**Important YUWO Dates**

- **Feb. 13 & 27** – Needlers Meetings
- **Feb. 18** – Scrabble Group meets
- **Feb. 20** – Tour of renovated Hendrie Hall/Adams Center, Yale School of Music
- **April 4, 11, 18, 25, & May 2** – Spring Lecture Series on “Group Connection and Identity”
- **April 10** – Lunch & Learn with Paul Freedman on Restaurants
- **May 9** – Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon with Asha Rangappa

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**Save the Dates!**

The Spring Lecture Series will explore the topic of “Group Connection & Identity” on Wednesdays: April 4, 11, 18, 25, and May 2 at 10:30 am at the Yale West Campus Conference Center

**YUWO Annual Meeting & Scholarship Awards Luncheon**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

New Haven Lawn Club.

Speaker: Asha Rangappa of the Yale Law School.

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**Lunch & Learn Returns!**

Tuesday, April 10 at 12:00 noon

Yale Visitor Center
149 Elm Street

Paul Freedman, Chester D. Tripp Professor of History, will speak about his recent book, *The Ten Restaurants That Changed America.*

Please join us! And bring a sandwich. We will have coffee, tea, and a cookie.

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

Dear YUWO Members:

Good wishes to all! May your New Year be healthy, happy and rewarding. Although it is cold and gray outside, my planning for YUWO’s next excursion brings hope for better days. We are planning a visit in June to “The Mount” in Lenox, Massachusetts, home of Edith Wharton, novelist and Pulitzer Prize winner. The venue is noted for its beautiful house and gardens, which should be at their best at that time of year. The Mount is the choice of those who participated in our wonderful fall tour to the New York Botanical Garden.

I’d like to express my appreciation to Annemarie Lindskog and to Berclee Cameron for their roles in making the Holiday Party such a success, both socially and financially. Member contributions resulted in over $2,000 for the Scholarship funds. In addition, it was a lovely afternoon.

As you may know I will be completing my second term as President of YUWO this May. A nominating committee has been formed, consisting of Patricia Pollard, chair, with Landa Freeman and Mary-Jo Warren from the YUWO Board, and Barbara Kryger and Eleanor Radune from the membership. You are welcome to call or email any of these five with your suggestions for next year’s officers (president, vice-president, treasurer, two secretaries and activity chair). The more input they have from you as YUWO members, the better next year’s Board will be. Many thanks in advance.

Stephanie and Annemarie
YUWO Monthly Book Groups

Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:
February 12 – *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly
Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:
February 19 – *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond
Contact Patty Pollard (203-668-6019) or pollpatty@yahoo.com

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:
February 13 – *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles
March 13 – *Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann
Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe66@gmail.com

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am:
February 8 – *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson (at Judy Miller’s home)
Contact Audrey DeFronzo at 203-230-0592 or amdct1103@sbcglobal.net

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 18 at 2:00 pm.**

Subsequently, the Group will meet on the third Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm. For further information, contact Louise at 203-530-4671 or cavancom@gmail.com. Please note that Louise has a new phone number.

Needlers Invite You to Join Them

Needlers will meet on **Tuesday, February 13 at 1:30 pm** at the Community Room at mActivity in New Haven.

We will meet again on **Tuesday, February 27 at 1:45 pm** (please note slightly different start time) at Anne Schenck’s house in New Haven. If you’d like to join us and aren’t on the Needlers email list, please contact Dinny Wakerley for information and directions.

As always, you are invited to bring your projects, or mending, or to come for the conversation. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Dinny at 203-624-9343 or dinnyw999@gmail.com with any questions.
YUWO Spring 2018 Lecture Series

Group Connection and Identity

This series of lectures will explore the relationship between our sense of identity and the groups we inhabit throughout our lives. How do the groups we belong to, whether assigned or chosen, affect how we see ourselves, how we see the world, and how others see us?

All five Wednesday lectures will begin at 10:30 am and will take place at

Yale's West Campus Conference Center.

The series fee is $65.

