Lloyd at 226-4145 or Arlene Bloom at 254-9096 or [bloomah@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bloomah@sbcglobal.net) if you plan to attend.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

*Y's Women Holiday Luncheon*  
*Thursday, December 12*  
*Birchwood Country Club*



### WANTED: WEBMASTER

In June, Maxine Meyerhardt – our esteemed webmaster – wishes to retire from maintaining the Y’s Women website and sending out the eblasts that contain our newsletters and announcements. She is looking for someone to take her place. If you enjoy working with your PC or Mac, Maxine urges you to consider this opportunity. She would begin training you now and would work with you until you are perfectly comfortable in the role. Maxine would also serve as your back-up when you are not available. “This is a Board-level position, which would give you a voice in leadership at Y’s Women,” says Maxine. “And it really isn’t difficult to do.” Please contact her at [Maccieny@comcast.net](mailto:Maccieny@comcast.net) or 513-2833 if you have any interest.

### LUNCHESS 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 [dynamicer@optonline.net](mailto:dynamicer@optonline.net).

### In Memoriam: Anne Salmond

Anne Salmond died on October 20 after a long illness. A psychiatric social worker, Anne was a graduate of Queen’s University in Northern Ireland. With her husband, Willie, she spent 30 years working in Uganda at the height of the AIDS epidemic, focusing on the support of childhood education and family shelter. She was an Associate Member of the Iona Community and an active member of the Daughters of the British Empire as well as a long-time Y’s Women member. Anne’s funeral will be held on November 9, with interment at Evergreen Cemetery at 10 am and a Memorial Worship at 11 am at the Saugatuck Congregational Church.

### CARPOOL AND GO



On Wednesday, November 20, Carpool and Go has arranged a 1:30 pm guided tour of the exhibit “200 Years of Indigenous North American Art” at the **Yale University Art**

**Museum.** The show’s 75 artworks – including basketry, beadwork, textiles, pottery, drawings, photography, and wood carving – dating from the early 19th century to the present emphasize the connections that Indigenous peoples have to their lands and to the passing on of their artistic traditions. Prior to the afternoon tour, we’ll have a superb 11:30 am lunch at New Haven’s **Union League Cafe.**

We’ll meet at Trader Joe’s at 10:30 am for a 10:45 departure. Please contact Jill Meyer at 226-4310 or [jill@awayfortheday.net](mailto:jill@awayfortheday.net) **RIGHT AWAY** to reserve your place. There is no charge for the guided tour. The gas reimbursement for your driver will be \$5 in cash, plus \$2 for the parking garage. Please indicate whether or not you can drive, as drivers are always needed and appreciated.

**DIRECTIONS:** Drive north on I-95 to New Haven exit 47. As you follow the Oak Street Connector (which becomes Martin Luther King Drive), you will pass Church, Temple, College, and High Streets until you come to York Street. Turn right onto York Street, and after crossing George and Crown Streets, turn left into the York Street Garage at 150 York Street. There is an all-day parking fee of approximately \$7.



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.