Message from the President and Vice-President

We hope you are enjoying the exciting interest groups and activities that YUWO has to offer and encourage you to try one of the newer groups that have been organized.

The Lunch and Learn series will begin on Tuesday, October 25, with a presentation by Ronald Heiferman, Professor of History at Quinnipiac University, on the Romanovs. As usual, we will meet at noon with brown bags at the Yale Visitor Center. Beverages and cookies will be provided.

As this is being written, weather forecasters are predicting 80 degree weather over the weekend. However, the holiday season is nearing and the holiday party committee is already busy organizing the annual party to be held on Sunday, December 11, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. We will again raise scholarship monies with our famous basket raffle and you are asked to contribute items for a theme basket. Perhaps the activity groups would like to create a basket reflective of their interest. Please contact Pam Rackliffe or Johanna Becker for further information about baskets. As in the past there will be no charge for this party but we ask that you come with your favorite sweet or savory finger foods. YUWO will provide beverages. Significant others and friends are welcome.

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Audrey and Pam

Fall Study Group

The Fall 2011 series of lectures, From Dinosaurs to Diamonds: The Collections of Yale's Peabody Museum of Natural History, continues through October and ends on November 2. Lectures are held on Wednesdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the New Haven Lawn Club. There is no lecture on October 26. The last lecture, on November 2, by Professor Jay Ague will focus on the new Hall of Minerals, Earth and Space.
**Holiday Party**  
**Sunday, December 11th, 4-6 p.m.**

We will again be at Horchow House on Hillhouse Avenue. This is a chance to celebrate together and raise funds for our scholarships. One of our activities is the basket raffle. Please bring items to contribute to the baskets to the study group at the Lawn Club and give them to Johanna Becker or Sue Addiss. This year we will have 3 new theme baskets; Italian, French and Scandinavian. Do you have something to contribute; wine, music, book, food, and/or collectible?

**Lunch and Learn**

On Tuesday, October 25, Lunch and Learn will present Ronald Heiferman, Yale '65, Professor of History at Quinnipiac University, who will discuss ‘Twilight of the Romanovs: The Family Albums of Nicholas and Alexandra’. The saga of how Yale came to acquire these treasures should be of special interest to members of the Yale community.

There will be no meeting in November. On Tuesday, December 6, Lunch and Learn is happy to welcome Heather Gerken of the Yale Law School. Heather will present her research on voting analysis, with special attention to the new states’ laws regarding voter registration requirements. This is a timely discussion shortly after the November 2011 elections. Both meetings will be at the Yale Visitors' Center from 12:00 noon to 1:15.

**Exploring New Haven County**

On November 8 at 11:00 we will be touring The Collection of Musical Instruments Museum located at 15 Hillhouse Ave. One of the leading resources of its kind, the Yale Collection of Musical Instruments includes nearly one thousand musical instruments from antiquity to the present, from both Western and non-Western traditions. Space may be limited so please sign up in advance. Call Anne Schenck, 203 787-3705 or Eleanor Radune, 203-483-6528.

**November Books**

**Wednesday, November 2** 1:30-3:00 p.m. *Georgiana: Duchess of Devonshire* by Amanda Foreman. Raejeanne Kier (203-287-2443), Ileana Tombank, (203-288-5363).

**Monday, November 7** 2:00 p.m. *The Imperfectionists* by Tom Rachman. Irene Smith (203-248-2949).

**Tuesday, November 15** 2:00 p.m. *The Yacoubian Building* by Alaa Al Aswany. Lynn Howe (203-288-1217).

**Thursday, November 10** 9:30 a.m. *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Eleanor Radune (203-483-6528).

**Monday, November 14** 2:30 p.m. *Man’s Search for Meaning* by Viktor Frankl. Elena Mattson (203-453-4274).
Save the Date: May 2, 2012 is the Annual Luncheon.
By popular demand the new venue will be the New Haven Lawn Club.

Activities

ART AFICIONADOS — Art Aficionados will have a tour at the Yale Center for British Art on Wednesday November 16 at noon. Holly Shaffer who curated the exhibition will lead us through "Adapting the Eye: An Archive of the British in India 1770-1830". Please call either Diane or Anneke if you plan to join us after the tour for an Indian lunch at Thali Too. Anneke Hathaway 203-752-0460 anneke_hathaway@sbcglobal.net and Diane McQuire (203 488-4385)

BRIDGE GROUP — This duplicate bridge group will meet for lunch and play at the New Haven Country Club once a month, usually on Wednesdays, starting in September. You can bring a non-YUWO partner, but at least one of each couple must be a member of YUWO. Britta Chambers, 203-453-5813.

CONNECTICUT WINE TRAIL -- Connecticut Wine Trail – On Thursday, November 17, the YUWO group will visit two wineries inland in Connecticut, McLaughlin Vineyards in Sandy Hook, and DiGrazia Vineyards in Brookfield. The group will meet at 1:00pm at the Commuter Parking on Route 34, just after you exit west from Route 15, toward Derby. At McLaughlin the wine tastings cost $6.00, with the logo glass $8.00. At DiGrazia, the tasting is $6.00 with no option for glass. Contact Mary-Jo Warren for more information rmjwarren@sbcglobal.net or (203) 288-5037. The Wine Trail will bed down until spring when there are hopes for a March speaker, and April/May visits to shoreline vineyards.

