



**Yale University
Women's
Organization**

**2015-2016
Annual Report**

President's Report for 2015 ~ 2016

As I try to compose this letter for our annual report, and review our multitude of activities, I find this very overwhelming in a wonderful way.

We have had so many varied activities, chaired by so many enthusiastic, generous women, it makes it difficult to write about the past year in such a limited space.

Many thanks to Marion Russell and Annmarie Lindskog for planning today's event. While it looks simple and effortless, it is the result of many hours of planning, and some angst. We are delighted to have as our speaker Dr. Elizabeth Bradley, Professor at Yale University's School of Public Health. This was arranged by Nina Glickson, our newest board member, and chairman of Lunch and Learn.

Today's meeting represents the end of our 50th year—a celebration beginning not as usual at the President's House on Hillhouse Avenue, but at the Maurice Greenberg Conference Center on Prospect Street. This event, chaired so ably by Johanna Becker, was a wonderful inauguration to a special year. On December 6th, this location was also the site of our Holiday Party and Auction. This event was special for many reasons. Kudos to Annmarie Lindskog and her committee for excellent auction items, and to YUWO's Auctioneer, Johanna Becker, and our entertainment, the Elm City Quartet. As a bonus, \$2,500 was raised for our scholarship fund—double the usual amount. As a “gift to ourselves,” the event was catered by Bob Bourassa Caterers of Wallingford. The food was outstanding!!

Our Study group, chaired by Judith Miller, presented two series. The fall the subject was opera, led by Judith Malafronte of Yale's school of Music. The spring series was “Architecture and Preservation at Yale and Beyond.” Both were outstanding, and have received much praise and enthusiasm. Lunch and Learn, with Nina Glickson at the helm, returned after a two-year absence. Cathy Burgard, Activities Chairman, initiated YUWO's first evening movie group. Begun in the fall, it was so successful that a second series was scheduled for May. Thanks also to Mary Jane Miller for arranging two Newcomer luncheons. Dody Gall, tour leader extraordinaire, arranged an autumn bus trip to the new Whitney Museum near the High Line in Manhattan, and on May 10th, we will visit the newly refurbished museums at Harvard. Local tours led by Anne Schenck and Emly McDiarmed included a tour of the invertebrate collection at the Peabody Museum, led by Dr. Lawrence Gall, a tour of Edgerton Gardens, and a trip to Amistad High School.

We have so many wonderful and worthwhile activities and people, it is impossible to include them all, and I do apologize for the numerous omissions. However, there are two additional people who must be thanked no matter the limited space. They are Landa Freeman, the editor of our newsletter, and Martha Sherman, who despite living at a considerable distance from New Haven, remains steadfast in her commitment to YUWO.

See you in September! Advance notice: YUWO's Annual Wine and Cheese Event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, at the Maurice Greenberg Conference Center, from 4 to 6 pm.

— *Stephanie Jatlow, President*

YUWO's Farewell to the 50th Holiday Party!

We held our Holiday Party at the Greenberg Center on Sunday, December 6. Our turnout was one of the largest to date. We had many items for our silent auction, thanks to the generous contributions of members, and raised \$2,500 for our scholarship program. Everyone was treated to a complimentary Wine and Hors d'oeuvres menu. We were entertained by the barbershop quartet, the Elm City Four, which gave the party a wonderfully festive feeling. We concluded the party by singing the Whiffenpoof song, and bade farewell to our 50th anniversary year, looking forward to 2016 with great enthusiasm and renewed friendships.

— *Annemarie Lindskog, Vice President*

YUWO BOARD OF DIRECTORS for 2015 ~ 2016

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Membership	Peggy Atherton
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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Peggy Atherton included Emly McDiarmid, Annemarie Lindskog, Barbara Kryger and Julie Moore. They met on February 25, 2016, and selected the following four officers for 2016 to 2018:

President:	Stephanie Jatlow (continue another two years)
Vice President:	Annemarie Lindskog (continue another two years)
Activities Chairman:	Cathy Burgard (continue another two years)
Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Ann Nelson

Peggy Atherton resigned as Membership Chairman, and agreed to serve as Recording Secretary for two years. Stephanie Jatlow appointed Adrian Sterling as Membership Chairman to replace Peggy Atherton. Her term is up in 2017.

