

# COTTON CLUB GREENWICH

*Christ Church Greenwich 254 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830-4871 Phone: 203-869-6600*

The Cotton Club 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. Annual Dues are \$45.

**DECEMBER 2011 and JANUARY 2012**

[www.cottonclubgreenwich.org](http://www.cottonclubgreenwich.org)

**You are invited to**

**Our Holiday / Christmas Gala**

**at the Riverside Yacht Club, Riverside CT**

**Saturday, December 17 6:00 - 10:00 pm**

**~ Dancing to The Joey Greco Band ~**

**This will be a sit-down dinner consisting of:**

**Crudite, Cheesboard, Riverside Fall Salad,  
Assorted Desserts, Coffee service. Cash Bar.**

**Choice of entree: (1) Sun-Dried Tomato**

**Crusted Bass, Risotto Classico OR**

**(2) Flat-Iron Steak w/ Fingerling Potatoes.**

**(Both entrees w/ Seasonal Vegetables.)**

**When you send your check,  
please indicate your choice of entrée.**

**Fully-staffed coat check. Black tie optional**

**Price for ALL is \$65. Add \$5 for checks postmarked  
after 12/12 or pay-at-door. Limited seating.**

**Please mail checks to: Doug Learman,  
29 Whitney Glen, Westport 06880 203-226-3388**

***(see page 4 for directions)***

## 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).

On **December 13** the Book Group will discuss The Beekeeper's Apprentice (Or On the Segregation of the Queen/A Novel of Suspense Featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes. By Laurie King (384 pps. in paperback). Amazon review states: "Holmes fans, history buffs, lovers of humor and adventure, and mystery devotees will all find King's book absorbing from beginning to end."

On **January 10**, the book will be: Confederates in the Attic by Tony Horowitz (432 pps. Paperback)



**Midnight Run Crew** — On Nov. 19 members teamed up to prepare sandwiches, soup, clothing etc. for the homeless population in NYC. This was loaded into a van for the Church Youth Group to deliver to the city.

Thanks to ALL!! Coordinated by Diane Caldwell, Fran Thomas, Alison Rivard, Doug Learman (and lots of Elves).

## **\$ MEMBERSHIP FORM ENCLOSED \$**

**We need your dues to support your Club programs. Membership runs Jan.-Dec. It is a great price. Please complete the enclosed form before 2012! Thank you :-)**

## December Hikes



For more information, contact Steve Bailes, (203) 854-5508 [SMBailes@att.net](mailto:SMBailes@att.net) or Al Edly, (203) 323-9443 [aedly12@optonline.net](mailto:aedly12@optonline.net) or visit the website at <http://www.thehikinggroup.com>.

**Dec 4** Sleeping Giant, Hamden, Ct. (B+) Leader Phil Black 203-376-6540

**Dec 11** Blue Mountain Reservation, Peekskill, NY (B- Leader: Helen Piltman (845) 563-0604; cellphone (845) 325 0719

**Dec 18** Westmoreland Sanctuary, Mount Kisco, NY (B-) Leader: Al Edly (203) 323 9443

**Dec 25.** No hike scheduled.

**Dec 27 (TUESDAY)** NYC Day- From Queens, over Queensboro Bridge, up East River Drive, across to Central Park where we will walk around reservoir - Different views of NYC. Also a chance to see Rockefeller Center on your own in evening (C)

Meet 12:30 P.M at the Armed Forces Career Center right by the foot of the Queensboro Plaza Station- North Entrance  
Leader: Al Edly (203) 323-9443 ; cellphone for day of hike -(203) 219 1722

## **SUNDAY AT THE MOVIES RETURNS!!**

On January 15 or January 22, we will meet at the Avon Theatre in Stamford. Please watch emails in January for exact date and the movie of choice. Coordinator: Diane Caldwell (203-645-0396)

## **Reminders:**

- \* Social Events Committee. Richard Cardilli is seeking more enthusiastic committee members.
- \* Website is now open to all - members and non-members—no need for a log-in password. Take a look!!
- \* Watch WEBSITE for POTENTIAL WEATHER CANCELLATIONS of ACTIVITIES.  
([www.cottonclubgreenwich.org](http://www.cottonclubgreenwich.org))



## Gourmet Dining at Zody's



Join us at Zody's 19th Hole Restaurant at the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course, 451 Stillwater Rd., Stamford. The next dates will be **Mondays: December 5, 19 and January 2, 16, 30.** Enjoy a 10% discount for CC members on several menu items. The group meets at the restaurant **6:30 pm.** Coordinator: Jay Kane 203-661-9478 (directions on our website)

## Casual Dining Meetup at Mackenzies

148 Sound Beach Ave., Old Greenwich **Mondays: December 12, 26 and January 9, 23 at 6:30 pm. No coordinator for this Meetup—Just drop in.** (directions on website)

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## FREE FRIDAY FILMS

**Where:** Greenwich Main Library, 101 W. Putnam Ave.  
**Date:** 12/2/11  
**Time:** Meet in lobby of Cole Auditorium 7:45 pm.

