

WESTCHESTER CHAPTER MEETING

ANNUAL FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: CRASH

DATE: Saturday, February 7th, 2015

PLACE: Mental Health Association, 29 Sterling Avenue, White Plains

TIME: 9:15AM (Prompt Start. Note: no peer groups on this day)

MODERATOR: Jackie Mann LCSW

Roger Ebert wrote "Crash" tells interlocking stories of whites, blacks, Latinos, Koreans, Iranians, cops and criminals, the rich and the poor, the powerful and powerless, all defined in one way or another by racism. All are victims of it, and all are guilty of it. Sometimes, yes, they rise above it, although it is never that simple. Their negative impulses may be instinctive, their positive impulses may be dangerous, and who knows what the other person is thinking?"

In keeping with our theme this year of the ever-so-timely issue of racism, we will use this film as a starting point to explore the dynamics of people bringing their biases to challenging events. 'Crash' will evoke strong emotions in anyone who has been aware of the impact of racism on our culture, our relationships and our individual lives. Our conversation will offer an opportunity to share these reactions and try to make sense of their impact on our work with clients of all 'races' and, even more critically, on ourselves.

Jackie Mann, LCSW, our host and moderator, has been inspired by film and its relevance to psychotherapy throughout her career as a psychoanalyst and clinician.

Please Note: Due to its length, the film may be abridged during the screening. We recommend that you view this film (which is available on DVD) prior to the meeting.

Free for members and non-members