Wednesday, April 4 – Karen Wynn, Professor of Psychology, Director of the Infant Cognition Center at Yale

“Development of Morality and Bigotry in Babies”

Wednesday, April 11 – Yarrow Dunham, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Science and the Director of the Social Cognitive Development Lab at Yale

“Children's Thinking About Social Groups and Their Social Status”

Wednesday, April 18 – Riché Barnes, Dean of Pierson College at Yale

“The Role of the Village in Black Mothering”

Wednesday, April 25 – Margaret Clark, John M. Musser Professor of Psychology at Yale

“How Communal Relational Context (or Lack Thereof) Shapes Emotional Lives”

Wednesday, May 2 – Becca Levy, Professor of Public Health (Social and Behavioral Sciences) and Psychology at Yale

“How Positive and Negative Age Stereotypes Affect the Health of Older Individuals”

To sign up for the Lecture Series, please use the Registration Form at the end of this Newsletter.

Directions to the Yale West Campus are on the Registration Form page as well.

Spring Film Series Cancelled

Cathy Burgard, chair of YUWO Activities, is very disappointed to inform you that YUWO will not be offering a Film Series this spring. After finally finding a near-perfect venue at the Blackstone Library in Branford, we learned that the library cannot make their auditorium available to us because they will be beginning an extensive renovation project and are not accepting any reservations for that space. We are still trying to find a spot that is centrally located, has adequate free parking, and provides a technician who will run the equipment for us at little or no expense. However, we will not give up hope and will let you know as soon as we find a solution to our problem. Stay tuned!
YUWO Board Dinner at Mory’s

YUWO Board members combined business with pleasure over dinner at Mory’s on a Wednesday evening in November. During the evening, we were entertained by Yale’s all-senior female *a cappella* singing group, *Whim ’n Rhythm*. We were fortunate that the cost of the dinner was generously underwritten by an anonymous member donor, thereby preserving your YUWO dues and contributions for their intended purposes.

*Pictured above around the table, l. to r.: Marty Sherman, Stephanie Jatlow, Nancy Ahlstrom, Anne Schenck, Shavaun Towers Bennett, Dodi Gall, Landa Freeman, Berclee Cameron, Mary-Jo Warren, Betsy Weber, Nancy Rosenbaum, Gloria Schoolfield, Mary Ann Nelson, Johanna Becker, Judy Miller, and Annemarie Lindskog.*

Membership and Dues News

Adrian Sterling, Membership Chair, hopes that you are enjoying this year’s activities. She would like to explain that the upcoming 2018 – 2019 YUWO fiscal year runs from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. And that in order to align our membership dues payments more closely with the YUWO fiscal year, we plan to notify members of dues earlier than in past years, with a goal of having dues for 2018 – 2019 paid by September 15, 2018. Thank you to all YUWO members for telling your friends and colleagues about YUWO and encouraging them to join.

YUWO Membership List Corrections

Burgess Dole’s correct email address is [burgessvt@gmail.com](mailto:burgessvt@gmail.com)

Marion Russell’s correct email address is [marion0702@mac.com](mailto:marion0702@mac.com)
Explore New Haven invites you to tour Yale’s School of Music

We hope you will join us on **Tuesday, February 20th at 11:00 am**, when the Dean’s office will give us a tour of the magnificently reimagined spaces of the renovated and expanded Hendrie Hall (165 Elm Street, between the Elihu Club and the Graduate Club) which opened last winter as part of the now unified Adams Center for Musical Arts. The tour will feature the state-of-the-art orchestra rehearsal space for the Yale Philharmonia and the Yale Symphony Orchestra as well as the dramatic three-story atrium for student gathering. The building is also home to Yale Opera, the Yale Percussion Group and the Yale undergraduate assemblies, including the Glee Club. Additionally, speakers will introduce us to Yale’s Music in Schools Initiative, an important element of Yale’s cultural outreach in New Haven. For more information on the building, please see: [www.music@yale.edu/2017/adams center-musical-arts-opens/](http://www.music@yale.edu/2017/adams center-musical-arts-opens/)

We will meet in the main entrance of Hendrie Hall a little before 11:00 am. The main entrance is now at what used to be the rear of the building, the north side of Hendrie Hall, and is accessed from the parking lot behind Hendrie Hall. Parking is available on the street or in the Crown Street or Temple Street Garages across the Green. We recommend carpooling.

Advanced sign up is not required, but if you have questions, please contact Shavaun Towers Bennett at stowers@TPS-lass.com or (203) 915-1858 or Emly McDiarmid at emmcdiarmid@gmail.com or (203) 640-1035.

