

## YUWO NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER MEETINGS

👉 Watch for Zoom Invites

**LUNCH & LEARN (ZOOM)**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 12:00 Noon**

*“Women in the Olympics—  
impractical, uninteresting,  
ungainly... and improper”*

Professor George Syrimis, Director of Hellenic Studies and lecturer in Comparative Literature and Women’s and Gender Studies at Yale

**ART AFICIONADOS (ZOOM)**  
**Tuesday, December 8, 1:00 pm**

*“Picasso’s Portraits of Women”*

Bob Potter, graduate of Syracuse University’s School of Visual and Performing Arts

## YUWO MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

Your YUWO dues pay for many of the ongoing administrative costs involved with keeping an organization such as YUWO up and running, including

1. Insurance
2. Mailings, Bulk Mail Permit, PO box
3. Professional Fees
4. Professional Zoom subscription

***Please send in your  
membership dues today!***

(See form on page 5.)

**Programs & activities that  
exist because of YUWO:**

- Art Aficionados**
- Book Groups**
- Excursions and Explore**
- French Group**
- Golf/Tennis**
- Gourmet**
- Lecture/Lunch & Learn**
- Memoir Group**
- Needlers**
- Scholarship Programs**
- Scrabble Group**
- Walkers**

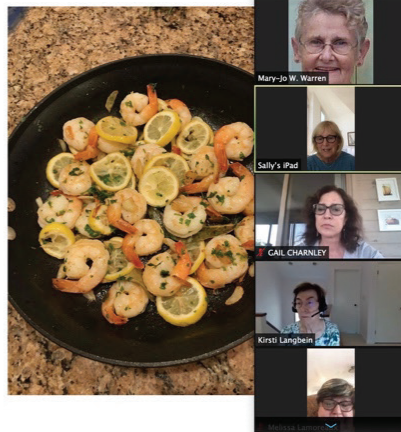
### Garlic Shrimp\* Barb Kryger

This is served at Christmastime as part of the Feast of the Seven Fishes which is popular with Italian families. Family friend, Angelo Garro, a blacksmith who owns a forge in downtown San Francisco, introduced the very “not Catholic” Alice Waters and family to this tradition which includes Garlic Shrimp as one of the 7 fish.

- Use 4 medium shrimp/person
- Rinse in cold water and set aside
- Silver 16 cloves of garlic
- Thinly slice 2 small lemons, reserve
- Chop handful of parsley, reserve

In a wide sauté pan heat 2 big “glugs of extra virgin olive oil, adding garlic, red chili flakes and 2 bay leaves. Before garlic turns color, add the shrimp and a splash of dry white wine and stir vigorously over medium-high heat until they turn bright orange (about 6 minutes). During the last minute of cooking, add the silvered lemons and parsley, salt and pepper and toss. Serve in large bowl, family style.

Serve immediately from the pan.



### YUWO Members and Friends:

We are making do and having fun! The Gourmet Group is cooking at home and sharing recipes and photos. Book Groups and the French Group are meeting with their long- distance members and our snowbirds. Our traditional Holiday Party will have to wait until December 2021 when we can safely celebrate together.

This is the last newsletter that will contain the YUWO Membership Registration. If you have

not already returned that form, please do so soon. The 20/21 Membership Directory will be distributed in December. See you on Zoom!

*Mary-Jo W. Warren, YUWO President*

## YUWO VIRTUAL Monthly Book Groups – Read On!

### Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Monday, November 9. We will have a Zoom discussion of *White Rage* by Carol Anderson. Pat writes, “Our group’s first book together was *Palace Walk* by Naquib Mahfouz, in November 1995. We celebrated our 20th anniversary by rereading that book, and will be celebrating our 25th anniversary together.” Wow, impressive commitment. So many books! Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or [patgoldst@gmail.com](mailto:patgoldst@gmail.com)

### Second or Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Monday, November 16. *Wine and War: The French, the Nazis and the Battle for France’s Greatest Treasure*, by Don and Petie Kladstrup. Who knew when we chose this book last December that wine would become for some of us one of the greatest comforts in Covid quarantine?

