**Events Coming Up**

**April 28 & May 26** – Sunday Morning Film Series

**May 1** – Final Spring Lecture on Opera

**May 8** – YUWO Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

**May 14 & 28** – Needlers Meet

**May 15** – Bus trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston

**June 11 & 25** – Needlers Meet

**Sept. 12** – Welcome Reception

**Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30 & Nov. 1** – Lecture Series on Middle East

**YUWO Annual Meeting & Scholarship Awards Luncheon**

with law professor Stephen L. Carter

Wednesday, May 8 at 11:30 am

New Haven Lawn Club

193 Whitney Avenue

Please reserve before Friday, April 26

**Dates for your calendar:**

The YUWO Welcome Reception

Thursday, September 12

4 to 6 pm

at the Provost’s House

Fall Lecture Series on The Middle East

Wednesday, October 2, 9, 23, 30 & November 1 at 10:30 am

Yale West Campus Conference Center

YUWO Members and Friends:

YUWO members “turned out in force” recently to enjoy the riches of the Yale/New Haven community. At West Campus, Judith Malafronte’s lectures have drawn members together for learning and conversation. Miles away, on the New Haven harbor, the new Canal Dock Boathouse, which incorporates features of the old 1911 Yale (Adee) Boathouse, gathered a large group of eager YUWO members and their guests.

These special YUWO events occur because behind the scenes Sandra Greer, with her Lecture Committee, and Shavaun Towers-Bennett, Excursions Chair, use their expertise and connections to enrich YUWO. Thank you to them and to our Annual Meeting co-chairs, Audrey DeFronzo, Susan Anderson and Marion Russell who are preparing the Lawn Club for our end of the season Annual Meeting. At this Awards Luncheon, the Scholarship Committee, under the aegis of Berclee Cameron, will present scholarship awards to this year’s recipients.

Our YUWO membership exists because of our YUWO members’ willingness to lead. Our September 2019 Newsletter will have a new editor, Susan Leonard. We welcome and support her, and thank Landa Freeman for her four years of service. The Newsletter is the lifeline that ties all of us and our activities together. As we retire for our summer fun with family and friends, remember YUWO. There is strength in numbers. Consider taking an active role.

*Mary-Jo W. Warren, YUWO President*
YUWO Monthly Book Groups

Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:
- **May 13** – *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes
- **June 10** – *Educated: A Memoir* by Carol Westover
  
  Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

Second or Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:
- **May 20** – *Asymmetry* by Lisa Halliday
- **June 17** – *There There: A Novel* by Tommy Orange
  
  Contact Patty Pollard (203-668-6019) or pollpatty@yahoo.com

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm:
- **May 14** – *Say Nothing* by Patrick Radden Keefe
- **June 11** – *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje
  
  Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or lyn.howe66@gmail.com

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am:
- **May 9** – Reader’s choice of any book by James Baldwin
- **June 13** – *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover
  
  Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or amdct1103@sbcglobal.net

Needlers’ News

Needlers will meet twice in both May and June. After June we will take a break and resume in September.

In May, we will meet on **Tuesday, May 14 at 1:30 pm** at Sandy Kops’ house in Hamden; on **Tuesday, May 28 at 1:30 pm**, we will meet at Alice Simon’s house, also in Hamden.

In June, we will meet on **Tuesday, June 11 at 1:30 pm** and again on **Tuesday, June 25 at 1:30 pm**. Neither venue has yet been finalized so, closer to the dates, Dinny Wakerley will provide that information to the group.

If you’d like to join us and aren’t on the Needlers’ email list, please contact Dinny for information and directions. As always, you are invited to bring your projects, or mending, or to come just for conversation. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Contact Dinny at 203-624-9343 or dinnyw999@gmail.com
YUWO Nominating Committee Presents Slate for 2019 – 2020

The YUWO Nominating Committee—Berclee Cameron, Landa Freeman (chair), Mary Jane Miller, Marion Petrelli, and Sally Tyler—presents the following slate, each nominated for a two-year term, to be voted at the YUWO Annual Meeting on May 8:

- **Assistant Treasurer:** Betsy Weber
- **Recording Secretary:** Susan Anderson
- **Membership Chair:** Margaret Sipple
- **Scholarship Chair:** Sally Tyler

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting Speaker to be Professor Stephen L. Carter of the Yale Law School

The YUWO Annual Meeting and Scholarship Luncheon on **Tuesday, May 8**, will feature Stephen L. Carter, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at the Yale Law School as its speaker. In addition to his law school role, Professor Carter is an author.

