



January 2025

The Y's Women Newsletter

GENERAL MEETINGS

Open to members and their guests

Place: Green's Farms Church, 71 Hillendale Road, Westport
10:45 am Coffee and Conversation
11:20 am Announcements
11:30 am Speaker

NOTE: Extra parking is available in front of the large lot on the grass and across the street in front of the Minister's house.

January 13 – Carey Weber: What's Happening at Fairfield University Art Museum



Carey Mack Weber, Executive Director of the Fairfield University Art Museum, will give a brief history of the museum, highlight recent successes and future plans, and share a sneak peek at the upcoming exhibition schedule.

With more than 25 years of experience in museums and galleries, Carey spent over a decade working in fine art galleries in New York City, notably serving as Director of Susan Sheehan Gallery and Edward Tyler Nahem Fine Art. She was integral to the creation of Fairfield University's art museum in 2010, assisting the founding director in developing exhibitions and programming, setting up collections management systems, and creating policies. She was appointed Frank and Clara Meditz Executive Director of the Fairfield University Art Museum in 2019.

Carey also serves as the President of the Connecticut Art Trail, a nationally recognized partnership between 24 world-class museums and historic sites, along with

several Boards. She is an active member of the American Alliance of Museums, the Association of Academic Art Museums and Galleries, the New England Museum Association, and the Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County.

January 27 – Dan Woog, '06880': The Back Story

For 15 years, "06880" has been Westport's hyper-local blog. Several times a day, Dan Woog, Executive Editor, keeps 20,000 readers up to date on everything going on in town: news, events, people, businesses, organizations, history, random stuff, and of course, bad parking jobs. In this presentation, Dan will take the Y's Women on a "tour" of "06880." He'll describe how it began, how it evolved, what it takes to churn out all those stories, how he keeps his commenters at bay, and much more. It's an intimate look, at a Westport institution.

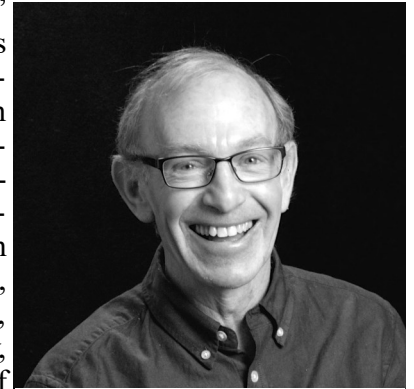


Photo by Pam Einarsen

Dan founded "06880" in 2009, and in 15 years he has not missed a day of publishing. A full-time freelance writer, he has written 18 books. His "Jocks" series on gay athletes marked the nation's first introduction to this topic. His memoir about coaching is *We Kick Balls: True Stories of the Youth Soccer Wars*. In 2005, Dan wrote a 380-page history of Staples High School. His work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and *Sports Illustrated*. Dan is also the former boys' soccer coach at Staples High School, a Board member of the national soccer coaches' organization overseeing all diversity and inclusion efforts, and a charter member of TEAM Westport.

LET'S MEET FOR LUNCH!

Let's Meet for Lunch got its start last year celebrating Chinese New Year. Let's do it again this year – and celebrate Chinese New Year at **Tengda of Westport** on Tuesday, January 28 at 1:00 pm. The menu features a variety of Asian foods and great lunch specials. The Taste of Asia Lunch at \$14.95 offers a dozen Chinese and Thai dishes, and Japanese Box Lunch choices at \$16.95 range from teriyaki and tempura to sushi and sashimi. Tengda is located at 1330 Post Road East in Westport, right across from the Lexus dealer. And there is plenty of parking in the rear.

All Y's Women are welcome. For reservations, contact Judy Mappa at judydypala@hotmail.com by Monday, January 27. Hope you can join us.

INTEREST GROUPS (Y's Women Members Only)

NOTE: All Y's Women who participate in meetings held at the Westport Center for Senior Activities must be registered with the Center and check in before each meeting.

Book Group 2 will meet at the Westport Center for Senior Activities on Thursday, January 2 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. We will be discussing *The Wright Brothers* by David McCulloch, and Rochelle Field will lead the discussion. Please contact Beverly Silverman at 256-0046 or bsilvermanlcs@gmail.com with any questions.

Book Group 3 will meet at the Westport Center for Senior Activities on Friday, January 10 at 10:30 am to discuss *Olga Dies Dreaming* by Xochitl Gonzalez. Sally Randall will lead the discussion. For questions, contact Doris Levinson at 227-3371 or drjlevinson@gmail.com.

The **Movie Club** will meet on Wednesday, January 15, at the Westport Center for Senior Activities. We meet informally at 2:00 pm to give members a chance to socialize, and our discussion begins at 2:30. Our room is being changed, so be sure to ask the front desk about our location. We ask all attendees to have been vaccinated. We are limited to 20 attendees, so please confirm your attendance with Margaret Mitchell by January 12.

We plan to discuss the movies *Paper Moon* and *Maria*. *Paper Moon* was broadcast at 9:00 pm on Saturday, December 21 as part of the PBS Reel 13 Classics. It is also listed in the catalog of the Westport Library (through the streaming service Hoopla). *Maria* is available on Netflix.

