



Still A Few Spaces for Spring Excursion to The Cloisters, Wave Hill

There are two spaces on the bus still available for the YUWO trip on **May 14** to The Cloisters and Wave Hill. The Cloisters, named for its three arcaded cloisters, was opened to the public in 1938 in a Gothic-designed building in Fort Tryon Park with a spectacular setting overlooking the Hudson River and the New Jersey Palisades. Within this building were other medieval architectural fragments, all originally purchased in Europe. Since then, remarkable additions have been made to the collections, including the six Unicorn Tapestries, jeweled metal-work, Gothic sculpture, stained glass and early Italian and Flemish paintings. Our second stop is Wave Hill, a collection of stunning flower gardens, a greenhouse and water garden also overlooking the Hudson River. Two stately homes, Wave Hill House and Glyndon House, are also open.

The bus leaves promptly at 7:30 a.m. from the commuter lot between Old Hartford Turnpike and State Streets. Take exit 1 from the I-91 Connector (Exit 10 off I-91), turn left at the end of the exit ramp, then left into the lot. The \$60 cost includes bus transportation and driver's tip, guided tour of the Cloisters, admission to Wave Hill and a box lunch from Chestnut Fine Foods. Return will be around 5:30 p.m. **See registration form, p. 5.**



**Annual Luncheon
Wednesday
May 7, 2008
At the New Haven
Country Club
Registration 11:30 am
Lunch 12 noon sharp**

Annual Luncheon

There is still time to sign up for the annual luncheon. Gather at the New Haven Country club at 11:30. Lunch will begin at 12 noon. Our annual meeting will include a vote on the by-law changes (see March Newsletter). Our speaker will be Linda Lorimer, vice president and secretary of Yale University. The subject of her talk will be "Yale and Globalization".

Registration form for the luncheon is on page 5.

The next newsletter deadline will be in August. Send news to aloomie@aol.com

May Books

Wednesday, May 7

2:30-4:00 *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
Raejeanne Kier (287-2443)

Monday, May 12

2:00-3:30 *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
Vin Klein (248-6691)

Tuesday, May 13

1:30-3:00 *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde
Lyn Howe (288-1217)

Wednesday, May 14

9:00-10:30 *The Big House* by George Howe Colt
Genevieve Goff (208-1357)

Monday, May 19

2:30-4:00 *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin
Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

Exploring Yale and New Haven

The planned tour of the Woolsey Hall great organ will take place in June.. Check the YUWO website at www.yale.edu/yuwo for the date and time or contact Lyn Howe (288-1217).

Patty Pollard, President, 481-2766; Johanna Becker, Vice President, 248-6391
Betty Ann Levitin, Newcomers Chairperson, 488-5862; Audrey DeFronzo, Membership Chair, 230-0592
Alice Loomis, Newsletter Editor 453-0036

Message from the President and Vice-President

Spring is here and our Annual Luncheon and Scholarship Awards celebration at the New Haven Country Club is almost here — Wednesday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. We met with the Scholarship Committee and were inspired by the life stories and goals of the remarkable women. We want to thank all of you who so generously contributed to our scholarship funds to make these awards possible. Please join us to meet these wonderful women and hear their stories at this special YUWO event.

We want to thank all of you for working with us to make this a very satisfying YUWO year full of activities and events that have enriched our minds and spirits.

Patty and Johanna

The Adventures of Barbara Loucks

If you're over 60 you may remember running home from school to listen to the radio. Maybe "One Man's Family"? Did your brothers tune in to "Jack Armstrong, All-American Boy"?

The radio brought us not only entertainment. It brought news of the latest styles, an announcement of a coming circus or news commentary by H.B. Kaltenbourne.. Radio was to the 40's what TV has been in the 60's and 70's: the media that shaped our ideas, our musical taste, and our dreams.

Barbara Loucks grew up in Milford. She always wanted to be a radio star in a soap opera. In 1953 she took a small step in that direction: she was hired as a WELI copy writer. There she met a young part-time announcer, Carleton Loucks, whom she married shortly after his Yale graduation in 1954.

Barbara is a graduate of the Leland Powers School of Radio, Television and Theatre, a good background for her next job as consumer reporter and interviewer on WELI. She eventually called her popular radio program "Barbara's World" which continued until 1989. Barbara loved doing it. "I'm a people person" she said. She did six programs a day, each for three minutes! (I shudder because I can't even manage to watch the clock to produce a perfect 3-minute egg.)

Carleton's year in the army took them to Japan in 1956. They loved the country and learned quite a bit of Japanese, a language which, unfortunately, has faded from their memories. However, this trip did whet their taste for travel. By train, they have managed to go to every U.S. state, made 20 trips to Europe and one to Russia.

Through the years, Barbara's organizational skills did not go unnoticed. She was asked repeatedly from 1972 to 1989 to organize and run fashion shows. Barbara has been President of the Children's Center of Hamden, as well as president of the Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary.

This year Barbara is president of the North End Club and volunteers at the Yale Shoreline Medical Center in Guilford. She has received many honors for her work, including the YWCA Leadership Award for CT in 1992.

The Loucks have a grown daughter and a grown son, both living in the Hamden area. They have one grandchild, Mimi, a "wonderful girl" according to grandma.

