

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.

**Come
and
see ...**

Picasso

**At the Guggenheim Museum
Saturday, January 12 - 1:30 PM**

“Picasso Black and White” at the Guggenheim Museum is not only one of the most exquisitely beautiful exhibitions of modern art to appear in New York in recent years but also among the most intellectually engaging.” *The Wall Street Journal*



Event Details

We are arranging a docent-led 2PM tour of this special show. The \$25 fee will include museum admission, docent tour and access to all galleries after the tour. Following will be an early dinner at Le Paris. Approximate cost will be \$26 plus beverage. Watch our website for updated info. For questions, contact Denise Melato (mannyhanny100@yahoo.com), or club officers.

Dinner: Dinner will be at 5:00PM at LE PARIS, Madison Avenue at 93rd St. We must pay **CASH** only.

1) **Museum Docent Tour** is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

2) **Three-Course Dinner** afterward is price fixed at \$26 (meal, gratuity) if you choose from the menu provided. Beverage is additional. (Extras can be added, but will incur extra expense for you.). Please note we must pay CASH to the restaurant.

3) We hope all museum goers will continue on to the nearby French bistro for dinner since we have guaranteed a certain number of dinners to obtain the special rate. **PLEASE NOTE when you send your check** whether you will definitely join us for dinner; include phone # and email address.

4) **We MUST, please, have all reservations by FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH:** email Denise Melato (mannyhanny100@yahoo.com) to reserve ticket and/or dinner. **Checks payable to Cotton Club must be postmarked by Friday January 5th** and mailed to Denise Melato, 390 First Ave., 10D, NY, NY 10010.

Meeting Location: Guggenheim Museum, 1071 Fifth Avenue (at 89th Street) New York, NY. Meet at 1:30 P.M. at the Guggenheim Store inside the museum. 212-423- 3500. Please arrange your own transportation.

If you drive in: **PARKING:** Alternate side of the street parking on Fifth Avenue and side streets is available. There are several parking garages within walking distance from the museum. Impark Parking is located at 40 East 89th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues). Sylvan Parking is located at 60 East 90th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues). Both lots offer a discounted rate to museum visitors. To receive discounts to either garage, validate your parking ticket at the Membership Desk. **TRAIN:** You can also take the train to Grand Central and a bus or subway to museum. To reach the museum by subway, take the 4, 5, or 6 train to 86th Street. Walk west on 86th Street, turn right at 5th Avenue and proceed north to 88th Street.

BOARD CORNER

Our hearts and deepest sympathies go out to the families in Newtown, CT for their pain and loss.

The Outreach Committee, chaired by Diane Caldwell, enabled us to express the Christmas Spirit by the recent event they sponsored on 12/5.

Message from Carolyn Moller:

Thanks to all Cotton Club members who so generously donated toys for children in Fairfield and Westchester counties. We collected close to 40 toys of all shapes and sizes! These gifts were split evenly between the Greenwich Department of Social Services and the Holy Rosary Church (Port Chester, NY). Both are having their children's lunch with Santa on December 22 at which time each child will receive a gift.

Thanks to Carolyn for coordinating the Toy Drive, and to Alison Rivard and Liz-Ann Koos for coordination of the tree trimming and to all members who contributed to both!

"News from the Outreach Committee"

Wed., Jan. 9 and 16: Food drive for Neighbor to Neighbor - bring donations to T-HH during Wednesday meetings.

Sat., Jan. 19: Volunteer morning at Neighbor-to-Neighbor. Contact Diane Caldwell for info: dsc0626@gmail.com or 203-869-0535

Dear CCG Members,

I wanted you to know I am in need of some personal time, so have decided to retire from my position as President of CCG effective the end of 2012, but will serve as advisor. After serving as President for a year, Newsletter and Web Editor for more than two years, and Tri-Co President before that, I feel it is time for someone else to have a turn at helping run our Club.

Currently, I am helping plan the January activities and Newsletter. We are looking for one or two people to share the President's position. Until that time, the Board will go back to "managing by committee," which is what we did before I took the helm.

While I certainly have very much enjoyed contributing to the management of Cotton Club Greenwich, it has been a time-consuming effort. Also, I just purchased a new place and moved and so am still trying to get organized on the home front.

The Board members all work steadily and well addressing the many activities and issues that arise month after month. I believe we have, in CCG, a wonderful Club with a wide array of activities and events and offer a great deal to our members.

I feel a sense of personal accomplishment in having edited the Newsletter for 2 years, transitioning it to 95% electronic delivery, being the key implementer in upgrading our website, hiring a professional newsletter editor, introducing our business card, helping plan an ambitious variety of Wednesday meetings, and serving as a key guardian of our Treasury and working along with a dedicated Board to protect it.

In addition, I feel satisfied about saving the Club several thousand dollars by providing Newsletter editor and print services for two years (and I really enjoyed doing it!)

Being a Board member does take time and effort, but it is fun and we have great membership. To continue its success, we need an hour of your time now and then to supplement the efforts of the Boards and Committees.....it takes a Village.

*Sincerely,
Andrea Anthony*



January Hikes

For directions and more information, go to www.thehikinggroup.com.

