

Yale University Women's Organization

2017-2018 Annual Report

President's Report for 2017 ~ 2018

This letter is a fond farewell to you. I have been president of the Yale University Women's Organization for the past four years, and I wish to thank you. It has been a pleasure and a privilege.

This year began in September with the Welcome Back Reception at the Provost's House on Hillhouse Avenue. Looking toward the future, if our two final activities of this year are any indication, YUWO's future is bright! On Saturday, April 7, the annual Newcomers luncheon was held at Mory's. Organized by Newcomer Chair Mary Jane Miller, it was attended by 15 new members, many of whom were especially interested in our Scholarship Program. The fact that this is a major focus of YUWO sets us apart from other similar organizations.

Our final Lunch and Learn, held as always at the Yale Visitor Center, featured Paul Freedman, professor of history at Yale and author of the book, *The Ten Restaurants That Changed America*. Other Lunch and Learn speakers included Diane Witte, Yale vice president and the university's representative on the board of the Connecticut Food Bank, discussing "food insecurity." Last fall, Todd Lyon, food writer, and owner of "Fashionista," spoke on the food scene in New Haven, noting that the city—once considered a 'food desert'—is now considered a food destination.

[Upon reflection, it is truly coincidental that all our Lunch and Learn speakers have been food related ... or is it?!]

In October, 52 YUWO members headed to the New York Botanical Gardens to see the beautiful glass sculptures of the world famous glass artist, Dale Chihuly. An informal survey during that excursion yielded a suggestion of The Mount, home of Edith Wharton in Lenox, Massachusetts, for the spring excursion; a June 7 trip visit is planned.

Of major importance to our organization are the scholarships that YUWO provides for women whose education has either been interrupted, or who wish to begin their studies. It is this program that, for many members, sets YUWO apart from similar organizations and makes it quite special.

Our lecture series plays a particularly important role for YUWO, as all proceeds (after expenses) are contributed to the Scholarship Fund every year. There are two lecture series each year. This past fall, the subject was animals and how they communicate; the series was titled "Buzz, Grunt, Ribbit, Woof, Neigh: What are our fellow animals trying to say to us?" The spring series, based on the psychology of choice, was entitled "Group Connection and Identity." Many, many thanks to Judith Miller, who has chaired the lecture series for many years. Judith will be succeeded by Sandra Greer.

I would like to take a moment to thank the members of the YUWO board, by name and portfolio, without whom there would be no YUWO. They include: Annemarie Lindskog, vice president, who as been in charge of our successful holiday parties for the last four years; Mary-Jo Warren, treasurer, who carefully manages our funds; Betsy Weber, assistant treasurer; and Adrian Sterling, membership chair.

Other members of the board who made essential contributions include: Sally Tyler, recording secretary; Mary Ann Nelson, corresponding secretary; Catherine Burgard, activities chair, who has been tireless in her search for a location for a YUWO movie group; Marion Russell and Audrey DeFronzo, who begin in February to plan our annual luncheon; Shavaun Towers Bennett and Emly McDiarmid, co-chairs of Local Excursions, who arrange our local outings in the New Haven area; Mary Jane Miller, Newcomers chair; Berclee Cameron, Scholarship Committee chair; Lecture Series Chair Judy Miller; Welcome Reception Chair Johanna Becker; and Advisors Nancy Ahlstrom, Audrey DeFronzo, Patty Pollard, and Gloria Schoolfield. Finally, my thanks to Publications Chair Martha Sherman, Webmaster Nancy Rosenbaum, and to Newsletter Editor Landa Freeman, who faithfully edits and produces our monthly newsletter.

Special thanks to Martha Schall, Deputy Secretary and Senior Director of Corporation Affairs in the Office of the Secretary at Yale, who is helping YUWO navigate the university's complex administration.

- Stephanie Jatlow, President

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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Patty Pollard, consisted of Landa Freeman, Barbara Kryger, Eleanor Radune and Mary-Jo Warren. They presented the following slate for 2018-2020:

President:Mary-Jo WarrenVice President:Betsy RosenthalTreasurer:Eleanor RaduneCorresponding Secretary:Mary Ann NelsonActivities Chair:Barbara Kryger

⁻Patty Pollard, Nominating Committee Chair

Membership Report for 2017 ~ 2018

Thank you to all YUWO members for your continued support of this fine organization. This 2017-2018 fiscal year (June 1, 2017-May 31, 2018) we have 316 paid members, which includes 31 new members. We also have 19 honorary YUWO members. There are many programs and activities to take part in throughout the year: book groups, lecture series, excursions, gournet group, and others. I hope that you have taken the opportunity to engage in these.