All of us look forward to knowing Barbara as she participates in the many activities YUWO offers.

By Manette Adams

Activities For April 2008

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 of each couple must be a member of YUWO. Call Britta Chambers, 453-5813 to join.

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.

A five-week **Golf Clinic** will be starting the last week in April. It takes place at the Yale Golf Course for all levels of players. The Yale men's golf coach, Dave Patterson, will be the instructor. If you do not have clubs, the Golf Course will supply them. The clinic is held weekly from the last week in April through May. The fee is \$150. Call Marion Kesson (488-3043) to register.

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 **Thursday, May 15**, the **Movie Matinee Group** will meet at Blackstone Library, 758 Main St, Branford to view "La Dolce Vita" (Italy, 1960, 2hrs. 55min.) directed by Federico Fellini. Due to the length of the film, the time will be **12 noon** instead of the usual 1 p.m. Bring your bag lunch and munch as you watch if you wish. This film is the classic that changed forever the way that American films are made. Marcello Mastroianni is a tabloid journalist caught up in the thrill-mongering life of his profession; he despises it yet can't stop his fascination. Fellini satirizes the lives of the international jet set in Rome and hints at a moral critique as he entertains us with a banquet of startling images. This art work has become prophetic about the culture of the glamorous people, the paparazzi who pursue them, and those who thrill to the kinds of lives they lead. Mara Cunningham will introduce the film.

"Fear and Trembling" (2003, 1 hour 47 minutes) will be shown on **Thursday, June 12** at Blackstone Library at 1 pm.

"Like "Lost in Translation," Alain Corneau's film, adapted from an autobiographical novel by Amélie Nothomb, concerns a young woman undergoing a painful and comical process of self-discovery in a Tokyo high-rise. The heroine, Amélie (Sylvie Testud) has moved from Belgium to Japan, where she spent her early childhood, and where she takes a job working for a large corporation in the hopes of becoming "a real Japanese woman." It's a doomed project, owing both to the long-standing Japanese suspicion of foreigners and to the intricate codes and hierarchies that govern Amélie's workplace. What starts as a breezy exercise in office anthropology becomes a harrowing, sometimes hilarious exploration of bureaucratic sado-masochism, a blend of "The Office" and "The Story of O" transplanted to Asia."
— A. O. Scott, *The New York Times*.

Audrey Harper, a regular attendee of our movies, will introduce the film. Call Mara Cunningham (772-4007), Eva Ewing (315-5160), or Leona Nalle (387-7932) for information.

In May the **Music Together Group** will attend the Yale School of Music Commencement Concert on **Sunday, May 25** at Morse Recital Hall. The concert will feature outstanding performers from the class of 2008 and will be at 4 p.m. Call Raejeanne Kier (287-2443) or Ileana Tombank (288-5363).

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 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.

If you have questions or wish to sign up for **Tennis** call Carol Dhawan 562-0017.

Membership Updates

Our membership is now at 346 and additions and changes to the directory follow:

Address change: Alice Loomis
80 Loeffler Rd. Apt. G-202
Bloomfield, CT 06002
860-726-2087

New emails: Joan Hubbard eccomi2@sbcglobal.net
Genevieve Goff gengoff@gmail.com

New member (please add): Claudia Lopez
41 Richmond Avenue
New Haven, CT 06515
389-1953

Seventy-eight members now receive their newsletter by email. They not only save YUWO money, they get important information about events and activities in the most timely fashion possible, usually a full week before those opting for delivery by US mail.

If you'd like to try it, email Audrey DeFronzo at amdct1103@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you!

Once again we send a huge THANK YOU to Carol and Gil Hogan who have handled our mailing needs this year, and to Marty Sherman, our publications chair, who edits publications and makes sure that they are printed!



ANNUAL LUNCHEON

May 7, 2008, New Haven Country Club

Choice of Entrée (please check your selection)

London Broil (medium rare only) _____

Roasted Chicken with Mushroom Sauce _____

Crab Cakes with Lemon Buerre Blanc _____

Number of Reservations _____ @\$25 per person

I would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund. My separate check is \$ _____

Make checks payable to YUWO and mail to:

Rita Trayner
101-10 Hotchkiss Grove Road
Branford, CT 06405

Return by April 30, 2008

No Refunds after May 2, 2008

Name _____ Guest Name _____

Bus Trip to The Cloisters and Wave Hill Wednesday May 14, 2008

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate category for your tickets: senior (60+) or adult:

Check your box lunch selection: (wraps are spinach or sun-dried tomato wrap)
(bread is whole wheat or country herb, lettuce & tomato on some)

_____grilled vegetable wrap

_____chicken Cesar wrap

_____roast turkey wrap

_____grilled vegetable sandwich

_____chicken Cesar sandwich

_____roast turkey sandwich

_____ham/ honey mustard sandwich

_____tuna salad sandwich

_____roast beef sandwich

_____cookie or _____ piece of fruit

An assortment of bottled drinks is provided.

Send your \$65 check made out to YUWO to Dolores Gall, 75 Charlton Hill, Hamden, CT 06518.

This trip is limited to 28 participants. Please send your check/reservation by April 15.

Regretfully, no refunds can be made after April 30.

Questions on availability, call Dolores Gall, 203-288-6590

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Note: 2008-2009 Volunteer Form Enclosed!