

May Tours

In-Person:

Tuesday, May 17

11:00 am Tour of renovated Hillhouse Gardens

See page 2 for details.



Tuesday, May 24

Guided Tour and Lunch
Mark Twain House

Reservation Deadline May 17

See page 4 for details and reservation form.



*The YUWO Board
&
Scholarship Committee
hope to see you at*

*The 2022
Annual Meeting &
Awards Luncheon*

*May 4 at 11:30
New Haven Lawn Club*



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President Mary-Jo Warren's Last Letter to the YUWO Community

YUWO's large membership events, on Zoom and in person, slow down during the summer; however, most of the small groups and committees are meeting. That is why I encourage all of you to join the Board, a committee, or an Interest Group. There are no summer newsletters (June, July August). Behind the scenes the new Board will be planning for YUWO's 2022-2023 season. There is an August mailing and the YUWO newsletters and activities will begin in September. In April, I drove to a rustic camp in far western Pennsylvania for a Frank Lloyd Wright Seminar focusing on "Falling Water." There were other beatific visions, such as this sunset on a knob overlooking a stone labyrinth. I enjoyed the challenge of being YUWO president, but I look forward to more time for friends, for travel, to write memoirs, to practice the piano, and to participate in the rainbow of opportunities that YUWO offers.

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

YUWO Monthly Book Groups – Read On!

The #2 Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm (Zoom)

We will discuss *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict on Monday, May 16, and *A Beautiful Country: A Memoir* by Qian Julie Wang on Monday, June 20, both at 2 p.m.

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

The (First) Third Monday Afternoon at 2:00 pm (In person)

Our discussion of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain has been postponed to August. Meanwhile, on May 16 our choice is *Hidden Valley Road* by Robert Kolker, a true picture of schizophrenia in a family of 12 children. Susan Leonard will lead the discussion at the Guilford Free Library. June 20, our book is *The Magician* by Colm Toibin, led by Renee Chotinier. July 18, Winnie Seibert leads us in discussing *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead

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

Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm (Zoom)

Our choice for May is *Interior Chinatown*, by Charles Yu.

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

Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am (Hybrid)

The Thursday morning book group will have a hybrid meeting at 9:30 on Thursday, May 12 to discuss *Braiding Sweet Grass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The June choice is *Stoner* by John E. Williams. July, *Fascism* by Madeleine Albright. August, *My Monticello* by Jocelyn Johnson. Please contact Audrey DeFronzo if you would like to join in the discussion by Zoom or in person.

Contact Audrey DeFronzo (203-804-5572) or amdefronzo@gmail.com

Tour of the Gardens of Hillhouse Avenue, Tuesday May 17th

A special tour of the gardens and landscape of Hillhouse Avenue will be led by Channing Harris, formerly a project manager with Towers|Golde, landscape architects for most of the street's renovations over the past three plus decades. These projects have included gardens by Marion Coffin and Beatrix Farrand. We hope that this may include the gardens of the President's house, but that has not yet been confirmed.

When: Tuesday, May 17, at 11:00

Where: Head of Hillhouse at the sculpture on Sachem Street , New Haven

Note: The tour will be weather dependent. If it looks iffy, please email or call Shavaun Towers Bennett (stowers@TPS-lass.com or 203-915-1858) to confirm.



YUWO members enjoy a special tour of the refurbished Humanities Quadrangle on April 19. The building tour was led by Bryan D'Orlando, Project Manager from Yale's Office of Facilities. A courtyard tour was led by Natasha Andjelic, the landscape architectural project manager from Towers|Golde. [Photos: Marion Petrelli and Mary-Jo Warren]

Thinking About YUWO's Future ("Women Helping Women")

There's no question that Mary-Jo and the current Board have successfully guided our organization through the Covid experience, keeping our activities "active" and our Members engaged. We are indebted to them for their leadership through these challenging times.

Now, hopefully we are moving out of the Covid shut-down period and transitioning to a time of more interactive engagement. But whether due to Covid or not, we also have lost quite a few Members over the last several years as the pandemic shut down in-person activities.

So now seems a good time for us as an organization of "women helping women" to assess where we are and where we want to go.

- What should our activities be - both to retain current Members and to attract new women to YUWO?
- What will most engage our Members over the next few years?

To answer those questions, we need your help. What are your ideas for activities that would strengthen the organization and attract more women to YUWO?

