New Haven and Environs
The promised repeat to the FBI is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 9:30 a.m., 600 State Street, New Haven.
Because the number in the tour is limited and information may change, Ina Jaffee asks all who have signed up for the tour to call her to confirm as soon as possible. There may be a few spaces for those who now want to go but have not yet signed up.
The large red brick building is back from the roads at the corner of Grove and State Sts. There may be some parking within the gated area; other is on the streets in the area.
Contact Ina Jaffee, 288-9810.

Movie Matinees
will show “Beau Travail” (1999) on Thursday, December 8, 1:00; Come, enjoy and bring your friends. More information is on page 3.
Contacts: Mara, 722-4007, or evaewing@yahoo.com

Music Together
On Thursday, December 1, 8:00 p.m. Peter Frankl, Piano; Ransom Wilson, Flute; Ole Akahoshi, Cello will play works of Haydn, Weber and Schubert in the Faculty Artist Series, a free performance at Sprague Hall. On Friday, December 9, 8:00 p.m., the Woolsey Competition winner will play the Shostakovich Cello Concerto with the Yale Philhamonia. This, too, is a free concert. Join us for supper at Naples, 90 Wall Street at 6 pm on the 9th. Contacts: Alex Koontz, 483-9628 or Patty Pollard, 481-2766.

Travel Gourmet
Last minute announcement! Because the group was unable to go to Mystic due to the hurricane/nor’ easter, we have decided to go on a November trip. On Wednesday, November 30, we will have a conducted tour of the Lockwood mansion, Norwalk, CT, which will be decorated for the holidays. Norwalk has a number of good restaurants and a decision will be made later. Carpools will be arranged. Call Nancy Ahlstrom, 865-2028, for information and to reserve.

YUWO CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS
Sunday, December 11, 4 to 6
The Divinity School Prospect Street Common Room, 2nd Floor
There will be no admission charge! Instead, these three committees are counting on your talents and generosity in the spirit of the holidays.
HOLIDAY FOOD: Please bring a ready-to-serve platter with finger-food of appetizers or dessert. Information: Carol Dhawan, 562-0017 or Ann Arnold, 245-9490.
SILENT AUCTION: A suggested list of quality items includes gift certificates, gift baskets, jewelry, paintings, antiques, gift baskets, dinner parties, grandchildren gifts, wine/liquors and vacation house rentals. Please call Roberta Thornton, 752-0604 or Joan Binder, 624-3316 to describe your contributions and to determine when and how to deliver them.

DECORATIONS: Many of the requests have been filled but embellishment would add even more charm. If creating beautiful holiday arrangements is your talent and pleasure, please think of our large tables. And if you can provide large vases for the greens or wish to help in other ways, please call Leona Nalle, 387-7932, or Clara Baskett, 281-1317.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND WILL BE WELCOME. (Checks only, please.)

Alice Loomis, President, 453-0036; Patty Pollard, Vice President, 481-2766
Trudy Bollier, Newcomers Chairperson, 562-9242; Audrey DeFronzo, Membership Chair, 230-0592
Alex Koontz, Newsletter Editor, 483-9629
Greetings to you all. The holiday season is rapidly approaching as I write this and I am sure you are thinking about ordering turkeys and meeting with friends and family. YUWO will celebrate on December 11th and I look forward to seeing you all. The committees are working hard to make it a successful party. Please take note of the help required by Carol Dhawan and Ann Arnold, in charge of food, and Roberta Thornton and Joan Binder, in charge of the silent auction, prominently featured in this newsletter. And remember to call Roberta or Joan Binder with any auctions items. Be creative!

YUWO is humming; the first Lunch and Learn was well attended, the visit to the Marlin Factory was as well. The movie group gets larger every month and Nancy Ahlstrom-Ruthman has had to set limits on Art Aficionados due to large numbers of members who wish to attend.

The Study Group, Issues in the Forefront of Biology, is fully subscribed. It has been outstanding and I am very grateful to Letha and Patty and her husband who set up the meetings. We are so fortunate to have access to such superior lecturers. I hate to see the series end and can’t wait to hear what will follow in the spring.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving celebration and I will see you next month at the Common Room of the Divinity School.

Allie

News from the November Board Meeting

Audrey DeFronzo, Membership Chair, announced that YUWO has 330 current members, including 29 new members. Among these 330, 55 are now receiving their newsletters from the website, which not only saves labeling, mailing, and postage but gets the information to members days earlier than Post Office mail. We aim to get the newsletter put on the website by the 20th day in each month. You may request an e-mail notice to let you know that it is available. (There are no discrete issues for January, June, July and September.)