DATE: January 6

PLACE: Piermont to South Nyack (Esposito) Trail, Piermont, NY (C)
TIME: 1 P.M. in front of the library in the left of Piermont town parking lot. 25 Flywheel Park West. About 10-15 minutes over the Tappan Zee Bridge. Carpool 12 P.M. Exit 3 commuter lot off I-95 on north side.
LEADER: Al Edly 203-323-9443; 203-219-1722 cell

DATE: January 13

PLACE: Mianus River Park, Stamford, CT (C)
TIME: 10:30 A.M. Exit 35 Merritt Pkwy. Commuter Lot.
LEADER: George Hoeffcker 203-273-2181

DATE: January 20

PLACE: Aqueduct Trail, Irvington to Hastings, Irvington, NY (C)
TIME: 11:00 A.M. Irvington Elementary School off Main Street in Irvington. Carpool 12:00 P.M. at Exit 3 I-95 Commuter Lot.
LEADER: Ann Sheridan 914-946-2629

DATE: January 27

PLACE: Westchester Greenway, Scarsdale, NY (C+)
TIME: 10:15 A.M. at Weinberg Nature Center; Carpool 9:45 A.M. Merritt Exit 35 Commuter Lot
LEADER: Gloria Flook 203-972-0108

DINING MEETUPS



Casual Dining at Mackenzies

148 Sound Beach Ave.,
Old Greenwich

DATES: Mondays, Jan. 7, Jan. 21

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, Jan. 14, Jan. 28

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

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

COORDINATOR: Jay Kane, 203-661-9478

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
the 15th of every month.



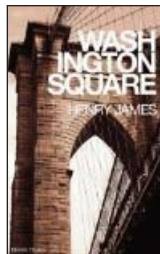
Book Group

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.

The **first meeting of the New Year** will be **Jan. 8** and will feature the classic "Washington Square," by Henry James (first published 1880). When shy, unattractive Catherine Sloper, only child of a rich New York physician, falls for a good-looking fortune hunter, her father attempts to thwart the romance.



The February meeting will be on the 12th.

Book to be announced. Contact Carolyn or Ann for the title chosen after the Christmas party.

FREE FRIDAY FILM:

War Horse

TIME: 7:45 p.m. to 10 p.m.

DATE: January 4, 2013

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

MEET IN LOBBY: 7:45 p.m. and sit together on left side of theater facing stage.

COORDINATOR: Andrea Anthony, 914-564-2775

DESCRIPTION: With Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson, David Thewlis. Directed by Steven Spielberg. Epic World War I drama of the bond between a man and his loyal horse. Adapted from the novel by Michael Morpurgo. 146 min.



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 ...

■ **Jan. 2** – No meeting tonight.

■ **Jan. 9** – **NEW YEAR'S PARTY and CHINESE AUCTION (COMBINED)**. Please bring a snack or beverage to share AND bring a "repurposed"/rewrapped gift for a hilarious exchange. Coordinators: Nancy Rongoe and Carol Smith, nlr20@aol.com or 203-655-2233.

■ **Jan. 16** – "Global Warming": a talk by Lew Clark. "Global warming really started in the 1840s when man learned to create power from combustion and it has gotten worse ever since. Where we are today and the prediction for the future aren't so bright. The rest of this century will see increasing emphasis on the problem and startling changes in human lifestyle."

■ **Jan. 23** – **NOTE:** Tomes-Higgins House is not available on this night. We will meet at 7:30 at Beach House Cafe, 220 Sound Beach Ave., Old Greenwich. 203-637-0367. Click on the link below for directions:

<http://www.beachhousecafe.com/contact.shtml>.

■ **Jan. 30** – Open Chat: Do you have New Year's Resolutions?

Upcoming Events: Save the Date!

Sun., Feb. 3 - Superbowl Party (coordinator Richard Cardilli)

Wed., Feb. 13 - VALENTINE'S PARTY with a FUN sing-along featuring a talented professional pianist

Coordinator: Roselee Nichols

A very merry "Christmas Tree Trim" party and collection of Toys for children (see article on pg. 2) was attended by 38 happy people on 12/5.!

On 12/6, the Church gave its own members an elegant Tree Lighting Party and some Cotton Club Greenwich members pitched in to help. Rev. Dr. James B. Lemler, pastor of Christ church, (in the third picture, holding a plate) played a "spirited" piano for the holiday carol sing-along.

Cotton Club Greenwich recently presented the Church with a contribution check from our Treasury in appreciation for all they do for us. The con-tribution will be used for a new area rug in the Parish Hall.



Cotton Club Greenwich Board Members and Advisors, www.cottonclubgreenwich.org

Open Position: President

Marion Nolan: Recording Secretary, 203-637-4220, nolanmar@aol.com

Nancy Rongoe: Membership Chair, 203-656-3536, nlr20@aol.com

Joan Carter: Interim Treasurer, jshobercart7@gmail.com 203-637-1825

Andrea Anthony: Advisor (past President)

Fran Thomas: Advisor (past President)

Jay Kane: Advisor (past President)

Committees: *Outreach:* Diane Caldwell; *Social Events:* Richard Cardilli; *Hospitality:* Marion Nolan; *Publicity Chair:* (open position); *Member Advocate:* Marla Weston; *Music Chair:* Lee Turner; *Church Liaison:* Joan Carter; *Photographer:* (volunteer needed)

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