Spring Study Group

Alan Plattus, Professor of Architecture and Urbanism, will present a series of lectures titled "New Haven and the 4th Age of the American City." The lectures will be at the New Haven Lawn Club on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, beginning on February 24 and continuing on March 3, March 24, March 31 and April 7. Details and a registration form for the series will be mailed to all current members.

Lunch and Learn

On Tuesday, February 9, at the Yale Visitor Center on Elm Street at 12:30 pm, we will hear from Dr. Brian Leaderer, Susan Dwight Bliss Professor at the Yale School of Public Health and Deputy Dean of Public Health at the School, on "Environmental Factors in Asthma in Connecticut."

There has been growing awareness that certain environmental factors (which may be different for different asthma patients) may trigger asthma attacks. Research also is being conducted into whether environmental factors may even cause asthma. Come find out more about the latest in this research. Bring your bag lunch at noon. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided.

[For a Special Lunch & Learn Note, see page 4!]

Exploring New Haven — West Campus

On Thursday, February 25, we will be visiting Yale’s new West Campus, located at the former Bayer company science complex along I-95 on the border of West Haven and Orange. They provide bus tours for visitors, using a 24-passerger bus. We will have a guide with us from the Provost’s office, and will be visiting inside some of the buildings.

Because of the moderate size of the bus, we have asked to run two tours. Each tour will be limited to 24 people. One tour will set off at 10:30 am, and the other will start at 1 pm. Anyone wanting to join a tour must call to sign up for one or the other bus.

In addition, the Oyster River runs through the campus and a five-acre parcel of the property contains nature trails and is home to turkey, geese, deer and coyote. If weather permits, Anne and Lyn will lead a walk to explore some of these trails at the end of the afternoon tour, about 2 pm. Those interested in walking should sign up for the later tour.

West Campus is on Frontage Rd., at the Marsh Hill Rd. exit off I-95. Detailed instructions for entering the campus and finding our meeting place will be provided for those signing up for this tour. Please call Lyn Howe (203.288.1217) or Anne Schenck (203.787.3705) to sign up.
Message from the President and Vice-President

Despite the less-than-ideal weather on December 13, more than 70 YUWO members and their significant others braved the elements for a very festive Sunday afternoon at Horchow Hall. The food, provided by our members, was spectacular as was the wine and punch served by Lew Lagervall and Carl Loucks. Fourteen baskets were raffled and the proceeds from their sale and that of the poinsettias added greatly to our scholarship fund. Thanks to our committee: Patricia Axelrod, Johanna Becker, Chaline Johnson, Terry Martin, Gerry Morrison, Gloria Schoolfield, Pam Rackliffe, and Felicia Tenza and to the husbands who helped that day.

We have many exciting activities planned for the coming months. We look forward to seeing you at the Lunch and Learn planned for Tuesday, February 9, from 12 noon to 1:30 in the Yale Visitor Center at 149 Elm Street. Sue Addiss on the Lunch and Learn team has arranged to have Brian Leaderer, Deputy Dean and Professor of Public Health, talk about "Environmental Factors In Asthma in Connecticut."

Patty and Barbara

Bus Trip April 15 to Museum of Natural History

YUWO will offer a bus trip to the American Museum of Natural History in New York on Thursday, April 15. Details will be in the March Newsletter.

NEW! Writing Workshop

The first YUWO writing workshop will meet on Wednesday, January 20 at 10 am at the home of Ina Jaffee, 1055 Ridge Rd, Hamden. Please contact Ina (203.288.9810) or inafae1@comcast.net if you’re interested in attending. Do not be hesitant and think that your work would not be interesting. It is! Please bring a typed sample or complete "story" and be prepared to read it in a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

February Book Groups

Wednesday, February 3
1:30–3:00 pm My Own Country by Abraham Verghese
Raejeanne Kier (203.287.2443)

Monday, February 8
2:00-4:00 pm My Name is Red by Orhan Pamuk
Vin Klein (203.248.6691)

Tuesday, February 9
1:30–3:00 pm Pequot Plantation, The Story of an Early Colonial Settlement, by Richard Radune. The author is the husband of a YUWO member, and will attend the group’s meeting at Books&Co in Hamden.
Lyn Howe (203.288.1217)

Thursday, February 11
9:30 am The Painted Drum by Louise Erdrich
Genevieve Goff (203.208.1357)

Monday, February 15
2:30–4:00 pm The Translator by John Crowley
Ellie Mattson (203.453.4274)
ACTIVITIES

[Listed below is information for YUWO-sponsored activity groups. We post information about activities that may be of interest to our members, but which are not official YUWO events, at our website at www.yale.edu/yuwo/opportunities.html — you’ll find programs sponsored by many Yale and community organizations such as the Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary, the Women Faculty Forum, and others.]

