Important YUWO Dates

April 27 – Film Group viewing
May 2 – Spring Lecture Series
May 8 & 22 – Needlers meet
May 9 – Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon
May 20 – Scrabble Group meets
May 24 – Amistad High School Senior Celebration
June 5 & 19 – Needlers meet
June 7 – Bus Trip to The Mount in Lenox, Massachusetts
Sept. 6 – Welcome Reception at the Provost’s House

Join us for the YUWO Annual Meeting & Scholarship Awards Luncheon

Wednesday, May 9 at 11:30 am
The New Haven Lawn Club
193 Whitney Avenue

Deadline for Reservations:
Friday, April 27

Asha Rangappa
Annual Luncheon Speaker

Topic: “Lessons from Quantico: Life Beyond the FBI”

President’s Letter to the YUWO Community

Dear YUWO Members:

As President of YUWO for the past four years, this letter represents my farewell to you.

We will gather at the Lawn Club on May 9th for our Annual Meeting, at which time we will install our new President, Mary-Jo Warren, a superb choice. The event will also feature a talk by guest speaker Asha Rangappa, who is Director of Admissions and Senior Lecturer at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale and who often appears as a panelist on Anderson Cooper’s 360 on CNN. Many thanks to Annemarie Lindskog, Marion Russell, and Audrey DeFronzo for arranging the details of the luncheon meeting.

Thanks also to our outgoing board. The opportunity to work with such talented and dedicated colleagues has been a highlight of my presidency. I particularly want to express my gratitude to Landa Freeman, who, as editor of our newsletter, has been a lifeline of our organization. I am indebted to her for her commitment to producing it with efficiency, accuracy, and timeliness.

Three YUWO wide events merit special mention. 1) Our lecture series on Group Connection and Identity, chaired by Judith Miller, has been excellent; 2) the annual Newcomers Luncheon at Mory’s on April 7th organized by Mary Jane Miller, Newcomers chair, was a great success. Fifteen new members attended. Of particular interest to them was our scholarship program, which is under the leadership of Berclee Cameron. Sandra Greer provided an excellent explanation of the program. And 3) our Lunch & Learn on April 10th was

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outstanding. Paul Freedman, Professor of History at Yale, and author of “The Ten Restaurants That Changed America,” gave an excellent talk to a capacity group at the Yale Visitor Center. I know there is great interest in which restaurants they are and am pleased to share that information with you: Le Pavillon, Chez Panisse, Antoine’s, Howard Johnson’s, Schrafft’s, Mama Leone’s, The Mandarin, Delmonico’s, The Four Seasons, and Sylvia’s.

Annemarie and I look forward to seeing you on May 9th and wish you the very best for a wonderful summer.

Cordially, Stephanie

YUWO Nominating Committee Presents Slate of Officers for 2018 – 2020

Patty Pollard, chair of the YUWO Nominating Committee, along with Barbara Kryger and Eleanor Radune, (YUWO members) and Landa Freeman and Mary-Jo Warren (YUWO Board members), present the following Slate of Officers for the academic years 2018 – 2020:

- President – Mary-Jo Warren
- Vice-President – Betsy Rosenthal
- Treasurer – Eleanor Radune
- Activities Chair – Barbara Kryger
- Corresponding Secretary – Mary Ann Nelson

On Wednesday, May 9, 2018, the membership will vote on this slate at the YUWO Annual Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon at the New Haven Lawn Club. At that time, you are welcome to offer nominations from the floor.

YUWO Monthly Book Groups

Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:

- May 14 – *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz
  
  Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:

- May 14 – *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan (at the Guilford Free Library)
- June 18 – *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann (at the Castle Rock Clubhouse)
  
  Contact Betsy Suatoni (518-483-6509)

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:

- May 8 – *The Firebrand and the First Lady* by Patricia Bell-Scott
- June 12 – *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan
  
  Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe66@gmail.com

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am:

- May 10 – *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness* by Arundhati Roy (at Eleanor Radune’s)
- June 14 – *The News of the World* by Paulette Jiles (at Judy Miller’s)
  
  Contact Audrey DeFronzo at 203-230-0592 or amdct1103@sbcglobal.net
Yale University Women’s Organization
Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018
11:30 AM
NEW HAVEN LAWN CLUB
193 WHITNEY AVENUE, NEW HAVEN, CT

GUEST SPEAKER: ASHA RANGAPPA
DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS AND SENIOR LECTURER,
JACKSON INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS, YALE UNIVERSITY
FORMER ASSOCIATE DEAN AT YALE LAW SCHOOL AND FORMER FBI AGENT

“Lessons from Quantico: Life Beyond the FBI”

Luncheon Choices (please check one for each reservation)