—Peggy Atherton, *Nominating Committee Chair*

Membership Report for 2015 ~ 2016

This is my third Annual Report as Membership Chairman of YUWO, having taken over the reins from Mary-Jo in August of 2013. I stepped down as of the April 11, 2016, Board Meeting, when Adrian Sterling will succeed me as Membership Chairman. It has been a pleasure serving YUWO as Membership Chairman, and I look forward to continuing on the Board as Recording Secretary for the next two years.

There are currently 383 paid members this fiscal year. This includes renewing members, other members who have been reinstated, and 55 Newcomers. In addition, there are 19 Honorary Members and three honorary members who fill important positions in the Yale Community.

1. Ahn, Woo-kyoung; Associate Master of Berkeley College
2. Armitage, Debby; Associate Controller of General Accounting & Accounting Services
3. Bradley, Elizabeth; Master of Branford College
4. Lui, Mary, Associate Master of Timothy Dwight College
5. Camacho, Alicia Schmidt; Associate Master of Ezra Stiles College
6. Clark, Margaret; Master of Trumbull
7. Colon, Aisling; Associate Master of Calhoun College
8. Davis, Jennifer Smith; Associate Master of Pierson
9. Brick, Catherine Panter; Master of Morse College
10. Christakis, Erika; Associate Master of Silliman College
11. Laurans, Penelope; JE College Master
12. Levin, Jane; wife of President Emeritus
13. Lockhart, Kristi; Associate Master at the Yale School of Medicine
14. Lorimer, Linda; Vice President for Global and Strategic Initiatives at Yale
15. Miller, Mary; Yale College Dean's Office
16. Moret, Marta; wife of Peter Salovey
17. Rostain, Tanina; Master of Davenport College's wife, Professor at N.Y. Law School
18. Near, Allison, Associate Master of Saybrook College
19. Kim Goff-Crews, Secretary and Vice President for Student Life

There are also three honorary members, added in 2014, who include: Pilar Montalvo, Director of Administrative Affairs; Sharon Finkenauer, retired West Campus Administrator; and Nancy Franco, Director of the Visitors Center.

We hope to encourage the members to agree to receive newsletters and notices by e-mail in order to save trees and keep the costs down. The membership dues which are currently \$25 per year, are used primarily for programs "that provide an opportunity for women of the Yale community to meet and pursue common intellectual and social interests."

—Peggy Atherton, *Membership Chair*

YUWO Newsletter and Brochure

NEWSLETTER: In 2015 – 2016, there have been 8 monthly issues of the Newsletter, beginning with September and ending in May. December – January is a combined issue. The one addition this year has been a listing of important YUWO dates in a box in the upper-left-hand corner of the front page. This allows a member to record on her calendar whatever it is she would like to attend, without having to flip back and forth through the paper.

As more and more members choose to receive the Newsletter electronically, we are close to the point of not using our bulk mail permit for mailings. (There is a 200 minimum piece for bulk mail.) We encourage you to receive the Newsletter by email, saving YUWO printing and postage costs. — *Landa Freeman, Newsletter Editor*

BROCHURE: A gatefold brochure listing YUWO activities, board members, scholarship information and other background information about the organization, and accompanied by a letter of welcome and an invitation to the September Wine and Cheese Reception, was distributed to prospective members, including new Yale employees, in late August. The brochure was also mailed to all current members and is available at www.yale.edu/yuwo. — *Marty Sherman, Webmaster*

YUWO Scholarship Committee 2015 ~ 2016 Annual Report

I am deeply indebted to the past Chair, Felicia Tencza, for her invaluable assistance and advice as we transition to a new slate of committee members. Thank you, Felicia! In addition, Marty Sherman deserves kudos for posting our website content and dealing with all things technical.

