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YUWO Newsletter News

In order to reduce YUWO postage costs, beginning in September, your Newsletter will be e-mailed to you.

If you do not have email, please contact Landa Freeman so that she can mail you a copy.

Her phone is 203-453-5505. Please leave a message.

This is your final Newsletter until September.

President’s Letter to the YUWO Community

Dear YUWO Members:

We hope you have enjoyed your YUWO year by participating in the various Groups and Lecture Series that YUWO offers. As we are always looking for new ways to make our organization a better one, we have created a questionnaire (as an insert in this Newsletter) asking for your help. Most of our committees do not require any special skills or knowledge beyond that of your own interest and experience. In addition, we know that becoming involved will enhance your enjoyment of our organization and also help YUWO flourish.

As our 52nd year is drawing to a close, we hope you will join us for our final event, the May Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon. Our speaker, Professor Beverly Gage will talk about “U.S. Politics in Historical Perspective.” She is a professor of history at Yale who was recently named to be the Director of the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy at Yale. She will officially begin her appointment on July 1st, succeeding Elizabeth Bradley (last year’s YUWO Luncheon speaker) who will become President of Vassar College.

Please do not hesitate to call me at 203-389-2044 or email me at sjatlow@netscape.net if you have any questions or suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Stephanie
**YUWO Monthly Book Groups**

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

- **May 8** – Pick your own book and report on it. The focus is the turn of the century (19th to 20th). Choice can be by Edith Wharton or Henry James.
- **June 12 – *Just Kids*** by Patti Smith
  
  Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

**Third Monday at 2:00 pm:**

- **May 15 – *The Sympathizer*** by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- **June 19 – *The Spy: A novel*** by Paulo Coelho
  
  Contact Betsy Suatoni at 518-483-6509 or elsuatoni@sbcglobal.net

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

- **May 9 – *The Education of Henry Adams*** – by Henry Adams
  
  Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe66@gmail.com

**Second Thursday at 12:00 noon: (please note time change)**

- **May 4 – *The Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead
  
  Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-230-0592) or AMDCT1103@sbcglobal.net

**Scrabble Group News for Scrabble Fans**

Louise FitzSimons, Scrabble Group Coordinator, invites you to the next Scrabble Group meeting on **Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 pm**. Please contact Louise at 203-782-0913 or cavancomm@gmail.com for questions or directions.

**Hikers to Visit Sleeping Giant State Park – rescheduled**

The Hikers visit to Sleeping Giant State Park has been rescheduled for **Friday, May 12 at 10:00 am**. 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.

**Art Aficionados to Visit the Yale University Art Gallery**

On **Tuesday, April 25 at 12:30 pm**, we will have a guided tour (twice rescheduled due to snow) 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

**Newcomers Welcomed to YUWO**

The Newcomers Luncheon, held on April 1st at the home of Mary-Jo Warren, was attended by a small group of ladies along with several board members. Being a small group gave us a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other, to acquaint the Newcomers with YUWO’s many activities, and to enjoy Mary-Jo’s delicious lunch. We hope to see everyone, especially our Newcomers, at the Annual Luncheon on May 3rd.
Beverly Gage to speak at the YUWO Annual Luncheon

Beverly Gage, historian and professor of 20th-century American politics and society, 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**.

In February Professor Gage was appointed the next director of Yale’s Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy. She will assume this post on July 1. In addition, Peter Salovey, President of Yale, has also recommended Beverly Gage’s appointment as the Brady-Johnson Professor of Grand Strategy to the Yale Corporation, when it meets later this spring.

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

Needlers Invite You to Join Them

As this is the last Newsletter for the spring, we’re providing Needlers formation for May and June. As always, you are invited to bring your projects, or mending, or to 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.

On **Tuesday, May 9 at 1:30 pm**, Needlers will meet at Ina Jaffe’s house in Hamden. And on **Tuesday, May 23 at 1:30 pm**, we will meet at Betty Ann Levitin’s house in Branford.

Our “final for the spring get-togethers” will be held on **Tuesday, June 13 at 1:30 pm** and **Tuesday, June 27 at 1:30 pm**. We haven’t yet identified hostesses for those dates so, if you’d like to join us and aren’t on the Needlers’ mailing list, please contact Dinny nearer to the time for that information.

We’ll take a break for July and August and expect to resume after the YUWO Homecoming Reception in September.

Membership News

In this 2016 – 2017 academic year, YUWO has 368 members, which includes 31 new members. We are fortunate to have so many interested and interesting members who drive the many varied groups and activities offered. We hope to grow our membership, not only to increase the number of activities but to support YUWO’s scholarships. Please tell your friends and colleagues about YUWO and encourage them to join.

Join Us for a Tour of Amistad High School on Senior Signing Day

On Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 12:30 pm, the graduating seniors at New Haven’s public charter Amistad High School at 580 Dixwell Avenue will be announcing their college acceptances to their fellow scholars and guests. Before the program begins at 1:00 pm, Development Director Ken Paul will give YUWO members an introduction and overview of the school, graduation rates, college attendance, etc.

To make your reservation, please email Emly McDiarmid at emmeddiarmid@gmail.com. We have reserved 10 seats only and will honor your request to attend on a first-come, first-served basis. We will keep a waiting list as well.
Please Join Us at the YUWO Annual Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 11:30 am the New Haven Lawn Club.