Save the Date!

**YUWO Annual Meeting & Scholarship Luncheon**

**Wednesday, May 3rd**

YUWO invites you to travel by bus on Monday, April 24 to visit the 9/11 Museum in Lower Manhattan. Please sign up for this interesting trip on the final page of this Newsletter.

Please join us for the Spring Study Group featuring **Literature Without Borders**

to be held at Yale’s West Campus on five Wednesdays

- March 29, April 5, 12, 19, & 26

To sign up, use the insert in this issue.

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

Dear YUWO Members:

Greetings to one and all with best wishes for a Healthy and Happy 2017!! Several months have come and gone since our last newsletter and we wish to recount some of the events of the recent past.

Our Holiday Party held at the Graduate Club seemed to be an event that was enjoyed by all. Those attending enjoyed the ambiance, the decorations, and the entertainment provided by the Elm City Four, Whiffenpoof alumni as well as spouses of YUWO members. Many thanks to the activity groups for providing such outstanding baskets. Special thanks to Johanna Becker and Patty Pollard for their assistance with this project.

The first Lunch & Learn of 2017 occurred this past week at the Yale Visitor Center with about 40 members attending to hear Bitsie Clark, executive director, of Aging In Place: HomeHaven. HomeHaven was founded on the premise that there are people who wish to “age in place” (remain in their own homes) rather than move to a continuing care residence. This was a fascinating program, offering much to contemplate.

An interesting and important bit of Yale news is that our speaker at last year’s YUWO Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon Elizabeth Bradley has just been named the 11th president of Vassar College. She is an enormous talent and intellect, whom we know will make a superb college president. We wish her the very best!

We hope you will join us for as many YUWO activities as you can fit into your calendars this spring!

With best wishes, Stephanie and Annemarie
Needlers Invite You to Join Them

On **Tuesday, February 14th at 1:30 pm**, we will meet at the home of Dinny Wakerley in Hamden. On **Tuesday, February 28th at 1:30 pm**, we will meet at Alice Simon’s house. 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.

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, February 19th 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.

YUWO Monthly Book Groups

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

*February 13 – The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah
Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

**Third Monday at 2:00 pm:** (Second Monday in February)

*February 13 – Moonglow* by Michael Chabon. At the home of Carole Broadus, 22 Lincoln Street, New Haven. Contact Patty Pollard (203-481-2766) or pollpatty@yahoo.com

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

*February 14 – News of the World* by Paulette Jiles
Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe@sbcglobal.net

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

*February 9 – Things Fall Apart* by China Achebe. For more information, contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-230-0592) or AMDCT1103@sbcglobal.net

Film Series Announces Change of Venue

YUWO is pleased to announce that the **Spring 2017 Film Series will be held at The Greenberg Conference Center** at 391 Prospect Street, New Haven. This new location offers many advantages: comfortable seating, well-lit parking, and a central location that we hope will make it easier for our downtown New Haven, Orange, Woodbridge and Shore Line members to attend.

The series will take place on **Tuesday evenings, March 21st, 28th and April 4th at 6:30 pm**. Please note that the dates mentioned in the December/January Newsletter were incorrect.

This year our theme will be “**The Immigrant Experience: Women in a Strange Land.**” The films will focus on the diverse challenges facing women who immigrate from different cultures. For a description of the individual films, see the registration insert included in this Newsletter. We hope you will join us at this beautiful facility to share ideas and insights about three fascinating films.
Beverly Gage to speak at the YUWO Annual Luncheon

Beverly Gage, professor of 20th-century American history, will be the speaker at the YUWO Annual Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon to be held at the New Haven Lawn Club on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 12:00 noon. Professor Gage received a BA degree from Yale College in 1994 and a PhD from Columbia University in 2004. She received the Sarai Ribicoff award for teaching excellence in Yale College in 2009.

All YUWO members are invited to attend this event. Please join us in recognizing our scholarship recipients and in welcoming Professor Gage to YUWO.

Art Aficionados Visit Bead Collection

On December 6, a small group of YUWO Art Aficionados met at the Yale Anthropology Department on Hillhouse Avenue to tour “Mightier than the Sword: The Allure, Beauty and Enduring Power of Beads.” The exhibit on view celebrates the beauty of beads and the research of Yale faculty and students. On display is only a small portion of a recent generous donation to the Peabody Museum.