Jackie Collimore, Health Plan Liaison, announced that the proposed new University Health Service Center is scheduled to open in 2009. It will be located on Lock Street, adjacent to the new University Police facility, and adequate parking space will be provided.

January activities are on the list on page 3. Don’t miss the first of 2006! The Travel Gourmet trip to Mystic Sea Aquarium has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 30 and the Fall Excursion to Edith Wharton’s house and Hancock Village is now set for Friday, October 6. Both trips were canceled because of the weather. More information will be in future newsletters.
Looking Ahead

Art Aficionados will not meet in December.

Plans are being made for a visit on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 to the “Private Faces of Public People”, exhibit, carefully researched, curated and described by Robin Jaffee Frank, Associate Curator of American Painting and Sculpture at the Yale Art Gallery. The historic miniatures hold fascinating, intimate stories of politicians, lovers, heroes, and artists in American colonial and revolutionary times. Meet at the information desk just inside the main entrance at 12 Noon. We will go to lunch at the recently opened Chow restaurant just off Chapel Street. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom, 865-2028.

Book Groups

Wednesday, December 7, 1:00 p.m., The Love of a Good Woman by Alice Munro, at the home of Ileane Tombamk, 65 Lent Road, Hamden Contact: Leona Nalle, 397-7932

Monday, December 12, 2:30-4:00 p.m. The Plot Against America by Philip Roth, at the home of Eileen Saper, 260 Patton Dr., Cheshire, 272-8807 Contact: Ginny Shaw, 481-6176

Wednesday, December 14, 9-10:30 a.m., Expecting Adam by Martha Beck, at the home of Lynn Belt.

Wednesday, January 11, 9-10:30 a.m., Housekeeping by Marilynne Robinson Contact: Genevieve Goff, 467-3337

Monday, December 19, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Poetry and discussion of next year’s books.

Monday, January 16, 2:30-4:30 p.m., To be determined. Contacts: Alice Loomis, 453-0036 Ellie Mattson, 453-4224

Genealogy Group will meet on Monday, January 23, time and location will be announced.

On November 7th, seven of the members met in the handsome Lucy Hammer Room of the Blackstone Library in Branford. They shared their genealogical progress—or lack thereof—as well as tips, suggested resources and basic genealogical forms. One of the computers was reserved for our on-line research, with lists of useful databases, and also furnished a number of publications for us to peruse and/or keep. The meeting in January will be another show-and-tell type gathering.

Contact: Pat Whitestone, 488-1531

Lunch and Learn will not meet in December. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 17, 12 Noon at the Berkeley Master’s House. The entrance is off Wall St. and across the sidewalk from the main entrance to Sterling Library. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and cookies will be provided.

After an interesting and energizing performance about African and Argentinean dance (talk is not the word), we can look forward to a talk about Sterling Memorial Library’s 75th Anniversary Celebration by Judith Schiff, Chief Research Archivist for University Libraries. Judy, a long time YUWO member, is well known for her astounding memory and her entertaining takes on Yale’s history.

Contact: Beth Dock, 488-7279

Movie Matinees on Thursday, December 8, 1:00 p.m.: In “Beau Travail” director Claire Denis loosely adapted Herman Merville’s “Billy Budd” and transferred the tale from the sea to the sparse landscape of East Africa’s Djibouti. Sgt. Galoup (Denis Lavant), a French Foreign Legion officer, is intimidated by the arrival of a new recruit, Sentain (Gregoire Colin). When Galoup’s commander, Forestier (Michel Subor), shows Sentain extreme favoritism, Galoup recklessly acts out on his irrational emotion. The movie is in French with English subtitles.

And on THIRD Thursday, January 19, 1:00 p.m.: Documentarian Nathaniel Kahn examines the life and career of his father, architect Louis I. Kahn in “My Architect: A Son’s Journey” (2003). Louis Kahn was born in 1901 and died of a heart attack in a Penn Station bathroom in 1974, unidentified and broke despite having been one of the century’s most influential architects. His work included the British Art Center at Yale and the Parliament and Capitol Buildings in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Information: Mara Cunningham, 772-4007, and Eva Ewing at evaewing@yahoo.com.

Scrabble will be played on Sunday, January 8 at the home of Inge Ladenbauer-Bellis. Members who would like to play, please call Inge at 288-2436.

Skiing Group now has nine people signed up to ski this winter. If anyone else is interested, please contact Shirley Johnson at 389-5399 or shirlseajay@aol.com.