Sally Monaghan interviewed four past recipients and wrote a captivating news article about them, which was published in The Yale Daily News. This sparked new interest in the program, more publicity from other journalists, and—ultimately—more applicants.

The committee awarded five scholarships totaling \$18,500 for the 2016-2017 academic year. The awards range from \$1,500 to \$5,600. Since 1972, 333 women have received YUWO scholarships, for a total of \$384,175.

The scholarship program continues to be solely supported by the generosity of YUWO members and friends, to whom we are enormously grateful. Funds are wisely managed at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.

2016 Scholarship Recipients:

Kay Ross Scholarship

Lynette Holloway

Branford Hall

Magee Fenn Scholarship

Roxanne Niblack

Albertus Magnus

Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Scholarship

Elisa Caciopoli

Albertus Magnus

Annual Fund Scholarships

Kelly Fusco

University of Hartford

Diana Quinones

University of Southern New Hampshire

Scholarship Committee:

Blanche Agostinelli, Chaline Johnson, Louise LaMontagne, Sally Monaghan, Judy Moore, Paula Resch and Nancy Rosenbaum. Ex-officio members (without a vote): Felicia Tencza, past Chair; Stephanie Jatlow, President; Annemarie Lindskog, Vice-President; and Nancy Rosenbaum, Scholarship Treasurer (as well as committee member)

— *Berclee Cameron, Scholarship Chair*

2015 ~ 2014 Excursions

The Fall 2015 YUWO excursion was a bus trip on November 9 to the newly opened Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City, designed by architect Renzo Piano. Special exhibits included Frank Stella: A Retrospective with the entire 5th floor devoted to this show of 120 paintings, reliefs, sculptures and drawings. On the 8th floor an exhibit of Archibald Motley, the first NYC showing of this Harlem Renaissance artist, and Rachel Rose, the first exhibit of this young NYC artist. Lunch at the Whitney Museum was on our own, with two restaurants from which to choose. Our 51 YUWOs enjoyed our traditional sherry and crackers on the bus trip home. The \$65 fee covered bus transportation, driver's tip and admission to the Whitney.

The Spring 2015 YUWO excursion will be a May 10 bus trip to the Harvard Art Museums which were recently redesigned. Architect Renzo Piano joined the Fogg, Busch-Reisinger and Arthur M. Sackler Museums with glass and metal additions, enhancing the "Italian piazza" courtyard and adding new sky-lighted levels, an auditorium, café and elevators. There are now three levels of exhibits which cover the art of the world from ancient to contemporary times. At 3 pm our bus will take us to the Museum of Natural History, where a special exhibit of "Sea Creatures in Glass" is on view. These are lifelike models created by the Blaschka family who also made the Glass Flowers collection in the Museum. Lunch will be on our own. The \$70 cost includes bus transportation, driver's tip and admissions to both museums.

— *Dody Gall, Excursions Chair*

**YUWO Annual Scholarship Fund Income
June 1, 2015 – April 1, 2016**

YUWO Annual Scholarship Fund

Individual donations	\$3433.00
Holiday Party	2504.00
YUWO Fall Lecture Series	<u>7340.00</u>
Total Income	\$13,277

Fund Balance First Niagara \$14,927

Fund Balance CFGNH \$21,493 (Investment income \$866.62)

YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund

Individual donations	\$4350
Fund Balance CFGNH \$96,063	(Income and appreciation \$2063.62)

Magee Fenn Scholarship Fund

Individual donations	\$240
Fund Balance CFGNH \$71,706	(Investment income \$1255.20)

Gustave and Carol Sirot Scholarship Trust Fund

Individual donations	\$510
Fund Balance CFGNH \$19,660	(Income and appreciation \$815.59)

(Note: CFGNH - Community Foundation of Greater New Haven)

YUWO Scholarship Awards 2015-2016

Proposed Awards	
Scholarship Awards	\$17,500
Expenses	
Scholarship Awards paid	\$16,400
Balance	\$1,100

