

Yale University Women's Organization Annual Meeting and Scholarship Awards

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 ~ 12:30 PM
[BY ZOOM INVITATION]

“Civics as a National Security Imperative” A Conversation with Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro

U.S. House Representative from Connecticut's Third District
Chair, U.S. House Appropriations Committee

*Representative DeLauro will be interviewed by Suzanne Spaulding,
the former Obama Administration Department of Homeland Security Undersecretary
in charge of the National Protection and Programs Directorate.*



YUWO Members and Friends,

This year, this cliché is very appropriate. YUWO members, with the strong support of the YUWO Board, have made lemonade out of this lemon of a pandemic. The month of May is full of treasures. Vice President, Elizabeth Rindskopf-Parker, stranded in her West Coast home, has arranged a very special speaker, Connecticut Representative Rosa DeLauro, for our Annual Meeting. Join us on Wednesday, May 5, at 12:30 to vote on the Bylaws revisions (pages 4-5), proposed 2021-2022 Budget (page 6), and new Board members (page 7), and to cheer on the noble plans of Representative DeLauro. Save these dates: May: Friday, May 14 at 1:00, for a lecture on the Art of Gilded Age (details on page 3); Friday, May 25 at 12 noon for a talk on the history of the New Haven

Green (details on page 2). We will have come full circle. Our 2020 Annual Meeting was by proxy. In 2022, hopefully we will meet in person and raise a glass together to celebrate. Keep safe this summer. Gather in small groups (perhaps in person) and watch for the traditional YUWO August mailing.

Mary-Jo W. Warren, YUWO President 2018-2022

YUWO VIRTUAL Monthly Book Groups – Read On!

Second Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

On Monday, May 10, we will discuss *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Summer books are June 14, *Deaths of Despair and the Future of Capitalism* by Anne Case and Angus Deaton, and July 12, *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson.

Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or patgoldst@gmail.com

Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Our May 17 reading is *A Woman of No Importance*, a non-fiction story of spying in World War II by Sonia Purnell. Louise will lead the discussion. On June 21, Betsy Suatoni will lead another non-fiction book about war, “a true story of murder and memory in Northern Ireland” during the Troubles. It’s *Say Nothing* by Patrick Radden Keefe.

Contact Louise Ciulla (203) 288-5195, or lciulla@yahoo.com

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm on Zoom:

Our May 11 book will be *Remains of the Day*, by Kazuo Ishiguro. On June 8 we will discuss Cicely Tyson’s memoir, *Just As I Am*.

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

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am on Zoom:

The Thursday morning book group plans to have a hybrid meeting on Thursday, May 13, discussing *Absalom, Absalom* by William Faulkner. We will meet during the summer and our schedule is June 10, *An Indefinite Sentence* by Siddharth Dube; July 8, *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride; and August 12, *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.

Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or amdefronzo@gmail.com with any questions or interests

YUWO Interest Groups

Local [Virtual] Excursions: Heart of the City: The New Haven Green



Physically, historically, and emotionally, the Green is the living heart of New Haven. Christopher Wigren, deputy director of Preservation Connecticut and author of *Connecticut Architecture: Stories of 100 Places* (Wesleyan University Press, 2018), will lead us on a virtual walk around the Green to explore four centuries of New Haven history. This will be a Zoom lecture on Tuesday, May 25, at noon. A Zoom invitation will be sent the week before the lecture and a reminder will go out the day before.

[newhavengreen.org]

With Appreciation!

YUWO would like to thank Jim Cohane and Ideal Printing in New Haven for providing excellent service delivered with unflagging good cheer in these challenging times. We thank you, Jim!

