

Meet the Met

TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST, 6:00 PM
HOSTS: MARY LYNN & FRED PUTNEY
GUEST: THOMAS CAMPBELL

Tom Campbell has one of the world's most coveted cultural jobs – Director of the legendary Metropolitan Museum of Art. Many would find the position daunting. Not Campbell. Only the ninth Director in the museum's 140-year history, he has ambitious plans to make it more accessible, including wiring its maze of connected buildings with Wi-Fi so patrons can read and watch videos about art as they see it live. Campbell describes the museum's next frontier to be less physical than philosophical and virtual – “to demystify it through digital means.” Before being named Director, Campbell worked in the Met's Department of European Sculpture and Decorative Arts for 14 years, rising steadily through the curatorial ranks. Enjoy the gorgeous lawns of your hosts' historic estate in Briarcliff Manor as we hear about the magical, magnificent Met.

Welcome to Celebrity Salons

A Benefit for Westchester Community College

Be prepared to be enlightened and entertained by the 17th season of Celebrity Salons. Some of the world's most notable personalities have been brought together to share their rich experiences with you. Each event promises a new adventure that will pique your interests as your gracious hosts welcome you into their stunning homes – all in support of scholarships and programs for Westchester Community College students.

Past experience suggests that you make your selections early, as attendance is limited.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at all salons.

See response card for prices.
For further details call 914.606.6558.

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Kate Buford
Thomas Campbell
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Chris Jussel
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Dr. Eric Sanderson
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Sam Walker
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The Westchester Community College Foundation was established to meet College and student needs that are not met by public funds. As part of its mission, the Foundation works to develop support from individuals, local businesses, corporations, and foundations to provide scholarships for incoming, continuing, and graduating students.

In its 42-year history, the Foundation has directly helped over 14,000 students advance their education through scholarships and grants. Your support of Celebrity Salons helps the Foundation fulfill its mission to the College and its students.


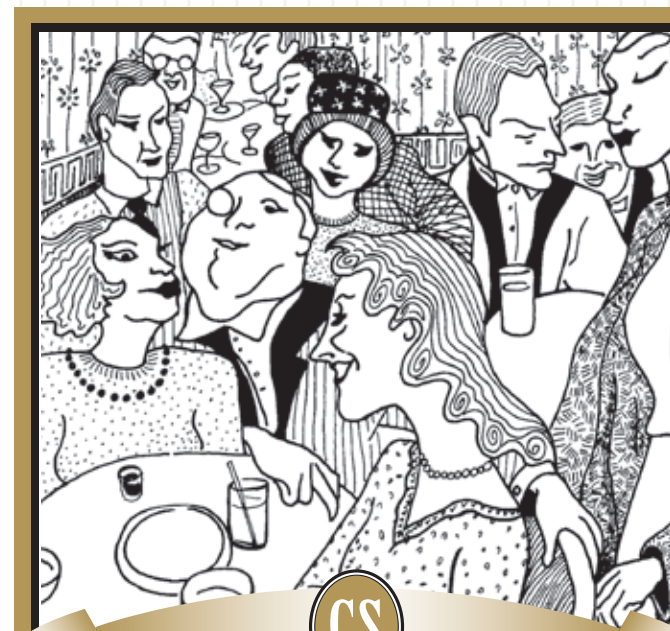
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THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH, 6:00 PM
HOST: MARTHA NIERENBERG
GUEST: STEPHEN S. LASH

The name says it all – Christie’s. Recognized as the world’s most prestigious auction house, it is a place of extraordinary art, unparalleled service, and expertise. Stephen Lash, Chairman Emeritus of Christie’s Americas, guided the company – and by extension the art world – through a period of explosive growth during his 35-year tenure. He has been intricately involved in virtually every historic and record-setting auction over the past four decades and continues to play an active role advising clients on buying and selling some of the world’s most important works of art. Join Lash for a unique, behind-the-gavel look at the famous 2009 Yves Saint Laurent auction – considered “the greatest auction of all time.” Bring your paddle for an evening of art & elegance as you feast your eyes and ears at your host’s lakefront property in Armonk.

Kitchen Confidential

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST, 6:00 PM
HOSTS: ROBERT & ABIGAIL KIRSCH
GUEST: ABIGAIL KIRSCH

Back by popular demand! “Everyone should be lucky enough to have an event - or go to one - run by Abigail Kirsch, the reigning deity of catering,” states the Zagat survey. If you want to be one of the lucky ones, sign up now. Abigail and Robert Kirsch invite you for a sumptuous private dinner in their beautiful Pound Ridge home where you will have an insider’s look at the famed Kirsch kitchen and taste a memorable menu paired with premium wines, all while being seasoned with behind-the-scenes tales of catering near mishaps. Indulge yourself and your senses in this gastronomical *tour de force*.

Seating is limited for this perennial sell out.

0 to 60

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH, 6:00 PM
HOST: DAVID SWOPE
GUEST: STEVEN RATTNER

Rev up your engines and get ready to hear the inside story about how a group of 15 people managed to do the impossible: rescue the U.S. auto industry. Considered folly by some and a colossal waste of money by others, they led auto behemoths GM and Chrysler into and out of bankruptcy in a matter of weeks, saving millions of jobs in the process. Known as President Obama’s Car Czar, former journalist and financier Steve Rattner worked against the clock and fierce political opposition to whip the unions and manufacturers into shape. In his recent book, *Overhaul*, Rattner crafts a tightly plotted narrative of political brinkmanship, corporate incompetence and high-stakes drama. Join us for cocktails at your host’s Ossining estate overlooking the Hudson for a look under the hood at how the U.S. auto industry recovered in the time it takes to go from 0 to 60.