Contact Betsy Suatoni (518) 483-6509, or [elsuatoni@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elsuatoni@sbcglobal.net)

### Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Tuesday, November 10. *The Lying Life of Adults* by Elena Ferrante

Contact Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) or [lyn.howe66@gmail.com](mailto:lyn.howe66@gmail.com)

### Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am on Zoom:

Thursday, November 12. *The Mirror and the Light* by Hilary Mantel. This group has read the previous two books in the award-winning series and now will follow the last years of Thomas Cromwell, a blacksmith’s son who rises to the heights as Henry VIII’s close advisor. The Spanish ambassador asks Cromwell, “What will you do when the king turns on you, as sooner or later he turns on everyone close to him?” Sound familiar?

Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or [amdefronzo@gmail.com](mailto:amdefronzo@gmail.com)

## Art Aficionados

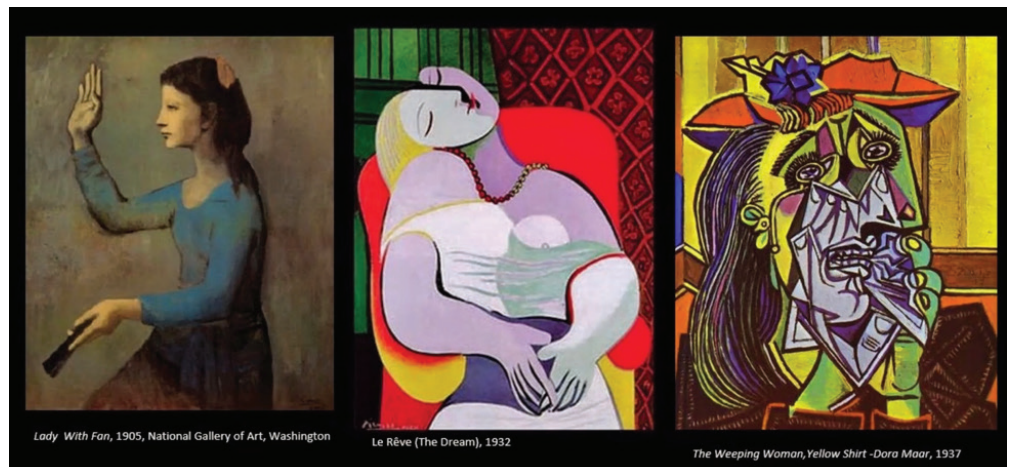
News Flash: In accordance with Yale’s revised COVID-19 Protocols, the Yale University Art Gallery and The Yale Center for British Art are now closed to the public indefinitely. Go to the respective museum websites for further information about possible openings. Chair Anneke Hathaway hopes that some of you got to visit during limited hours, by ticket, socially distanced, when even that option was available.

## Art Aficionados Zoom Lecture

**Picasso’s Portraits of Women**  
**Tuesday, December 8**  
**1:00 pm**

**Open to all current YUWO Members**

Bob Potter is a graduate of Syracuse University’s School of Visual and Performing Arts. In his early career, he was an art director at *Scholastic Magazines*, Time Warner and *National Geographic*. Over the past decade, he helped create an arts therapy program for Save the Children, was a corporate Development Officer for the National Gallery of Art and headed marketing for Mystic Seaport. In addition, he is a volunteer docent at the Yale Center for British Art.



His Art Aficionados lecture for YUWO members will explore the variety and the intensity of Picasso’s portraits of women from the earliest days as a starving artist in Paris until his last years—presenting a retrospective of the changing and dramatic styles of the art of Pablo Picasso and the women who inspired his life.

## Lunch and Learn

Due to the ongoing constraints of the pandemic, the YUWO Lunch and Learn series will take place via **Zoom**.

