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## YUWO Annual Meeting & Scholarship Luncheon

**Wednesday, May 3rd at noon at the New Haven Lawn Club**

**April 1** – Newcomer’s Lunch at Mory’s

**April 24** – Spring bus trip to the 9/11 Museum in New York City

**May 3** – Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon

## 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 form in this issue.

## President’s Letter to the YUWO Community

Dear YUWO Members:

On a cold, windy, and icy February morning, school closings and delays abounded. But this did not discourage YUWO Board members from attending the February monthly Board Meeting. What a hearty, dedicated group of women we are!

Our main topic on the agenda at this Meeting was the preparation of YUWO’s 2017 – 2018 Budget. As we refine this Budget, we seek your opinion on the subject of serving wine at YUWO events.

Because we serve alcohol at two of our three club-wide functions, the Wine and Cheese reception and the Holiday Party, our insurance premiums have increased substantially. This—coupled with a new university-wide policy that, in order to use Yale facilities we must use Yale-approved caterers—no longer permits us to continue our tradition of providing our own food. These two circumstances have a significant adverse effect on our budget, reducing funds that would otherwise be directed to our scholarship awards.

After a lengthy discussion, we decided to ask the membership about the subject of serving wine at YUWO events. We are interested to learn what our members think of this idea and would like to hear from YOU! Please feel free to e-mail me at: sjatlow@netscape.net or call me by phone: 203-389-2044.

With many thanks for your consideration,

Sincerely, Stephanie & Annemarie
Hikers to Visit Sleeping Giant State Park

On Friday, March 31 at 10:00 am, the YUWO Hiking Group will meet in the parking lot of Sleeping Giant State Park at 200 Mount Carmel Avenue for a moderate hike to the top.

Take exit 10 off I-91 to a right on Whitney, right on Mount Carmel, and left into the lot. Let Patty Pollard (pollpatty@yahoo.com) know if you will join us.

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. She is a prolific writer and has had three articles published in the New York Times since the first of this year.

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

Art Aficionados to Visit Yale Art Museums

On Tuesday, March 7th at 1:00 pm, Art Aficionados will have a guided tour of the new exhibition at the Yale Center for British Art: Enlightened Princesses. This exhibit has very tightly packed bays, so that we may need two docents to guide us through it comfortably. Please email Anneke Hathaway at apthathaway@gmail.com or leave a message at 203-752-0460 if you plan to attend. We will meet in the entrance court of the museum.

Then, on Tuesday, March 14th at 12:30 pm, we will have a guided tour (originally scheduled for January 31) at the Yale University Art Gallery: “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

YUWO Newcomers to Have Lunch at Mory’s

On Saturday, April 1st at 12:00 noon, Mary Jane Miller and her committee have invited all members new to the YUWO community to join them for lunch and friendship at Mory’s. Invitations will follow in mid-March. If you do not receive an invitation, please contact Mary Jane at mjmill@computerdesign.net or 203-281-6919.

Exploring New Haven to Tour the Renovated Beinecke Library

Exploring New Haven cordially invites you to a tour of the recently renovated Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library on Tuesday, March 21st at 11:00 am. Long-time friend of YUWO, Michael Morand, will conduct this private backstage visit to one of the world’s outstanding rare book and manuscript libraries. We also invite you to join us for lunch at Mory’s afterward.

Space is unlimited for the tour, but please let Anne Schenck know whether you plan to join us for lunch at Mory’s. Anne’s contact information is annefschenck@aol.com or 203-787-3705.
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 Hounsu.

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

**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:  ___________________________________________________________
Needlers Invite You to Join Them

On **Tuesday, March 14th at 1:30 pm**, we will meet at Pam Field’s house in Hamden. On **Tuesday, March 28th at 1:30 pm**, we will meet at Winnie Seibert’s house in Guilford. 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, March 19th 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:**
- **March 13 – Burden of Desire** by Robert MacNeil
  - Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

**Third Monday at 2:00 pm:**
- **March 13 – Thank You for Being Late** by Thomas Friedman
  - Contact Patty Pollard (203-481-2766) or pollpatty@yahoo.com

**Second Tuesday at 2:00 pm:**
- **March 14 – The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate – Discoveries from a Secret World** by Peter Wohlleben
  - Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe66@gmail.com

**Second Thursday at 9:30 am:**
- **March 9 – Hillbilly Elegy** by J. D. Vance
  - 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.

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 emigrate 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.
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 coatchecks 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 (payable 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 dmgall@aol.com

NAME: ____________________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

E-MAIL: ____________________________________________

PHONE: ___________________________ CELL: ____________
A Few Changes to Your YUWO Member List

The following members have new email addresses:

Nina Glickson: nmglickson@gmail.com
Lyn Howe: lyn.howe66@gmail.com
Marion Russell: marion0702@mac.com

Second Monday Book Group Invites You to Join Them

This Book Group, chaired by Pat Goldstein, is missing a few of its members who have fled to Florida for the season, and is hoping to entice other YUWO members to join its group. You will be most welcome! The book to read for March 13 at 2:00 pm is *Burden of Desire* by Robert MacNeil.

Please call Pat at 203-535-0734 or email her at patgoldst@gmail.com if you’d like more information.

Lunch & Learn Committee Being Formed

Nina Glickson, our Lunch & Learn Chair, would like to form a committee to assist her in suggesting and planning future Lunch and Learn programs.

This would be a wonderful opportunity to share your knowledge and suggestions for Spring Lunch & Learn programs, both Yale-related, and beyond. Please email Nina at nmglickson@gmailcom if you are able to join this committee
YUWO Spring 2017 Study Series
Wednesdays, March 29, April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 10:30 – 11:30 am
Yale West Campus Conference Center (off Marsh Hill Road, Exit 41 on I-95)

Literature Without Borders

Our lectures in this series move beyond the borders of the United States, of genres we have studied before, of works traditionally thought of as “literature” — and of Yale itself, drawing speakers from other universities. We hope to introduce you to new readings and/or new ways of looking at literature.

March 29: Hedda Kopf, Adjunct Associate Professor of English at Quinnipiac University: “The Short Stories of Alice Munro”

April 5: Christine Kinealy, founding director of Ireland’s Great Hunger Museum at Quinnipiac University: “The Bad Times,” a graphic novel

April 12: Wai Chee Dimock, William Lampson Professor of English & American Studies at Yale University: “American Literature as World Literature”  Please note that this lecture will begin at 10:00 am.

April 19: Caleb Smith, Professor of English and American Studies, Yale University, “The Life and Adventures of a Haunted Convict”

April 26: Janet Gezari, Lucretia L. Allyn Professor Emeritus of English at Connecticut College: “Dylan and Literature”

Registration Form for the Spring Lecture Series
The series is open to all. The fee is $65.00 per person. Tickets are not available for individual lectures. All proceeds go to YUWO’s Scholarship Fund. For questions, please contact Judy Miller at J.miller@snet.net or 203-589-8335.

Please make your $65.00 check(s) payable to YUWO and mail to: Louise Ciulla,
107 Mowry Street, North Haven, CT 06473

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Email ________________________________________ phone __________________________


YUWO cordially invites all members to its Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the New Haven Lawn Club on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at noon. Beverly Gage, Professor of Twentieth Century American History will be our speaker.