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**Please Join Us!**

**YUWO Holiday Party at the Graduate Club**

155 Elm Street  
Sunday, December 4th  
4:00 to 6:00 pm

**Lunch & Learn returns!**

Tuesday, January 10 at noon  

Frances “Bitsie” Clark, Executive Director of Aging in Place: HomeHaven, will share her observations.  

Yale Visitor Center, 149 Elm Street.  

Please bring a sandwich; we will provide coffee, tea, fruit and a cookie.

**President’s Letter to the YUWO Community**

Dear YUWO Members:

As Thanksgiving is fast approaching, can the YUWO Holiday Party be far behind? The governing Board of the Yale University Women’s Organization (YUWO) cordially invites all members and their spouses to be our guests at the annual Holiday Party. This year it will be held on Sunday December 4th from 4 – 6 pm at the Graduate Club (155 Elm Street), which is renowned for its lovely holiday decorations.

Street parking is free on Sunday; meters do not have to be ‘fed.’ Entertainment will be provided by the Elm City Four, a quartet of Whiffenpoof alumni. A raffle of various baskets, each one donated by a YUWO interest group, will raise money for our scholarship funds.

Two YUWO fall events, open to all members, reached successful conclusions. The first, the Fall Study Group on Public Health, was led by Judith Miller and her committee of Louise Ciulla, Marilyn Cohen, Charlotte Evans, and Frances Gaines. Subjects included issues of urban public health, the increasing problem of drug addiction, women’s and newborn health, adapting to climate change.

Many thanks to Marta Moret for her invaluable, overall guidance and assistance in developing this program, as well as for her interest and weekly participation!

The second event to reach its successful conclusion is the newly formed Evening Film Series, held at Best Video in Hamden. Three movies by Alfred Hitchcock were shown. Kudos to Cathy Burgard and Judith Lynch for their dedication in guiding the group by providing interesting information in the pre- and post-film discussions.

We hope you will join us at the Holiday Party and look forward to seeing you then.

Stephanie and Annemarie
Scrabble Group News for Scrabble Fans

Louise FitzSimons, Scrabble Group Coordinator, is happy to report that the Scrabble Group’s next meeting will be on **Sunday, December 18th at 2:00 pm.** In January we will meet on **Sunday, January 15th at 2:00 pm.** Thereafter we will meet on the **third Sunday** of the month at 2:00 pm. Please contact Louise at 203-782-0913 or cavancomm@gmail.com for questions and directions.

Needlers Invite You to Join Them

On **Tuesday, December 13 at 1:30 pm,** we will meet at the home of Dinny Wakerley in Hamden. We will not have a second get-together in December. The January get-togethers will take place at **1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 10 and Tuesday, January 24.** Venues have not yet been finalized. As always, you are invited to bring your projects, or mending, or just come for the conversation. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Dinny Wakerley at 203-624-9343 or dinnyw999@gmail.com for additional information and/or directions.

The YUWO Visit to the Grove Street Cemetery

Fifty YUWO members signed up for the October 18th tour of the historic Grove Street Cemetery! What an absolutely glorious day it was, with warm temperatures, brilliant sunshine, and trees at peak fall color. Docent Patricia (Pat) Illingworth, who has studied the history of the Cemetery for years, gave us a fascinating and informative tour. Along the way we paid homage at the gravesites of Anne Schenck’s husband Newt and Mary-Jo Warren’s husband Richard. We highly recommend this New Haven treasure. The staff welcomes visitors and has helpful, explanatory brochures available as guides. Pat, too, schedules frequent tours. Following our visit, a number of us gathered for lunch with Pat at Mory’s.

YUWO Monthly Book Groups

**Second Monday at 2:00 pm:**

- **December 12 – My Name is Lucy Barton** by Elizabeth Strout
- **January 9 – So Long, See You Tomorrow** by William Maxwell
  
  Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

**Third Monday at 2:00 pm (Second Monday for December, January, & February)**

- **December 12 –** Selection of books for 2017, at Betsy Suatoni’s in Branford
- **January 9 –** Book to be selected in December. Meet at the Guilford Library.
  
  Contact Betsy Suatoni (518-483-6509) or elsuatoni@sbcglobal.net

**Second Tuesday at 2:00 pm:**

- **December 13 – A Spool of Blue Thread** by Anne Tyler
- **January 10 – A Midwife’s Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785 – 1812** by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich. Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe@sbcglobal.net

**Second Thursday at 9:30 am:**

- **December 8 – Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania** by Erik Larson
  
  at Eleanor Radune’s in Branford
- **January 12 – The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie** by Muriel Spark at Judy Miller’s in Branford
  
  For information, contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-230-0592) or AMDCT1103@sbcglobal.net
Backstage at the Peabody Museum

The Local Excursions team of Anne Schenck and Emly McDiarmid invite you to join them for a Backstage Tour of the Peabody Museum Vertebrate Collections conducted by Collections Manager Kristof Zyskowski on Tuesday afternoon, January 24th, 2017. We’ll meet in the Peabody lobby at 1:00 pm. As space is limited, reservations are required. Please RSVP to Emly at emmcdiarmid@gmail.com before Friday, January 13 to reserve a spot.

Art Aficionados to Tour Bead Collection

Art Aficionados has arranged for a one-hour, self-guided tour of “ Mightier than the Sword: The Alluring Beauty and Enduring Power of Beads” on Tuesday, December 6th at 11:30 am at Yale’s Department of Anthropology, 51 Hillhouse Avenue, Room 107, in New Haven. The exhibit is on floor 1 and 2, with no elevator to the second floor. There is metered parking available for up to 5 hours on Hillhouse Avenue directly in front of the building. Please email Anneke Hathaway at anneke_hathaway@sbcglobal.net if you can join the tour.

Spring Study Group

Judy Miller and her committee are pleased to announce that the dates for the Spring Study Group are five Wednesdays at 10:30 am. The dates are March 29, April 5, 12, 19, and 26. The venue is Yale’s West Campus Conference Center; the theme is literature. Speakers will be announced in the next Newsletter.

Spring Evening Film Series

Cathy Burgard is pleased to announce that the Spring Film Series will take place at the Greenberg Conference Center on Prospect Street at 6:30 pm on Thursday evenings April 20, 27, and May 4. The chosen films will be announced in the New Year.

What Should You Do If You Have Leftover Opioid Drugs?

That was one of the questions put to Dr. Richard Schottenfeld, professor of psychiatry, at the last lecture in our series on Public Health. He urged audience members to contact the state legislature to come up with a uniform disposal system for all of Connecticut. With a spike in opioid-related deaths, the idea is to dispose of the drugs in a way that is safe for both people and the environment.

In the meantime, members of the Study Group Committee called some local police departments with the question and got a variety of responses:

+ East Haven – The Police Department has no program, but suggested that people check with their local pharmacy.
+ Guilford – The Police Station, at 400 Church Street (Route 77), has a 24/7 drop-box.
+ Milford – has a citywide take-back program every 3 to 6 months. They send out or post flyers when that time comes.
+ New Haven – There is a 24/7 drop-box in the front lobby of the Police Department at 1 Union Avenue. The desk sergeant said that it looks like a mailbox, so don't be confused.
+ North Haven – The Police Department, at 8 Linsley Street, has a 24/7 drop-box.
+ Orange – The Police Department partners with CVS so that people can drop off all drugs twice a year. The next opportunity will probably come in April, and they will post a notice in local papers. The Orange officer also said that police departments in West Haven and Ansonia have a drop-off.
We wish you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season along with Best Wishes for the New Year.