*Nancy Rosenbaum
Assistant Treasurer*



YUWO 2015 scholarship recipients and committee members at the 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Luncheon May 6. Seated (l. to r.) recipient Karen Kustra, committee members Judy Moore and Nancy Rosenbaum, recipient Kelly Ann Fusco, and donor Carol Sirot. Standing (l. to r.) recipients Cynthia Voghell and Lynette Holloway, committee member Sally Monaghan, committee chair Felicia Tencza, recipient Talia Annicelli, committee members Blanche Agnostinelli and Berclee Cameron, and ex-officio committee member Trudy Bollier. Missing from the photo: committee member Chaline Johnson.

Study Group 2015 ~ 2016

The Study Group Fall and Spring lecture series continue to be a great success, thanks to great lecturers and robust support from members of YUWO and their friends.

The Fall series, “Five Nights at the Opera,” featuring Judith Malafronte of Yale’s music faculty, was eagerly anticipated and exceeded our high expectations. A gifted presenter as well as an international award winning mezzo-soprano, Judith took us each week on a dazzling tour through operas, their structure, and musical terminology, supplemented with ample film clips of performances. We especially enjoyed her enthusiastic color commentary as she sometimes couldn’t stop herself from breaking into song as she lectured on Donizetti, Verdi, Puccini, Wagner, and Britten. Thanks to the response to this opera series, we were able to contribute \$8,840 dollars to the Scholarship Fund.

For the Spring series, “Yale and New Haven: Architectural Preservation, Restoration, and Stability,” the Committee returned to our practice of having five separate lecturers. Each member of the committee was responsible for contacting and introducing one of the speakers, enriching the ultimate experience. Colin Caplan shared his excitement about preserving New Haven’s historic buildings; a trio from the Jim Vlock First Year Building Project (Jim Vlock, Alan Organschi, and Adam Hopfner) described a project that provides an outstanding experience for Yale School of Architecture’s incoming graduate students and provides affordable housing to the New Haven community at the same time. Mark Simon discussed designing Kroon Hall, Yale’s greenest building; Constance Clemens filled us in on the ongoing conservation of the iconic Yale Center for British Art, and William Moore explored the difficulties and triumphs of working on a Yale building project.

The generosity of Yale’s West Campus Conference Center administration has made it possible for the Study Group to substantially increase the donations to YUWO’s scholarship fund. Jessica Criscuolo, Events and Administrative Coordinator, and Chris D’Addio, Audio Visual Coordinator, have been gracious, generous, and cheerful hosts, ensuring that each presentation goes smoothly.

Committee: Judith Miller (Chair), Charlotte Evans, Louise Ciulla, Marilyn Cohen, and Frances Gaines, with continuing advice and support from Patty Pollard and Stephanie Jatlow, YUWO President.

— *Judith Miller, Chair*

2015 Wine and Cheese Reception

This year we had yet another new venue—the Maurice Greenberg Center on Prospect Street - as the president's house was not available. We were very pleased with the beautiful, spacious, wood paneled room with huge windows and plenty of light. Arrangements were made with Sheila Pastor who is Associate Director for Leadership Programs at the Center. She was extremely helpful and accommodating and arranged for workers to set up the tables and chairs for us as well as answering our many questions about logistics. All this for no fee since we and the Center are part of Yale.

Since we never have a good idea of how many members attend this event, we had a sign-up sheet on a small table near the entrance and from time to time someone sat there and asked people to sign in. Most people wrote their names; we figure around 15 -20 evaded our efforts. Our final count was about 150 attendees.

We had a sunny but extremely hot day, so Marta Moret and Stephanie Jatlow did not stand outside at the entrance to greet the guests. Instead, they both circulated among the group and talked with people individually.

Cathy Burgard and Charlotte Evans planned and organized the tables and chairs for the new space, as well as producing new sign up sheets for new activities. A copy machine was available downstairs for our use.