___ Herb-Roasted Breast of Chicken with Spring Pea, Artichoke and Lemon Risotto, Tempura Asparagus, Grilled Asiago-Crusted Leeks, and Roasted Tomato and Basil Demi-glacé

___ Hibiscus and Gin-Glazed Tilapia with Pickled Watermelon Radish Salad, Lime Scented Roasted New Potatoes, Garlic Sauteed Kale, Ginger Roasted Carrots, and Citrus Chile Creme Fraîche

___ Grilled Cauliflower Pakora with Biryani Rice, Charred Tomato Chutney, Roasted Eggplant Purée, Red Beet Croquettes, and Cucumber Labneh Sauce (Vegetarian)

Please return reservations and donations by Friday, April 27, 2018. Make your checks payable to “YUWO”

Name_________________________________________________________

Number of Reservations @ $35 per person ________

Total for luncheon reservations $__________

YUWO Scholarship Fund Donation $__________
(separate checks please)

Please mail to:
Mary-Jo Warren
633 Whitney Ave. # 5
New Haven CT 06511
**Needlers Invite You to Join Them**

Needlers will meet on **Tuesday, May 8 at 1:30 pm** at the home of Marion Petrelli in North Haven. We will meet again on **Tuesday, May 22 at 1:30 pm** at the home of Carmen Rodriguez in New Haven.

On **Tuesday, June 5 at 1:30 pm**, we will meet at the home of Pam Field in Hamden. On **Tuesday, June 19 at 1:30 pm** we will meet at Dinny Wakerley’s in Hamden.

As always, you are invited to bring your projects, or mending, or to come just for the conversation. Everyone is welcome. If you’d like to join us and aren’t on the Needlers’ email list, please contact Dinny for information and directions at 203-624-9343 or dinnyw999@gmail.com.

**Scrabble Group News for Scrabble Fans**

Louise FitzSimons, Scrabble Group Coordinator, invites you to the Scrabble Group’s final meeting of this academic year on **Sunday, May 20 at 2:00 pm**. For further information, contact Louise at 203-530-4671 or cavancomm@gmail.com

**Fall Lecture Series**

Sandra Greer, incoming chair of the YUWO Lecture Series, has announced that the Lecture Committee has chosen the dates for next fall’s lectures: **five Wednesdays in October (3, 10, 17, 24, and 31)** and that the location will again be the Conference Center at the Yale West Campus.

Sandra says that the committee has begun developing a theme for hot topics for the Series. She encourages everyone to let her know their particular interests so that the Series can engage all of the YUWO membership. Please contact Sandra at sandrajogreer@gmail.com with your suggestions for topics.

**YUWO Membership Survey** by Adrian Sterling and Betsy Weber

The YUWO Board is constantly seeking to improve its program in response to the needs and interests of our members. To that end, using Survey Monkey, an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board (Cathy Burgard, Stephanie Jatlow, Marty Sherman, Adrian Sterling, and Betsy Weber) formulated and sent all YUWO Members a questionnaire asking for your thoughts about the organization and our program. Many of you completed the survey, either online or with the hard copy mailed to you.

The response from our members has been terrific – over 40% of you responded, thoughtfully and enthusiastically, with some suggestions for modifying or improving our program. The survey closed on 15 April and your responses are being analyzed. You will hear more about the survey results in the fall.

Thanks so much for sharing your thoughts with us.
Join Us for a Bus Tour to The Mount in Lenox, Massachusetts.

We invite you to join the YUWO Spring 2018 Bus Tour to Edith Wharton’s beautiful home The Mount on Thursday, June 7th to enjoy the house, the gardens, and your YUWO friends. This tour is open to all YUWO members and their guests.

Edith Wharton (née Edith Newbold Jones, 1862 - 1937), American novelist, short story writer, and designer, was born into the world at a time when women were discouraged from achieving anything beyond a proper marriage. Wharton broke through these strictures to become one of America’s greatest writers, writing about the lives and morals of the late nineteenth century, an era of decline and faded wealth. Author of The Age of Innocence, Ethan Frome, and The House of Mirth, she wrote over 40 books in 40 years, including authoritative works on architecture, gardens, interior design, and travel. She was the first woman awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. She was also awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters from Yale University and full membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters. The Edith Wharton Collection, estimated to contain 50,000 items, now resides in Yale’s Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. It consists of manuscripts, letters, photographs, and miscellaneous personal papers.

Edith Wharton and her husband Teddy built The Mount on 113 acres in the hills of western Massachusetts. The entire estate was designed as a work of art, after European traditions adapted for the American landscape. The classically inspired Main House, elegant Georgian Revival Stable, formal Gardens and sculpted Landscape represent Edith Wharton’s architectural and landscape designs.

