



### *Invitation to Newcomers*

#### **On Saturday April 14**

Newcomers will gather at the Graduate Club, 155 Elm St. across from the New Haven Green from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

With hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music and companionship we will share our YUWO experiences. Board members will be glad to see you and interested in your comments.

There is free parking behind the Graduate Club, which is accessed from Temple Street just north of Elm Street. Newcomers, please RSVP to Alex Koontz (483-9629).

There are 24 newcomers to YUWO this year. Manette Adams has interviewed three of them — Jane Anderson, Eleanor Radune, and Sally Monaghan — and will be highlighting them in an article in next month's newsletter. New members join for a variety of reasons: friendship, interests, and access to Yale with its wealth of intellectual stimulation. The infusion of new blood keeps YUWO vital and growing. We give to those who are new to the community or facing a new life style due to retirement and our newcomers bring new ideas, talents and skills to us.



### *Annual Luncheon*

**Wednesday May 2  
New Haven Country Club**

**(Registration on page 5)**

### *New Haven Excursion*

**March 26** is the date for visiting the gamelan recently acquired by Yale. The time of the visit is from 1-2 p.m. and the place is Room 04 in the basement of Hendrie Hall, 165 Elm Street, where the gamelan is housed. Please call Anne Schenck (787-3705) if you wish to attend.

### *Conversation Partners*

This year about a dozen YUWO members have enjoyed working with OISS (Office of International Students and Scholars). To volunteer you agree to spend an hour or more a week with one of these students. They come on scholarship, wanting to learn how Yale operates, to experience American culture, and to attend Yale classes. It is all part of the internationalization of Yale. Call Manette Adams (288-3249)

### *April Books*

#### **Wednesday, April 4**

1:30-3:00 *Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion

Raejeanne Kier (287-2443)

#### **Monday, April 9**

2:00-3:30 *Four Mothers* by Sifra Horn and Dalya Bilu

Ginny Shaw (481-6176)

#### **Wednesday, April 11**

9-10:30 *The Painted Veil* by Somerset Maugham

Genevieve Goff (467-3337)

#### **Monday, April 16**

2:30-4-30 *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

#### **Tuesday, May 1** (new group)

*The Small House at Allington* by Anthony Trollope

Lyn Howe (288-1217)

### *Study Group*

The Study Group spring series entitled "Constructing the Public Realm: Urban Space and its Uses" and featuring Alan Plattus, Professor of Architecture and Urbanism, concludes with two lectures on **March 28** and **April 4**.

This has been an outstanding series. The March 28 lecture on "Public Parks in the Industrial City" will focus on London and New York, and on April 4, the focus will turn to New Haven for "Urban Change and the Persistence of Civic Identity."

Patty Pollard, President, 481-2766; Johanna Becker, Vice President, 248-6391

Alex Koontz, Newcomers Chairperson, 483-9629; Audrey DeFronzo, Membership Chair, 230-0592

Alice Loomis, Newsletter Editor 453-0036

## Message from the President and Vice-President

Our spring study group lectures by Alan Plattus on the history of public urban spaces has been truly outstanding. The remaining two lectures on March 28 and April 4 are on “Public Parks in the Industrial City” and “Urban Change and the Persistence of Civic Identity.”

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at our annual meeting and scholarship awards luncheon at the New Haven Country Club on Wednesday, May 2. Kate McEvoy, Deputy Director of the Connecticut Agency on Aging, will be our speaker. Priscilla Kissick and her committee have planned a delicious menu and festive gathering.

We are so impressed with the life stories and the admirable goals of our scholarship applicants. Each of them deserves as much support as we can possibly provide. Please join us in giving to one or more of YUWO’s scholarship funds and making it possible for the wonderful women to pursue their dreams.

Patty and Johanna

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**Call Patty (481-2766) if you would be interested in working on the YUWO web site next year.**

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## Annual Luncheon Update

This year we are pleased to have Kate McEvoy, Deputy Director of the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut as our speaker at the Annual Luncheon on **Wednesday May 2**.

Ms. McEvoy is a lawyer who serves as the legislative liaison for the CT Association on Aging, and represents our area in the Connecticut Elder Action Network and on the Connecticut Long Term Care Advisory Council. She has focused on advance directives and advance care planning law and policy issues. She will talk about her work in this field. There is still time for members of YUWO to have some input into her presentation by contacting Johanna Becker (248-6391) with areas of particular interest or concern regarding this general topic.

Choose your entrée and send in the form on page 5.

## Nominating Committee Report

This year's nominating committee consisted of (from the Board) Johanna Becker (chairman), Carolyn Gould, and Marcia MacDonald, and (from the membership), Pam Rackliffe and Kirsti Langbein. Many thanks to this group for its thoughtful suggestions and work in contacting a number of potential nominees. The openings and nominees selected for them are as follows: for Recording Secretary, Pat Whitestone with Pam Rackliffe as back-up in case of absence; and for Scholarship Chair, Alex Koontz, with Priscilla Kissick assisting with the Scholarship promotion portion of the position and Betty Ann Levitin assisting as needed. Current treasurers Mary Jo Warren and assistant treasurer Carolyn Gould have agreed to serve another two year term, as has Audrey DeFronzo as Membership Chair. We thank the nominees for their willingness to serve in these positions.

## New York City Excursion!

As spring arrives, we hope that you will be moved to join the excursion to The J. P. Morgan Library, which displays a collection of drawings, prints, music manuscripts, illustrated books, and works of art from the 15<sup>th</sup> century on, including three copies of the Gutenberg Bible and The Tenement Museum, which shows the actual apartment of ten immigrants to New York City in approximately 1916. The date is **Wednesday, May 9** and the registration form is on page 5 of the Newsletter.