Wine was again served by Mr. Patel and his 2 assistants from Odd Bins. As before they were competent and charming. Roberta Thornton again made the arrangements. We had permission from the Center to serve both red and white wine.

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Lunch & Learn for 2015 ~ 2016

Nina Glickson assumed the responsibility for YUWO's Lunch and Learn program in the fall of 2015. After a "slow" beginning with no lunch events in the fall term, the following programs have taken place or will take place this year.

This year's first Lunch and Learn was held on March 8 with Anstress Farwell as the speaker. Ms. Farwell is a founder of the New Haven Urban Design League; she has been active in New Haven civic affairs since she moved to the city in 1978. She earned a Yale Master's degree in 1980 in the History of Art and has taught courses in New Haven Architecture and Urbanism and Town Planning. She was instrumental in preventing the demolition of New Haven's City Hall, and as chair of the Design Review Committee helped supervise the rebuilding of that important landmark. Ms. Farwell spoke especially about green spaces and urban growth in New Haven, and discussed issues to preserve the Hill neighborhood.

The next Lunch and Learn (April 5) featured Karen Wynn, Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Science at Yale. Her talk, "What Infants Can Tell Us About Human Nature: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," provided a fascinating look at the cognitive capacities of infants and their early social preferences, social interactions and moral development. Professor Wynn, who earned a BA in Psychology from McGill University and a PhD in Cognitive Science from MIT, directs the Infant Cognition Lab in the Yale Psychology department.

The last Lunch and Learn program from the spring term featured Ann Johnson Prum, the Executive Producer, Cinematographer and Founder of Coneflower Productions on April 26. Through Coneflower Productions, Ms. Prum creates non-fiction programs that explore science, wildlife, and the environment, and her work has been featured on Channel Thirteen, PBS Nature, Discovery and the Science Channel, among other stations. In 2010, she was nominated for the 2010 Emmy for Best Nature Documentary for Hummingbirds: Magic in the Air, and was awarded the 2013 Emmy for Best Nature Documentary for An Original Duckumentary. Ms. Prum provided a fascinating look at how she works and where she decides to film her work. She returned this spring from a trip to Central and South America.

Stay tuned for next year's programs, which should begin in the fall of 2016!

— *Nina Glickson*

2015 Wine and Cheese Reception (continued from page 6)

There was an ice cube machine on the premises. Carolyn Westerfield made (from our traditional recipe), and served, the nonalcoholic punch. She made double the recipe and this turned out to be just about right. She not only did a great job, but volunteered to do it again next year!

Judy Miller brought many small and one large vase of gorgeous zinnias and asters from her garden which made the tables look lovely.

There were 11 platters of cheese and accompaniments. This proved to be too much but some of the plates were extremely large, so that may have been the reason there were quite a lot of leftovers. We encouraged people to label the cheeses and add some fruit, nuts, and/or vegetables on the side. It was primarily Board members that brought in the platters, but 2 members (Rose Cuomo and Jane Cerrilli) also contributed. Even though there was a very adequate kitchen most platters were arranged at home.

For next year - Arrange for someone to take photographs!

Everyone seemed to have a good time and agreed that the event was a smashing success!

— *Johanna Becker, Wine and Cheese Chair*

Activities in 2015 ~ 2016

The year 2015-2016 was an exciting one for YUWO members. There were many opportunities for varied and stimulating activities such as Art Aficionados, Needlers, Bridge Lessons, Conversational French, Hiking, Golf, Tennis, Gourmet Lunch, Evening Film Series, and four Book Groups. Members also participated in other group offerings (such as Lunch and Learn, bus trips, excursions in and around New Haven, and Study Group); their activities are covered in other reports. There isn't space to list all the particulars of each group's activities, but some highlights should be mentioned.

For the first time, YUWO offered an evening film series to provide a chance for members who work during the day to meet and share a stimulating program. The series was entitled "Women's Voices from Literature" and met on three Tuesday evenings in September and October at Best Video in Hamden. The response to the series was so overwhelming that we offered another in the spring entitled "A Voice of Her Own" which focused on women who overcame formidable obstacles to discover their true selves. We hope the two series will become highly anticipated annual events.

