



Conversation Partners

Conversation Partners is a one-to-one program which matches volunteers with international students. Manette Adams, a longtime member of and contributor to YUWO, is Coordinator of Conversation Partners. In response to her yearly inventory, she received a note from Shirley Johnson, which is excerpted below and epitomizes the best of the program for the tutor and tutee....

Hi Manette,

I am happy to report that I am still tutoring two lovely Korean women and plan to continue with both of them this fall. I meet with each of them at different times once a week as they are at different levels of English proficiency. My meetings with these young women are the high point of my life. I spend a total of approximately 4 hours every week on my tutoring. Thanks for coordinating the Conversation Partners program for YUWO. It is a wonderful service for both the teachers and students.

— Shirley

If you would like to be a Conversation Partner for a visiting international scholar/student at Yale call Manette Adams at 288-3249 or email her at harry.adams@yale.edu



May 6, 2009

Annual Meeting & Scholarship Awards Luncheon

at the

New Haven Country Club

Guest speaker:

Linda Greenhouse

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Linda Greenhouse is currently the Knight Distinguished Journalist-in-Residence and Joseph Goldstein Senior Fellow in Law at the Yale Law School

Registration: 11:30 am

Lunch: 12 noon

See page 5 for registration.

Lunch and Learn

A planning meeting of the Lunch and Learn Committee will be held in June. The Committee would like to enlarge their team. If there is a person or subject that you think would be of interest to the Lunch and Learn Program please call Stephanie Jatlow (389-2044) or email her at sjatlow@netscape.net.

A Farewell and a Plea

This is my last edition of the newsletter. I have loved the job for several reasons. I have learned much about Microsoft Word under the tutelage of Marty Sherman, who was always there with her expertise the moment a problem arose. I thank her for her wonderful help. I have enjoyed editing and deciding "what goes where." I have been a member of the Board of YUWO, which means the opportunity to work with many interesting, knowledgeable women. If you think you might enjoy the job, call me (860-726-2087) and I will describe in detail this most pleasant job which I have done for three years. It has become easier with each issue and does not take large amounts of time. I shall miss it, but have become involved at my new home in Duncaster Continuing Care Retirement Community in Bloomfield, CT, and age has slowed me down a bit. It is time for someone else to pick up the reins.

— Alice Loomis

Message from the President and Vice-President

Spring is here and our Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the New Haven Country Club is almost here – Wednesday, May 6 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 Barbara*

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee, chaired by Barbara Loucks, included Carolyn Gould, Kirsti Langbein, Pamela Rackliffe, and Anne Schenck. They propose the following slate for election at the annual meeting on May 6:

Treasurer	Audrey DeFronzo
Assistant Treasurer	Joan Lagervall
Recording Secretary	Louise Fitzsimons
Scholarship Chair	Trudy Bollier
Membership Chair	Mary Jo Warren

Louise Fitzsimons – International Writer and Traveler

Most of us in YUWO remember the “Get Clean for Gene” campaign of 1968 when Senator Eugene McCarthy ran against incumbent President Lyndon Johnson with the intention of influencing the federal government to cut back its involvement in the Vietnam War. What you may not know is that Louise Fitzsimons was a speech writer and researcher in international affairs on Senator McCarthy’s staff until he left the Senate in 1971.

Louise is a native of New Haven, a graduate of Hillhouse High School. Growing up, she wanted to follow in her father’s footsteps as a physician. However, American history and politics grabbed her attention at Wellesley College and, following that, in graduate school at Yale. Louise’s first position was in the International Affairs Division of the Atomic Energy Commission, followed by the U.S. Embassy in Paris, where she continued developing programs for the peaceful uses of atomic energy. After some time with the Carnegie Endowment as an editor, she returned to Washington, where she was active with the National Committee for an Effective Congress. There she met Senator McCarthy, and joined his staff.