We will meet and board the bus at the commuter parking lot at Exit 10 (Devine Street) on I-91 in North Haven at 8:30 am on Thursday, June 7th. This lot is opposite the Yale-New Haven Hospital Medical Center. Estimated time of travel is 2 hours. We will leave The Mount at 3:00 pm, to return to New Haven at 5:00 pm.

Our plan is to tour the house, then have lunch, which is included in the price of admission and is served on an outdoor patio, and then tour the wonderful gardens and surrounding area. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

To sign up for this tour (the deadline is May 15), you may use the Registration Form on the last page of this issue. As you sign up for the Tour, please also sign up for your choice of luncheon sandwich, listed below:

The Mount’s Group Buffet Menu for 2018, catered by the Red Lion Inn of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, offers four choices of pre-ordered sandwiches for lunch.

1. **Roasted Turkey** with Berleberg cheese, sliced apple, and baby arugula on Wheatberry bread.
2. **Traditional Chicken Salad** with sliced grapes and romaine lettuce on Wheatberry bread.
3. **Roast Beef** with cheddar cheese, lettuce, and creamy horseradish sauce on Wheatberry bread.
4. **Veggie Wrap** with roasted red pepper, hummus, avocado, carrots, and romaine in a veggie wrap.

Sandwiches are served halved, accompanied by a Mixed Green Salad, Kettle Cooked Potato Chips, and Brownies. The Mount provides iced tea, lemonade, water, and coffee at no additional cost. Wine and beer are available for purchase. With advance notice, they will attempt to accommodate dietary restrictions. The Mount does not prepare any food on site.
Join Us for the Not Perfect, Temporary, Art Film Group

The next meeting of this new Film Group will be on **Friday, April 27 at 1:00 pm** at the Willoughby Wallace Library, 146 Thimble Island Road, Stony Creek, Branford. The film to be shown is Andy Goldsworthy’s “Rivers and Tides.”

This group is open to everyone. There is no rsvp and no charge for the films, although a donation to the Friends of the Library would be appreciated. Parking at the Library is limited; parking on the street is allowed. For questions, contact Pam Rackliffe at 203-488-2667 or prackliffe18@gmail.com

YUWO Newcomers Meet for Lunch at Mory’s

On Saturday, April 7, fifteen YUWO Newcomers enjoyed a lovely lunch at Mory’s. It was a pleasant occasion for them to meet each other as well as several YUWO Board Members. A good time was had by all!

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**Newsletter News**

Just a note to let you know that this is the eighth and final YUWO Newsletter of this academic year. The next issue will be September 2018. **The deadline for news for that issue is August 1, 2018.** Please send your news to Landa Freeman at landamfreeman@gmail.com
Touring New Haven

Join us for a visit to *U.S. News and World Report*’s top ranked public high school in Connecticut: New Haven’s own AMISTAD HIGH SCHOOL! On the afternoon of **Thursday, May 24th**, every single graduating senior will reveal to their fellow scholars, families, and friends the colleges to which they have been accepted. This incredibly moving and inspiring program will demonstrate the heights to which New Haven’s urban students, regardless of race or economic status, can rise when they have access to a great education.

And we are invited to celebrate with them! To reserve a place, please RSVP by email to Emly McDiarmind: emmcdiarmid@gmail.com by Thursday, May 17th. Emly will then contact you with the time that the ceremony begins.

Tour the Beinecke Before Touring the Berkshires!!!

In planning the trip to The Mount, author Edith Wharton’s home in Lenox, Massachusetts, two items may whet your appetite and encourage you to join this tour. They are 1) the article about the Berkshires in this past Sunday’s New York Times Real Estate Section, which extolled the virtues of the Berkshires. And 2) YUWO’s plans to organize a tour at the Beinecke to view the repository for Edith Wharton memorabilia there. If you are interested, please call Stephanie Jatlow at 203-389-2044 who is working out the details. Those people who have a bus reservation will be given priority.

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Registration Form for the YUWO Bus Tour to The Mount

This trip is open to all YUWO members and their guests. The fee is $75.00 per person for transportation, lunch, tour of the house and gardens of Edith Wharton’s home The Mount in Lenox, Massachusetts.

For further registration information, contact Stephanie Jatlow at 203-389-2044 or sjatlow@netscape.net

Please print your Name, Address, Phone, & Email:

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Please circle your luncheon choice:

1. Roasted Turkey Sandwich  2. Chicken Salad Sandwich  3. Roast Beef Sandwich  4. Veggie Wrap

Make your check out to YUWO and mail to Stephanie Jatlow, 617 Saddle Ridge Road, Orange, CT 06477
Save the Date!!!

The YUWO Welcome Reception will be at the

Provost’s House

35 Hillhouse Avenue

Thursday, September 6, 2018, 4:00 to 6:00 pm.