Another new activity introduced in the fall of 2015 was a Scrabble group headed by Louise FitzSimons. The group met in members' homes on Sunday afternoons and members had such a good time that they decided to continue in the spring. YUWO Bridge lovers again enjoyed a series of lessons offered in October by expert Rita Brieger. The series was entitled "Defense for the Intermediate Player" and was offered on an intermediate level. The response was very enthusiastic, and we hope to offer the series again next year.

In December, the Conversational French group celebrated by holding a French Holiday Party. Members and their French-speaking guests met at Mary-Jo Warren's house for a French fete featuring a *bûche de Noël*. The party was a great success.

Anneke Hathaway, YUWO Art Aficionados chair, informed members that the Yale University Art Gallery was offering a continuation of its Dutch Art lecture series from last winter. These lectures were held in the fall in September and October and in the spring in March and April and were well attended by many YUWO members. Also in October, the group met at Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History for a guided tour of the Samurai Exhibit. In November, the group was treated to a tour of the Seton Gallery at the University of New Haven. They first visited the Seton family collection of unique art from Papua, New Guinea and then went on to see the exhibit, "America's Distorted Image: How Racism Shaped Aunt Jemima, Uncle Ben, and You," a collection of pre- and post-civil rights era objects. In December, the Aficionados enjoyed a guided tour of an exhibit at the Yale Art Gallery entitled "The Ceramic Presence in Modern Art: Selections from the Linda Leonard Schlenger Collection," one of the most important collections of contemporary ceramics in the country. March brought a tour of Yale's renowned Babylonian Collection showcasing the depth and richness of Yale's vast Hebraica and Judaica holdings at the Sterling Memorial Library. In late spring, the group will visit the Yale Art Gallery for a tour of "Everything Is Dada."

YUWO's more sports-minded members had a variety of activities from which to choose. The Ladies Golf Clinic met for four one-hour sessions with the pro of the Yale Women's Golf Team. The YUWO hikers continued to explore trails in the area. In October, they visited Lake Wintergreen and West Rock Ridge. In November, they hiked along the Farm River in East Haven as well as exploring East Rock Park. In the spring, they visited both West Rock and East Rock Parks.

All in all, the year provided a wide range of stimulating and enjoyable experiences for every interest.

— *Cathy Burgard, Activities Chair*

Newcomers

The Newcomers group had another banner year, registering 53 new members and 5 reinstated ones. Many joined during the September wine and cheese reception at Greenberg Center and every month, including March, more ladies joined.

In January we had a group come to Commons for lunch where suggestions were made for additional YUWO activities, including birding and Spanish speaking groups as well as trips to Connecticut museums and galleries.

On April 2, Newcomers and several board members including our president, Stephanie Jatlow, gathered for a delicious lunch at Mory's. Our newest members are a diverse and talented group of ladies.

— *Mary Jane Miller, Newcomers Chair*

Exploring Yale and New Haven County in 2015 ~ 2016

Edgerton Park

Although rain threatened all morning, 16 of us walked through Edgerton Park guided by Jenny Byers on September 29, 2015. She told us about the two families who lived on the 25-acre property: Eli Whitney and his family in their Victorian house called 'Ivy Nook' and the Frederick Brewsters. The Brewsters demolished Ivy Nook to design and build their estate called, Edgerton, (edge of town) and now their big mansion is gone also. It had to be demolished when the property was given to the city of New Haven and town of Hamden to be used as a passive park in 1964. However, the Greenhouses, Barn, Carriage House and the South Gatehouse remain in use. Edgerton was landscaped by Robert Storer Stephenson, whose travel experience in England influenced his graceful and picturesque design featuring vistas with trees that today are mature and majestic. We went through the Greenhouses and on past the Carriage House, Barn (and chickens) and out the West Gate to reach the Water Company property and the next stage of our tour. Taking a path that winds past water pools and the long, narrow Water Company building to Whitney Avenue and the Eli Whitney Barn, we visited the studio of Susan Clinard. Susan works with wood and it seems as though her corner of the historic barn is the perfect place for her sculpture pieces to take shape. She gave us a tour of the old barn as well as her studio.

