



Lunch and Learn

On **Tuesday, January 15**, Dr. Hugh Taylor, Professor and Director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences at the Yale School of Medicine, will be speaking on "The Benefits and Risks of Hormone Replacement." The meeting will be in the Trophy Room on the 2nd floor of the Payne Whitney Gymnasium at noon. Bring your lunch — coffee, tea and dessert will be available. The talk is open to the public. If you have questions call Sue Addiss, 481-3632.

Second Chance Exploring New Haven

In March 2007, YUWO was privileged to visit with Professor Sarah Weiss and Yale's newly acquired Javanese gamelan. The gamelan is a musical ensemble featuring a variety of instruments such as metallaphones, xylophones, drums, and gongs, bamboo flutes, bowed and plucked strings and vocalists. On **Saturday, January 26**, there will be a concert in Battell Chapel at 7:30 p.m. featuring the gamelan. Professor Weiss and her current student group will perform with Indonesian guests and other performers from ensembles on the east coast. It promises to be a fantastic concert!

YUWO members are welcome!



**Holiday Party
December 9, 4-6 p.m.**

**New Building
Eli Whitney Museum**

See you there!

Final Reminder

We hope to see all of you at the Holiday Party on **Sunday, December 9**. Parking will be near the museum so passengers can be let out of cars in front of the "New Building" and the driver can park. There will be a parking director to guide you.

There will be no admission charge and we ask that you bring a **ready to eat** dish to share. There is no stove, but a microwave oven is available.

We welcome your contributions to the scholarship fund in the form of a check or the purchase of raffle tickets. There will be a silent auction as well. We have some really interesting contributions to be raffled off and up for bid. Come and join the fun with your YUWO friends and their guests. If you have questions call Johanna Becker, 248-6391.

December Books

Wednesday, December 5

9:00-10:30 *The Snob* by Julian Fellowes

Genevieve Goff, 208-1357

Monday, December 10

2:00-3:30 *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides

Vin Klein, 248-6691

Tuesday, December 11

1:30 *Stones from the River* by Urusula Hegi (The group will meet at Marjolaine Pastry Shop on State Street)

Lyn Howe, 288-1217

Monday, December 17

2:30-4:00 Poetry and Choice of books for 2008

Ellie Mattson, 453-4274

January Books

Wednesday, January 2

1:30-3:00 *Emma* by Jane Austen

Raejeanne Kier, 287-2443

Tuesday January 8

1:30 *Fallen Founder, the Life of Aaron Burr* by Nancy Isenberg

Lyn Howe, 288-1217

Wednesday, January 9

9:00-10:30 *The Clarks of Cooperstown* by Nicolax Fox Weber

Genevieve Goff, 208-1357

Monday, January 14

2:00-3:30 *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

Vin Klein 248-6691

Monday January 21

2:30-4:00

TBA

The next newsletter deadline will be on January 13, 2008. Send news to aloomie@aol.com.

Message from the President and Vice-President

The holiday season is just about upon us and YUWO will celebrate with our Holiday Party on Sunday, December 9th at the "New Building" of the Eli Whitney Museum. We hope to see you there — it's always such a festive occasion, and a chance to catch up with friends we don't see often enough. Don't forget that this is a little bit of a money maker for the scholarship fund too, so if you would like to make an elaborate treat to sell, or bring an item of quality that you did not make but would appeal, please do so. We still need items to put in baskets to be raffled off. We look forward to your company, too (no price on that!)

The Study Group lectures on Contemporary Issues in Law have been spectacular. It's been a real privilege to listen to these outstanding faculty members and get our own minds churning over the topics they present.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving celebration, and we will see you at the Eli Whitney Museum on December 9th.

Johanna and Patty

To volunteer to be a Conversation Partner, call Manette Adams at 288-3249 or email her at harry.adams@yale.edu. Manette reports that all who have participated have found it very rewarding!

Yale University Health Services Advisory Committee

The purposes of the Member Advisory Committee (MAC) at the Yale Health Plan are:

- 1) To identify concerns expressed by members about the policies and practices of Yale University Health Services (YUHS), and to call concerns to the attention of appropriate individuals and committees of YUHS.
- 2) To undertake specific projects designed to enhance members' satisfaction with the policies and practices of YUHS.
- 3) To explain and interpret YUHS policies and practices to members of the Yale community.

The MAC has 12 consumer members representing various constituents of the Yale community. YUWO has a representative on the committee. Our representative is Felicia Tencza.

For members of YUHS, individual concerns or issues that you may have with YUHS can be brought to the attention of YUHS Patient Representative Vickie Eisler at 432-0109. In addition, you may bring any concerns or issues that you have to Felicia, who will address them at the monthly MAC meetings with Senior YUHS leadership, without identifying anyone specifically.

Felicia Tencza can be reached at 203-777-4704, or Felicia.Tencza@aya.yale.edu

Activities

The Genealogy Interest Group gathered **Monday, November 19**, in the Lucy Hammer Room of Branford's Blackstone Library. They shared their recent research experiences as well as tips on making further progress. If you wish to join the group or obtain information about their activities, please call Pat Whitestone, 483-1351 or Anne McMahon, 772-1643.