This past March '18 an ad hoc membership committee prepared and distributed a YUWO Membership Survey to get your input about the organization. Thank you to all you responded. We look forward to sharing this information with you once the responses are collected and analyzed. Also this year the board approved expanding YUWO membership to include women who are "Friends" of Yale.

YUWO exists because of you, our members. We strive to continue to offer quality programs as well as raise money for our Scholarships. Our YUWO by-laws state, "The purpose of the organization is to provide women in the Yale community with opportunities to pursue intellectual and social interests; to develop friendships; and to support the scholarship program." We hope that you renew your membership for the coming 2018-2019 years and please encourage your friends to join. Visit the YUWO website for more information and a membership registration form at http://campuspress.yale.edu/yuwo/.

- Adrian O. Sterling, Membership Chair



The French Conversation Group Celebrates its Christmas Fête with a traditional bûche de Noël

Pictured above 1. to r.: Pat Winer, Candace Skorupa, Grethe Shepherd, Sandra Greer, Mary-Jo Warren, Lyn Howe, Louise Ciulla and Rose Cuomo.



YUWO Newsletter and Brochure

NEWSLETTER: In 2017–2018, there have been eight monthly issues of the Newsletter, beginning with September 2017 and ending with May 2018. December–January is a combined issue. I am happy to report that there has been so much news of various YUWO activities that each month has produced a double issue (4 pages, 8 sides) or one with an insert.

Our decision to send the Newsletter electronically has been a huge success. We have cut our mailing and printing costs by more than half. At the same time, we have been able to accommodate those people who wish to receive a print copy, mailed first-class. — Landa Freeman, Newsletter Editor

BROCHURE: A brochure listing YUWO activities, board members, scholarship information and other background information, 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 on YUWO's new website at campuspress.yale.edu/yuwo. — *Marty Sherman, Webmaster*

YUWO Scholarship Committee 2017 ~ 2018 Annual Report

I am deeply indebted to all who made this year's award process such a success!

Unflappable Marty Sherman guided the scholarship committee through the transition to our new webmaster, Nancy Rosenbaum. Nancy, as our past Scholarship Treasurer, in turn gave invaluable help to our new Scholarship Treasurer and committee member, Betsy Weber. All three brought knowledge, skill, and goodwill to their vital roles—and I am enormously grateful to each one. In addition, thanks to Stephanie Jatlow for continuing to actively promote our program throughout the Yale community.

Committee members implemented an ambitious outreach effort, contacting new working women and affinity groups, in addition to our traditional partners. The public response to human interest stories and anecdotes about past recipients continues to be very positive.

The committee awarded six scholarships totaling \$18,500 for the 2018-2019 academic year. Since 1972, 344 women have received YUWO scholarships, for a total of \$421,175.

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

2018-2019 Scholarship Recipients:

Kay Ross Scholarship

Sharon Mack Goodwin College

Magee Fenn Scholarship

Bayla Arietta Johns Hopkins University

Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Scholarship

Polina Mann Central CT State University

Annual Fund Scholarships

Stephanie Alderman Western Governors University

Kierra Jackson Yale School of Nursing Moya Meckel Yale School of Nursing

Scholarship Committee 2017-2018:

Sandra Greer, Chaline Johnson, Margaret Mann, Emly McDiarmid, Paula Resch, Betsy Weber. Ex-officio members (without a vote): Felicia Tencza, past chair; Stephanie Jatlow, President; Annemarie Lindskog, Vice-President. Betsy Weber, Scholarship Treasurer (also a voting member).

Berclee Cameron, Scholarship Chair

Newcomers $2017 \sim 2018$

Thirty-one ladies joined YUWO this year, curiously, the same number that joined last year. Most of the ladies joined at the Welcome Reception held at the Provost House last fall. On April 7, fifteen newcomers met at Mory's for a welcome luncheon. Stephanie Jatlow and several other board members joined the group, eager to find out more about our newest members, answer questions and encourage them in joining our various activities.