Paper Moon is a 1973 American road comedy-drama directed by Peter Bogdanovich and released by Paramount Pictures. Screenwriter Alvin Sargent adapted the script from the 1971 novel *Addie Pray* by Joe David Brown. The film, shot in black-and-white, is set in Kansas and Missouri during the Great Depression. It stars the real-life father and daughter pairing of Ryan and Tatum O'Neal as protagonists Moze and Addie.

Maria is a 2024 biographical psychological drama about opera singer Maria Callas. An international co-production between Italy, Germany, and the US, it was directed by Pablo Larraín and written by Steven Knight. The film stars Angelina Jolie in the title role and Pierfrancesco Favino, Haluk Bilginer, Alba Rohrwacher, Kodi Smit-McPhee, and Aggelina Papadopoulou in supporting roles. It is the third film in Larraín's trilogy of important 20th century women, following *Jackie* (2016) and *Spencer* (2021).

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: Interested in national and world affairs? Join other Y's Women for lively monthly discussions at NewsTalk. Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 23 from 10 to 11:30 am in the Westport Library, Room 211. For more information, call Doris Skutch at 247-3656.

Solos will be going to **Zucca Gastrobar**, 30 Charles Street, Westport for lunch at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, January 22. We will be able to order off the menu and have separate checks. For reservations, contact Terry Queirolo at tmq44@icloud.com or 858-1470 by Saturday, January 18.



Solos collected some wonderful books for needy Westport children at its holiday party in December.

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The **Lunch & Trivia** group will meet at noon on January 16 (the third Thursday of the month) at the VFW Hall. The cost is \$25 (cash only). If you would like to attend, please contact Annette Kirban at lakirban@optonline.net or 505-1187.

The **Mah Jong Group** meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm at the Westport Center for Senior Activities. Experienced players only. For information, contact Barbara Alfinito at barbsgetaway@aol.com or 205-533-1884.

Wisest Investment Group: The Wisest Investment Group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Westport Center for Senior Activities. At every meeting we review our portfolio and decide if we want to either sell a stock, buy more shares, or remain with the same holding. A lively discussion ensues. We also research new stocks that we might want to add to our holdings. (We currently have a portfolio of 12 stocks.) We are looking for new members to join us who are interested in learning about the stock market and educating themselves about investing. Call Lois Block for more information at 984-8222.

The New Yorker Discussion Group: This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 am until noon in the Westport Library, Room 213. Each participant chooses an article from one of the previous month's issues and leads a short discussion about the article. Participants who are not able to meet personally can participate on Zoom. If you're interested, please contact Ellen Cahill at 856-6561 or ellenjcahill@hotmail.com for details.

Tai Ji: Instructor Ruby Shih is an experienced long-time Tai Ji / Qi Gong and Meditation teacher and a founder of a Tai Ji School in Manhattan (Nanlaoshu.org). She offers a Tai Ji class that meets weekly on Wednesdays from 9:30 -10:30 am at the Saugatuck Congregational Church, 245 Post Road East, Westport, Room 109. The class focuses on breath and slow movement for relaxation, grounding, and balance to enhance our physical and mental well-being. A fee of \$10 per session will be used to offset rental and insurance costs. If you're interested, please contact Ruby at Rubypalace88@gmail.com or 917-816-6661.

CARPOOL & GO!

On Friday, January 24, Carpool & Go invites you to join us at the Katonah Museum for a tour of Jonathan Becker's photographic exhibit **Lost Time**. The 50-plus photos on view feature influential figures from the worlds of politics, fashion, the arts, and culture. Becker's striking images capture intimate, closely observed scenes that create timeless portraits, and his mastery of light, shadow, and saturation is evident in both his black-and-white and color photos. His works are characterized by lush velvety charcoal tones with a dazzling chromatic range. Whether celebrated within the pages of *Vanity Fair* and *Vogue* or gracing museum walls, Jonathan Becker remains one of the leading visual storytellers of our time.



We'll meet behind the Wells Fargo Bank at Trader Joe's parking lot at 9:30 am for a 9:45 departure. Please contact Jill Meyer at 226-4310 or jill@awayfortheday.net to reserve your place, and mail a check for \$10 payable to Jill to 40 Owenoke Park, Westport, CT 06880. The gas reimbursement for your driver will be \$5 in cash. Please indicate whether you can drive, as drivers are always needed and appreciated.

Directions:

Drive south on the Merritt Parkway to exit 34, Long Ridge Road. At the end of the ramp, turn right and drive north on Rte. 104 for about 8 miles. Turn left at light onto Rte. 172. In a short distance, you will come to the town of Bedford, where you bear right onto Rte. 22. The Katonah Museum is located at 134 Jay Street (Rte. 22; 914-232-9555) approximately 4.8 miles after passing through Bedford, but before coming to Rte. 35.

Lunch at Farmhouse Tavern, 128 Bedford Road, Katonah (914-232-3212). When we leave the museum, turn right onto Rte. 22 and then take an immediate left onto Jay Street. Cross over Rte. 684 and the railroad tracks, then turn left onto Bedford Road. You can park in the large lot behind the banks and other stores.

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