## Activities

Please save the date — **Wednesday, April 11**, 12 noon — for the next meeting of *Art Aficionados*. We are trying to work out a repeat of the February meeting which was snowed out. If Margot Fassler can clear the date with the Institute of Sacred Music, we will be able to have her program on making movies at the Institute. If that is not possible, we will work out another program for that date. Please check the YUWO Web site ([www.yale.edu/yuwo](http://www.yale.edu/yuwo)) for final details or call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) for information.

For the *Genealogy Group*, contact Pat Whitestone at 483-1351 or Anne MacMahon at 772-1643. The group meets occasionally to exchange tips, share progress, and solicit advice. Now and then an expert will be consulted.

The April concert for *Music Together* will take place on **Thursday, April 12** at Sprague Hall at 8:00 pm. The program will feature the Vista Chamber Group. Meet before the concert at 6:30 at Yorkside Pizza, 288 York Street. Bring a friend! Call Ileana Tombank (288-5363) or Raejeanne Kier (287-2443).

*Conversational French* meets at 1:30 pm. every Monday at Chestnut Fine Foods, 1012 State Street, New Haven. All are welcome, but intermediate proficiency and above is recommended, since French is spoken at the meetings. Contact Debbie St. Thomas (488-1859) or Julie Crowder (288-7157).

*Luncheon Gourmet* began in 1964 when members met to cook, eat and socialize as they do today. Participants share the meal's expenses and take turns planning the menu, preparing and presenting the luncheon. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. Dues covering printing costs and other incidentals are \$10. Contacts: Marty Sherman (605-5773), Carol Sirot (453-5755), Carol Dhawan (562-0017), or Johanna Becker (248-6391).

On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a meeting of the **Scrabble group** at the home of Inge Ladenbauer-Bellis, 114 Vineyard Road, Hamden. 288-2436.

Play intermediate or advanced *Tennis* at Yale's Indoor Cullman Courts. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30. Call Carol Dhawan at 562-0017.

Here's a first for *Travel Gourmet*! We've run out of interesting non-profit museums, historic sites, and historical societies — at least those that are open on Tuesdays, our traditional meeting day — so we're planning a visit to Timexpo: The Timex Museum, in Waterbury. "A unique museum that combines the history of Timex and its predecessors with an archaeological exhibit." We'll visit the museum in the morning of **April 24**, have lunch at a nearby restaurant (to be decided), and then have time for the Mattatuck Museum in the afternoon for dedicated museum goers. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to make a reservation. We'll plan to leave the New Haven area at 9:30. Car pools will be arranged according to different areas. Time to learn where your Timex comes from and how it got there!

*Needlers* will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Call Betty Ann Levitin (488-5862).

*Cinema Paradiso* will be our *movie* on **Thursday, April 12** at 1 pm at Blackstone Library in Branford. Academy Award Winner of Best Foreign Language Film in 1990, it is two hours fifty-four minutes LONG! Leona Nalle will introduce the movie. It is in color and Italian with English subtitles. Famous Italian filmmaker returns to his hometown after an absence of 30 years. He reconnects with the community and remembers the highlights and tragedies that shaped his life and inspired him to follow his dream of becoming a filmmaker.

## Scholarship Update

The Scholarship Committee will meet soon to process applications and Carolyn Gould will be happy to accept your contributions to any of the four funds. Please send contributions with the form below to Audrey DeFronzo, 35 Mowry Street, North Haven, CT 06473.

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### AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

Checks payable to YUWO:

Annual Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Magee Fenn Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to Community Foundation:

YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Gustave and Carol Sirot Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## New Members

Please add the following three new members to your YUWO membership list:

Charlotte (Pixie) Elsberry  
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787-1953  
pixiemagicdust@yahoo.com

Josephine Gardner  
100 Verna Hill Rd.  
Fairfield, CT 06824-2158  
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Michele Jordan  
15 Orange St. #404  
New Haven, CT 06510  
777-7204  
mtjordan51@hotmail.com

and please note a new email for Kirsti Langbein: klangbein@gmail.com

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## Lunch and Learn

The **Lunch and Learn Committee** would like to invite new members to join the group and bring suggestions for next year's programs. Responsibilities include attendance at a meeting in September to discuss and decide the year's programs and arranging for a speaker and venue for **one** event. Please contact Priscilla Kissick (483-9377, wkissick@comcast.net) if you would like to participate. If you have suggestions for speakers but do not wish to join the committee, please contact Priscilla.

  
**Annual Luncheon**  
**May 2, 2007, New Haven Country Club**

Choice of Entrée (please check)

Petite Filet mignon, medium rare only \_\_\_\_\_

Crab cakes with citrus mayo \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Marsala with mushrooms \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 per person Lunch total \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. My separate check is included  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by April 24, 2007.**

Make checks payable to YUWO and mail to:

Mary Jo Warren  
180 Forest Hill Road  
North Haven, CT 06473

Social Hour and registration at 11:30. Seating for lunch promptly at 12:00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

**No refunds after April 27, 2007**

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**Excursion to New York City**  
**Morgan Library and Tenement Museum**  
**Wednesday, May 9, 2007**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

A check payable to YUWO for \$65 is enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch on your own at Morgan Library

Please mail check and form to Leona Nalle, 115 Oliver Rd., New Haven CT 06515

Bus leaves at 8:15 a.m. from the commuter parking lot in North Haven. Take exit 10 from I-91. Turn off the connector at exit 1 and go left from the ramp onto Devine Street. Continue to the corner of Hartford Turnpike and Devine Street to the parking lot.

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