We look forward to getting to know our newcomers as they join our groups and events throughout the year.

YUWO Scholarship Fund Report 1 June 2017 – 9 April 2018

Annual Scholarship Fund

Member Donations: \$4752 2017 Lecture Series: \$5000 Total Income: \$9752

Fund Balance CFGNH* \$32,874. Fund Balance Key Bank \$13,120.

YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund

Member Donations: \$2635

Fund Balance CFGNH* \$129,319.

Gustave and Carol Sirot Scholarship Trust Fund

Member Donations: \$555.

Fund Balance CFGNH* \$23,935.

Magee Fenn Scholarship Trust Fund

Member Donations: \$190

Fund Balance CFGNH* \$92,862.

YUWO Scholarship Awards 2017-2018

Scholarship Awards for Disbursements \$20,000.
Scholarship Award Expenses \$17,715.
Balance \$2,285.



2017 YUWO scholarship recipients, committee members. and donors at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon om May 3, 2017 at the New Haven Lawn Club. L to R: Kierra Jackson, Diana Quinones, Louise LaMontagne, Chaline Johnson, Barbara Reif, Anne Bolin, Lucia Dittmann, Sharon Mack, Kelly Fusco, Carol Sirot, Paula Resch, Margaret Mann, Emly McDiarmid, Felicia Tencza, and Berclee Cameron

^{*}CFGNH is the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven

Lecture Series 2017 ~ 2018

"Buzz, Grunt, Ribbit, Woof, Neigh: What are our Fellow Animals Trying to Say to Us?" (Fall 2017)

"Group Connection and Identity" (Spring 2018)

This year, the YUWO Board voted unanimously to change the name of the Study Group Committee to the Lecture Series Committee, recognizing its primary role.

In the fall, we launched our academic year with the presentation of "Buzz, Grunt, Ribbit, Woof, Neigh: What are our Fellow Animals Trying to Say to Us?" This series brought in Yale experts from several disciplines whose research explores the animal world. Margaret Mann started us off in the world of art with a beautifully illustrated lecture on Paul Mellon's love for horses and the horse paintings of George Stubbs. We switched to biology and amphibians with David Skelly's discussion of the impact of changes in the environment on the gender of frogs and its implications for humans. After traveling to Africa and its mountain gorillas with Amy Vedder, we came back to West Campus, where Justin Freiberg shared his enthusiasm for bees and their important role in the ecosystem. Closing with Angie Johnston's study of Australian dingoes and the path to the domestication of dogs, we found that animals do, indeed, have a lot to tell us about ourselves and our world.

The spring series, "Group Connection and Identity," turned to humans, asking the questions of how our group relationships affect who we are, how we see the world and how others see us. An enthusiastic audience learned about Karen Wynn's search into whether infants have a moral sense (they do), and Yarrow Dunham moved us up into the world of five- and six-year olds and how the development of strong group loyalty is a basic human trait. Our third lecturer switched focus from children to mothers; Riche Barnes shared the results of her anthropological study of how contemporary black women modify the traditional role of mothering in American black culture as they struggle to balance family and career. Margaret Clark shared her work on the importance of group relationships to our emotional lives, and Becca Levy closed the series with a discussion of how positive and negative stereotypes affect the health of older individuals. We enjoyed exploring the importance of group relationships as we move from infancy to old age.

The Lecture Series Committee is proud of its contribution to the intellectual life of YUWO members and to YUWO's Scholarship Fund. As always, we are grateful to the West Campus Conference Center administration and particularly to Jessica Criscuolo and Chris D'Addio for the gracious and expert support of our lecture series. We couldn't do it without them.

This year, the committee membership is changing, but the quality and interest of its programming will continue. As Judy Miller, Charlotte Evans, Frances Gaines, and Louise Ciulla retire, Marilyn Cohen and Stephanie Jatlow continue on with the strong leadership of Sandra Greer. All of us in YUWO wish them well!