His most recent non-fiction work is *Invisible: The Forgotten Story of the Black Woman Lawyer* (his grandmother) *Who Took Down America’s Most Powerful Mobster*. This book details the story of his grandmother Eunice, who was born the daughter of a Georgia slave. In the early 1900s, she went on to receive two degrees from Smith College and a JD degree from Fordham University. She then became the first black, female Assistant District Attorney in New York, persuading District Attorney Thomas Dewey to allow her to pursue and prosecute the Mafia boss Lucky Luciano, which ultimately led to his deportation. This is quite a story, especially when told from the perspective of a grandson.

Lunch & Learn Introduces the Springs Learning Center to YUWO

On Wednesday, March 13 at Lunch & Learn, Stephanie Jatlow and Cathy Burgard introduced us to the Springs Learning Center and its mission of assisting immigrants, who live in the New Haven area. The Center, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, is located in the rectory of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church at 115 Blatchley Avenue in New Haven.

The Director of the Center, Sister Margaret Mary Kennedy, spoke first and explained two of their programs—each run by volunteers: teaching English as a second language; and, providing training in job skills. Cathy then explained her role as one of many tutors of English at the Center. Following Cathy’s presentation, two of her students spoke about how difficult it is to move to a new country and how important it is to learn the language of that country. The Springs Center is always looking for more volunteer help. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Burgard at 203-691-7262 or gburgard@comcast.net

Scrabble Group News

Louise Fitzsimons, Scrabble Group Coordinator, reports that the Group will meet occasionally during the spring and summer. For information about the Group’s next meeting, contact Louise by phone at 203-530-4671 or by email at cavancomm@gmail.com
YUWO to Visit the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston

On **Wednesday, May 15** YUWO is sponsoring a Spring Bus Trip to the **Museum of Fine Arts** (MFA) in Boston.

Upon arrival the group will have an hour-long guided tour of the **Toulouse-Lautrec and The Stars of Paris** exhibit which highlights the celebrity culture of the times, their personal lives and the roles they played. The display incorporates works by Lautrec’s contemporaries **Edgar Degas, Honoré Daumier, Pierre Bonnard, Édouard Vuillard** and others. The exhibition draws on the MFA and the Boston Public Library’s rich holdings, and includes key loans from public and private collections.

After the guided tour there will be time to enjoy lunch (on your own) and other MFA exhibits including the **Frida Kahlo and Arte Popular** which will include a selection of Kahlo’s MFA paintings, loans from other collections, and a sample of traditional Mexican folk art. To spark your interest, here is the link: [www.mfa.org](http://www.mfa.org)

**There will be two bus pick-up locations. The bus will leave Guilford Park & Ride at exit 58 on I-95 at 8:00 AM. Then the bus will proceed to the Devine Street Park & Ride, exit 10 on I-91, leaving at 8:30 AM. For the return trip, the bus will depart from the MFA at 3:30 PM.**

The cost of $55.00 covers the bus (tip included), the admission fee to the Museum, and the Guided Tour fee.

**A Registration Form** for the Spring Bus Trip is at the end of this Newsletter.

**Wait List Information on the MFA bus trip**

As of April 15, every seat on the bus has been reserved. If you would like to put your name on the Waiting List, please send your reservation with check for $55.00 to Winnie Seibert, 78 Fair Street, Guilford CT 06437. Your check will be returned to you if a seat does not open up for you. If you already have a reservation and are unable to go on the trip, please contact Winnie at 203-458-6516 or [winnieseibert@gmail.com](mailto:winnieseibert@gmail.com) so that someone may take your place. There will be NO REFUNDS after May first.

**Fourth Sunday Morning Film Series**

The Sunday Morning Film Group will meet on April 28th. Notice of the time, place and film will be emailed on April 25 or 26 to those people who are interested. The last film in this series will be on May 26. If you have not been contacted, please call Pam Rackliffe at 203-488-2667.

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YUWO Scholarships

History and explanation of the YUWO Annual Fund and the Trust Funds

The Yale University Women’s Organization (YUWO) was founded in 1965 “to provide an opportunity for women of the Yale community to meet and pursue common intellectual and social interests.” Five years later two founding women, Magee Fenn and Kay Ross, added another dimension to the YUWO purpose. In 1970 YUWO decided to raise money for scholarships for Yale-connected women to continue their interrupted education. The YUWO Scholarship Committee granted its first award of $100 in 1972.

All the YUWO scholarship funds are now held at the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven (CFGNH) for both growth and protection. There are now four scholarship accounts held at the CFGNH with a combined amount of over $250,000.00.

At the May Annual Meeting and Awards Lunch, the membership votes on the Annual Budget, which includes the Scholarship Awards. The YUWO Scholarship Committee works year-round seeking and choosing eligible candidates. The Award Recipients are presented at the Annual Meeting.