Shown here are Willi Stahura and Anneke Hathaway in front of one of the large displays.

The centerpiece of the acquisition is the bead time line “Prehistory to 1200 CE.” The collection is being integrated into the museum’s division of anthropology and cataloged in the Peabody Museum’s database.

Art Aficionados to Visit Two Yale Art Museums

On Tuesday, January 31st at 12:30 pm, Art Aficionados will have a guided tour at the Yale University Art Gallery’s exhibit of “It was a New Century: Reflections on Modern America.” This exhibit captures the vitality and spirit of urban life at the beginning of the 20th century. If you can join this tour, please email Anneke Hathaway at apthathaway@gmail.com

Then in early March we will have a guided tour of the new exhibition at the Yale Center for British Art: Enlightened Princesses. This will be a very tightly packed exhibition and we will set up more than one tour. Please look for it in the March Newsletter.

YUWO Board Vacancies for 2017 – 2018

The Nominating Committee announces two positions on the Board which will be open for the next year beginning on June 1st. We encourage anyone who wishes to serve to get in touch with one of the following committee members by email no later than Friday, February 10th.

Emly McDiarmid, Chair: emmediarmid@gmail.com
Audrey DeFonzo: amdct1103@sbc.global.net
Landa Freeman landamfreeman@gmail.com

The duties of the Assistant Treasurer are to record and deposit funds of scholarship donations, to pay out scholarship awards as instructed by the scholarship chair, and to prepare monthly reports for Board meetings. She serves on the finance committee and is the liaison with the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven.

The duties of the Recording Secretary are to record the proceedings of all Board meetings of the organization and to provide minutes of these meetings to Board members for review prior to the next meeting.

YUWO Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 am and usually last for an hour and a half. We are looking for candidates who are: willing to give the time; and, enthusiastic about YUWO.
Additions to your YUWO Membership List for 2016 - 2017

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Other Membership List Changes

Rosemarie Cuomo, 655 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, 06511 (203-823-6441)
(new address & phone)

Louise FitzSimons, 225 Mill Rock Road, Hamden, 06517
(new address)

Jean Kelley, 88 Notch Hill Road, #176 S, North Branford, 06471
(new address; same phone & email)

Margaret Mann
(listed incorrectly as Barbara Mann)
Spring 2017 Evening Film Series
“The Immigrant Experience: Women in a Strange Land”
Tuesday evenings, March 21st, 28th, and April 4th at 6:30 pm

YUWO urges you to join us at the Greenberg Conference Center for an enhanced film viewing experience. This spring series will feature three films that focus on women who emigrate from different cultures and face diverse challenges. The films are:

3/21 – *Spanglish (2004)* – This hilarious comedy tells the story of a Mexican mother and daughter struggling to remain true to their roots as they navigate the cross-cultural difficulties of co-existing with an affluent Anglo family. Peter Travis of Rolling Stone tells us we are “in for a treat with this sweetheart of a romantic comedy.

3/28 - *The Immigrant (2013)* – In search of a new start and the American dream, two sisters sail to New York from their native Poland. Marion Cotillard won the Palme d’Or at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival for her performance as Ewe Cybulska, the older sister forced to make shattering choices as she seeks to make her livelihood in a strange land.

4/4 - *In America (2003)* – An Irish family’s struggle to adapt to life in New York as seen through the eyes of the elder daughter is the subject of Director Jim Sheridan’s semi-autobiographical drama. Roger Ebert says, “This warm-hearted film illuminates the many ways it is hard to be poor and a stranger in a new land.” The film earned Oscar nominations for Sheridan, Samantha Morton, and Djimon Hounsou.

Chairperson Judith Lynch will lead a short discussion afterwards. You may sign up by filling out the form below and mailing it to Judith Lynch by March 15th. Questions? Please email Judith Lynch at jslynch@optonline.net

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**SPRING FILM SERIES REGISTRATION FORM**

The series is open to each YUWO member and a guest. The fee per person is $20 for all three films.