— Judith Miller, Chair

Activities in $2017 \sim 2018$

YUWO members again participated in a wide variety of activity groups. Many opportunities for varied and stimulating activities included four Book Groups, Art Aficionados, Lunch and Learn, Needlers, Scrabble, Conversational French, Exploring Yale and New Haven, Hiking, Golf, Tennis, Luncheon Gourmet, and a Fall Film Series. Members also participated in other events such as Excursions, Lecture Series, the Holiday Party, and the Annual Meeting Luncheon, but those 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.

In October, YUWO offered an afternoon film series at the Blackstone Library in Branford. The theme was "The Immigrant Experience: Women in a Strange Land," and focused on women who came to America from different cultures and the diverse challenges they faced. Attendees enjoyed the lively discussions that followed the films.

Lunch and Learn scheduled many fascinating speakers this year. The first Lunch and Learn of the year took place in October. The speaker was Dianne Witte, senior associate director of Principal Gifts Development at Yale and six-year member of the board of the Connecticut Food Bank. She discussed food insecurity as a major problem in the New Haven area. In November, members had lunch with Todd Lyon, who shared her experiences as a former food critic for the *New Haven Register* and former owner of Fashionista Vintage and Variety, a retro clothing boutique for men and women. In April, Paul Freedman, Chester D. Tripp Professor of History, spoke about his recent book, *The Ten Restaurants that Changed America*.

The Scrabble group headed by Louise FitzSimons continued to meet in members' homes on the third Sunday of the month and members report that a wonderful time is had by all.

The Conversational French group convened at Chestnut Fine Foods to read and discuss French books, news articles and films. The high point of the year was a Fête de Noël held at the home of Mary-Jo Warren. French-speaking members and guests had a wonderful time and are still savoring the memory of the Bûche de Noël, a traditional French Christmas dessert.

Chairperson Dinny Wakerley reports that the Needlers are busy with their projects: knitting, crocheting, quilting and sharing ideas for other creative enterprises. Everyone is welcome.

Explore New Haven chairpersons Shavaun Towers and Emly McDiarmid planned many enjoyable excursions in the New Haven area. In October, YUWO members toured the spectacular Community Foundation of Greater New Haven and enjoyed a complimentary light lunch on their roof-deck terrace overlooking New Haven. In November, they participated in an information session and tour of the Connecticut Food Bank's Wallingford Distribution Center, where they learned about hunger in Connecticut and what the Food Bank is doing to help. In February, the Dean gave YUWO a tour of the newly renovated spaces of the School of Music's Hendrie Hall. After the tour, presenters spoke of Yale's cultural outreach to New Haven through Yale's Music in Schools Initiative. In April, members gathered to hear Justin Elicker, executive director of the New Haven Land Trust, speak about its inspiring work in the New Haven community. After the talk, the group toured its premier community garden on Grand Avenue in Fair Haven.

Art Aficionados began the year with a visit to the Yale Art Gallery on September 19 to see the exhibit "Artists in Exile: Expressions of Loss and Hope" which looked at the theme of exile and focused on artists who left their country of birth for a variety of reasons — including discrimination, war, and genocide — from the 19th century to the present day. In October, Chairperson Anneke Hathaway arranged for a tour of the exhibition "Things of Beauty Growing: British Studio Pottery." This exhibit explored the origin of pottery and ceramics in Asia and brought us up to the present time with functional pottery and the presentation of pottery as sculpture. On December 12, members visited the Yale Art Gallery for a docent-led tour of the exhibition "Before the Event/After the Fact: Contemporary Perspectives on War" which offered perspectives on war from many different points of view. In April, the Aficionados had a guided tour of the exhibition, "The Paston Treasure: Microcosm of the Known World." The tour focused on the 17th century painting of the same name, the objects depicted therein and the Paston family's rich history of collecting.

Anneke Hathaway, YUWO Art Aficionados chair, also informed members that the Yale University Art Gallery was offering a continuation of the John Walsh lecture series from last year. 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. What an exciting and varied year for our art lovers!

This year, the 38 members of Gourmet Lunch enjoyed planning, cooking and eating meals with a theme, including Basque Pintxos, Vegetarian Thanksgiving, Holiday Party, Thai, and Greek as well as a February restaurant meal at Geronimo.