Art Aficionados will meet at the British Art Center at 12 noon on Wednesday, February 10. The new exhibition is "Varieties of Romantic Experience: Drawings from the collection of Charles Ryskamp." Charles Ryskamp has been a noted scholar of art, as well as the former director of both the J.P. Morgan Library and the Frick collection in New York, and an extraordinary collector of drawings of the Romantic period from Britain and Europe. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (203.865.2028) to reserve your place. We will lunch at Scoozi's after the tour.

Bird Watchers may contact Anne MacMahon (203.772.1643) 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 (203.488.1871) or nancy.hoskins@comcast.net for more information.

The Bridge Group will meet for lunch and duplicate bridge at the New Haven Country Club once a month starting in September. You can bring a non-YUWO partner, but at least one of each couple must be a member of YUWO. Call Britta Chambers (203.453.5813) to join.

Conversation Partners encourages you to become a friend and English language partner with an international student/scholar at Yale. There is no foreign language requirement. Generally, partners meet about once a week. Call Roberta Thornton (203.752.0604).


Starting in October, the Italian Conversation group will be meeting on Thursday afternoons at Southern Connecticut State University. For more information: Desiree Galassi (203.426.3214) or dgalassi@earthlink.net.

Luncheon Gourmet members meet 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. Discussion of the recipes follows. Members are expected to cook twice and plan once during the course of the year. Dues are $10. If you are a current member or someone who is interested in joining this lively group, contact Happy Thomas (203.393.7239), Marty Sherman (203.605.5773) or Carol Dhawan (203.562.0017).

The Music Together Group will attend the free concert “Vista: A Fresh Look at Chamber Music” with stellar student performances and commentary. Sunday, February 21, 8 pm at Sprague Hall. Call Ileane Tombank (203.288.5363) or Raejeanne Kier (203.287.2443). Meet for dinner, 6:30 pm at Thali Too (opposite Yale Bookstore entrance in alley)
Needlers will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 1:30 pm in members’ homes for conversation and light refreshments while working on one’s own project—knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, quilting, embroidery, or mending. Call Betty Ann Levitin (203.488.5862) for information.

Scrabble: On the first Sunday of each month beginning October 4, there will be a meeting of the Scrabble group at the home of Inge Ladenbauer-Bellis, 114 Vineyard Road, Hamden. Call or email Inge (203.288.2436) or eichkogel@aol.com, to join.

Ski Group will travel to Butternut Basin in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, to enjoy its relaxed atmosphere and $20 for Seniors ticket price. We do not have a definite schedule as we want to be able to take advantage of good conditions and good weather. If you would like more information and/or to be on the call list, please contact Pam Rackliffe (203.488.2667) or email prackliffe@comcast.net.

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 (203.562.0017).

Above, Professor William Warfel discusses a scene from Yale Opera’s production of “Magic Flute” at YUWO’s November Lunch & Learn. [Photo: Mary-Jo Warren]

We would like to remind YUWO members about the Yale Opera presentation of “The Marriage of Figaro” by Amadeus Mozart. Lighting will be by our November Lunch & Learn speaker, Professor William Warfel. Performances are Friday, February 12 (evening), Saturday, February 13 (evening), and Sunday, February 14, (matinee) at the Shubert Theater on College Street, New Haven. Tickets are $41, $31, $26 and $19. Many discounts are available to Yale University affiliates. Be sure to ask for one. The Shubert Box Office can be reached at 203.562.5666.
Start the New Year right … with a contribution to the YUWO Annual Scholarship Fund!

To make a donation:

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 designate a specific scholarship fund.

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Above, two of the 2009 winners: on the left, Barbara Amendola (Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Award) and on the right, Maura Esposito (Magee Fenn Award. (Photo by Mary-Jo Warren)

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