An Interview with Kelly Fusco, YUWO Scholarship Recipient

by Sandra Greer, YUWO Scholarship Committee member

Currently the associate director at the Yale Office of Animal Research Support (OARS), Kelly Fusco has been a recipient of three scholarships from YUWO since she made the decision to continue her education in 2014. A graduate of Sacred Heart Academy, Kelly has always maintained her goal of completing her Bachelor's Degree, even while personal circumstances required her to put her education on hold after two years at Southern Connecticut State University and to work full time.

After starting at Yale as an entry level secretary for the Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) Office in 1998, as well as raising a family with two children, she was successful in her professional development and rewarded with promotions in the department from the clerical track up to managerial roles to her current position as associate director. She cites the continuing support of her family, mentors, and the YUWO scholarship committee as major forces of encouragement as she works toward her degree in Management and Leadership.

While returning to school required the expected shift in timing, discipline and building of self confidence, Kelly found the development process rewarding and fulfilling on several levels, not the least of which was an appreciation for the college experience as an adult where her maturity, sense of fellowship and risk taking confidence has played an enormous part in her professional and personal development. She has the attitude that allows her to value each and every milestone she earns along the way, stating that learning is its own reward.

As a professional, she has participated in the ICARE TTI initiative with the federal government and has taken the lead on a major training project with CITI, from which the University researchers will benefit enormously.

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Kelly is confident that her role in IACUC will not be confining as she pursues her professional development at Yale. She has developed a diverse set of skills and abilities which, combined with her educational acumen, will enable her to consider other administrative roles that can involve working with students and academic administration in many different ways. She has the self confidence to reach out and guide others in any number of environments, and feels there is so much more she can do to contribute to her own development as well as that of Yale.

Best of luck, Kelly, as you pursue your goals. So many others will benefit from your energy and dedication. You embody the spirit of the Yale University Women's Organization, and we will look for your participation when you've completed your education!

To apply for a scholarship (or make a donation), please see the YUWO website, where you will find information about the YUWO scholarship program as well as an application form. The deadline for this year is March 15, 2018.

**YUWO Newsletter News**

This is the fifth of eight Newsletters for the YUWO year of 2017 – 2018. The remaining issues are March, April, and May. The deadline for the March issue is February 15.

We’d love to print your news, so please send it to Landa Freeman by the deadline. She can be reached at 203-453-5505 or at landamfreeman@gmail.com Many thanks!

**The French Group celebrates its Christmas Fête with a bûche de Noël.**

![The French Group celebrates its Christmas Fête with a bûche de Noël.](image_url)

*Pictured above l. to r.: Pat Winer, Candace Skorupa, Grethe Shepherd, Sandra Greer, Mary-Jo Warren, Lyn Howe, Louise Ciulla and Rose Cuomo.*
Driving Directions to the Yale West Campus

Coming from the South –

If you are coming from the south (New York), take I-95 north and get off at exit 41 (Marsh Hill Road). At the end of the ramp, go straight through the light. This is West Campus Drive and the I-95 northbound entrance ramp. Stay in the right lane, bear right at the fork, and follow the signs for the Conference Center, which is toward the rear of the West Campus.

Coming from the North –

If you are coming from the North (Hartford/New Haven/Madison), take I-95 south. Get off at exit 41 (Marsh Hill Road). At the light at the end of the exit ramp take a left onto Marsh Hill Road. At the next traffic light, take a left onto the West Campus Drive/I-95 northbound entrance ramp. Stay in the right lane, bear right at the fork, and follow the signs for the Conference Center, which is toward the rear of the West Campus.

GPS Users

For directions, enter: 100 West Campus Drive, Orange, CT.

Registration Form for the YUWO Spring Lecture Series

This course is open to all, YUWO members as well as non-members. The fee is $65.00 per person for the series. Unfortunately, we cannot accept registrations for single lectures.

For further registration information, email Judy Miller at j.miller@snet.net

Please print your Name, Address, Phone & Email:

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Please make your check for $65 payable to YUWO and mail to:

Sandra Greer, 38 Fernwood Road, Hamden, CT 06517
Looking for something interesting to do?

Join your YUWO friends for the tour of renovated Hendrie Hall,
for Lunch & Learn in April, for the Spring Lecture Series,
for the Annual Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon,
and finally for the bus trip to the Mount!