### Description:

LE NOTTI BIANCHE (ITALY-1957)  
Directed by Luchino Visconti. With Marcello Mastroianni and Maria Schell. A chance encounter on a bridge with a strange but alluring girl is the first strand in a web of flashbacks, flash forwards, and false visions in this plot updated from a 19th century story by Dostoevsky. Poetic, mysterious, and beautiful. 107 min. In Italian with English subtitles.

**Let's sit together on left side of theatre facing stage.** (Coordinator: Andrea Anthony 914-564-2775)

## \*\*\*\*\* TOYS for TOTS \*\*\*\*\*

The Outreach Committee is initiating Cotton Club's Holiday Toy Drive. Please consider donating an unwrapped, new toy for children aged 1 to 16 in our surrounding community. **Toys can be dropped off at our Tree Trimming party, December 7.** Educational toys (building blocks, puzzles, etc.) are in need at Abilis, an agency which works with children who are affected by developmental disabilities. If you cannot purchase a toy, we have eager shoppers who are willing to purchase one on your behalf if you prefer to send in a tax deductible donation (which we need by Dec. 7 to meet the deadline). Please make out your check to Cotton Club, note that it is for the Toy Drive, and mail to Doug Learman, 29 Whitney Glen, Westport, CT 06880. Thank you for your generosity.

## Wednesday Discussion Group

at 7:30 pm in Tomes-Higgins House

**December 7: \*FIRST WEDNESDAY Tree Trim\***  
**Light refreshments provided.** Your part is:

- ⇒ \* Bring 3 **mini** ornaments to decorate the trees we will donate to Neighbor to Neighbor.
- ⇒ \* Bring Toys for Tots (see story this page).

**December 14:** Speaker: Nutritionist from Whole Foods to speak on healthy holidays.

**December 21: A Very, Merry Party—**  
Bring a beverage or snack to share.



**January 4: First Wednesday w/ refreshments**

**January 11:** Chinese Auction—bring new or repurposed gifts for a hilarious switch with friends.

**January 18: "Rethinking Investment Strategies in Volatile Markets"** with our resident financial consultant, Jay Kane. \$\$\$

**January 25:** Guest Speaker: **"Hacking into computers and email"**.

*Thanks to Lorraine Salerno for bringing to Discussion Group famed photographer and explorer Olaf Soot.*



<b>Cotton Club Board Members and Advisors:</b>		<b>www.cottonclubgreenwich.org</b>
Andrea Anthony, Chair: Website & Newsletter	914-564-2775	edwardsairport@gmail.com
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**Cotton Club Committees:** Social Events: Richard Cardilli; Membership List: Nancy Rongoe; Outreach: Diane Caldwell; Hospitality: Mary Niblock, Meneja Shinabarger Member Advocate: Marla Weston; Publicity: Denise Melato; Music Chair: Lee Turner Church Liaison: Joan Carter

**Directions to Christ Church Greenwich:** From I-95 take exit 4 (Indian Field Rd.). Turn left off the ramp if you were heading northbound (from NY), or turn right if you were heading southbound (from New Haven). Follow Indian Field Rd. to Route 1 (Post Rd. or East Putnam Ave.). Turn left at the traffic light and continue for about 1.5 miles (3 traffic lights) to Christ Church on your left. We meet in the Tomes-Higgins House (which is the white Victorian building to the right of the church as you face it) every Wednesday at 7:30 pm except for occasional holidays. **Directions for Events are below:** - see also our website under “Newsletter” tab

**Riverside Yacht Club, 102 Club Road, Riverside, CT (203-637-1706):** I-95 North or South, Exit 5 in CT. At end of Exit ramp, turn LEFT to go WEST on Route 1. Turn LEFT onto Riverside Avenue at the second traffic light; (Saint Catherine's Church is on the corner). Bear RIGHT after you cross the bridge over the railroad tracks. 2<sup>nd</sup> RIGHT onto Club Road. Riverside YC is at the end of Club Road I.

\* Note: quotes and clipart from various Internet websites

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