Fall Study Group

The Study Group, “The Physical Sciences at Yale: Past, Present and Future,” will continue to meet at the New Haven Lawn Club, 193 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, at 10:30 -11:30 am. The upcoming lectures are:

Thurs., Nov. 19: Prof. Michael McBride: Modern Chemistry at Yale.


Wed., Dec. 9: Prof. Meg Urry: Women in Science: Why so Few?

For more information, call Letha Sandweiss (562-2894).

Conversation Partners

YUWO is working again with the International Students and Scholars Center (OISS), matching international students, scholars and their spouses or partners at Yale with volunteers from the New Haven and Yale communities for language and culture exchange. The students keep coming all year; at present, the center has a need to match about 40 students.

This is a very rewarding volunteer job for both men and women. The students need to meet with the volunteer for about an hour a week (more if you choose) to practice their conversational English. This can be done by phone, e-mail or occasionally to share a meal. Many times a close friendship develops between the student and volunteer, which can last for years after the student leaves the New Haven area. These students are very thankful for your help and friendship.

I have been a volunteer for the past eight years, and have thoroughly enjoyed my new friends from India, Taiwan, China and Turkey. They have expanded my knowledge about their countries, traditions, customs and food. I have included them as part of my family for holiday festivities. I feel that they have brought a lot of joy into my life in exchange for my friendship and help. — Roberta Thornton

If you would like to help with this group, please contact Roberta Thornton (671-0353 cell), or Amanda Eckler, Program Coordinator, OISS (432-2305) or amanda.eckler@yale.edu.

December/January Books

Wednesday, December 2
1:30-3:00 pm Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
Raejeanne Kier (287-2443)

Tuesday, December 8
1:30-3:00 pm The Housekeeper and the Professor by Yoko Ogawa.
Lyn Howe (288-1217)

Monday, December 14
2:00-4:00 pm Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett
Vin Klein (248-6691)

Monday, December 21
2:00-3:30 pm Poetry and Planning
Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

Thursday, January 14
9:30 am Stealing Athens by Karen Essex at Eleanor Radune’s
Genevieve Goff (208-1357)

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 13
4 to 6 pm

Hillhouse at Sachem

The holiday party gives us a chance to get together and to raise money for our scholarship fund. One way we raise these funds is through our famous basket raffle. The holiday party committee is asking members to contribute items for these theme baskets, which will be raffled at the party. Suggested themes include gardening, food, happy hour, cooking, games, etc. Items are currently being accepted at the following locations by committee members: New Haven, Pat Axelrod (891-6766); Hamden, Johanna Becker (248-6391); Woodbridge-Bethany, Terry Martin (393-0184); and Shoreline, Barbara Loucks (245-9718).

There is no admission charge, but we do ask that you come with your favorite finger food … hors d’oeuvres or dessert. YUWO will provide the wine and non-alcoholic punch.

Significant others and friends are welcome!
**Message from the President and Vice-President**

The holiday season is just about upon us, and YUWO will celebrate with our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 13, from 4 to 6 pm at Horchow Hall at the corner of Sachem and Hillhouse. We hope to see you there. This is always such a festive occasion and a chance to catch up with friends we don’t see often enough. This is a wonderful way to support our YUWO scholarships by donating an item for the holiday baskets to be raffled, or by writing a check. Please bring a favorite savory or sweet ready for everyone to enjoy.

The Study Group lectures on The Physical Sciences at Yale have been excellent. It is a privilege to listen to these outstanding Yale faculty members and expand our knowledge and interest in their fields of discovery.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving celebrations, and we look forward to seeing you at Horchow Hall on December 13th.

*Patty and Barbara*

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**EXPLORING NEW HAVEN**

YUWO members visited Kroon Hall, home of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, on October 22. Despite the difficulty of gaining access—Prospect Street in front of the Hall was almost impassable because of construction, and certainly very few parking spots were available nearby—an intrepid group turned out. The reward was a tour of a fascinating and beautiful building. Favorite spots were the water-filtering pond with reeds and lilies at the side of the building, and the wonderful "living room" up under the arch overlooking the Sachem's Wood hill. The ingenious methods used to heat, light, and ventilate the building make it a modern ecological standard-setter for the campus and the country.