The Gilded Age and American Impressionism (1880–1920)



At the Seaside, 1892 by William Merritt Chase
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Peonies, 1907 by Matilda Browne
The Florence Griswold Museum



Just Onions, 1912 by William Merritt Chase
Los Angeles County Museum of Art



April- (The Green Gown), 1920 by Childe Hassam
Gibbes Museum of Art

In 1873 Mark Twain wrote “The Gilded Age,” a book that would define and satirize a period of new wealth and prosperity emerging in America. During the next four decades, artists like Childe Hassam, William Merritt Chase and Matilda Browne would celebrate landscapes, still life and portraits in brush strokes of vivid color and compositions infused by natural light in the French Impressionist style now embraced by American artists. Because of Florence Griswold, whose stately sea captain’s mansion became the boarding house for many of these artists, the Old Lyme art colony would become the home of American Impressionism in the first decades of the 20th century as artists discover and paint its unspoiled New England landscapes and natural beauty from the shoreline to rural farm fields.



Art Lecture Presenter Bob Potter attended college at Syracuse University’s School of Visual and Performing Arts and spent his early career as an art director and creative director for leading media companies including 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 in Washington, DC, headed marketing for Mystic Seaport and most recently is a docent at the Yale Center For British Art. He and his wife Jeanne, who is an artist, live in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

NOTE: Members attending the virtual Annual Meeting on May 5 will vote on these Bylaws revisions, the proposed 2021-2022 Budget (page 6), and the proposed slate (page 7).

The following is a summary of the proposed changes to the YUWO Bylaws, as voted upon by the YUWO Board:

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Article III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to any **person** who by virtue of **individual** or **family** affiliation, past or present, is associated with the Yale community [leaving the remainder of the article as is]

[Purpose of change: To avoid likelihood of government concern and investigation.]

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Article V. OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers

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C. Duties

1(a). The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the governing board. **The president** shall select all appointed and special officers with the approval of the governing board **and** shall serve as an ex officio member on all committees with the exception of the nominating committee. . . . [Remainder of Section 1. remains as is]

[Purpose of change: Clarification of president's duties; not a substantive change.]

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2. Elected officers shall perform other duties, as **listed in the most recent YUWO job descriptions and as designated by the Board.**

[Purpose of change: To clarify where "other duties" may be found.]

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Section 2.A.: Officers with responsibility for functions or programs with organization-wide focus will be appointed by the president. These shall include **Lecture Series**, Lunch and Learn, Newcomers, Newsletter, Publicity, and other appointed officer positions as may be needed, subject to approval by the board.

[Purpose of change: To substitute Lecture Series, the current name, for Study Group.]

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Section 3. Special Officers

A. Definition

Special Officers are individuals, such as an Excursion chair, Explore New Haven chair, Information Technology specialist, **or** Webmaster], who perform specialized tasks . . . [leaving the remainder of the definition as it is]

[Purpose of change: To remove Archivist/Historian or a Parliamentarian since such a position has not been occupied recently.]

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B. Duties

Special officers shall perform those duties set forth for their positions as listed in the most recent YUWO job descriptions and as designated by the board.

[Purpose of change: Similar to V.1.C.2. above, to clarify source of duties.]

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Article X. YUWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Section 2. Eligibility

An applicant must be associated with the Yale community, by either her own or her family's affiliation. [leave the rest of the section as it is]

[Purpose of change: To broaden women's eligibility and avoid issues of definition of "immediate" family.]

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Article XIII. COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954

1. Yale University Women's Organization is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. No part of the net earnings of Yale University Women's Organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above.
3. No substantial part of the activities of Yale University Women's Organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
4. Upon the dissolution of Yale University Women's Organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the State of Connecticut, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

[Purpose of change: To modernize and adopt the current approved Internal Revenue Service language; to eliminate references to purposes which are not congruent with YUWO's purposes; and, in section 4., to put the onus to make any decision (although the Board theoretically would have made such distributions in advance of dissolution in any event) where it would logically and legally belong, with a Connecticut court, rather than a Connecticut Supreme Court Justice.]

