



The Y's Women

January 2020

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.

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Jill Eikenberry and Michael Tucker



Husband and wife team Jill Eikenberry and Michael Tucker, stars of the long-running hit TV series *L.A. Law*, join us to share some exciting new developments in their lives.

Actor-turned-playwright Michael Tucker has a new Off Broadway play, *Fern Hill*, which explores how three married couples in their later years cope with aging, declining health, their sexuality, and marital infidelity, among other challenging subjects. Much of the play revolves around a discussion by the characters of whether they should all move into a farmhouse of the same name, owned by one of the couples, so they can live and work together and help each other as they age.

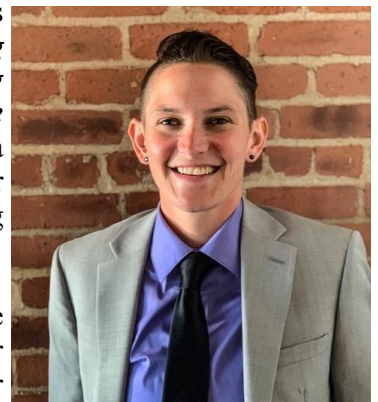
Jill is probably best known for her five Emmy nominations and four Golden Globe nominations playing

Ann Kelsey on *L.A. Law*. She is a long-time member of the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County's Artistic Advisory Council. Jill returned to the cabaret stage last March to sing about love in her show entitled *Here I Go Again!* which was held at Feinstein's 54 Below in New York City.

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Lindsay Felderman – The Courage to Be Yourself

Lindsay Felderman is the author of *Walking Through Walls: Finding the True Courage to Be Yourself!* She is also a Marketing Manager for Two Roads Brewing Company in Stratford.



She strives to be a role model not only for LGBTQ youth, but for anyone who is questioning themselves and their true identity ... whatever that may be. Last October, Lindsay spoke to more than 200 students at Fairfield University as part of the college's Student Diversity & Multicultural Affairs program.

LUNCHEES 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 dynamict@optonline.net.

SATELLITE GROUPS (Y's Women Members ONLY)

Book Group 2 will meet on Thursday, January 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 *The Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen, and the discussion will be led by Jane Malakoff. Please contact Arlene Bloom at bloomah@sbcglobal.net or 254-9096 to RSVP.



Book Group 2's Holiday Luncheon

Book Group 3 will meet on Friday, January 11 at 10:30 am at Panera Bread to discuss *The Mission of a Lifetime: Lessons from the Men Who Went to the Moon* by Basil Hero. The book is based on rare, in-depth interviews with the 12 remaining Apollo astronauts. New members are welcome to join our group. For more information, please contact Doris Levinson at 227-3371 or drjlevinson@gmail.com.

The **Movie Club** will meet on Wednesday, January 15 at Panera Bread. We meet informally at 1:00 pm and begin discussion at 1:30. Our two discussion movies for January are *Knives Out* and *Marriage Story*.

Knives Out tells the story of “a crime novelist [who] dies just after his 85th birthday, [and] an inquisitive detective arrives at his estate to investigate. He soon sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind the writer's untimely demise.”

“Divorce is described in Noah Baumbach’s masterful *Marriage Story* as like a death without a body. Something has been lost. There is grieving, anger, denial. In his personal and moving story, Baumbach captures the insidious nature of divorce, how two well-meaning people who still care about each other

The Y's Women's 2019 Holiday Luncheon was a great success. The day was crisp and clear, and the view from Birchwood was glorious. Between lunch and dessert, we were treated to some lovely holiday songs by the Hoot Owls, the Y's Men's Chorus (second photo).



will do things they would never think they would do.”

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

The **Lunch and Trivia** Group will meet on Tuesday, January 30 at noon at the VFW on Riverside Avenue. Please contact Ann Lloyd at aslloyd@optonline.net or 226-4145 or Arlene Bloom at 254-9096 or bloomah@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in attending.

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SATELLITE GROUPS *(continued from page 2)*

Wise Investment Group: We invite you to join the Wise Investment Group. We may mentor a new group as several potential members declined to join because the buy-in was too expensive. If a new group is started, it would be up to the new members to decide how much money they would like to initially contribute to the stock portfolio. In any case, you can also join the established group. We meet once a month to discuss our portfolio and decide whether to buy/sell/hold. We have made several successful decisions and have outpaced the S&P Average in 2019. If this is too confusing, contact our president, Lois Block, at loisblock@optonline.net or 761-1177 and she will clarify your options.

Newstalk 2 will meet on Tuesday, January 14 at 10:00 am at the Westport Library, Room 214. If you have any questions, please contact Vera DeStefano at vera@destructural.com.

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 or 513-2833 if you have any interest.

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.

CARPOOL AND GO

For those of you who wish to go on a most engaging, enlightening, and informative outing on Thursday, January 16, please sign up for a guided tour of Ireland's Great Hunger Museum, located at 3011 Whitney Avenue in Hamden, CT.



The museum contains the world's largest collection of Great Hunger-related art dating from the 19th century through the present day by noted contemporary Irish and Irish American artists, as well as a number of period paintings by some of Ireland's most important 19th-century artists. The impact of the loss of life, the

leeching of the land, and the erosions of language and culture are explored visually through the eyes of the artists.

The museum is part of Quinnipiac University and the exhibits focus on paintings and sculpture related to the Great Famine that occurred from 1845-52. The mission of Ireland's Great Hunger Museum is to collect, preserve, exhibit, and study its collection of art, artifacts, and literature related to the Irish Famine/Great Hunger. In doing so, it seeks to educate audiences of all ages about the underlying political, social, economic, and historic causes of the Great Hunger, and the magnitude of the disaster for Ireland and its people.

We will meet in the Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot in Westport at 9:30 am for a 9:45 departure. (The tour starts at 11:00.) The fee is \$10, with check made out to Charlene Boyer and mailed to her at 162 Governor Trumbull Way, Trumbull, CT 06611. Please call Charlene at 434-2953 or email her at cboyer1991@att.net to reserve your place. **And please indicate if you can drive.** Gas reimbursement for drivers is \$5 in cash.

Lunch will follow at 12:30 at an authentic Irish pub, **The Playwright Irish Pub**, at 1232 Whitney Avenue. The restaurant provides a varied menu to please every palate, serving American cuisine and fine Irish fare which includes Irish specialties such as Guinness Stew, Bangers, and Shepherd's Pie.