Please write the number attending and total amount of your check in the spaces below.

Number attending ___________________ Total $ ___________________

Make checks payable to YUWO. Mail them by March 15th to:

Judith Lynch, 19 Dixon Street, Apt. U, Milford, CT 06460

Name: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________
French Group Holiday Party

Pictured at the French Group Holiday Party – with a traditional Bûche de Noël – are YUWO members and their French speaking guests.

Seated left to right, Louise Ciulla, Lyn Howe, Julie Crowder. Standing, Candace Skorupa, Marie Kozak, Grethe Shepherd, Rose Cuomo, Amal MacDonald, and hostess Mary-Jo Warren.

Lunch & Learn Welcomes Bitsie Clark of HomeHaven

On Tuesday, January 10, Nina Glickson, Chair of Lunch & Learn, and about 40 YUWO members welcomed Bitsie Clark, executive director of HomeHaven, to the Yale Visitor Center on Elm Street.

Founded in 2006, with members primarily residing in the East Rock neighborhood, HomeHaven is part of a Village Movement that originated in the Beacon Hill, Boston neighborhood. Founded on the premise that there are people who wish to “age in place” (remain in their own homes) rather than move to a continuing care residence. HomeHaven now has “villages” in Westville, Amity (Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany), North Haven, Hamden, and the Shore Line (Branford, Guilford, and Madison).

For an annual fee, members have access to social events, trips, vetted household services, and some medical care. For additional information, visit their website at homehavenvillages.org. Did you know that the current HomeHaven president is Peggy Atherton, YUWO’s own recording secretary?

YUWO Christmas Party a Great Success

On a pleasant Sunday afternoon, December 4, about 150 YUWO members and their guests attended the Holiday Party at the Graduate Club. The party was a wonderful success, with food, drink, a raffle of baskets, and much holiday cheer. The Club was decked out in its holiday finery and looked beautiful.

Please join us for the YUWO Spring 2017 Bus Tour to the 9/11 Museum in downtown New York. Our bus should arrive at the 9/11 Museum by 10:30 am; we have reserved tickets for our group. The Museum is underground with three main areas: The Historical Exhibition shows the Day of 9/11, before 9/11 and after 9/11; the Memorial Exhibition commemorates those who died; and Foundation Hall houses the last column and the slurry wall.

It would be helpful for you to access on your computer beforehand the 9/11 Museum website which includes site information, as well as visual and audio tours. Photography for private use is permitted, but you must turn off your cellphones. There is a small café with snacks and drinks on the entrance level, along with coatcheck and restrooms.

Please remember that once you leave the 9/11 Museum underground area, you may not reenter the Museum.

The Memorial Plaza is the street-level area outside the 9/11 Museum. It has two cascading pools on the footprints of the two World Trade Center towers. Planted with trees, it includes the “Survivor Tree,” a pear tree rehabilitated by NYC parks department. The PATH with its large white wings design is the underground transportation hub and is also a Westfield Shopping Mall. Two blocks away is Liberty Park and the new St. Nicholas Church. Both PATH and the church were designed by the famous Spanish architect/engineer Santiago Calatrava.

Lunch is on your own. At the inside café you may want to bring a sandwich. The PATH eateries are outside the Museum.

Promptly at 8:30 am our Peter Pan bus leaves the North Haven commuter lot on Devine Street (Exit 10 off I-91). We leave the bus drop-off point of the 9/11 Museum at 3:00 pm and expect to return by 6:00 pm.

Cost of $75 includes bus travel, driver’s tip and admission to The 9/11 Museum.

Your mailed check is your reservation for this trip. Our current bus has 35 seats but, if needed, we will reserve a larger bus.

Mail your $75 check made out to YUWO and this form to Dody Gall, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Apt 605, Hamden, CT 06517 by April 10. -- NO refunds after that date. Questions? 203-288-6590 or e-mail dmsgall@aol.com

NAME: __________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________________________________

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Please note that there are three Registration Forms in this Newsletter. The first is for the Evening Film Series; the second is for the Bus Trip to the 9/11 Museum in New York; the third is for the Spring Study Group on “Literature Without Borders” at the Yale West Campus. We hope you will sign up for all three!