The Greatest

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH, 6:00 PM
HOST: WILLIAM LOUIS-DREYFUS
GUEST: KATE BUFORD

There is no modern-day equivalent of Jim Thorpe. Considered the greatest U.S. athlete ever, he won two Olympic gold medals in track, and played professional football, baseball and basketball. He was one of the founders of the NFL and its first star. To say that Thorpe, a Native American, was an exceptional athlete is an understatement. But he was also complex. In her new biography, *Native American Son*, Kate Buford details Thorpe’s life on the field and off, including his advocacy for Native Americans, his fight with alcohol, his career as an actor, and the path that led him to die destitute in a trailer park in 1953. A commentator on NPR’s *Morning Edition* and *Marketplace*, Buford’s biography of Burt Lancaster was named one of the best books of 2000 by *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*. Join your host at his historic Mount Kisco farm for a look at the remarkable life of Jim Thorpe.

Press Room

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH, 6:00 PM
HOSTS: ARTHUR & REBECCA SAMBERG
GUEST: DAVID E. SANGER

Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, North Korea. The list goes on. It’s difficult to make sense of the dizzying change happening in the world today. Fortunately, David Sanger, Chief White House Correspondent for *The New York Times*, is on the case. It’s virtually impossible to open the paper and not see an article written by Sanger. From the Middle East to Asia to Washington DC, Sanger gives readers a firsthand account of the challenges President Obama faces abroad and at home. Twice a member of Pulitzer-Prize-winning teams, Sanger has the gift of getting presidents, secretaries of state, and foreign leaders to speak with unusual candor. His first book, *The Inheritance: The World Obama Confronts and the Challenges to American Power*, was a best-seller. Get out your notepads as you enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at your hosts’ spectacular art-filled Ossining estate.

Hidden Treasure

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH 5:00 PM
HOST: KATHERINE CHAPMAN
GUESTS: CHRIS JUSSEL & COLIN STAIR

Ever wonder whether that vase your great aunt left you is your ticket to retirement? Part mystery, part history lesson and part treasure hunt, Antiques Roadshow can tell you. As the most watched primetime series on public television, Chris Jussel, its original host, has intrigued audiences with tales of family heirlooms to yard sale bargains. Jussel will be joined by Colin Stair, President and Founder of Stair Galleries & Restoration, who oversaw the maintenance and repair of some of the world’s finest furniture collections while at Sotheby’s. Dust off that long-forgotten box in the attic and come see if you have the next national treasure as Jussel and Stair explore the antiques market today, give you a behind the scenes look at the Roadshow, and appraise your own treasures at your host’s historic Briarcliff Manor home overlooking the Hudson. (*Bring an item for possible appraisal.*)

Sports Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18TH, 6:00 PM
HOSTS: MICHAEL BENENSON & SUSAN YUBAS
GUEST: SAM WALKER

Since the middle of the 20th century, “sport” has grown from a minor diversion to a global megalith that measures its audience – and revenues – in the billions. But there are questions nobody is asking. Why? What changed? Why are we now so intensely interested in sports? And what does the future of sports hold? As Sports Editor of *The Wall Street Journal*, Sam Walker not only has to think about these questions, he has to be one step ahead in answering them. Walker launched the paper’s national sports page in 2009 and its Greater New York sports section in 2010. He further oversees the paper’s sports investigative reporting, including its groundbreaking coverage of the doping allegations against Lance Armstrong. Walker is also a two-time champion of Tout Wars, the country’s most prestigious fantasy baseball competition. Join your hosts’ at their modern Arts and Crafts home in Rye for a locker-room-to-boardroom look at the world of sports.

The Advisor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST, 6:00 PM
HOSTS: DENISE & CAMILLO SANTOMERO III
GUEST: AMBASSADOR PAUL WOLFOWITZ

Few people have shaped foreign policy from the inside as much as Paul Wolfowitz. As Deputy Secretary of Defense under President George W. Bush, Wolfowitz developed the response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and guided the conduct of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. As President of the World Bank he led the effort to cancel debt of the world’s poorest countries and provided record levels of support for the poorest countries. He also served as Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Head of Policy Planning at the State Department, and Ambassador to Indonesia (the world’s largest Muslim nation) during a 24-year career in government that spanned seven presidents. Occasionally controversial, Wolfowitz is always interesting and important. Your hosts’ Bedford country estate is the perfect backdrop for an evening of discussion as Wolfowitz examines three decades of the advance of democracy and if it can continue.

Mannhatta

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH, 5:00 PM
HOSTS: ANDREW & JUDITH ECONOMOS
GUEST: DR. ERIC SANDERSON

Have you ever wondered what New York was like before it was a city? It’s difficult for us to imagine, but landscape ecologist Eric Sanderson has done this in his book, *Mannhatta: A Natural History of New York City*. Sanderson, a landscape ecologist at the Wildlife Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo, uses spatial analysis techniques to protect wildlife in modern landscapes. He applied the same techniques to recreate an extinct, historic landscape of New York in digital form. Sanderson mapped each and every hill, valley, stream, spring, beach, forest, cave, wetland, and pond, including the forests of Times Square, the meadows of Harlem, and the wetlands of downtown – all exactly as they existed in 1609. Enjoy your hosts’ breathtaking gardens in Scarsdale as Sanderson give us a window into the past – and inspiration for green cities of the future.