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2017 Welcome Reception (formerly "Wine and Cheese")

This year our "Wine and Cheese" had a new menu, a new name ("Welcome Reception") and a new venue due to a significant increase in insurance costs (attached to serving wine) and cost of catering services which some of the Yale venues insisted upon. We wound up with the Provost's house on Hillhouse Avenue, where we served no alcoholic drinks (hence the name change of the event) and where members could bring in food. This venue had going for it quite some charm in that the rooms were smaller and were laid out in an interesting manner. The downside of this was that we had to have certain end tables and chairs professionally moved to make room for activity sign-up tables. This was quite costly, using up the money we saved on other things.

The other problem with this venue was that it was not handicapped accessible (no railings on the front stairway and no alternative entryway) making entrance difficult for some members. To get around this, Jack Dillon (Johanna Becker's partner) lent us his services in helping those who needed assistance.

Apart from these stumbling blocks, all went well except for a very high noise level which bothered some of us but reflected the high energy level and happy excitement about the prospects to come. There was an attendance sheet near the entrance and we estimate that around 150 people showed up.

We had the usual array of hors d'oeuvres, both savory and sweet, supplied by 19 members, mostly from the Gourmet Group (solicited by Patty Pollard) and from the Board. Carolyn Westerfield made the same punch as last year and Mary Mongillo made iced tea. The Provost's house supplied punch bowls and Stephanie Jatlow lent us a large glass ice tea container with spigot. Stephanie also brought in the paper and plastic goods for eating and drinking.

Cathy Burgard did her usual hard work and magic in producing the sign up sheets and coordinating all the tasks involved, questions asked and answered, lists copied, and attention to details necessary to get the activities programs off the ground.

We thank everyone who worked so hard to make this event the success it was.

Johanna Becker, Chair



Activities in 2017 ~ 2018 (continued from page 7)

YUWO's more sports-minded members had a variety of activities to choose from. Tennis players continued to hone their skills at the Cuman-Heyman Center. Many thanks to Carol Dhawan who acted as Chair for the tennis group for many years. YUWO is grateful for all Carol's hard work. Susan Leonard and Carol Munch have graciously agreed to assume the leadership of this popular activity.

The Ladies Golf Clinic met for five sessions with Chawwadee Rompothong, the coach of the Yale women's golf team. The coach was excellent and everyone learned new techniques to enhance her game.

Thirteen YUWO hikers were ecstatic to find a gorgeous day on February 27 to explore the trails leading to the top of East Rock. The Stony Creek Trolley Trail is providing a shoreline setting for an April 13 walk. New hikers are always welcome.

All in all, the year provided a wide range of stimulating and enjoyable activities for every interest, but perhaps the greatest advantage to participation in these groups is the opportunity to share experiences with such an amazing group of women!

- Cathy Burgard, Activities Chair

Exploring Yale and New Haven County 2017 ~ 2018

The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven

With an emphasis on 'community' as a theme to this year's tours, our exploring began October 3rd at the Community Foundation so as to better understand the social dynamics of our region and how Yale and YUWO are participating through community philanthropy. (The Foundation manages YUWO's assets which, in turn, help fund the Foundation's annual grants and distribution of over \$30 million to non-profits and community organizations in Greater New Haven.) President and Chief Executive Will Ginsberg welcomed 20+ YUWO members with an overview of the Foundation's mission, it's current outreach and Yale's contributions to its programs. Shelly Saczynski, a former board member, elaborated on the Foundation's long history and the focus of some of



In front of the new entrance to the renovated Hendrie Hall/Adams Center in February. [Photo: Mary-Jo Warren]

its current giving which includes The Fund for Women & Girls. (New Haven has one of the oldest and largest community foundations in the US.) And Dottie Weston-Murphy, VP for Development and Donor Services, and Sharon Capetta, Director of Development, explained how funds are established, managed and distributed. We were then treated to a tour of the dramatic building, which is beautifully decorated with educational graphics, and given a box lunch while we watched a film on the Foundation's wonderful work.

