

# YUWO



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## OCTOBER YUWO EVENTS NOT TO MISS

**Tuesday, September 27 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Tour of New Haven Reads**

Executive Director Kirsten Levinsohn introduces New Haven's impressive educational resource which provides free literacy support for all children—a meaningful volunteer opportunity for YUWO members.

**Tuesday, October 4 at 12 noon**  
**Lunch & Learn**

**Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame** presentation  
"Women in Science," featuring two Yale women.

**Tuesday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Guided Tour of Grove Street Arboretum**  
**with Channing Harris**

A special tour by the principal designer of the recent arboretum upgrades and a noted expert in the field.

**October 12, 19 and 26 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**YUWO's Fall Lecture Series**

**Yale West Campus Conference Center**  
**"Volunteerism: A Promise of Hope"**

Three Yale social entrepreneurship leaders tell their inspiring stories.

**Calendar Additions: Holiday Party, December 11 and Annual Meeting, May 3**

## IN BRIEF: YUWO's 2022-2023 SEASON

**Good-bye Covid!** We're celebrating return to in-person events in 2022-2023 with a few changes to make our wonderful organization even better.

First, to take advantage of our learning during Covid:

- Lunch & Learn will be *exclusively* on Zoom—this Zoom link works for *all* YUWO events:  
  
<https://zoom.us/j/92991644259?pwd=dXRaVXkwc0MzOUNoL041N0FxUFNUUT09>
- Our Lecture Series (\$65 charge) will be hybrid: in person at the West Campus and on Zoom. (See more below)
- Activity groups will vary Zoom and in-person.

We're also updating YUWO communications:

- Watch for messages from [president@yuwowomen.org](mailto:president@yuwowomen.org)
- To help members keep track of events:
  - The Newsletter will come out less frequently but be replaced by a new bi-monthly update message.
  - Don't get e-mail? We'll send hard copy!

YUWO Committees are developing ideas for the Board. (See Discussion below). We want your ideas too; send them to us at [president@yuwowomen.org](mailto:president@yuwowomen.org).

And remember our Scholarship Program. To celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> year of Scholarship Support, we want to increase applicants, funding, *and* our impressive 60% giving rate!

*Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, President; Betsy Weber and Sandra Greer, Co-Vice Presidents*

**Honoring Our Members:** Judith Schiff's July 21, 2022 *New York Times* obituary (see NYTimes.com) described her impressive life, but missed that Judith was YUWO's 16<sup>th</sup> President (1980-81). Yale's most senior archivist and 60-year veteran at Yale, she remained a dedicated YUWO member until her death. We will miss her greatly.

## A Message from the Leadership Team:

**Welcome Reception.** YUWO's September 8 Welcome Reception at the Graduate Club was a wonderful start to the 2022-2023 year. Thanks to Peggy Atherton and Pam Field for co-chairing the event! A high point was acknowledging President Emerita Mary-Jo Warren with a living tribute (i.e., a huge purple Chrysanthemum) for her leadership. Annie Petrelli's excellent pictures record a happy and successful event. [See [yuwowomen.org](http://yuwowomen.org)]

In addition to old and new friends, 20 new YUWO members joined us, listed below. Please welcome them! Peggy, Pam and I enjoyed a 'Dutch treat' lunch with five last week. And more Newcomers Events soon.

### The YUWO "Class" of 2022

Wendy Bluemling	Daphne Benas	Marguerite Brooks
Judith Calvert	Carol Cheney	Kay Claiborn
Annie Clark	Leigh Cromey	Laurie Feldman
Lily Forbush	Susan Forster	Kathi Goodfriend
Betty Muskin	Laurie Ongley	Lorraine F. Roseman
Barbara Ryden	Katerina Simons	Barbara (Bobbi) Stuart
Anne Sweeney		

This talented group has much to contribute. They represent a bright future for YUWO. For now, however, we want to learn more about them. Watch for "Member Profiles" soon.

**Summer Planning.** In June, July and August, Betsy, Sandra and I met with groups of Board Members to hear their thoughts about YUWO—and ways to build on its successful past and two challenging years under Mary-Jo Warren's remarkable leadership. The goal was for YUWO to become an even more dynamic organization, supporting its members and the community. These conversations were inspiring and persuaded us that bringing Board Members—and others—together to discuss the needs of specific functional areas was a good first step in envisioning our post-Covid future. To this end, at its August 8 meeting the Board added new committees to our leadership structure, all listed below with their chairs.

Communications (Sally Tyler)	Scholarship (Jane Shaw)
Finance (Nancy Charles)	Membership Planning (Winnie Seibert & Willi Stahura)
Activities (Bernie Wilcox)	Education (Sandra Greer & Margaret Flesher)

Committee meetings will alternate with bi-monthly Board Meetings, many on Zoom. Feel free to join and contact me at [president@yuwowomen.org](mailto:president@yuwowomen.org) for meeting details.

As an organization of "women helping women" we need thoughts and suggestions from *all* our Members. Let us know your ideas about 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 and support our Members over the next few years?
- What should change and what should stay the same?