Art Aficionados will enliven dreary January by touring the current exhibit at the Beinecke Library on **Italian Festivals**. The date is **Wednesday, January 9**. Meet inside the main entrance at 12 noon. Lunch will be at Morys after the tour. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom, 203-865-2028 if you plan to come. Beinecke space is limited to a group of 20 but the more the merrier for lunch. If there is room you may bring a guest. If the weather is questionable, call Nancy to check whether the trip is on!

Activities (continued)

On **Friday, November 30**, the **Music Together Group** will attend the Yale Band Concert in Woolsey Hall at 7:30 p.m. The Yale Concert Band will present works by Takemitsu, Milhaud, and Maslanka. Meet for dinner before the concert at 6 pm at Clark's Restaurant, 68 Whitney Avenue. There is parking in the rear of the restaurant with access from Trumbull St.

Other upcoming **Music Together Group** activities: on **Wednesday, December 12**, a concert of Guitar Chamber Music, Benjamin Verdery, director, 8 p.m. at Sprague Hall. We will meet for dinner at 6:30 at York St. Pizza, 288 York St., and on **Saturday, January 19**, the Yale Schola Cantorum will perform *Light of Light* with Stephen Layton, guest conductor, 8 p.m., St. Mary's church, corner of Grove St and Hillhouse. Meet for dinner at Clark's, 68 Whitney at 6:30 pm. Call Raejeanne Kier at 287-2443 or Ilene Tombank at 288-5363 if you have questions.

Conversational French meets at 1:30 pm. every Monday year round at Chestnut Fine Foods, 1012 State Street, New Haven. All are welcome, but intermediate proficiency and above is recommended, since French is spoken at the meetings. Contact Debbie St. Thomas, 488-1859 or Julie Crowder, 288-7157.

Luncheon Gourmet members meet to cook, eat and socialize. Participants share the meal's expenses and take turns planning the menu, preparing and presenting the luncheon. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. Dues covering printing costs and other incidentals are \$10. Contacts: Marty Sherman, 605-5773, Carol Sirot, 453-5755, Carol Dhawan, 562-0017, or Johanna Becker, 248-6391.

On the first Sunday of each month, there will be a meeting of the **Scrabble group** at the home of Inge Ladenbauer-Bellis, 114 Vineyard Road, Hamden. Call Inge at 288-2436 to join.

Play intermediate or advanced **Tennis** at Yale's Indoor Cullman Courts. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30. Call Carol Dhawan at 562-0017.

Travel Gourmet visits interesting spots in Connecticut and eats at a nearby restaurant. The next trip will be in March. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom, 865-2028 for information.

Needlers will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month for conversation and light refreshment while working on your own project — knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, quilting, embroidery, or mending. Share ideas and help, at the Levitins'. Call Betty Ann, 488-5862 for directions.

On **Thursday, January 17**, **The Movie Group** will view *The Magic Flute* (1973, 134 minutes) at the Blackstone Library in Branford at 1 p.m. The movie was written and directed by Ingmar Bergman. Mozart's opera is sung in Swedish with English subtitles. Vincent Canby declared that it is "absolutely dazzling." The movie will be introduced by Leona Nalle. Call Mara Cunningham, 772-4007, Eva Ewing 315-5160, or Leona Nalle 387-7932 for information. Meet for lunch at Cohen's Bagel Co., 1008 Main St, Branford and call Eva if you are coming for lunch. Please note that the movies are now on the **third Thursday** of the month.

The Bridge Group meets for lunch and duplicate bridge at the New Haven Country Club once a month. They are looking for new members, singles or couples. You can bring a non-YUWO partner, but at least one member of each couple must be a member of YUWO. Call Britta Chambers, 453-5813 to join.

A new activity is being proposed for the coming year if there is sufficient interest. An **Opera Group** will be formed to hire a bus to take the members to New York City from New Haven on a weeknight to attend the Metropolitan Opera. The cost of the bus would be shared. If you are interested, please notify Louise Fitzsimons, 782-0913, or cavancom@sbcglobal.net. Louise will email you a detailed proposal with suggested dates and costs and the opportunity to make your preferences known. The suggested performances are different from those which will be simulcast in a local theater. There are 33 people interested and Louise needs about 10 more to fill the bus so please call her immediately if you are interested.

YUWO Membership Registration Form for 2007-2008

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
Street City Zip

Please PRINT your e-mail address if you wish to receive general YUWO announcements via e-mail: _____

I would like to receive the YUWO Newsletter via e-mail only _____

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

Yale Affiliation: Self _____ Spouse _____ Other Relative _____

As: Staff _____ Faculty _____ Student _____ Postdoc _____

Position of above is: Active _____ Retired _____ Former _____

I am a new member of YUWO _____ OR I am renewing my membership _____

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The Gustave and Carol Sirot Fund*	_____

*Please remit separate checks for YUWO dues and any scholarship donations you wish to make. If you wish to contribute to more than one scholarship fund, please send a separate check for each fund in order to allow our treasurer to record your donations properly. Return this form and check(s) to Membership Chair Audrey DeFronzo, 35 Mowry Street, North Haven, CT 06473.

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