Edgerton is a public park for all to visit. The Carriage House is open on Sunday afternoons from 1 to 4 pm and features a horticulture library and photographs of the estate as it was in its prime. Susan Clinard's studio is open on Open Studio Days.

Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, found 17 YUWO members (including spouses & friends) gathered in the universe simulation theater at Yale's Leitner Family Observatory and Planetarium at 6 pm to enjoy a visual tour by Yale Department of Astronomy's doctoral student Joey Schmitt, of the stars, planets, and constellations visible in New Haven's night sky. (Alas, the sky that night was not clear enough to permit us to use the observatory telescope.) "Black Holes," an awesome film taking us to "the other side of infinity," followed Joey's talk.

The Planetarium is open to the public every Tuesday night (except for Yale holidays). Keep an eye on their website for notification of clear skies for telescope viewing.

Peabody Museum Backstage Tour

Eighteen members, family and friends were treated to a fascinating back-stage tour of Yale's invertebrate and botanical collections on Thursday, March 24th. Hosted by our own Dody Gall's son, Entomology Collection Manager Dr. Lawrence (Larry) Gall and his colleague, Herbarium Senior Collection Manager Dr. Patrick Sweeney, their presentations completely upended any who might have viewed the Museum as a dusty old specimen-collecting relic of the past. On the contrary, it's doing cutting edge digitizing of the collections, providing its data to the world, and advancing research on critical modern issues such as global warming, species adaptation and survival, and more. Even more of a treasure than we appreciated.

Hill Museum

We will visit the Hill Museum of Arts on May 12. It is in the old Carriage House of the Hull Brewery in New Haven's Hill District, now beautifully restored by the artist/architect, Krikko Obot. The high ceilings allow perfect wall space for the large scale pencil drawings of major American cities from Boston, Chicago and New York to New Haven. Born in Nigeria, Krikko studied at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, and is a musician as well as an expert in drawing cityscapes. His original melodies form the background music one hears when walking through the museum.

Amistad High School

Showing remarkable progress in closing the achievement gap for New Haven students, in 2014 Amistad High was ranked by *US News & World Report* as the #2 best high school in Connecticut. For the past six years 100% of its graduates have been admitted to college. On Friday, May 27th, YUWO members will have a chance to tour the school at 580 Dixwell Avenue, talk face to face with several of this year's about-to-be graduates, and learn from Dacia Toll, the founder of this charter school, about its accomplishments and continuing challenges.

— Anne Schenck and Emly McDiarmid, *Exploring Yale and New Haven County Chairs*

Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Yale University Women's Organization

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Yale University Women's Organization was called to order at noon by President Stephanie Jatlow on May 6, 2015, at the New Haven Lawn Club.

President Jatlow greeted members, newcomers, past presidents, scholarship winners and guests, briefly reviewed the main activities of the year. Stephanie then recognized the Luncheon Committee members: Chairperson Marion Russell, Audrey DeFronzo, Chaline Johnson, Annemarie Lindskog, Marty Sherman and Mary Jo Warren.

The minutes of 2014 Luncheon meeting were approved. The budget was accepted unanimously.

The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate for 2015-2016, which was accepted unanimously:

Treasurer	Mary-Jo Warren
Assistant Treasurer	Nancy Rosenbaum
Membership	Peggy Atherton
Recording Secretary	Mary Ann Nelson
Scholarship Chair	Berclée Cameron

Nominating Committee members included Martha Sherman (Chair), Cathy Burgard, Barbara Kryger, Melissa Lamoreaux, and Anne Schenck.

Felicia Tenza announced the award of this year's scholarships totaling \$16,000. Recipients were introduced by members of the Scholarship Committee who described the backgrounds of the recipients and their plans for further study.

