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## ENCORE: Couldn't Attend a Lunch & Learn Lecture? — See the Videos!

**November 15:** Ruth Barnes, Thomas Jaffe Curator of Indo-Pacific Art

*The Making and Meaning of Textiles in Eastern Indonesia: "Without cloth we cannot marry"*

According to one YUWO textile expert, "One of the best presentations I've ever heard!"

**December 13:** Jasmina Bercevic-Regan, Assistant Dean at Yale Graduate School and Lecturer, Departments of Sociology and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration

Her talk "*Genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina and Its Aftermath: Bosnian Muslims' Perceptions, Interpretations, and Explanations*" shared research and personal experience in Bosnia in light of the history of the former Yugoslavia and its violent break-up. She discussed the refugee experience in the Bosnian city of Banja Luka and how family relationships, ethnic and religious identities impact the challenge of returning home and rebuilding community.

If you missed these talks, you can watch them here:

"*Genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina and its Aftermath*" [<https://yuwowomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/video1564199877.mp4>]

"*Making and Meaning of Textiles in Eastern Indonesia*" [<https://yuwowomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/barnes.mp4>]

## NEW in 2023!

### "Local Action for a Sustainable Future"

A Zoom series on Climate Change begins Monday, January 9!  
(See page 7 for details of all 5 sessions.)



## A RECAP: LOOKING BACK AT 2022

### 2022-2023: The Holiday Spirit Marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the YUWO Scholarship Program

Thank you to our December donors who gave \$1,160 to the 2022-23 Scholarship Fund, for a total of \$7,500. A good way to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of YUWO's Scholarship Program!

Jane Shaw and her dedicated Scholarship Committee remind us that *every* gift—no matter when given or size—is deeply appreciated and supports YUWO's hard-working, talented Scholars. Gifts to the Scholarship Fund are welcome throughout the year – with membership renewals, at special events like the Holiday Party or the Annual Meeting, or in response to special appeals. In May, YUWO will again participate in 36-hour online Great Give sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven. Look for details in the spring.

Finally, at its November meeting, the YUWO Board of Directors voted to contribute *all* future proceeds of both the Fall and Spring Lecture Series to the Scholarship Fund.

And as always, let us hear from you! We are eager for your input! Email us at [president@yuwowomen.org](mailto:president@yuwowomen.org)

Warm regards and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2023,  
Elizabeth, Betsy and Sandra YUWO's 2022-2023 Leadership Team

## **YUWO Walkers... As the colder months arrived, the group continued to enjoy walks!**



**On November 11** they explored the Madison Shore-Line Trail. Pictured at left, here they are with two new walking group members.

**And on December 21**, Sally Fazzone led Nancy Valley, Connie Matheson and Elizabeth Parker up East Rock for the last walk in 2022 where they enjoyed fabulous views of New Haven (below)!

Below, Bob and Rudi joined the East Rock walk (one two-legged the other four), suggesting it might be time to form a “Friends of YUWO” walking group?



## **YUWO Art Aficionados...**

**On Thursday, November 17, the YUWO Art Aficionados group visited the Yale Center for British Art** for a tour led by Docent Mona Pierpaoli of the Njideka Crosby Exhibition: a fascinating opportunity to explore a memorable series. And as a reminder, in January Group Leader Anneke Hathaway has plans to repeat the visit and also to add a viewing of the new exhibition about Bill Brandt/Henry Moore, a collection of drawings, photographs and sculptures highlighting the interdisciplinary nature of twentieth century art. Watch for a Reminder soon.



## YUWO's Annual Holiday Party — A Picture Perfect Afternoon!

**YUWO's Annual Holiday Party at the Elm City Club (previously the Graduate Club) on December 11** gave Members the chance to gather in person to celebrate the holiday season. The Club's lovely decorations offered a wonderful setting. A light snow added to the festive spirit, as did the delicious canapes selected by Winnie Seibert and her committee members, Pam Field and Peggy Atherton.