Several of you have suggested that YUWO should be more engaged with the New Haven community. Right now, we have an effective scholarship program which, this year, is celebrating its 50th year of offering financial scholarships to Yale-connected women. At the Annual Meeting you will see a dozen of our scholarship recipients. Please take the time to speak with them. They are amazing women.

YUWO scholarships are a great service to Yale-connected women and our members feel especially good about the program and generously support it. But currently the scholarship program is the only "giving back" opportunity we offer.

What would strengthen YUWO membership?

Would there be value in offering opportunities for our Members to engage with area nonprofits? And, if so, what kinds of activities might be of particular interest?

- For example, would working with local non-profits in literacy, education, music, mentorships, healthcare, food programs, refugee support, climate change/environment have appeal?
- Are there other interest and activity groups we should consider, such as poetry, music, theater?

At the Annual Meeting we will have time for discussion in small groups, and we hope you will give us your ideas to include in our plans for next year.

This is an exciting time for YUWO and an opportunity to assess and adjust as we craft our future.

Thank you,
Elizabeth, Sandra and Betsy

**Join YUWO for a docent-led tour of The Mark Twain House at
385 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT, on
Tuesday, May, 24. Tour begins at 11 am**

The Mark Twain House and Museum has restored the author's home where Samuel Clemens, a.k.a. Mark Twain, and his family lived from 1874 to 1891. Twain wrote his most important works during the years he lived here, including *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. This house, a National Historic Landmark, will take you back to the time he lived here.

Registration form for the car pool trip to The Mark Twain House, Hartford, CT

Make your \$37 check payable to YUWO and mail as soon as possible, to: Winnie Seibert, 53 Long Hill Farm, Guilford, CT 06437. For questions, 203-430-8059 or email winnieiseibert@gmail.com or Dana Nelson 203-530-9770 or email dnelson159@yahoo.com

Name and Address _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am willing to drive a carpool ____ yes ____ no

I will meet the carpool at:

___ Exit 58 off I-95 in Guilford, Commuter Parking Lot at 9:30 AM.

___ Exit 10 off I-91 in North Haven, Devine St. Commuter Parking Lot (across from Gaylord Hospital Outpatient Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine) at 9:45 AM

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before departure.

Sandwich Lunch Choices : Please circle one sandwich and one choice of sides

1. California Club GF Roasted Turkey, roasted peppers, bacon, avocado, lettuce, tomato, muenster cheese, basil mayo **chips or salad**

2. Grange Rover GF Freshly sliced roast beef, roasted peppers, frizzled onions, lettuce, tomato, mild pepper jack cheese, bacon & horseradish cream **chips or salad**

3. Roasted Veggie Wrap VG GF Grilled Zucchini, squash, marinated green beans, tomatoes, red onion, herb goat cheese, arugula & balsamic reduction **chips or salad**

All meals include dessert, chips or salad and water

Scholarship Recipients for 2022-2023

This year we awarded \$30,000 to four outstanding women who are listed below. We offer our sincere thanks to all those loyal donors who support our scholarships.

Our committee worked throughout the year with dedication and enthusiasm, balancing YUWO's traditions with the new realities of social media and the constraints of Covid-19. We worked to develop a clear, consistent message in our communications, updating our website and designing a new flyer to attract more applicants. We reached out to area college and university financial aid and admissions offices, Yale Affinity Groups and HR offices, local newspapers, libraries, and more. We were pleased to see 2021-22 Scholar Emily Roback featured in an article on the website of SCSU where she is completing her MBA. (Read the article here:

In April, our committee met to review applications and determine awards. Reading the personal statements of applicants was inspiring as we learned how women have overcome obstacles, demonstrated resilience, and persevered to attain their personal and professional goals.

2022-23 Scholarship Recipients:

Kay Ross Scholar: Amelea Lowery ~ Yale School of Public Health (MPH)
Gustave and Carol L. Sirot Scholar: Mary Colleen Maguire ~ University of New Haven (MPA)
Magee Fenn Scholar: Alexandrya Pope ~ Southern CT State University (MSW)
Annual Fund Scholar: Tahreem Wasti ~ Central CT State University (MBA)

Scholarship Committee for 2021-22: Terri Burditt, Margaret Flesher, Sandra Greer, Elizabeth R. Parker, Carmen Rodriguez (Asst. Treasurer), Jane Shaw (Chair), Adrian Sterling, Betsy Weber, and ex-officio members Sally Tyler (past Scholarship Committee Chair) and Mary-Jo Warren (President).

