

February 2012



The 's Women Newsletter

GENERAL MEETINGS

Open to members and their guests

Place: Unitarian Church

10 Lyons Plains Road, Westport

11:00 am Coffee and Conversation

11:30 am Meeting and Speaker

February 13

Michael Evans: Sports Diplomacy - How Basketball Can Change the world

Michael Evans, a native of Weston, is the 29 year old founder of Full Court Peace, a nonprofit that uses basketball as a tool of diplomacy around the world. He holds an MA from Harvard's School of Education and its Kennedy School of Government. At Hamilton College he was on the varsity basketball team, then played as a professional in Belfast, Northern Ireland where he formed and coached the first "mixed" high school boys' basketball team, composed of equal numbers of Catholics and Protestants from segregated schools. He now travels to and from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico building a demilitarized zone of basketball courts for local youth — and also to Havana, Cuba improving Cuban-American relations through the sport.

February 27

Rob Reeves : Building What Matters

The CEO of Westport's Family Y since January 2009, Rob Reeves began his 32 year "Y" career after receiving a B.S. in Physical Education from Springfield College. He will give us an update on the project of moving the Y to their Mahackeno property in order to continue the mission of enriching our community by developing the potential of every individual, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility. Rob will also explain how the Y is reaching out to local foundations, businesses and individuals with the means to invest in the Y's future and how a public grass roots campaign will follow the initial fundraising efforts.

SATELLITE GROUPS

(Y's Women members ONLY)

Book Club 1: For our meeting on Thursday, February 16, in the Y's Bresslin Room at 1:30 pm, we will be reading Ernest Hemingway's *A Moveable Feast*. Any questions? Contact Frankie Stein, 203-226-4219 or Connie Beskind, 203-255-8682.

Book Club 2 will meet in the upstairs Conference Room of the Library on Thursday, February 2, from 12:30 - 2:00 pm. Eileen Rosen will lead the discussion of *My Father's Paradise* by Ariel Sabar. Contact Eileen Rosen, 203-226-1433, for more information.

Book Club 3 will meet on Friday, February 3 at 10:30 am, in the Bresslin Room, on the first floor of the Westport Y. Our discussion of *Invisible Bridge* by Julie Oringer will be led by Shirley Bernson. For more information call Joan Harnett 203/587-1170.

Newstalk: For the stalwarts who have remained in town this winter, the world continues to spin and the news continues to stir our souls. The news events will be presented by Doris Skutch and our lively discussion will be civil and enlightening. So do join us on Thursday, February 23 in the Board Room of the Y at 10:00am. More info? Contact Carole Donenfeld, 203-226-9313.

Newcomers: A luncheon is scheduled for Monday, February 13 at Bobby Q's on Main Street, Westport following the Y's Women's general meeting. Please RSVP to Gloria Lau at alohamade@juno.com or to Ellen Linker at elynk18@hotmail.com

Solos will be having a Valentine Day's Party on February 14 at the home of Anne Beers, 16 Morningside Drive, Westport. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00pm, to be followed by dinner at 7:00. The cost will be \$35. Make

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your check payable to Solos and send to Joan Weinstein, 46 Tannery Lane, Weston 06883 in order to ensure your reservation. For more info, contact Joan Weinstein at 203-227-7304 or 46tannery@sbcglobal.net or Pat Powers at 203-256-5855 or pattypow@optonline.net.

Hiking Group:

Winter hours: Meet at 9:45am; walk from 10 -11:00 am
Weather cancellation by 9:00 a.m.

Feb. 7 - Westport Playhouse, rear parking lot, near Winslow Park

Feb.14 - Longshore, left parking lot, near Splash Restaurant at the Inn

Feb. 21 - Library, upper lot near Levitt Pavilion

Feb. 28 - Compo Beach near cannons, walk Owenoke and or side streets

We will walk sheltered areas if windy and cold. Contact me at srweiss@optonline.net, if you want to join our notification list--Sheila

Cinema:

The next in the Foreign Film Series will be *Le Grand Voyage*, written and directed by Ismaël Ferroukhi, and winner of the *Lion of the Future Award* at the 2004 Venice Film Festival. This French-Moroccan film (*108 minutes, English subtitles*), highlights the deep generational and cultural gaps between a modern young Arab preparing for his college entrance exams and his devoutly religious father as they embark on a challenging pilgrimage trip by car from France to Saudi Arabia. Join us for the film and discussion on Tuesday, February 7 at 1:30 p.m. in the McManus Room of the Westport Library. Questions? Call Doris Skutch at (203) 227-6114.