The four scholarship funds are:

1. The original 1970 Fund continues as the Annual Scholarship Fund. Donations to this account are held at CFGNH in an available “savings account” and are applied to the scholarship awards.

2. In 1977 the YUWO Board voted to secure some scholarship funds in perpetuity by protecting donations in the YUWO Trust Fund. Donations to this Trust add to the principal. This Trust generates annual distributions for scholarship awards.

3. In 1992 when Magee Fenn died, donations were sent to YUWO for a scholarship in her memory. That year the YUWO Board created the Magee Fenn Fund and in 2016, to protect the growing funds, including a $50,000 donation from the widower and Nobel Prize Winner, John Fenn, the YUWO Board created the Magee Fenn Trust Fund. Donations to this Trust add to the principal. This Trust generates annual distributions for the Fenn Scholarship award.

4. In 1999, Carol Sirot created the Gustave & Carol Lynn Sirot Trust Fund at the CFGNH. Annual distributions from this endowed fund currently support the YUWO Sirot Scholarship recipients.

Newcomers Enjoy Lunch at Mory’s

On Saturday, March 30, Newcomers enjoyed lunch together at Mory’s. Several Board members joined the party and everyone had a pleasant time.

Photo: Marion Petrelli
Membership News from Adrian Sterling

Thank you to all YUWO members for your continued support of this fine organization. This fiscal year (June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019) we have 317 paid members, which includes 30 new members. We also have 18 honorary members. There are numerous programs and activities to take part in throughout the year: book groups, lecture series, excursions, Scrabble, art aficionados, and more. I hope that you’ve had the opportunity to become involved in YUWO’s offerings and will continue in the coming year.

We hope that you renew your membership for the coming 2019 - 2020 year and that you encourage your friends to join. Membership is open to any women who are “Friends” of Yale. Visit the YUWO website for membership information and registration at www.yuwowomen.org

Gourmet Group

It’s always a treat to see YUWO members smiling. Can you imagine why these four look so happy?

The YUWO Gourmet Group enjoying lunch together at Melissa Lamereaux’s home. From the left: Barb Kryger, Betsy Rosenthal, Melissa, and Liz Goss.

Fall Lecture Series on the Middle East

The YUWO Fall Lecture Series will feature five lectures, the first four given by Dr. Mithat (Mito) Mardin on the history and development of Middle Eastern civilization, politics, and the impact this area has had on the world at large. The dates are **Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 23, 30, and November 6 at 10:30 am.** The location will be the Yale West Campus Conference Center.

Dr. Mardin, born in Istanbul, Turkey, received his PhD in Chemistry, Physics and Microbiology from the University of Göttingen. He joined Bayer Pharmaceuticals in 1977 and retired as Vice President. He has been President for three terms of the Institute for Learning in Retirement, following his passion for political science.
Pictured above is the very enthusiastic group of YUWO members on their February 26th tour of the Peabody Museum’s Hall of Minerals, Earth & Space. Our two tour guides, kneeling at the lower right of the picture, are Stefan Nicolescu, current Peabody Museum Collections Manager and Ellen Warren Faller, former Peabody Museum Collections Manager.

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**Wait List Registration Form for the Spring Bus Trip to the MFA in Boston**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

This trip is open to YUWO members and their guests. The Fee is $55 and includes the cost of the bus, driver’s tip, admission to the Museum, and a one-hour guided tour of the exhibit “Toulouse-Lautrec and the Stars of Paris” Exhibit. Lunch is on your own; there are 3 restaurants in the Museum. You may also visit the Frida Kahlo exhibit.

**Make your check for $55 payable to YUWO. Mail to Winnie Seibert, 78 Fair Street, Guilford, CT 06437.**

If a seat for you does not open up on the bus, we will return your check. For questions, call Winnie Seibert at 203-458-6516 or email her at winnieseibert@gmail.com

Name  _______________________________________________________________

Address  ______________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________  Cell Phone  __________________________

Email:  _______________________________________________________________

I will board the bus at ____Exit 58, I-95, Guilford Park & Ride, departing 8:00 AM

I will board the bus at ____Exit 10, I-91, Devine St. Park & Ride, North Haven, departing 8:30 AM
Parking at the Lawn Club for the Annual Meeting Luncheon:

Please be aware that YUWO has been offered 50 parking spaces at the Lawn Club for our Annual Meeting Luncheon on May 8. In order to ensure that everyone will have a space, please consider inviting one friend to ride with you, thereby reducing the number of cars by one half.

Many thanks.