Spring 2022 Lecture Series

As of this writing, we have completed the second in our series of documentary screenings by Karyl Evans titled "The Life and Gardens of Beatrix Farrand." Our support from the West Campus Conference Center to coordinate the hybrid presentation is very much appreciated. The April 20 lecture will be short documentaries about inspiring women who have been inducted into the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame. These will include "Annie Liebovitz," "Nell Newman," and "The Mashantucket Pequot Sisters Who Saved Their Reservation in Connecticut." The final lecture of April 27 will be "Letter from Italy, 1944: A New American Oratorio." This lecture will be held as a hybrid presentation with Ms. Evans presenting off location via Zoom.

While a subject for the Fall 2022 Lecture Series has not yet been determined, we are scheduled in the West Campus Conference Center for October 12, 19, 26, and Tuesday, November 1. We are all hoping for a greater opportunity to come together in person, but we will be prepared for a hybrid presentation as well.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer! Thank you for your continuous support for the Lecture Series and YUWO's Scholarship Program. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on May 4.

Respectfully,
Sandra Greer, *Chair, Lecture Series*



YUWO goes hybrid from the West Campus Conference Center [Photo: Marion Petrelli]

[Note: These minutes are in DRAFT form subject to approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting on May 4, 2022.]

MINUTES of the Yale University Women's Organization Annual Meeting on May 5, 2021 via Zoom

Mary-Jo opened the business meeting at 12:32 PM via Zoom. 65 members logged on with video/audio or both.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME. Mary-Jo Warren: Due to the Covid crisis the Annual Meeting was held via Zoom. Mary-Jo welcomed everyone and thanked Elizabeth Parker for planning the program with Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and Suzanne Spaulding, to follow the business meeting.

YUWO's Zoom account can now include up to 500 participants. Lecture programs for the next month will be offered to past members. Marty Sherman will include a new membership form with the invitation.

YUWO By-Laws require approval of the issues listed below. A quorum of 25 is necessary. Sixty-five YUWO members were present for the discussion and vote.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting held on May 28, 2020.

The minutes of the May 28, 2020 Annual Meeting held by proxy were emailed to all members for review prior to this meeting. Mary-Jo projected them on the screen as Susan Anderson read them to the members. An on-line poll was conducted. The minutes were unanimously approved by the membership

Slate for New Board Members:

Betsy Weber presented the slate of officers approved by the board. A summary was sent to all members prior to the meeting and projected on the screen.

Assistant Treasurer: Carmen Rodriguez

Scholarship Chair: Jane Shaw

Membership Chair: Willi Stahura

Recording Secretary: Susan Anderson (continuing on a second term)

An on-line poll was conducted. The slate was unanimously approved by the membership.

Annual Report and Budget:

Nancy Rosenbaum presented the Annual Report approved by the board. Figures reflect a loss of income due to a decrease in membership and in-person gatherings due to Covid restrictions. Program expenses for excursions and large meetings were reduced. New expenses included additional printing and mailing and the Zoom contract necessary to substitute for in-person meetings. Dues will remain the same.

An on-line poll was conducted. The annual report and budget were unanimously approved by the membership.

By-Laws Review:

Carolyn Gould chaired the Committee reviewing the By-Laws, which is required every 5 years. She could not be present at this meeting, so Mary-Jo reported the recommendations from the Committee that have been approved by the board. The changes were circulated to the membership prior to the meeting. An on-line poll was conducted for each of changes proposed in the following areas: membership, elected, appointed and special officers, scholarship eligibility and changes necessary to comply with Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

An on-line poll was conducted for each change or clarification. All were approved by the membership.

YUWO Scholars 2020-2021:

Sally Tyler thanked everyone for their efforts supporting the Scholarship Program. The total distributed was \$35,000. The designated awardees for 2021 include:

Magee Fenn Scholar

Emily Chew: MA, Harvard School of Education, Arts in Education

Kay Ross Scholar

Rowan McWade, MS, Simmons University, Library and Information Sciences

Carol and Gustav Sirot Scholar

Hui Yang, MPH, Yale School of Public Health, Applied Biostatistics and Epidemiology

Annual Fund Scholars

Farah Kidwai-Kahn, PhD, George Washington University, Computer Science

Emily Roback, MBA, Southern Connecticut State University, Event planning and Management

The awardees were unanimously congratulated by the membership.

