Summer 2026

The Y's Women Newsletter

TUESDAYS AT THE BEACH
Hosted by Solos for All Y's Women

We will once again meet at Compo Beach on Tuesdays between 4:00 and 4:30 pm through September, weather permitting. No pass is needed on Tuesdays; just tell the gatekeeper you are with Y's Women. We are meeting at the other end of South Beach this year, between the trees and the restroom. There is a round table near the sidewalk, and we will meet near there. Bring your beach chair and your dinner if you wish.

We will also have our popular **Pot Luck Dinners** at the beach on the second Tuesday of the month – June 9, July 14, and August 14. Again, all Y's Women are invited. Bring something to share and your own beverage. Solos will provide the paper products. Hope you can join us for some enjoyable evenings.

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, June 4 from 1:15 to 2:45 pm to discuss ***Whereabouts*** by Jhumpa Lahiri. The group will continue to meet during the summer. Please contact Nancy Bloom at nancyerb@aol.com if you have any questions.

Book Group 3 will meet at the Westport Center for Senior Activities in June, July, and August at 10:30 am on the second Friday of the month. At our June 12 meeting we will discuss ***Dream Count*** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche. On July 10 we will discuss ***Pachinko*** by Min Chin Lee, and on August 14 we will discuss ***Jane Eyre*** by Charlotte Brontë. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Levinson at drjlevinson@gmail.com.

The Movie Club will meet on Wednesday, June 17 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 often changes, so be sure to ask the front desk about our location. We are limited to 25 attendees, so please confirm your attendance with Margaret Mitchell by June 14.

We will discuss the movies ***My Week with Marilyn*** and ***Remarkably Bright Creatures.*** *My Week with Marilyn* is scheduled to be broadcast on PBS Reel 13 at 11:35 pm on June 13. It also is available through PBS Passport (accessible for PBS contributors) and Kanopy (accessible through libraries), and a video is listed in the catalogs of the Westport and Fairfield Libraries. *Remarkably Bright Creatures* is available on Netflix.

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My Week with Marilyn is a 2011 biographical drama starring Michelle Williams, Kenneth Branagh, Eddie Redmayne, Dominic Cooper, Julia Ormond, Emma Watson, and Judi Dench. Based on two books by Colin Clark, it depicts the making of the 1957 film *The Prince and the Showgirl*, which starred Marilyn Monroe (Williams) and Laurence Olivier (Branagh). The film concerns the week during the shooting of the film when Monroe was escorted around London by Clark (Redmayne), after her husband Arthur Miller (Dougray Scott) had returned to the United States.

Remarkably Bright Creatures is a 2026 American mystery drama. An adaptation of the 2022 novel *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt, it stars Sally Field, Lewis Pullman, Joan Chen, Kathy Baker, Beth Grant, Sofia Black-D'Elia, and Colm Meaney, with Alfred Molina providing the voice of Marcellus the octopus. The film tells the story of an elderly cleaning lady who takes in a young drifter, with their friendship being observed by a giant Pacific octopus.

The Movie Club meets throughout the summer. If you wish to be added to the email list for future events, please contact Margaret Mitchell at margaret06824@yahoo.com or 255-9094.

Lunch and Trivia will meet at noon on Thursday, June 18 at the VFW Hall. The cost is $25 (cash only). If you wish to attend, please contact Vicki Alli at victoria.alli@gmail.com or Pat Winter at 303-324-5805. Lunch & Trivia will not be meeting during July and August.

Catherine Albin, who has just become Y's Women president for a two-year term, introduces US Congressman Jim Himes at our May 11 meeting.

NewsTalk: Interested in national and world affairs? Join other Y's Women for lively and informative discussions at NewsTalk. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 25 from 10 - 11:30 am at the Westport Library, McCall Room, and we will meet during the summer as well. For information, contact Becky Ruthven at bruthven06880@gmail.com.

Solos will be going to **Centro Restaurant,** 1435 Post Road, Fairfield for lunch on Friday, June 26 at 12:00 noon. There is parking behind the restaurant, and we will be able to order off the menu and have separate checks. For reservations, contact Terry Queirolo at 858-1470 or tmq44@icloud.com by June 23.

In July, Solos will be going to **Osteria Romana**, 250 Westport Avenue, Norwalk for an early dinner on Friday, July 17 at 4:30 pm. We will be eating in the outdoor covered patio, and we will order off the menu and have separate checks. For reservations, contact Terry by July 14.

In August, Solos will be going to **Grey Goose Restaurant,** 246 Old Post Road, Southport for brunch on Sunday, August 23 at 11:30 am. We will order off the menu and have separate checks. For reservations, contact Terry by August 18.

Solos will also be going to **First Folk Sunday** with Suzanne Sheridan at noon on the first Sunday of the month on July 5, August 2, and September 6. These performances take place at the Boathouse Restaurant, Saugatuck Rowing Club, 521 Riverside Avenue, Westport. The program starts at 12:30 pm, and tickets are $20. Let Terry know as soon as possible if you would like to attend any of the dates; she will get the tickets, and you can pay her that day. The specific music for each date will be listed online, and there is an à la carte menu and bar service available.

The **Mah Jong** group will meet each Thursday throughout the summer at 1:00 pm at the Westport Center for Senior Activities. We welcome new members who are experienced players. For information, contact Mona Unser at mona.unser@gmail.com.

Scrabble meets every Tuesday at 10:30 am at 214 Lansdowne in Westport, and we will continue to meet during the summer. Please contact Pennie More at pcmore2@gmail.com to reserve a seat at the table.

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***The New Yorker* Discussion Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 10:30 to noon in the Westport Library, Room 216. Each group member selects one article from one of the previous month's issues and emails her choice to all on the group distribution list. The group's moderator, Ellen Cahill, sends a final reading list and hosts the meeting. Each participant leads the group discussion about her article for about 15 minutes. The group has met for several years and welcomes new participants. If interested, please contact Ellen Cahill at ellenjcahill@hotmail.com or 856-6561.

CARPOOL & GO!

For our final trip of this season, Carpool & Go will visit **Wave Hill** in the Bronx on **Thursday, June 25.** Wave Hill is a spectacular public garden and cultural center overlooking the Hudson River and the New Jersey Palisades, often called "one of the greatest living works of art." Our guided tour will expose us to seasonal highlights in the many cultivated garden beds, including rare and unusual plants. We will see panoramic views of the Great Lawn and Pergola Overlook with ever-changing displays of flowers, shrubs, and trees. On arrival, each guest will receive a site map, a free gift, and 10% discount in the gift shop. After our tour, we will lunch in the onsite cafe.

We will meet in the Trader Joe's / Wells Fargo parking lot at 9:00 am for a 9:15 departure. Please contact Lydia Menendez at lydiamnndz12@gmail.com or 319-1110 to reserve your spot, and send her a $25 check, made out to Lydia, to 388 Oldfield Rd., Fairfield, CT 06824. There will be a $10 parking fee for each car to be shared by passengers, and the gas reimbursement for drivers will be $8 in cash. Please indicate if you are willing to drive – drivers are always needed and appreciated.

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to report that Y's Woman Dalia Kempler passed away on May 25 after a long battle with cancer. She was 73.

SPRING PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEETING

We had a great turnout at Saugatuck Rowing Club on June 3 for our end-of-year event.

Valerie Roffe, Y's Women Secretary (right), was honored as the 2026 Fabulous Friend for going above and beyond in service to our organization.

Terry Queirolo, Special Events (left), presents outgoing President Vera DeStefano with a small token of appreciation for her many contributions to Y's Women.

Happy Summer