The Connecticut Food Bank

As a follow-up both to the Foundation's introduction to the region's needs and to the October Lunch and Learn program by Food Bank Chief Development Officer, Mary Kate Carofano, 12 YUWO members visited the Connecticut Food Bank's new central facility in Wallingford on November 7th. Michael Davidow, Corporate Development Manager, gave us an overview of the Food Bank's history and operations while Delores Wisdom, Volunteer Coordinator, explained how individuals and groups contribute to their success. We then toured the 84,500 sf purpose-built facility as well as its Mobile Pantry unit and began to comprehend the scale and logistical challenges of its distribution program. (Last year the Food Bank provided enough food for more than 21 million meals throughout six of Connecticut's eight counties. This translates into over 100,000 pounds of food a day!)

Yale University - Hendrie Hall

The magnificently reimagined spaces of the newly renovated and expanded Hendrie Hall, now part of the unified Adams Center for Musical Arts, were the focus of an architectural tour given on February 20th to 19 YUWO members (including several Whiffenpoof husbands). Stefanie Parkyn, Executive Assistant to the Dean, led us through the building, including impressive new state-of-the-art orchestra rehearsal space for the Yale Philharmonia and the Yale Symphony Orchestra, the sensitively restored Glee Club rehearsal hall, practice rooms, and the dramatic, but welcoming three-story atrium for student gathering. Michael Yaffe, Associate Dean, introduced us to Yale's Music in the Schools Initiative which was established in 2007 to 'explore how music can be used as a means of social change in the City of New Haven and beyond'. It is an important element of Yale's cultural outreach in New Haven, providing the community's youngest members with 'access to a robust and active musical life'.

New Haven Land Trust and Grand Acre Gardens

Neither a freak late spring snow nor the subsequent rain stopped the YUWO contingent of 19 from visiting the New Haven Land Trust headquarters on April 3rd to hear Justin Elicker, Executive Director, describe the many exciting programs that further its mission to provide community gardening spaces, preserve open spaces and educate residents about the many wonderful and valuable natural resources New Haven has to offer. Recently, the Land Trust formed a partnership with Schooner, Inc. and now offers many opportunities to explore both land and sea. Following Justin's delightful talk, some intrepid souls visited the Grand Acres Garden on the corner of Grand and Perkins, one of the garden program's showcase plots and home to the Greenhouse used by their Growing Entrepreneurs program.

New Haven's Amistad High: #1 Public High School in Connecticut

Amistad High at 580 Dixwell Avenue in New Haven was recently ranked by U.S. News and World Report as the top public high school in Connecticut. YUWO members can see why for themselves at Amistad's Signing Day this spring when every senior presents to their classmates and families the college they'll be attending next fall. Moving and inspirational, this ceremony shows up-close and personal what can be accomplished with an excellent public school education along with a lot of hard work.

- Shavaun Towers and Emly McDiarmid, Chairs

Minutes of the Yale University Women's Organization 52nd Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards Luncheon May 3, 2017 at the New Haven Lawn Club

Stephanie Jatlow, President, called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. She commented that it was a record breaking crowd and that we had a marvelous speaker, Beverly Gage. She also thanked those who helped with the luncheon meeting: Audrey DeFronzo, Marion Russell, Mary-Jo Warren, and she introduced the women sitting at her table: Audrey DeFronzo, Patty Pollard, Anne Schenck, Adrian Sterling, Marion Russell, Mary Ann Nelson, Martha Shaw, the Deputy Secretary at Woodbridge Hall, and Beverly Gage, our Speaker.

Beverly Gage, who is a Professor of History at Yale, is also succeeding Elizabeth Bradley as the Director of the Brady-Johnson Program on Grand Strategy. She3 is a graduate of Yale University, Class of 1994, and she received a PhD from Columbia in 2004.

Professor Gage said she has been teaching the history of American Politics, since her tenth reunion in 2004. She has also been working on the Biography of J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI Director for 48 years. She is also the first Chair of the Senate of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Professor Gage talked about the historical moment on her mind which was the entry of the United States into World War I, which was 100 years ago, in April of 1917. The War began in 1914 and ended in 1918, but the United States did not enter it until 1917. J. Edgar Hoover graduated from Law School in 1917 and worked at the Justice Department for 55 years.

The speech included many references to similarities between the Gilded Age and today. The Nationalism of our country, angry feelings, and polarization. Following the speech, at 12:45 p.m., we took a break for lunch.