**HIKING GROUP**

On October 26 the hiking group met for a walk around Lake Wintergreen in Hamden, with a short climb up the hill to West Rock Ridge behind the lake for a view of the fall scene in Woodbridge and Bethany. The hills and the lake were spectacular on that crisp morning, with leaves at their orange and gold best. The group is planning one more walk, a flat one in the "boardwalk" area of West Haven by the harbor, on the morning on Nov. 23. If you are interested in this walk, call Lyn Howe (288-1217) or Anne Schenck (878-3705).
ACTIVITIES

Art Aficionados will not meet in December, but will meet at 12 noon on Wednesday, January 13, at the main desk of the Peabody Museum, 170 Whitney Ave. We will have a tour of the current interactive exhibit, "Disease Detectives." Lunch will be at the restaurant Caseus—new and good. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to sign up, especially for lunch reservations.

Bird Watchers may contact Anne MacMahon (772-1643) for information about local bird walks and activities. She will give you information about walks that may be arranged with the local New Haven Park Ranger, or research where you can find bird watching information.

Book Circle offers the opportunity to read approximately eight recently published books for the price of one. Books are circulated, with each member keeping one book at the end of the cycle. Circle members select the books by majority vote from a descriptive list. Cost share is about $25. Contact Nancy Hoskins (488-1871) or nancy.hoskins@comcast.net for more information.

The Bridge Group meets for lunch and duplicate bridge at the New Haven Country Club once a month. You can bring a non-YUWO partner, but at least one of each couple must be a member of YUWO. Call Britta Chambers (453-5813) to join.

Conversation Partners encourages you to become a friend and English language partner with an international student/scholar at Yale (see page 1). There is no foreign language requirement. Generally, partners meet about once a week. Call Roberta Thornton (752-0604).


Starting in October, the Italian, Conversational group will be meeting on Thursday afternoons at Southern Connecticut State University. For more information: Desiree Galassi (426-3214) or dgalassi@eathlink.net.

Luncheon Gourmet meets on the first Thursday of each month to cook, eat and socialize. Participants share the meal’s expenses and take turns planning the menu, preparing and presenting the luncheon. Members cook twice and plan once during the year. Dues are $10. If you are are interested in joining this lively group, contact Happy Thomas (393-7239), Marty Sherman (605-5773) or Carol Dhawan, (562-0017).

The Music Together Group attends free concerts at Yale. The December meeting is Friday, December11, Philharmonia’s New Music for Orchestra featuring David Lang and others, Woolsey Hall, 8 pm. Meet for dinner, 6:30 pm at Clarks, 68 Whitney Avenue. Guests are welcome. Call Ileane Tombank (288-5363) or Raejeanne Kier (287-2443).

Needlers meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 1:30 pm in members’ homes for conversation and light refreshment while working on your own project—knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, quilting, embroidery, or mending. Call Betty Ann Levitin (488-5862) for information.

Scrabble: 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. Contact Inge (288-2436) or eichkogel@aol.com to join.

Tennis: Play intermediate or advanced Tennis at Yale’s Indoor Cullman Courts. The group meets weekly for a round-robin on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30. There is an hourly shared court fee, as well as a membership fee. Call Carol Dhawan (562-0017).

Travel Gourmet will meet again in 2010.

PLEASE NOTE that as of November 14, 2009, mandatory 10-digit dialing takes effect throughout Connecticut. All telephone users must use all ten digits—including the area code—even if they are calling their next-door neighbor.

All phone numbers listed in this newsletter require a “203” area code. In the interest of space, we have not included area codes, but please remember to add them when you dial.
NOTE:

This page is left blank intentionally to allow you to cut out and return the scholarship donation form without losing important information about YUWO activities.
2009 YUWO Scholarship Winners

2009 winners (in alphabetical order):
Barbara Amendola - Gustave and Carol Sirot Award, Amy Barbosa, Yvette Barnard, Merieta Bayati, Maura Esposito - Magee Fenn Award, Debra Federico, Teresa Lair (absent from photo), Susan Neveu and Manfen Tao

Give to the YUWO Scholarship program this holiday!

‘Tis the season for giving!
We raffle off our offerings at the holiday party for the benefit of the YUWO scholarship fund.
We are also happy to accept donations for any of the funds, both from members who attend the party and from those who are unable to attend.

YUWO scholarships are designed for women of the Yale community who wish to resume their studies after interruption or delay. Since 1972, thanks to the generous contributions of YUWO members like you, YUWO has awarded 270 scholarships totaling $243,400. Memorial contributions are welcome, as are contributions to honor special people or special occasions (think birthdays, anniversaries).

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Please remit separate checks, payable to “Yale University Women’s Organization,” for each scholarship fund donation you wish to make. Use the check memo line to indicate the specific scholarship fund.

Please cut along the dotted line and return this portion, along with your check(s), to the Membership Chair:

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

Donations to all YUWO scholarship funds are tax deductible.