### ***“Women in the Olympics—impractical, uninteresting, ungainly. . .and improper”***



On **Tuesday, November 10** from **12:00 noon to 1:00 pm** George Syrimis, Director of Hellenic Studies and lecturer in Comparative Literature and Women’s and Gender Studies, will talk about the Ancient and Modern Olympics. Dr. Syrimis grew up on the island of Cyprus. After completing his military service, he received a Fulbright Scholarship to study at Cornell University where he completed his B.Sc. in Education in 1990. He subsequently pursued graduate work at Harvard University where he studied Modern Greek, Classical Greek and Modern Spanish literature. In 2001, he joined the newly established Yale Program in Hellenic Studies and in 2004 became Associate Program Chair. He has published articles on the oral tradition, Georgios Vizyenos, C. P. Cavafy, Mikis Theodorakis, and Nikos Kazantzakis. He has also developed two electronic projects (Lexis and Ikones) for the instruction of Modern Greek. His research interests include music and national identity, religion and literature, cultural studies, reception studies, and gender and sexuality. His current research focuses on the literature on Julian the Apostate from the Enlightenment to the present.

## ***Lunch and Learn Talk Brings Vivid Ukraine History to Life***

Yale Associate Professor of History Marci Shore spoke to YUWO via Zoom from Austria to share her idealistic passion since age 17: why truth has meaning. What promised to be a largely abstract subject became very real and timely as she described the struggle for democracy in formerly Soviet Ukraine. First the parents, then ten years later their young, took to the streets in protest over governmental dishonesty and eventually a sniper massacre. “My mother was making Molotov cocktails,” one protester marveled. If you wish to learn more about this riveting story and its current applications, including Paul Manafort’s involvement, Professor Shore recommends these sources:

### Films:

Andrzej Wajda, *Man of Marble*  
Andrzej Wajda, *Man of Iron*  
Sergey Loznitsa, *Donbass*

### Books:

John Reed, *Ten Days That Shook the World*  
Mikhail Bulgakov, *White Guard*

This I just published—it’s a revisiting of the lecture I wrote for the Lviv Book Forum two years ago:

<https://www.eurozine.com/the-price-of-freedom/>

## **Gourmet Group**

A large number of us—more than could actually attend a group luncheon—recently met on Zoom to share recipes by Fanny Singer, daughter of Alice Waters. We could almost smell the aroma of those homey recipes. Other than not eating, (ha!) it felt very much like a Gourmet Group gathering, as those who cooked provided photos of the finished dishes and discussed the process of creating them at home. It was fun to cook with Fanny’s terms like glug and pinch instead of teaspoons and cups. Louise Ciulla [lciuma@yahoo.com](mailto:lciuma@yahoo.com) is the “hostess” for the December 3 Gourmet Group Zoom, Discussion and Slide Show. The theme is Favorite Holiday Recipes. Members who wish to “cook” should send their recipes and photos of their dish(es) to Louise and Mary-Jo Warren at [warrenmaryjo1635@gmail.com](mailto:warrenmaryjo1635@gmail.com)

## **Hiking**

We will hike two or three times a month on scenic trails in the New Haven area for as long as the weather allows. Hikes are limited to eight people, masked and socially distanced, so if this sounds good to you, contact Patty Pollard at [pollpatty@yahoo.com](mailto:pollpatty@yahoo.com) to be sent details of each hike.

## **Memoir Writing**

As a member of the first YUWO Memoir Group, I would like to say how much I enjoy this experience. I am remembering and writing about life experiences for my own fulfillment as much as for my descendants’ edification. In fact, I may never share much of it with anyone else but the trusted few in my “class.” We gather virtually on Zoom to talk and think

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## Where We Are Now...

### *Update from a former Scholarship Recipient*

“As a YUWO scholar, in my life beyond academia, and as a new nurse-midwife and women’s health nurse practitioner, this is becoming clearer every day: YUWO walked with me as I worked to become a registered nurse in 2019 and, now, in the master’s portion of my program as I become a nurse-midwife and advanced practice nurse. I am proud to be a nurse. And, I see my role as one that helps strengthen and build community wherever I am planted.

I hope to contribute to the legacy of YUWO by utilizing my clinical skills and leadership experience for the betterment of the patients I care for. The YUWO scholarship has helped change the landscape of my career and future. It has opened doors for me and equipped me, a passionate practitioner, to work with communities in need without the full weight of educational debt. I can freely choose to work in community health instead of private practice, if that’s what makes my heart sing. For that, I am grateful, and I invite you to join in this good work—to contribute to the YUWO scholarship fund.”