Let's Carpool and Go!

On Wednesday, February 22 we'll be off to the Brandt Foundation in Greenwich for an exciting and unusual sculpture exhibit by David Altmejd, a renowned Canadian sculptor. View piles of coconuts collected in corners like furry cosmic eggs, see plaster heads that tear open and emerge from walls and canvases! After the museum we will lunch at Pasta Vera on Greenwich Avenue. We will meet at Trader Joe's at 10:00 am for an 11:00 tour. The museum is free but plan on giving \$5.00 to your driver for gas. Drivers are always needed so please indicate if you are willing to drive. For reservations, call Irene Juthnas at 203-268-2254 or e-mail her at Irenejuth@gmail.com

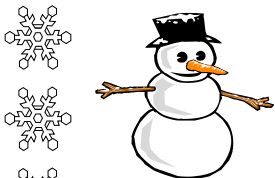
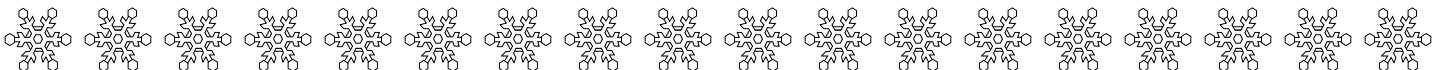
A Warm Welcome to new members:

Frances White, Barbara Brown, Roberta Lewis and Barbara Wales

And corrections to the Membership Roster:

Van Den Brin, Tonnie — should be —
VanDenBrink, Tonnie –5 River Oaks Road

Tarnoff, Betty — New address is
2219 Meadow Ridge, Redding, CT 06896
Phone 203-544-0044



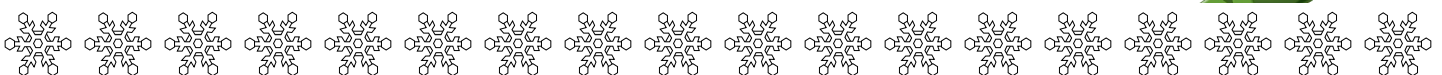
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But is it a Snow Day?

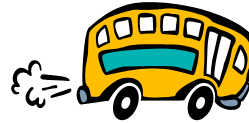
**If Westport schools are closed, due to weather,
the Y's Women General Meeting will be canceled.**

If in doubt, check local radio stations:

WNLK (1350AM), WSTC (1400AM), WEBE (108FM) — or TV Channel 3



TRIPS



Wednesday, May 16: Springtime Guided Tour of Central Park & Luncheon at Sardi's.

A special trip with a unique and expert guide. Our tour will be slow-paced with rest & comfort stops as needed along our route. Luncheon at Sardi's will follow prior to our return trip. Cost is \$103 per person, all inclusive.

Wednesday, June 13: The American Ballet Theatre's *Firebird* performed in the Met at Lincoln Center, preceded by a luncheon at the elegant Firebird Restaurant, including a tour of the building which reflects the extensive knowledge & passion for Russian art, literature and cuisine. Cost is \$149, all inclusive.

Sunday, July 8: Tanglewood and The Berkshires with Luncheon at the Cranwell Resort. Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops will be featuring Bernadette Peters with her singular style. Cost is \$140, all inclusive. \$75 per person deposit due ASAP to reserve. Final payment due before Friday, June 1.

Y's Women's 9 Day Danube River Cruise ~ September 9 - 17: From Budapest to Nuremberg, through 4 countries. See the enclosed flyer for specific details and/or contact Pat Farmer for further information.

For all trip information, contact Pat Farmer at 203-227-3076 or pahf02@gmail.com

Bon Voyage !