Scholarship Committee members were Chairperson Felicia Tenza, Blanche Agostinelli, Berclée Cameron, Chaline Johnson, Sally Monaghan, Judy Moore, and Nancy Rosenbaum, Assistant Treasurer. Ex-officio members (without a vote): Trudy Bollier, past Chair; Stephanie Jatlow, President; and Annemarie Lindskog, Vice President.

Sam Chauncey spoke just before lunch about the early times of YUWO. He provided the original \$500 in seed money to help found YUWO and was heavily involved in keeping peace during The May Day chaos..

Stephanie Jatlow introduced members of the Whiffenpoof Alumni who entertained our group.

Stephanie introduced the speaker, Judith Schiff, Yale Research Archivist, New Haven City Historian and YUWO Past President who spoke on "A Yale Women's Hall of Fame: Honoring women's contributions to its history and culture over 300 years on YUWO's 50th.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Nelson
Recording Secretary



YUWO BUDGET 2016-2017

	Category	Actual	Budget	YTD-4.1.16	Budget (Proposed)
		2014-2015	2015-2016	2015-2016	2016-2017
INCOME	Annual Meeting income	\$5,396	\$4,000	\$901	\$4,000
	Daisy Chapman Fund/Newcomers	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
	Excursion Income	\$5,043	\$4,500	\$3,380	\$4,500
	Holiday Party proceeds(14/15*)	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,479	\$1,200
	Membership dues(16/17**)	\$9,625	\$9,000	\$9,550	\$11,400
	Program Income				
	Activity Groups Income	\$1,050		\$1,575	
	Study Group Income	\$16,140	\$14,520	\$16,510	\$14,000
TRANSFERS	Operating fund reserves	\$0		\$4,000	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$37,754	\$34,520	\$38,895	\$35,600
EXPENSES	Annual Meeting expense(14/15***)	\$12,124	\$4,500	\$2,500	\$4,500
	Other expense	\$100			
	Board Member expenses	\$203	\$250	\$165	\$250
	Excursion expense	\$4,617	\$4,500	\$2,434	\$4,500
	Insurance	\$890	\$700	\$500	\$900
	Printing and Mailing				
	Brochure	\$975		\$700	
	Directory	\$339		\$392	
	Newsletter	\$1,155		\$1,238	
	Other Printing	\$926		\$679	
	Postage	\$1,400		\$1,171	
	Stationery	\$195			
	TOTAL Printing and Mailing	\$4,990	\$4,500	\$4,180	\$5,000
	Professional Fees	\$880	\$870	\$920	\$1,000
	Program Expenses				
	Activity Groups Expense	\$1,025	\$100	\$1,325	\$200
	Holiday Party(15/16***)	\$0	\$2,500	\$6,118	\$1,800
	Lunch and Learn	\$0	\$500		\$1,000
	Newcomers	\$487	\$1,000		\$1,000
	Wine and Cheese	\$1,030	\$1,000	\$352	\$1,000
	TOTAL Program Expenses	\$2,542	\$5,100	\$7,795	\$5,000
	Scholarship Committee	\$44	\$100	\$64	\$250
	Study Group Expense	\$2,195	\$7,000	\$2,400	\$3,000
	Transfer to Scholarship funds				
	Excursions				
	Holiday Party(14/15*)		\$2,000	\$2,479	\$1,200
	Study Group	\$6,720	\$5,000	\$7,340	\$10,000
	Transfer from Checking			\$3,961	
	TOTAL Trans to scholarship	\$6,720	\$7,000	\$13,780	\$11,200
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,305	\$34,520	\$34,738	\$35,600
	OVERALL TOTAL	\$2,449	\$0	\$4,157	\$0
	YUWO Operating Fund Reserves at Community Foundation of Greater New Haven \$20,918.00				
	*14/15-No Holiday Party				
	**16/17-Dues at \$30				
	*** 14/15-Past Presidents as guests				
	****15/16-YUWO 50th Celebration				

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