When Louise returned to New Haven, she continued as an editor of international and political works. She was the Director of Public Affairs for the VA Hospital in West Haven until she retired in 1997. Louise keeps busy volunteering at the New Haven Museum, managing family property in her ancestral Irish home, writing and traveling. She is the owner of a beautiful, Japanese-style 1960 home designed by King-Lui Wu.

We look forward to welcoming Louise to the YUWO Board as recording secretary.

— *Patty Pollard*

Activities

Bird Watchers may contact Anne MacMahon, 772-1643 for information about local bird walks and activities. She will give you information about walks which may be arranged with the local New Haven Park Ranger or research where you can find bird watching information.

May Book Groups:

Wednesday, May 6

1:30-3:00 There will be no meeting of this group in May . Contact Ileana Tombank (288-5363)

Monday, May 11

2:00-3:30 *Rabbit Run* by John Updike. Contact Vin Klein (248-6691)

Tuesday, May 12

1:30 *Color of Water* by James McBride. Contact Lyn Howe (288-1217)

Monday, May 18

2:30-4:00 *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Contact Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

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: Discussion des contes et romans et discussion libre. The group meets Mondays, year round, at 2pm 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.

For the **Genealogy Group**, contact Pat Whitestone at 483-1351 or Anne MacMahon at 772-1643.

A five-week **Golf Clinic** at the Yale Golf Course is in the process of being organized. Our coach of many years, Dave Patterson, has moved out of state. We are investigating other possibilities. All ability levels are welcome, clubs can be supplied. Dates and times to be determined. Call Marion Kesson (4883043) or Pam Rackliffe (488-2667) for more information.

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 Happy Thomas 393-7239.

The **Music Together Group** will attend the Yale Philharmonia Concert on Friday May 1 at 8:00 pm in Woolsey Hall. This program features Shinik Hahn, conductor and Reinis Zarins, pianist who will play Till Eulenspiegel by Strauss, Ravel Piano Concerto for the Left Hand and Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2. Meet for dinner at 6:30 at 90 Wall Street (formerly Naples Pizza). Call Ileana Tombank, 288-5363, for information.

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

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.

The Tuesday, May 19, **Travel Gourmet** trip to the Submarine Nautilus Museum in Groton is a victim of the recession. When Nancy called to make a reservation she was told that the museum would no longer be open on Tuesdays because of budget cutbacks so she arranged for the tour to be on **Wednesday, May 13**. Please note the change! Lunch will be a special experience. The Ella Grasso Technical High School in Groton trains students for

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restaurant jobs and they serve a buffet lunch every day. The lunch begins at 11:30 and the menu changes daily. The Travel Gourmet people should plan to leave the New Haven area around 9 am to get to the school in time for lunch. We will go to the museum after lunch. Reservations for this trip are a must. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) to sign up. The museum is the main attraction but the school lunch should not be missed.

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE NEW MEMBERS!

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Last year at this time, 78 members received their newsletter by email. This year it is 138, a 77% increase. Thank you! This saves YUWO money and makes it possible for you to receive your YUWO information in a very timely fashion.

A FEW GOOD WOMEN ...

Calling all volunteers ... YUWO needs you! It takes a lot of hardworking volunteers to make an organization as large and diverse as YUWO run smoothly. Please take a moment to review the annual volunteer form, which is enclosed in this newsletter and available online at our website. If there is an area in which you would be interested in contributing some of your time and/or energy, take a moment to let us know. Just fill out the form and bring it with you to the May annual meeting (there will be a collection box in the registration area) or mail it to

Patty Pollard
51 Bayard's Crossing,
Branford, CT 06405

If you prefer, just call Patty (481-2766) or send her an email (pollpatty@yahoo.com) and tell her how you'd like to get involved!

**Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon
May 6, 2009
New Haven Country Club**



Choice of Entrée (please check your selection)

Roast Chicken A La Orange_____

Twin Crab Bakes with Lemon Beurre Blanc_____

Number of Reservations_____ **@\$25 per person**

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

Please return by April 30, 2009. Make checks payable to YUWO and mail to:

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

Social Hour at 11:30 and seating for lunch at noon.

Name_____

Guest Name_____

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