

FOUNDERS

FORUM



MARCH 2017

A Message from Grace

Spring is almost here and so is our spring semester. Be sure to return your registration form by Monday, March 13. In the meantime, there are still many winter semester activities to enjoy, including a speaker, two seminars, new member coffee, Tasting, and the rescheduled Beach Party Tea, which was a casualty of February's snow.

One activity you won't find us participating in this month is Fairfield County's Community Foundation's annual Giving Day. If you spend time online, you're probably seeing a lot about this one-day, regional effort to harness the collective power of giving. While we applaud that effort, we also recognize that we just mailed an appeal letter to you, and many of you are already generously responding. So, you will not see Founders Hall listed among Giving Day participants. If you want to give to Founders Hall on Giving Day, you can do so directly at www.founders-hall.org. We are always grateful for your support, whenever you choose to give!

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

JACK SANDERS, *Author*

Wicked Ridgefield, Friday, March 3, 1 pm

Author Jack Sanders will share tales from his new book, Wicked Ridgefield, covering two centuries of Ridgefield criminals, n'er-do-wells



and even wayward do-gooders in this look at the darker side of Ridgefield's past.

An editor of The Ridgefield Press for 45 years, Sanders has written many articles and columns as well as several other books about the town's history. He also maintains the Old Ridgefield group on Facebook, and has served as a consultant and writer for the Ridgefield Historical Society.

HIGHLIGHTS

• MARCH

- 2 O.W.L.S
RVNA Blood Pressure Screen
- 3 SPEAKER: Jack Sanders
- 9 BOOK DISCUSSION: The Marriage of Opposites
- 10 TASTING: Salt and Jazz, *sponsored by Laurel Ridge Health Care*
- 13 New Member Coffee
Spring semester registration due
- 21 TRIP: Guggenheim Museum
- 24 SEMINAR: Handling Difficult Conversations
Beach Party Tea, *sponsored by Oasis Senior Advisors*
- 27 Spring semester starts
- 31 SEMINAR: Is Privacy Dead?



NEW MEMBER COFFEE

Monday, March 13

10:30 am

**Meet staff, make friends,
get involved!**

**SPRING SEMESTER
BEGINS ON MARCH 27
Please return your
registration by Monday,
March 13**



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M/W/F: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Tu/Th: 8:30 am - 8:30 pm

SEMINARS

Handling Difficult Conversations

Friday, March 24, 1pm

Do you often get 'stuck' when having a difficult conversation or interaction? Managed well, tough conversations can benefit all involved. But if managed poorly, they can destroy couples, families or social relationships. Family counselor Daniel Joynt, Ph.D. will give you interpersonal strategies and tools that you can use to connect successfully with others and manage difficult conversations.



Is Privacy Dead?

Friday, March 31, 1pm

Today, governments, companies and others track, store and analyze almost everything we do, both online and in the real world, with and without our consent. Weston resident and technology expert Richard Frisch will explore the changing world of privacy in the 21st century. He will review the past and present state of surveillance and provide insight on whether you can protect yourself from the omnipresent spying. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation.



*It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little –
do what you can. ~Sydney Smith*

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SPECIAL EVENTS

TASTING



Salt and Jazz

Friday, March 10, 2pm

Season your afternoon with
a variety of flavorful salts
and cool jazz from the
Stan Kishner Jazz Trio

Laurel Ridge
Health Care Center

RESCHEDULED!



**BEACH
PARTY TEA**
Fri., March 24
2:30 pm

It's always sunny at Founders
Hall! Break out your sunglasses,
hats and Hawaiian shirts for a
tropical good time!

*Reggae, Dancing
Games with Prizes
Tiki Bar and Treats*

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March at the Movies

Please note that movies could change based on availability.

fri **Genius** **3pm**

3 A chronicle of Max Perkins's time as the book editor at Scribner, where he oversaw works by Thomas Wolfe, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald and others.

2016, *Colin Firth, Jude Law, Nicole Kidman*
PG-13, 104 mins.

mon **The Hustler** **2pm**

6 An up-and-coming pool player plays a long-time champion in a single high-stakes match.

1961, *Paul Newman, Jackie Gleason, Piper Laurie*
NR, 134 mins.

mon **Eddie the Eagle** **2pm**

13 The story of Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper who charmed the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics.

2016, *Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman*, PG-13, 105 mins.

fri **The Game** **2 pm**

17 Nicholas Van Orton (Douglas) is a successful businessman, but his success has come at the cost of his family life.

1997, *Michael Douglas, Sean Penn*, R, 129 mins.

mon **A Little Chaos** **2 pm**

20 Two talented landscape artists become romantically entangled while building a garden in King Louis XIV's palace at Versailles.

2014, *Kate Winslet, Alan Rickman, Stanley Tucci*
R, 113 mins.

mon **The Firm** **2pm**

27 A young lawyer joins a prestigious law firm only to discover that it has a sinister dark side.

1993, *Tom Cruise, Gene Hackman*, R, 154 mins.

fri **Perfect Murder** **3pm**

31 It's murder most foul when cold-blooded hedge fund manager Steven hires a hit man to kill his philandering young wife, Emily. But the complexities are compounded when the assassin Steven hires is Emily's lover.

1998, *Michael Douglas, Gwyneth Paltrow, Viggo Mortensen*
R, 107 mins.

Join Us!

Bingo	Fridays*	1 - 3 pm
Chess	Mondays	1:30 - 4:30 pm
Gardeners	Third Friday	1 - 2:30 pm
Mah Jongg	Thursdays	10am - 12 pm
Mexican Train Dominoes	Wednesdays	2:30 - 4:30 pm
Needlework	Thursdays	12 - 1:45 pm
Pinochle	Thursdays	2:30 - 4:30 pm
Quilting	Tuesdays	2 - 4 pm
Rughooking	Wednesdays	1:30 - 4 pm
Scrabble	Thursdays	1 - 3 pm
Walking	Mon./Wed.	8:20 am
Woodcarving	Mondays	1:30 - 4 pm

*except March 10 and 24

Book Discussion

Thursday, March 9, 3pm

The Marriage of Opposites

by Alice Hoffman

facilitated by Mary Rindfleisch of
the Ridgefield Library



New Members

(as of Feb. 13)

Florence Doud

Michael Doud

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