Lunch and Learn
Tuesday, November 26
noon, Yale Visitors' Center
on Elm Street. YUWO
Newcomer, Charlotte Evans,
will speak on "Stories from
Antarctica" where she spent
three months on assignment
Charlotte is a former reporter,
editor, and newsroom manager
at the Times. Since we have
just celebrated the centennial
of the great race to the South Pole
when the Norwegian Roald
Amundsen’s team beat the
doomed expedition of
Englishman Robert Scott to the
South Pole, the lecture is
especially timely. Reminder:
Lunch and Learn starts at
12:00, with the presentation at
12:15 leaving time for
questions before we vacate the
Yale Visitors Center by 1:30
for Yale Group Tours.

YUWO Holiday Party
Sunday, December 8
Whitney Center
(South Building)
Leeder Hill Rd. Hamden
4:00pm-6:00pm
Greet
the Holiday Season
&
Increase the YUWO
Scholarship Funds

There will be wine, women
(some men) and possibly song,
as well as excellent food, a
chance to win creative baskets,
interesting and worthwhile
silent auction items. All
proceeds benefit the YUWO
scholarship funds.
In the past, interest groups such
as gourmet, book groups, and
“needlers” put together baskets.
Individuals can also donate
quality items for the baskets.

The chill in the air reminds us that the holiday season is fast approaching. We hope you will join us at the
YUWO annual Holiday Party to be held on Sunday, December 8, from 4 to 6 pm at the Whitney Center
Cultural Arts Center located at 200 Leeder Hill Avenue in Hamden. This party is a festive way to support the
YUWO scholarship funds by donating an item for the silent auction or for the holiday baskets to be
raffled, or by writing a check. Please remember to bring a favorite sweet or savory treat for everyone to
enjoy. Donations to the baskets or silent auction are once again being collected by Johanna Becker. Please
contact her to arrange for a convenient drop off or to help with assembling the baskets.

If you are free at lunch on Tuesday, November 26, plan to attend the Lunch and Learn program at noon in
the Yale Visitors’ Center. Newcomer Charlotte Evans will speak to us about her experiences in Antarctica.
We wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and we hope to see you at the Holiday Party, on
Sunday, December 8th.

Audrey and Stephanie

Audrey DeFronzo, President, 203-230-0592; Stephanie Jatlow, Vice President, 203-389-2044
Peggy Atherton, Membership Chair, 203-745-5011
**Music Together:**  **Saturday, December 7, 8:00pm in Battell Chapel** – Advent Concert – Bach, Haydn, Britten, Verdi, Willcox. Dinner at 6:30, Yorkside Pizza, New Haven.

**December/January Book Groups**
Monday, December 9, 2:00pm, Player Piano by Kurt Vonnegut. Contact: Irene Smith (203-248-2949)
Monday, January 13, 2:00pm, Book to be decided in December.

Monday, December 9, 2:30pm, poetry and selection of 2014 books. Contact: Betsy Suatoni (203-315-1387).
Monday, January 20, 2:30pm, Book to be selected in December.

Tuesday, December 10, 2:00pm, Mornings on Horseback, by David McCullough.
Tuesday, January 14, 2:00pm, Book to be decided in December. Contact: Lyn Howe (203-606-0370).

Thursday, December 12, 9:30am, The Aviator’s Wife by Melanie Benjamin.
Thursday, January 9, 9:30am, Rabbit, run by John Updike. Contact: Eleanor Radune (203 483-6528)

**Study Group Spring Lecture Series on Modern China in New Location**
Save the dates! The YUWO Study Series Committee is happy to announce its Spring 2014 Study Series on Modern China, taking place on the **5 Wednesdays in April: 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30.** Having lost access to the New Haven Lawn Club, the Study Series Committee is excited about our new location: The Conference Center at Yale's West Campus. We will be in a beautiful, comfortable auditorium with plenty of seating, so that members can feel free to register guests for the series as soon as registration opens: no more waiting! We will have ample, easy parking adjacent to the Conference Center and access to a cafeteria where participants can get together before or after the lectures. We hope that members will agree that this is a great move forward. **Full information on guest lecturers, their topics, and a registration form will be in the February YUWO Newsletter.**

**Yale Health Services Report**
(Any YUWO women who has issues which she would like to see addressed at the Member Advisory Committee of YHP contact: YUWO representative, Betty Ann Levitin, 203-488-5862.)

**Scholarship Funds Update**
Good news for our scholarship program! There is a recent article in YaleNews that sites YUWO's scholarship program as one of the benefits that earned Yale's rating by Working Mother magazine as one of the “100 Best Companies” in the nation. To read the article click on this link (if you are getting this by email) or type the following address in your web browser [http://news.yale.edu/2013/09/16/yale-again-designated-among-100-best-companies-working-mothers](http://news.yale.edu/2013/09/16/yale-again-designated-among-100-best-companies-working-mothers).

We are able to keep the scholarship program going only because our members contribute annually and because of some generous long term gifts made to the program. Please consider making a contribution to this important effort by donating today and by remembering the scholarship program in your estate planning.

**To make a SCHOLARSHIP DONATION -**
Separate checks payable to YUWO with specific fund below on the memo line.

- Annual Scholarship Fund
- Magee Fenn Scholarship Fund

Separate checks payable to the “Community Foundation” with the fund below on the memo line.

- YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund
- The Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Trust Fund

Please send to Peggy Atherton
223 Bradley Street, New Haven, CT 06510
YUWO Fall Excursion and October - Lunch & Learn

Fall Excursion to Hyde Park on the Hudson: Park Ranger talks to group in Visitors’ Center after Introductory movie and prior to Tour of FDR home and museum.

October Lunch and Learn: Gail Charnley Elliot
Professor Charnley Elliot explains her power point chart that illustrated her stimulating noon talk at the Yale Visitors’ Center.

Pictured above are just two of the interesting large group activities which YUWO members were offered in October. On the sunny day of October 28, thirty YUWOs boarded a bus for Hyde Park, relieved that the National Parks Service was back in business. The first stop was Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's home where, after an informative film, Park Rangers took us through her house. Lunch was at the new Visitors Center, followed by a Ranger-led tour of Springwood, FDR's home for most of his life. After walking through the impressive gardens, the group came to the FDR Presidential Library and Museum. Recently installed exhibits there were a marvel of sight and sound and objects, covering every aspect of both FDR and Eleanor's lives. As usual with YUWO bus trips, the group enjoyed some sherry and crackers on the way home.

YUWO Needlers Group

YUWO Needlers Group are knitting blankets which will go to young girls in West Africa who have been impregnated too early before their malnourished bodies were ready. At childbirth, they suffered a devastating injury called obstetric fistula which left them incontinent, leaking urine and sometimes feces through their vaginas. Most have been sent away by their husbands, and many have endured years of mockery and ostracism as well as painful sores on their legs from the constant trickle of urine.

There is a hospital in Niger that performs surgery on these unfortunate young women. The hospital distributes blankets knitted by volunteers like the YUWO Needlers. For additional information search thefistulaproject/ethiopia/blankets.

Pictured at the left: Betty Ann Levitin and Carolyn Westerfield, initiators of the Blanket Project with completed blankets and squares ready to be sewn together. The Group meets twice a month at YUWO members’ homes. Any YUWO member is welcome. Call Betty Ann (203-488-5862).
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