At 1 p.m., Berclee Cameron, Scholarship Chairman took the podium and introduced the members of the Scholarship Awards Committee: Anne Bolin, Chaline Johnson, Louise LaMontagne, Margaret Mann, Emly McDiarmid, and Paula Resch; past Chair Felicia Tencza, and Marty Sherman, who aided with the website.

The awards were created in 1972, 45 years ago, and this year there were 5 chosen winners of the Scholarship Awards. They include Diana Quinonas, winner of the Kay Ross Scholarship; Lucia Dittmann, winner of the Magee Fenn Scholarship; Kelly Fusco, winner of the Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Scholarship; Kierra Jackson and Sharon Mack, winners of the Annual Fund Scholarships.

Emly McDiarmid, Chairman of the Nominating Committee then announced the slate of Officers proposed for election: Recording Secretary: Sally Tyler; Assistant Treasurer: Betsy Weber; Membership Chairman: Adrian Sterling; and Berclee Cameron, Scholarship Chairman. A motion to approve the slate was presented and seconded and the slate was approved.

Mary-Jo Warren then presented the proposed budget for 2017-2018, which included raising the dues. The motion to accept was made, seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Peggy Atherton*

YUWO BUDGET 2018-2019

	Category	Actual	Budget	YTD-4.11.18	Proposed
		2016-2017	2017-2018	2017-2018	2018-2019
INCOME	Adjustment(Insurance Refund)	\$162.00			
	Annual Meeting income	\$4,760.00	\$5,000.00	\$700.00	\$4,400.00
	Daisy Chapman Fund/Newcomers	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Excursion Income	\$2,325.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,310.00	\$4,500.00
	Holiday Party proceeds	\$715.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,115.00	\$1,000.00
	Membership dues	\$11,125.00	\$14,000.00	\$12,510.00	\$12,000.00
	Program Income: Activities	\$560.00	\$600.00	\$840.00	
	Scholarship Funds for Awards	\$19,940.00	\$20,000.00	\$18,500.00	\$25,000.00
	Lecture Series Income	\$11,830.00	\$10,500.00	\$8,775.00	\$10,000.00
TRANSFERS	Fund reserves			\$3,000.00	\$1,850.00
	TOTAL INCOME	\$51,917.00	\$56,100.00	\$50,250.00	\$59,250.00
EXPENSES	Annual Meeting expense	\$5,892.21	\$7,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$7,400.00
	Board Member expenses		\$250.00	\$157.85	\$250.00
	Excursion expense	\$2,199.39	\$4,500.00	\$4,650.00	\$4,500.00
	Fees and Charges	\$131.52			
	Insurance	\$4,173.00	\$4,500.00	\$2,637.00	\$3,000.00
	Printing and Mailing				
	Brochure	\$253.60		\$399.33	
	Directory	\$416.59		\$110.00	
	Newsletter	\$1,631.59		\$711.82	
	Other Printing, August Mailing	\$994.04		\$768.26	
	Postage	\$1,166.14		\$691.81	
	Stationery	\$200.72		\$195.00	
	TOTAL Printing and Mailing	\$4,662.68	\$2,530.00	\$2,876.22	\$3,500.00
	Professional Fees	\$950.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
	Program Expenses				
	Activity Groups Expense	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$180.53	\$0.00
	Holiday Party	\$3,680.85	\$4,000.00	\$2,580.00	\$3,000.00
	Lunch and Learn	\$42.00	\$1,000.00	\$84.00	\$500.00
	Newcomers	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
	Wine and Cheese	\$446.02	\$500.00	\$359.13	\$1,000.00
	TOTAL Program Expenses	\$4,768.87	\$7,100.00	\$3,203.66	\$5,500.00
	Lecture Series Expense	\$2,100.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$3,000.00
	Scholarship Awards	\$19,940.00	\$20,000.00	\$18,500.00	\$25,000.00
	Scholarship Committee	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Transfer to Scholarship funds				
	Holiday Party	\$715.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,115.00	\$1,000.00
	Lecture Series	\$7,410.00		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	TOTAL Trans to scholarship	\$8,125.00		\$6,115.00	\$6,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$52,942.67	\$55,980.00	\$42,739.73	\$59,250.00
	DIFFEREN	-\$1,025.67	\$120.00	\$7,510.27	\$0.00
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