Kierra Jackson, RN

Yale School of Nursing | Class of 2021 and MSN Candidate | Nurse-Midwifery/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner

**Thank you, Kierra. The Scholarship Fund has always relied on checks from attendees of the Lecture Series, the Holiday Party and the Annual Meeting. In these times of Covid-19 quarantine, it is important to remember the Fund. Donations are tax-deductible.**

**Send checks made out to YUWO to Betsy Weber, 24 Turtle Bay Drive, Branford CT 06405 with the name of the Scholarship Fund you prefer—or the Annual Fund—in the memo line.**

## Lecture Series Continues: Year of the Woman at Yale

As I write, we have met for our first Interview Session of the Lecture Series with Susan Gibbons, EdD, Yale’s Vice Provost for Conservation, Preservation and Communications. Our knowledge of the University’s libraries, museums, galleries and press was significantly broadened, and we were given a superior view of the challenges, goals and objectives of this newly formed office that will ensure the greatest amount of growth, funding and preservation for one of the greatest collections in the world. Our sincere thanks to a most articulate and committed woman leading these efforts at Yale.

As you read this, we will have met with Linda Greenhouse, Lecturer in Residence at Yale Law School and 30-year veteran journalist covering the Supreme Court for the *New York Times*.

Then, on October 28, we will speak with Constance Royster as one of the “founding women” admitted to Yale College in 1969. We will learn of her time at Yale during one of its most turbulent times, how she achieved her many goals in life, and what she would say to women today trying to find their way in today’s world, equally turbulent. Please join us on Wednesday, October 28, at 10:30 on Zoom. The invitations will go out via email from Mary-Jo Warren to each member. Your questions that you would like answered during this interview are most welcome; please email then to [sandrajogreer@gmail.com](mailto:sandrajogreer@gmail.com) prior to the date. We look forward to seeing you then!!! —*Sandra Greer*

### ***Let’s welcome all of these new YUWO Members:***

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about writing in general and our lives in particular. Topics such as Major Branching Points, Family, My Body and Health, Names, and The Role of Gender in our Lives make up the Guided Autobiography experience led by Margaret Flesher and her co-host, class veteran Elizabeth Parker. Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard got it right: “Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.” By looking back, we see patterns to enforce or avoid in our lives going forward. I believe that each of us has also benefited from the willingness of others to share so openly. We are not the only ones... We are not alone.—Susan Leonard. For more information, contact Margaret at [mcflesher729@gmail.com](mailto:mcflesher729@gmail.com).

## Needlers

*Happy 100th Birthday! One of our members—Alice Simon—will be turning 100 on October 28! Given the constraints on celebrations and Alice’s age, her kids are trying to arrange for her to receive at least 100 birthday cards. It’s okay if they are late! Send cards or notes to Alice Simon, 25 Hamden Hills Drive, Unit 28, Hamden CT 06518.*

With many thanks to Mary Ann Nelson, a handful of Needlers were able to get together in September. Mary Ann reports that in addition to “needling,” there was a bit of jewelry making—and of course chatting. With the colder weather setting in, it seems unlikely that we will be able to meet outside for many months. However if any members are willing to be hostess for an indoor get-together we will organize it on our “usual” date—the third Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm. Group members are in regular contact and this information will be included in our notes. If you have any questions or want to be added to the Needlers Group list please contact Dinny Wakerley at [dinnyw999@gmail.com](mailto:dinnyw999@gmail.com).

### Yale University Women’s Organization Membership Registration Form 2020-2021

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check if you do not have email.

I am renewing my membership \_\_\_\_\_ I am a new member \_\_\_\_\_

YUWO Annual Dues \$40.00

YUWO’s Fiscal Year is June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021.  
Please remit dues by October 15, 2020.

Thank you for your scholarship donation(s):

- Annual Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_
  - YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund \_\_\_\_\_
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A full description of the YUWO Scholarship program and these Funds is found on the YUWO website: <https://yuwowomen.org/scholarships-for-higher-education/>

**Check(s) payable to “Yale University Women’s Organization” or “YUWO”**

If writing one check please use the check memo line to indicate the amount and specific scholarship fund donation in addition to your dues.

**Note: Donations to YUWO Scholarship funds are tax deductible.**

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