What an exciting time for YUWO and an opportunity to assess and adjust as we build our future! You can learn more about what our groups are doing — everything from local tours to book groups to lectures and luncheons! — on the YUWO website at [www.yuwowomen.org/calendar](http://www.yuwowomen.org/calendar).

Thank you, *Elizabeth, Sandra and Betsy*

## YUWO Adds A Monthly Film Group!

In April 2021, adapting to Covid, YUWO Activities Chair Bernie Wilcox proposed creating a film group. It proved to be an inspired idea. The Group meets monthly on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. and has grown significantly. Often meeting on Zoom, more recently Mary-Jo Warren has hosted the group at her home, but members watch the films separately on-line. Here's a look at what they've viewed so far. Updates on this year's screenings will follow.

2021:

The Dissident, The Remains of the Day, The Sound of Metal, Howard's End, The English Patient, Chinatown, Sliding Doors, The Dead.

2022:

The Grand Budapest Hotel, The Power of the Dog, The French Lieutenant's Woman, Moulin Rouge, Parasite, Antonia's Line, The Bird Cage, Babel.

Scheduled for September: Midnight Cowboy.

Still on the list for 2022: My Sweet Hereafter, A Thin Blue Line, Dead Poet Society.

## YUWO Book Groups

Detailed information about YUWO Book Groups may be found on the YUWO website at [www.yuwowomen.org/calendar](http://www.yuwowomen.org/calendar).

The Book Groups meet in different formats (some in person, some by Zoom, and some use a hybrid model).

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

Contact Pat Goldstein (203-535-0734) or [patgoldst@gmail.com](mailto:patgoldst@gmail.com)

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

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

### **Second Tuesday Afternoon at 2:00 pm (Zoom)**

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

### **Second Thursday Morning at 9:30 am (Hybrid)**

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

## YUWO LUNCH & LEARN on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/92991644259?pwd=dXRaVXkwc0MzOUNoL041N0FhUFNUUT09>

**October 4, Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame** will provide the speaker on the topic of “Women in Science,” featuring two women currently working at Yale, with a brief introduction about this year’s women in sports who will be inducted into the Hall in their October 20 ceremony.

**November 15, Ruth Barnes**, the Thomas Jaffe Curator of Yale’s Indo-Pacific Art Collection will give a talk titled, “*Without Cloth We Cannot Marry—the Making and Meaning of Textiles in Eastern Indonesia.*” Ruth will host an in-person visit on December 6 to the actual textiles collection at Yale’s Wurtels Center. Participants in this visit will be limited and more information will follow.

**December 13, Jasmina Besirevic-Regan**, Assistant Dean at Yale Graduate School and Lecturer in the departments of Sociology and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration, will talk about her research and personal experiences in Bosnia.

## YUWO TOURS

[NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, you do not need to sign up in advance for YUWO Local Tours.]

### New Haven Reads, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday September 27th

As part of our 2022-2023 “Volunteerism” theme, this year’s tours begin with a visit to New Haven Reads. We’ll meet at its home office, 85 Willow Street, New Haven (the old Marlin Firearms complex). Park in the public lot (corner of Willow and Mitchell, entry off Mitchell), walk up the hill and enter the complex through the big archway. Immediately turn left; the entry is on the corner. Go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; turn left.



### Tour of Grove Street Arboretum, 10:30 a.m., Tuesday October 11



Back by popular demand, we will again visit Grove Street Cemetery, this time focusing on the arboretum with a tour by landscape architect Channing Harris, an expert in cemetery horticulture. An easy stroll, with fascinating history and lovely views.

*Note: In the event of inclement weather, the tour may be postponed. Please watch for e-mail or contact Shavaun Towers Bennett (stowers@TPS-lass.com or 203-915-1858) with questions.*

## YUWO LECTURE SERIES

### *“Volunteerism: A Promise of Hope”*

Wednesdays: October 12, 19, 26; Tuesday, November 1

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: Yale West Campus Conference Center  
(Hybrid attendance on Zoom is available)

This series is open to YUWO members and the public (\$65 per person; no individual tickets). Zoom invitations will be e-mailed to those requesting. Subscription proceeds support scholarships for women affiliated with Yale University to help in completing an academic degree. Mail YUWO checks to:

CARMEN RODRIGUEZ,  
1860 Ella T. Grasso Blvd.  
New Haven, CT 06511

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ZOOM \_\_\_\_\_ ON SITE \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Directions to the West Campus Conference Center:**

**Driving from the North or East (New Haven):** Take I-95 South to exit 41 (Marsh Hill Rd). At the end of the exit ramp, take a left onto Marsh Hill Rd. At the next traffic light, take a left onto the West Campus Drive/I-95 northbound entrance ramp. Stay in the right lane, check in at the Welcome Center for directions to the Conference Center.

**Driving from the South or West (New York):** Take exit 41 and go straight ahead at the end of the exit ramp, across Marsh Hill Rd, onto the northbound entrance ramp. Follow this to the fork, stay in the right lane, and check in at the Welcome Center for directions to the Conference Center.

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.