The Committee will plan an introduction of the awardees in the fall via Zoom or in-person, depending upon Covid restrictions.

PROGRAM:

Elizabeth Parker introduced Rosa DeLauro, US House Representative from Connecticut's Third District and Chair of the House Appropriations Committee to discuss "Civics as a National Security Imperative". Representative DeLauro was interviewed by Suzanne Spaulding, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Discussion involved the need to improve the civics education in our country. Representative DeLauro is sponsoring a non-partisan bill to provide grants to states to improve the civics programs in their schools. She has long been a supporter of this but the events of January 6th have propelled the issue to the forefront and fostered non-partisan and bicameral support. Ms Spaulding is also working on civic education programs in schools and businesses through her work at CSIS.

Elizabeth thanked the speakers and proposed a return engagement to follow up on the progress of their endeavors.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Anderson, Recording Secretary

Proposed Slate for 2022-2024

The Nominating Committee: Shavaun Towers Bennett and Winnie Seibert, co-chairs; Landa Freeman, Anneke Hathaway, Barbara Kryger presents the following Slate of YUWO Officers for Two-Year Terms:

President:	Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker
Co-Vice Presidents:	Sandra Greer Betsy Weber (for a one-year term)
Corresponding Secretary:	Janis Isenberg
Activities Chair:	Bernardina Wilcox

— *Shavaun Towers Bennett and Winnie Seibert, Co-Chairs*

YUWO Budget 2022-2023				
	Actual	Budget	April 1	Proposed Budget
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022	2022-2023
INCOME				
Annual Meeting income		4,000.00		3,600.00
Daisy Chapman Fund	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Membership dues	11,280.00	11,200.00	9,760.00	9,000.00
Excursion Income	4,275.00	6,000.00	458.00	4,000.00
Lecture Series Income	7,930.00	10,900.00	3160.00	4,000.00
Transfer from Operating Fund				\$ 4,450.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,985.00	\$32,600.00	\$13,878.00	\$25,550.00
EXPENSES				
Administrative Expenses				
Annual Meeting expense		3,500.00		5,000.00
Board Member expenses	63.46	250.00	224.03	100.00
Fees & Charges		200.00	159.53	200.00
BlueHost, Zoom, Constant Contact		500.00	178.68	500.00
Insurance	2,591.00	2,800.00	2,591.00	2,700.00
TOTAL Administrative Expenses	\$2,654.46	\$7,250.00	\$3,153.24	\$8,500.00
Printing and Mailing				
Annual Report		300.00	220.00	150.00
Brochure	945.00	900.00	825.00	1000.00
Directory		175.00		0.00
Newsletter	326.39	400.00	475.00	400.00
Other Printing	90.00	400.00	559.12	300.00
Postage	409.00	600.00	594.77	500.00
Stationery	80.09	150.00	195.00	200.00
TOTAL Printing and Mailing	\$1,850.48	\$2,925.00	\$2,868.89	\$2,550.00
Professional Fees				
		\$1,500.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,500.00
Program Expenses				
Activities			100.00	\$ 100.00
Holiday Party		4,200.00		3,500.00
Lunch and Learn		300.00		300.00
Newcomers/Daisy Chapman	\$135.60	500.00	135.60	500.00
Welcome Event	641.93	600.00	641.93	600.00
Excursion Expense	546.52	6,000.00	190.00	4,000.00
Lecture Series	2,400.00	3,000.00	1398.33	\$4,000.00
TOTAL Program Expenses	\$3,724.05	\$14,600.00	\$2,465.86	\$13,000.00
Scholarship Committee		-		
TOTAL Scholarship Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer to Scholarship Funds	\$5,000.00	5000.00	5000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$13,228.99	\$31,275.00	\$14,587.99	\$25,550.00
<i>Note: \$10,000 from YUWO Operating Reserve will be transferred to CFGNH Scholarship Trust Fund</i>				
YTD INCOME	\$13,378.00			
YTD Expenses	\$13,228.99		Key Bank Balance	\$16,332.03
Income less Expenses	\$149.01		Community Foundation Reserve	\$39,764.78