YUWO Budget 2021-2022				
	Actual	Budget	April 1	Proposed Budget
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021	2021-2022
INCOME				
Annual Meeting income		4,000.00		4,000.00
Daisy Chapman Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Membership dues	11,280.00	11,200.00	10,120.00	9,000.00
Excursion Income	4,275.00	6,000.00	500.00	6,000.00
Lecture Series Income	7,930.00	10,900.00	1960.00	12,000.00
Fund Reserve Transfer (Key Bank)				4,775.00
Reimbursement			50.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,985.00	\$32,600.00	\$13,130.00	\$36,275.00
EXPENSES				
Administrative Expenses				
Annual Meeting expense		6,000.00		3,500.00
Board Member expenses	29.00	250.00	224.03	250.00
Fees & Charges		100.00	159.53	200.00
BlueHost, Zoom, Constant Contact	18.00	150.00	178.68	500.00
Insurance	2,637.00	3,000.00	2,591.00	2,800.00
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	\$2,684.00	\$9,500.00	\$3,153.24	\$7,250.00
Printing and Mailing				
Annual Report		300.00	220.00	300.00
Brochure	740.00	800.00	825.00	900.00
Directory	170.00	175.00		175.00
Newsletter	802.00	1,000.00	475.00	400.00
Other Printing	195.00	275.00	559.12	400.00
Postage	200.00	400.00	594.77	600.00
Stationery	175.00	150.00	195.00	150.00
TOTAL Printing and Mailing	\$2,282.00	\$3,100.00	\$2,868.89	\$2,925.00
Professional Fees				
	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00
Program Expenses				
Activities			100.00	
Holiday Party	\$4,484.00	4,200.00		4,200.00
Lunch and Learn	\$147.00	300.00		300.00
Newcomers/Daisy Chapman		500.00		500.00
Welcome Event	546.00	600.00		600.00
Excursion Expense	4,172.00	6,000.00	190.00	6,000.00
Lecture Series	1,500.00	3,000.00	1398.33	\$3,000.00
TOTAL Program Expenses	\$10,849.00	\$14,600.00	\$1,688.33	\$14,600.00
Scholarship Committee				
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TOTAL Scholarship Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Scholarship Funds				
			970.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,115.00	\$28,700.00	\$9,780.46	\$36,275.00
YTD INCOME	\$13,130.00			
YTD Expenses	\$9,780.46		Key Bank Balance	\$19,158.50
Income Less Expenses	\$3,349.54	Community Foundation Reserve		\$38,352.00
			Treasurer	Nancy Rosenbaum

YUWO joins the Great Give!

Encouraged by the Scholarship Committee the YUWO Board will participate in The Great Give May 4 and 5



The **COMMUNITY** Foundation
for Greater New Haven



along with many other non-profits. The Great Give is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, which holds YUWO's Scholarship Trusts and Funds. Consider donating online to The Great Give. The YUWO membership will receive reminders in early May.

It's easy! Just visit thegreatgive.org, enter "YUWO" in the search box at the top of the page to get to YUWO's donation page, then hit the DONATE button. Simply follow the prompts and use your credit card to make a donation. All funds donated to The Great Give will go to our Annual Scholarship Fund. During the two days of giving, YUWO will be eligible for prizes, a full list of which will be posted online. Maybe YUWO can be the Early Bird Winner from 8-9 AM on either May 4 or 5 or the winner of one of seven \$500 Golden Prizes given throughout the day. If you're a night owl, and you make your gift closest to midnight on May 4, YUWO will win \$1000!

If you prefer to give to one of our three designated trust funds, you can find them on the OUR FUNDS tab on the Community Foundation's website or go directly to the link at <https://www.cfgnh.org/increasing-giving/our-funds>. Each fund is described in a brief, 500-word story about each of these funds. Read them, and you will be inspired by the leadership of YUWO members. (These funds will not be credited to The Great Give, but they will, as always, support our program in an important way.)

No matter when you give or how much you give, please know that each and every gift is greatly appreciated. Thank you, in advance, for supporting YUWO's scholarship mission.

Nominations for the YUWO Board, 2021-22:

Assistant Treasurer: Carmen Rodriguez
Scholarship Chair: Jane Shaw
Membership Chair: Willi Stahura
Recording Secretary: Susan Anderson

For proposed Bylaws revisions, see pages 4-5 of this newsletter. Please note that these revisions, along with the proposed slate (above) and budget (page 7) will be voted on during the Annual Meeting on May 5, 2021.