FRENCH, CONVERSATIONAL — Discussion de contes et de romans et discussion libre. Meets Mondays at 2:00 pm at Chestnut Fine Foods in New Haven. French is spoken at the meetings, so intermediate proficiency and above is necessary. Debbie St. Thomas, 203-488-1859, and Julie Crowder, 203-288-7157.

ITALIAN CONVERSATION — Group members have enjoyed meeting on Monday mornings at the Yale bookstore during the past year, though the schedule is flexible and the venue may change. Depending on group interest, future discussions may focus on Italian films or operas. Desiree Galassi, 203-426-3214 or dgalassi@earthlink.net.

LUNCHEON GOURMET GROUP — Participants share the meal’s expenses and take turns planning the menu, and preparing and presenting the luncheon. Meetings are the first Thursday of the month. Dues are $10. Happy Thomas, 203-393-7239, Marty Sherman 203-263-2260, Carol Dhawan, 203-562-0017.

MUSIC TOGETHER Faculty Artist Series, Sprague Hall. November 15, at 8:00 PM. David Shifrin, clarinet and guests. Music by Mozart, Poulenc and Joan Panetti. Dinner at Yorkshire Pizza, 288 York Street at 6:30 PM. Ileane Tombank, 203-288-5363 or Raejeanne Kier, 203-287-2443.

NEEDLERS — Join the Needlers for conversation and light refreshment while working on your own project—knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, quilting, embroidery or mending. Meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in members’ homes. Call for directions. Betty Ann Levitin, 203-488-5862.

TENNIS — Advanced or intermediate players meet weekly for a round-robin at Yale’s indoor Cullman Courts on Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 am. There is an hourly shared court fee, as well as a membership fee. Carol Dhawan, 203-562-0017.
**TRAVEL GOURMET** — Travel Gourmet will set sail on Tuesday, October 25, for a trip up the Connecticut River. We will begin our Fall outing with a quick lunch at the Griswald Inn, then on to the Connecticut River Museum in Essex for a tour, and finally, beginning at 2:30, we will have an hour and half sail up the Connecticut River on the museum’s schooner, the Mary E, returning to the museum by 4 pm. The museum tour and schooner trip cost $26. We should leave the New Haven area around 10:30 am, later for people living closer to Essex. Car pools will be arranged. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom for more information and to make a reservation. This will be the last meeting of Travel Gourmet in 2011. Nancy Ahlstrom, 203-865-2028. No emails please.

**TRAVEL THE GLOBE** Interested in tours or travel outside Connecticut—to the Southwest, national parks, the Caribbean, or other destinations with a group? Or perhaps you might enjoy an opportunity to meet like-minded travel partners? Join other travel enthusiasts for travel talks? Those interested in this new group will gather to decide logistics. Jodi Rucquoi at 203-481-0160.

**WRITING GROUP** — If you have a secret (or not so secret) wish to write your memoirs, poetry, fiction or essays, join this group to share your work and get encouragement and advice from others. This forum will meet once a month to read and listen to new or edited work. Work shared will remain confidential within the group. Ina Jaffe, 203-288-9810.

**YUWO WALKERS** Two walks are scheduled in the next month: On Monday, October 24, the walk will be around Lake Wintergreen in Hamden, with an added hike up the hill to an overlook out towards Bethany from the top of the ridge. Please call Lyn Howe for this hike: 203-288-1217

On Tuesday, November 1, the walk will be a mostly level walk across meadows at the base of West Rock in Hamden. Please call Johanna Becker (203-248-6391) to find out about the walk or sign up for it. This walk will be postponed to November 15 if there is rain on the 1st.

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**YUWO Connecticut Wine Trail Group**

YUWO activity groups are a wonderful way to make friends and pursue mutual interests. New for 2011-2012 is the YUWO Connecticut Wine Trail Group. The first excursion to two Wallingford Wineries, Paradise Hills and Gouveia, took place on Thursday, September 29. The new, small, delightful Paradise Hills Vineyards, was the first stop where a knowledgeable owner and raconteur told us about the Washington Trail through Wallingford. The small, but enthusiastic, group of YUWO explorers brought cheese and crackers to enjoy.

Left to right in photo are Patty Pollard, Carolyn Westerfield, Julie Crowder, Cava (Julie’s Service shepherd) and Audrey DeFronzo. Photo by Mary Jo Warren.
Please check that you have renewed your YUWO membership. The December Newsletter will be sent only to YUWO members and will contain the active Membership List.

Membership Registration Form (2011-2012)

Name ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Address

Street __________________ City ___________ Zip

Please clearly PRINT your email address if you wish to receive the YUWO newsletter and other YUWO notices via email:

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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 ___ Alum ___
Position of above is: Active ___ Retired ___ Former ___

I am renewing my membership ___ I am a new member of YUWO ___

Amount Enclosed:

YUWO Annual Dues $ 25.00

Annual Scholarship Fund ______
Magee Fenn Scholarship Fund ______
YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund ______
The Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Fund ______

Please remit separate checks for YUWO dues and each scholarship fund donation you wish to make. All checks should be payable to “Yale University Women’s Organization.” Use the check memo line to indicate whether the amount is designated for “Dues” or a specific scholarship fund.

Donations to the all YUWO scholarship funds are tax deductible.

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