President’s Letter

Professor Jacob Hacker will be speaking with us at the Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the New Haven Lawn Club on Wednesday, May 8. Stephanie Jatlow and Marion Russell have planned a delicious menu and festive afternoon. If you have not already reserved your spot the reservation form is enclosed in this newsletter. Please complete and return to Stephanie by May 1.

Through your generosity this year we are able to award $16,000 in scholarship to our qualified applicants. Please join us to meet these wonderful Yale women at this special YUWO event. As is her custom, Jane Levin will again join these women at luncheon. We are honored to thank Mrs. Levin for her many years of support to YUWO and to our scholarship mission.

Audrey and Stephanie

Lunch and Learn

On Tuesday, April 30, YUWO Lunch and Learn will host Margretta Reed Seashore, MD, Professor of Genetics, of Laboratory Medicine, and of Nursing, and Interim Director of the Biochemical Disease Detection Lab and the Genetics Consulting Group. Dr. Seashore has a special interest in pediatric genetics and inborn errors of metabolism and has been on New York Magazine's annual list of best doctors. As usual, we will gather at 12:00 at the Yale Visitor Center at 149 Elm Street.

Exploring New Haven County

Please join us on Wednesday May 1 at 10:30 for a Bovano Studio Tour. You will see the creation from start to finish of beautiful hand-made sculptures made from vitreous enamel fused to copper. Visit their web site at www.bovano.com to fully appreciate the beauty of the art we will be seeing. The studio is located on Rt. 10, 830 South Main St., Cheshire CT. We will meet at the retail store. There is plenty of parking. Guests are welcome. Call Eleanor Radune (203 483 - 6528) or Anne Schenck (203 787 - 3705) to sign up.

May Books

Thursday, May 9 9:30 a.m. February House by Sherill Tippins. Eleanor Radune (203-483-6528).

Monday, May 13 2:00 p.m. Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver. Irene Smith (203-248-2949).

Tuesday, May 14 2:00 p.m. My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor. Lynn Howe (203-288-1217).

Monday, May 27 2:30 p.m. The Royal Game by Stefan Zweig. Ellie Mattson (203-453-4274).
Activities

**Music Together** – Sunday, May 19, 4 pm. Commencement Concert, Yale School of Music, Sprague Hall. Dinner at 6:30 at York Street Pizza, York St. between Wall and Elm. Call Raejeanne Kier (203-287-2443), or Charlotte Moulyn (1-203-386-1453).

**Walking Group** -- Thursday, May 9, a hike on the ridge in Meriden. Please call Lyn Howe for information, or to sign up for the hike. Phone: 203-606-0370.

Spring Excursion

Bus trip to Brooklyn Museum and Botanic Garden on **May 15**. Details and a signup form are at the end of this newsletter.

Notes of the Yale Health Plan Representative

Peter Steere, Assistant Pharmacy Director, presented an update on the pharmacy. The pharmacy now handles the anticoagulant patient care. Three pharmacists manage this service for 70% of patients with bleeding disorders. The service to patients is better when this is handled directly from the pharmacy.

Specialty drugs represent the fastest growing cost driver for managed care organizations. 50% of all drugs are now specialty and the number is growing. Key diagnoses for specialty drugs include cancer, multiple sclerosis, fertility, rheumatoid arthritis, hepatitis, and genetic disorders. Multiple Sclerosis treatment is the single most expensive drug. In 2012, not one standard drug is listed in the top 25 prescribed medications. For example, Advair costs $1,000.00 a month. There are 1,773 prescriptions that cost over $1,000 a month and the 100 most expensive prescriptions cost over a million dollars yearly.

Care Coordination identifies high-risk patients for hospital re-admission. Care Coordination can meet with these patients to identify barriers to medication compliance. It also identifies high-risk patients for diabetes management, assesses drug compliance and alters medication therapy if needed.

Future priorities of the pharmacy include improving service performance by teaching patients how to use the pharmacy. The Save a Co-Pay Program was very successful. 340 letters were mailed and 31 patients participated for a savings of $45,000.

The e-mail project is almost ready. Patients will sign up for an e-mail notification when their prescription is ready.

Patients have complained about large sized bottles that do not contain that many pills. The automated equipment used takes only 2 different sized pill bottles. If the bottle is being hand-filled patients can request a smaller bottle. Pill bottles can be returned and will be shredded. They can also go in the re-cycle bins.-- Betty Ann Levitin

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**Membership Additions and Corrections**

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YUWO Spring 2013 Excursion to Brooklyn Museum and Botanic Garden

A Bus Trip on Wednesday, May 15, 2013

We travel by chartered bus to the Brooklyn Museum of Art, where we get our combination tickets to the Museum and Botanic Garden. There are FIVE special exhibits at the Museum. They are: Monumental Works by El Anatsui, a Nigerian artist who converts found materials into stunning works of art, with over 12 monumental wall sculptures; American Drawings with over 100 works from the Museum’s collections; John Singer Sargent watercolor exhibit with 93 examples of his work; Kathe Kollwitz exhibit with 13 rarely shown prints; and Workt by Hand, a show of 35 quilt masterpieces from the Museum’s collections. In addition, the Arts of the America collection is newly reinstalled on the 5th floor, and The Dinner Party installation by Judy Chicago on the 4th floor is always on view.

The Botanic Garden has 52 acres with plants from around the world and also their Herb Garden, Shakespeare Garden, Japanese Pond Garden, Lily Pool and the Steinhardt Conservatory with its Bonsai Exhibit, Trail of Evolution, and three habitat pavilions.

We do not have a guided tour in either place. Lunch is on your own, with choices of the Brooklyn Museum Café or the Terrace Cafe at the Botanic Garden.

Cost of $50 includes bus travel, driver’s tip, admission to both Brooklyn Museum and Botanic Garde. This trip is limited to 52 current YUWOs. If space is available, friends may be invited.

Our bus leaves the North Haven commuter lot on Devine Street (Exit 10 off I-91) promptly at 8:00 am and returns about 6:30 pm.

Mail your check made out to YUWO for $50 and this form to Dolores Gall, 75 Charlton Hill, Hamden, CT 06518 by May 9. For questions, phone Dody Gall 203-288-6590 or e-mail dmgall@aol.com.

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YUWO Annual Luncheon and Meeting

May 8, 2013

New Haven Lawn Club

Speaker: Jacob Hacker, PHD
The Stanley B. Resor Professor of Political Science, and Director
The Institute for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University

"Are American Politics Undermining the American Dream?"

The reservation form is enclosed.
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173 Whitney Avenue
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Choice of entree: Please check your selection:

CHICKEN with Fig Chorizo French Brioche Toast, glazed onion, Citrus Demi Glaze

FISH: Pepper Seared Salmon, Gingered Jasmine Rice, Sauteed Mushrooms, Scallion Essence

VEGETARIAN: Six Cheese Ravioli, Grilled Vegetables and San Marzano Tomato Sauce

Number of reservations at $30.00 per person

I would Like to Contribute to the Scholarship Fund:  ________  SEPARATE CHECKS PLEASE

Please return reservations by May 1, 2013. Please make checks payable to YUWO and mail to:

Stephanie Jatlow, Post Office Box 1185, Orange, Connecticut 06477

Name:____________________________                         Guest Name_____________________________

Social Hour 11:15-12:noon, Lunch 12:00 Noon. Questions? Please call Stephanie at 203-389-2044

Please note: The deadline for either reservations or refunds is May 1.