

The COTTON CLUB GREENWICH

Newsletter

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Cotton Club Greenwich is a fellowship of and for unmarried adults living in Fairfield, Westchester and surrounding counties, sponsored by Christ Church Greenwich. Members are offered an opportunity to work and play together, to become better acquainted with each other and with themselves. To join, please download an application from our website (www.cottonclubgreenwich.org). Annual dues are \$45.

MAY EVENTS

■ MIDNIGHT RUN

DATE: Saturday, May 5

TIME: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Parish Hall, Christ Church

CHAIR: Diane Caldwell 203-645-0396,
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It's outreach time again for the Cotton Club and our chance to make a difference in the lives of others. This annual outreach effort for Midnight Run gives us the opportunity to provide a meal and clothing for a few of New York's growing homeless population. This year, we will again partner with Christ Church's youth volunteer Midnight Run group, and Cotton Club will donate and handle food preparation.

The Youth Group will deliver to NYC. Volunteers help beforehand by shopping, collecting needed items,

and in transporting products and donations to the Parish Hall on the day of the Run. Many volunteers are needed to make soup, prepare sandwiches, and to pack food and hygiene bags. The event is festive and a hospitality table with refreshments is provided. Please lend a hand to make a difference.



To volunteer before or at the event, please contact the chairperson.

Please donate, if you can, some of the following (clothing to be new or lightly used please): men's blue jeans; hooded sweatshirts; new undershirts and/or briefs; tube socks, white or gray; hygiene items: hotel size shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste; deodorant (this is in short supply); backpacks are also in great

demand. Bring to Wed. meeting 4/25 or 5/2 or to the Run on 5/5. Also, please bring 1 dozen hard boiled eggs on 5/5.

■ BOWLING AT RIP VAN WINKLE LANES

DATE: Sunday, May 6

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: 701 Connecticut Ave, Norwalk, CT
203-838-7501

DETAILS: Meet at bowling alley.

CHAIR: RSVP to Loraine (203) 869-2515 or
LMSalerno@aol.com

COST: \$18 per person (includes shoes)

DINNER AFTER BOWLING: Optional at nearby diner.

■ BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH BASEBALL GAME

DATE: Sunday, May 20 **TIME:** 2:05 p.m.

PLACE: Arena at Harbor Yard, 500 Main St.,
Bridgeport, CT

DETAILS: Two meeting places: commuter parking lot near I-95 exit 18; head north at 1:00 pm. or the box office at Harbor Yard at 1:30 p.m.

COST: \$12 per ticket.

DINNER: Optional at a Westport diner close to the commuter parking lot near Exit 18.

CHAIR: RSVP to Richard Cardilli, 203-461-0986 or
card44@gmail.com



Good times and great conversations on First Wednesday at Tomes-Higgins House, April 4, 2012

BOARD CORNER

- **NEW!** The Board plans to hold only ONE party per month. We can no longer have the First Wednesday party every month. On months when there is a holiday, we will have a party some time during that month in honor of the holiday (Memorial Day, Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's, etc.). On months with no holiday, we will hold a First Wednesday party at which the Club will provide food and beverages for everyone. **WATCH THE NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH FOR THE NEW PARTY SCHEDULE.** There will be ONE party per month. **NOTE: We will still meet every Wednesday** for one of our variety of programs (whether it be a party or a program).
- We want to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to Joan Carter who coordinated and hosted dinner for 18 at her home preceding the Greenwich Symphony concert in April.
- Also, a very special and **BIG** thanks goes to Mary Niblock for serving on the Hospitality Committee for the past year as one of the two coordinators, along with Meneja Shinabarger, for the First Wednesday parties.
- Looking ahead, we need someone to fill Mary's spot (even if it is only for three months — we like to rotate the positions). Please see Marion Nolan if you can help even for a few months.
- Finally, we would like to welcome our new newsletter editor, Lynn Russo Whyly. Lynn comes to us with great ideas and extensive experience, and we are thrilled to be working with her!



Book Group

The Book Group meets at Ann Sexton's house, 57 Drum Hill Lane, Stamford (203-968-8090).

For more information, call Carolyn Ryzewicz (203-845-0698). New members are always welcome.

May 8: Unbroken — a WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption, by Laura Hillenbrand, author of "Seabiscuit." In May 1943, an Army Air Force bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only debris floating on the water. One man survived — Lt. Louis Zamperini. A delinquent in his teens and a runner in the Berlin Olympics, Zamperini's survival is a dramatic story of human endurance.

June 12: The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris, by David G. McCullough. This meeting will focus on award-winning author McCullough's most recent best-seller. The book tells the story of American writers, artists, doctors, politicians and more, who went to live in Paris between 1830 and 1900. Their goal: To live in the center of culture and innovation and thus learn what was needed to excel in their own chosen careers. The paperback version of this popular selection is available May 15.



May Hikes

Directions can be found at cottonclubgreenwich.org

DATE: May 6

PLACE: Rockland Lake State Park, Rockland Lake, NY

LEVEL: B+

TIME: Meet at 11:00 a.m. at the trail head.

LEADER: Gloria Flook 203-972-0108

DATE: May 13

PLACE: Tarrywile, Danbury, CT

LEVEL: B

TIME: 11:00 a.m. departure.

