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Fall Study Group

The Study Group will meet at the New Haven Lawn Club on **Thursday, October 15** at 10:30 am for the first in the fall Study Group series of seven lectures. Professor Daniel Kevles, Stanley Woodward Professor of History, will present the first lecture. Details and a registration form for the series, entitled "The Physical Sciences at Yale: Past, Present and Future," will be mailed to current members. We hope that many of you will enjoy this fine series planned by Letha Sandweiss with the help of the Study Group committee. The other lectures are:

Wed., Oct. 21: Prof. Jack Sandweiss

Tues., Oct. 27: Deputy Provost Steven Girvin

Wed., Nov. 11: Dean Kyle Vanderlick

Thurs., Nov. 19: Prof. Michael McBride

Wed., Dec. 2: Prof. Charles Bailyn

Wed., Dec. 9: Prof. Meg Urry

Exploring New Haven County

On **Thursday, October 22**, we will have a guided visit to Kroon Hall, the new home of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, which is a showcase of the latest advances in "ultra-green" building technology. The beautiful building, with a striking vaulted rooftop, has been called "a modernist blend of cathedral nave and Connecticut barn." We will meet at the entrance to the building,

YUWO ACTIVITIES

We encourage all new and current YUWO members to contact the leaders of activity groups to express your interest, get your questions answered, or sign up to join the group. All activities are listed at www.yale.edu/yuwo and in our brochure (which is also available on our website).

Please come join us!

195 Prospect St., across from the Yale Ice Hockey Rink (the Whale) at 10:30 am. We will have experienced student guides to accommodate our group, so we need to know in advance how many people will attend. Please call to sign up: Lyn Howe, 288-1217 or Anne Schenck, 787-3705.

Lunch and Learn

Trouble sleeping? Help is on the way. The subject of the **October 13** Lunch and Learn is "The Thirteen Commandments for Better Sleep." The speaker is Meir Kryger, M.D., Director of Sleep Research at Gaylord Hospital and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Connecticut. He is also the editor of the widely used, "The Principle and Practice of Sleep Medicine," and author of "A Woman's Guide to Sleep." The meeting will take place at the Visitor Center, 149 Elm Street between Temple and College Streets (next to the Graduate Club). Come at noon with your brown bag

lunch. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided. The talk begins at 12:30, with a question period to follow. For information, call Stephanie Jatlow, 389-2044.

Fall Excursion

We will draw names on October 2 and inform those who have been chosen for the Monday, October 26 trip to Philip Johnson's Glass House. Our bus will leave at 8:45 am from the commuter parking lot in North Haven at Devine Street and return at about 3 p.m. Take I-91, the Exit 10, then Exit 1, turn left to the lot on the left. The cost of \$65 covers bus transportation, driver's tip and admission.

October Books

Wednesday, October 7

1:30-3:00 *The Brain That Changes Itself* by Norman Doidge
Raejeanne Kier (287-2443)

Thursday, October 8

9:30 am *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan
Genevieve Goff (208-1357)

Tuesday, October 13

1:30-3:00 *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
Lyn Howe(288-1217)

Monday, October 19

2:00-4:00 *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski
Vin Klein (248-6691)

Monday, October 19

2:00-3:30 *The Emigrants* by WG Sebald
Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

Patty Pollard, President, 481-2766; Barbara Loucks, Vice President, 245-9718

Mary-Jo Warren, Membership Chair, 288-5037

Message from the President and Vice-President

We welcome you to what looks like a very exciting YUWO year. Sadly, the developments on the Yale campus this month required us to cancel our annual welcome Wine and Cheese Reception at the President's House. Our thoughts are with all who were touched by this tragedy, and we are grateful for the patience and understanding of our membership.

We have an abundance of enticing activities and interest groups planned for the year! Join us, get involved, welcome our newcomers with their fresh ideas, and take someone with you to our next YUWO event. This is the time to renew our friendships and activities as well as to do something different and engage some new women in what we enjoy.

Among the exciting offerings for the year is our new study group for the Fall — “The Physical Sciences at Yale: Past, Present and Future” — beginning Thursday, October 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the New Haven Lawn Club with Professor Daniel Kevles.

We want to encourage you to get your YUWO newsletter by email. You will receive it the same day it goes to the printer and it will save YUWO the money for mailing a hard copy. Just let Mary-Jo Warren, our membership chair, know that you are willing to receive the newsletter by email only. We also hope that you will frequent our wonderful YUWO website at www.yale.edu/yuwo, where the newsletter and up-to-date information about events and activities are available.

Patty and Barbara

To volunteer to be a Conversation Partner for a visiting international scholar/student at Yale, call Roberta Thornton at 752-0604.

>> NEW ACTIVITIES for 2009! <<

French Conversation Group

If you have studied French in the past and would like to brush up on your ability to read and speak, consider joining a new conversation group forming this fall. Please contact Nancy McCleery (248-3376) or Pat Whitestone (483-1351) for information or to sign up for a preliminary meeting where we will discuss the format.

Hiking Group

On Monday, October 5, the new YUWO hiking group will meet at 10 AM to walk in the Westwoods Trails in Guilford. Our meeting place will be Entrance #2, which is on the left, one mile up Peddlers Rd., starting from Route #1 (right across from Bishops Orchards). Call for information: Lyn Howe, 288-1217 or Anne Schenck, 787-3705.

Writing Workshop

The writing workshop is a new activity initiated by Ina Jaffee and Serita Winthrop for those YUWO members who express themselves through writing. Initially, we will meet once a month in Hamden at Ina's house at 1055 Ridge Rd; 288-9810 or inafae1@comcast.net. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, from 2-4 pm. Please bring an essay, memoir or fiction that you yourself have written and be prepared to read it out loud to a friendly, interested audience. We will limit the reading to three typed pages, double spaced. Each member will take notes and at the end offer suggestions to the reader. Our hope is to encourage members to share their writings with a group of like-minded sensitive people. All attendees must agree that whatever is divulged in the reading will not be discussed beyond the meeting. Although one is welcome to bring poetry, it truly is a specialized form of writing and there may not be members able to offer much guidance. Neither Serita nor Ina are published writers, but we have had some experience in writing workshops and would like the opportunity to continue. We hope that you feel that way, too.

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Art Aficionados will begin on Wednesday, October 14 at noon at the British Art Center, 1080 Chapel Street.. This will be a docent-led tour of Mrs. Delany and Her Circle. Mary Delany (1700-1788) is best known for her botanical “paper mosaics.” After the tour, lunch is planned at Heirloom, a 3-star restaurant in The Study at Yale, 1157 Chapel St.. To sign up, call Nancy Ahlstrom at 865-2028 or email nancy.ahlstrom@yale.edu.

Bird Watchers may contact Anne MacMahon (772-1643) for information about local bird walks and activities. She will give you information about walks which 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 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 (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 at 752-0604.

French, Conversational: Discussion des contes et romans que nous lisons. Nous parlons uniquement en français à un niveau avancé. Quand: le lundi à 14 heures à Chestnut Fine Foods, 1012 State St, New Haven. Debbie St. Thomas: 203.376.7076 ou Julie Crowder: 203.288.7157.

Starting in October, the **Italian, Conversational** 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. The first luncheon this year will be an Oktoberfest celebration on October 1. If you are a current member or someone who is interested in joining this lively group, contact Happy Thomas 393-7239, Marty Sherman, 605-5773, or Carol Dhawan, 562-0017. **(NOTE: you MUST make a reservation for the October 1 luncheon.)**

The **Music Together Group** attends free concerts at Yale. The October meeting is Monday, October 19, Jasper String Quartet, Sprague Hall, 8 pm. Meet for dinner, 6:30 pm at Yorkside Pizza, 288 York St. Guests are welcome. Call Ileana Tombank, 288-5363, or Raejeanne Kier, 287-2443.

Needlers will 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 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 at 288-2436, 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 at 562-0017.

Travel Gourmet will visit Greenwich on Tuesday, October 27. In the morning, we will visit the Bruce Museum with a free tour of “Charles Addams: Cartoonist.” Lunch will be at Jean-Louis, a 4-star restaurant with a \$29 prix fixe a la Parisienne meal with a main course and appetizer or dessert, or you can order a la carte. Call Nancy Ahlstrom at 865-2028 or email nancy.ahlstrom@yale.edu. Carpools will be arranged..

Membership Registration Form (2009-2010)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Please clearly PRINT your e-mail address if you wish to receive the YUWO newsletter via e-mail:

Email _____

Membership is open to any woman who by virtue of her own or her family's affiliation, past or present, is associated with the Yale community. Check as many as apply:

Yale Affiliation of: Self _____ Spouse _____ Other Relative _____

As: Staff _____ Faculty _____ Student _____ Postdoc _____

Position of above is: Active _____ Retired _____ Former _____

I am a new member of YUWO _____

I am renewing my membership _____

Amount Enclosed:

YUWO Annual Dues \$ 25.00

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YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund _____

The Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Fund _____

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Return this page and check(s) to the Membership Chair:

Mary-Jo Warren
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North Haven, CT 06473

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Check this newsletter or the YUWO website for any changes of venue or schedule for YUWO activities.

(For information on swine flu, including precautions you can take as well as university resources available to members of the Yale community, see <http://www.yale.edu/secretary/emergency/swineflu.html>)

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