LEADER: Orest Engelbrecht. 203-616-5842

DATE: May 20

PLACE: Branford Supply Ponds

LEVEL: B

LEADER: Leo Cristofar. 203-214-5824

DATE: May 27

PLACE: Rockefeller State Park, Pocantico Hills, NY

LEVEL: C+

LEADER: Pat January 914-769-1086.

DINING MEETUPS



Casual Dining at Mackenzies

148 Sound Beach Ave.,
Old Greenwich

DATES: Mondays, May 14
and 28

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

COORDINATOR: None; just drop in.

Bistro Dining at Zody's 19th Hole, E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course,



451 Stillwater Ave., Stamford, CT

DATES: Mondays, May 7 and 21

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

DISCOUNT: CC members enjoy a 10% discount
on several menu items.

COORDINATOR: Jay Kane, 203-661-9478

Upcoming Events

June 3 — Spring Cocktail party at the very lovely
Tuscan Oven, Norwalk, details to follow

June 24 — 42nd Street at Curtain Call, Stamford

July 13 — Big Band at Rye Playland

July 28 — Shakespeare on the Sound in Rowayton

FREE FRIDAY FILM: Tree of Life

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

DATE: May 18

MEET IN LOBBY: 7:45 p.m.

PLACE: Greenwich Main Library, Cole Auditorium,
101 West Putnam Ave., Greenwich

COORDINATOR: Andrea Anthony, 914-564-2775

DESCRIPTION: Directed by Terrence Malick. With Brad Pitt, Sean Penn, Joanna Going, Fiona Shawn. The impressionistic story of a Mid-western family in the 1950s following the life journey of the eldest son, Jack, through the innocence of childhood to his disillusioned adult years as he tries to reconcile a complicated relationship with his father while seeking answers to the origins and meaning of life. Extremely thought provoking and polarizing. 138 minutes. Let's sit together on the left side of the theater facing the stage.


WEEKLY WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION AND SOCIAL 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

... in the Tomes-Higgins House, 216 E. Putnam Ave., Greenwich (the white Victorian building to the right of the church as you face it). Afterward, we continue the discussion at Ginger Man, 64 Greenwich Avenue for a nightcap or snack...

■ **May 2 Conversations on Activities and Email** led by Richard Cardilli and Doug Learman on the type of activities you enjoy and would like to add, and your use of email for CCG communication. (There will not be a First Wednesday party tonight).

■ **May 9 John Dugdale**, "C" level Ride Coordinator (and former President) for Sound Cyclists will give us a rundown on the "Biking Life." John will ride right into our meeting with his "HOT" road bike and will describe: the features of road bikes; biking gear which is worn and why (helmet, shoes, shorts, reflective items); discuss bike safety, including what drivers should do when they see a line of cyclists on the road. He will demonstrate some cycle features, care and maintenance. We can ask John questions as he is open and friendly and knowledgeable about his sport.

■ **May 16 Current Events**, hosted by Alison Rivard. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." No truer words could be said about today! Is the United States in an inevitable decline? Or are the naysayers like those who predicted in 1990 that Japan would soon overtake the U.S.? Come and discuss current events, weighty and light."

■ **May 23 Memorial Day**  Party on the T-HH porch. Let's celebrate! Everyone please bring a snack or beverage to share.

■ **May 30 "Let's talk!"** Open-ended chat. Whatever is on your mind.

DIRECTIONS TO COTTON CLUB GREENWICH EVENTS

Tomes-Higgins House (located at Christ Church Greenwich)

From I-95, take exit 4 (Indian Field Road). Coming from New York (the northbound side), turn left off the ramp. Coming from New Haven (the southbound side), turn right. Follow Indian Field Road to the traffic light at Route 1 (also called Post Road or East Putnam Ave.). Turn left and continue for about 1.5 miles (3 traffic lights) until you pass Christ Church on your left.

Arena at Harbor Yard, 500 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT

I-95 northbound: Use Exit 27, Lafayette Blvd./ Downtown (not 27A!). Continue straight through the light for 3 blocks. The parking lot is on the right.

Rip Van Winkle Lanes, Norwalk, CT

From I-95 north, take Exit 13. Turn right onto Connecticut Ave. Lanes are just a few hundred yards up on your right. From I-95 south, take Exit 14. Make a left onto Connecticut Ave. Lanes are about 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile on left.

Zody's 19th Hole, E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course, Stamford, CT

From I-95 north: Take exit 6/Harvard Ave. At end of ramp, go straight one block. Turn left at next light onto West Ave., go straight across Post Road, then bear left around the island, turning onto Stillwater Ave. Continue on Stillwater about 1/8 mi. On your right you will see the Hubbard Heights golf course. Turn into the parking lot. From I-95 south: turn right off of exit 6 onto West Ave., then follow the directions above.

Mackenzie's Grill Room, Old Greenwich, CT

From I-95 (North or South): Take exit 5, the US-1 N exit, toward Stamford/Old Greenwich. Turn right onto E. Putnam Ave./US-1. CVS Pharmacy in Riverside Commons is on the corner. Take the 1st right onto Sound Beach Ave. (just past the Getty Mart on the corner). If you reach Boulder Ave. you've gone about 0.1 mile too far.

Additional directions can be found on our website under the "Newsletter" tab.

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