And this year, a new YUWO tradition began at the Holiday Party. YUWO members are volunteering at New Haven Reads to help local children gain the reading skills so many lost during two years of Covid. They suggested contributing books to the program at the Holiday Party and Members responded. Now New Haven Reads children have 75 more books to take home for reading on their own. Thanks to Barbara D'Ambruoso and Marianne Wittink for generously volunteering to collect the books. Members who would like to donate more books, or learn about volunteering at New Haven Reads, should contact Barbara who has offered to continue receiving donations! You can reach Barbara at [president@YUWOwomen.org](mailto:president@YUWOwomen.org).

And another first: YUWO Scholars were invited to join the Holiday Party. Everyone enjoyed meeting Famata Gibson in person and learning about her work using robotics to encourage emotional intelligence in grade school teaching. Carmen Rodriguez, representing the Scholarship Committee, reports more good news: \$700 was contributed to Scholarship support at the party.

**YUWO Film Group...On December 12, the Group held its year-end meeting**, enjoying Mary-Jo Warren's hospitality, discussion and making decisions on 2023-2024 selections.



### **“The Envelope, Please!”**

Here again are their selections for those eager for streaming ideas:

- *Lust and Caution*
- *Lives of Others*
- *Jeanne Dielman, 223 Quai du Commerce*
- *Jane*
- *Cider House Rules*
- *The Hours*
- *Rose Island*
- *Bride Flight*
- *Le Bonheur*
- *Whose Life Is It Anyway*
- *Lore*

Will the Group be watching the Academy Awards on March 12? Watch for the next Newsletter!

## **THINGS TO COME — LOOKING FORWARD to 2023**

**Mark Your Calendar for these events—and watch email Reminders for more!**

### **Local Action for a Sustainable Future**

**A New Zoom Series on Climate Change (see FULL details on page 7 of this newsletter)**

- **How Can You Help to Address Climate Change?**
- **What:** Five monthly second Monday Zoom meetings (January – May)
- **When:** Beginning January 9 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- **Prepare:** Suggested reading: *Speed and Scale* by John Doerr

For a few additional practical suggestions, listen to this NPR story:

<https://www.npr.org/2022/12/29/1145952448/have-you-made-your-new-years-climate-resolution-yet>

More Climate Impact: Food Waste and Climate Change — [How Central Ohio Got People to Eat Their Leftovers](#)

*See a detailed description of this new series on page 7 of this Newsletter.*



## Lunch & Learn Talks for 2023

YUWO will host an impressive series of **Zoom** Lunch & Learn presentations (each 12:00 noon to 1 p.m. with a Zoom invitation sent immediately before the talk)

**January 24 – Chris Bolick, Associate Director of Research, Marsh Botanical Gardens**

*A Horticultural Tour of Yale's Research Greenhouses and Growth Chambers.*

A behind-the-scenes virtual tour of the plant growth facility atop the new Yale Science Building. Take a look at the state-of-the-art rooftop greenhouse and plant growth chamber complex providing controlled-environment conditions for the university's plant science community.

**February 7 – Dr. Carolyn Mazure, Director, Women's Health Research at Yale**

*"Women's Health 2023: What we know and why it matters"*

**March 21 – Louisa Iacurci, Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame**

*"Women Leaders for Social Justice"*

## YUWO's Spring 2023 Lecture Series

**April 4 – Sam Chauncey, Yale Icon and Veteran Administrator**, inaugurates four lectures with a discussion of his forthcoming book on the tumult accompanying Yale's welcome of its first women undergraduate students in September 1969. *Watch for details in the next Newsletter.*

## YUWO Annual Meeting

**May 3 (Wednesday)—Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon at New Haven Country Club**

## OTHER YUWO NEWS IN BRIEF

**Ongoing Board Activities:** In 2022 YUWO's new Leadership Team has been 'trying out' a new approach to governance. The goal has been to develop a team approach for YUWO's organizational efforts, both to clarify YUWO plans and policies and to make more volunteer opportunities available for Members. Here are some highlights:

- Meetings of the 25-Member YUWO Board of Directors are now bi-monthly to allow time for meetings of YUWO's seven Committees: Finance, Membership, Scholarship, Education, Activities, Communication and Strategic Planning. YUWO members are invited to attend. Contact [President@YUWOwomen.org](mailto:President@YUWOwomen.org) for details.
- The seven YUWO Committees gather Board Members and others into specific areas of common interest. The goal is to encourage planning which integrates individual Board Member responsibilities into a committee structure and to use that structure as a forum to develop new ideas and clarify policies for subsequent full Board consideration and approval.
- Current projects include developing a comprehensive Board Book (building on *YUWO Basics*), clarifying Board Member roles and responsibilities by reviewing and updating job descriptions, and developing a 'statement of purpose' for each Committee.

## Looking forward:

- The official **2022-2023 YUWO Membership** list will be sent early in January, a date selected by the Board to accommodate the holiday season rush of activity.
- At the January YUWO Board meeting, the Communications Committee will share its thinking about **YUWO's communication strategy**. In particular, the Committee will offer its advice on:
  - The use of Constant Contact to support the Newsletter and Reminders;
  - The frequency of communication with Members and the role of the Newsletter (which still lacks an 'editorial board');
  - Whether a YUWO calendar is needed to help Members keep track of events.
- On January 18 the **Strategic Planning Committee** begins a series of meetings to review the changes being tested in YUWO's organizational governance and our success in meeting Member interests and needs.

At the February YUWO Board meeting, a five Member **Nominating Committee** will be formed to identify Officers for positions which by YUWO's Bylaws must be *elected* by the full Membership in 2023: **Assistant Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Chair and Scholarship Chair**. Of special note, the Nominating Committee must include two members from the Membership at Large. The Committee's slate of officers must be presented to the full Board at the March Board meeting and approved by a vote of the full Membership at the May Annual Meeting.

## A New Year's Message from the Leadership Team: Thinking About the Legacy of YUWO Members and Building for The Future

The November Newsletter shared information about YUWO Members from their Expressions of Interest Forms. It's an amazing group, both on paper and in person, as you'll read below.

On December 14 a good friend invited me to have dinner with her Whitney Center neighbor, Trudy Bollier, YUWO's 1996-1998 President. Trudy is now 96, lively, exceptionally pretty with sparkling blue eyes. My husband was charmed. She misses nothing and pays careful attention to YUWO, encouraging me by saying that people and times change and so must organizations.

The conversation was particularly interesting in light of YUWO's upcoming Lecture Series beginning with Sam Chauncey. Trudy came to Yale with her husband in 1972 and my friend arrived at Yale as a psychiatric resident from Northern Ireland in 1968. I was fascinated by their observations about women at Yale in those early years. They remembered how the wives of faculty applicants (all male of course) were required to demonstrate their social skills by serving tea, wearing gloves etc. And they recalled the difficult environment for women in what was then still a male bastion. My friend, an internationally regarded psychoanalyst, recounted how her patients, both men and women, were terribly uncomfortable with the integration, even 'frightened.'

Trudy is one of YUWO's many 'jewels'—an example of Members we need to honor and engage. Betsy, Sandra and I wonder: is it time to think about *One Story, Many Voices: YUWO Chapter Two*? We'd love to hear your thoughts!



## **YUWO Group: *Local Action for a Sustainable Future***

**When:** Five one-hour Zoom meetings, 12:30-1:30pm on the second Mondays of January through May. The Zoom link will be sent to all members.

### **Meeting Schedule**

**January 9: Tammy Thornton of *Wilton Go Green***, a local non-profit organization created by a group of citizens eager to engage their community in sustainable initiatives.

**February 13: Julie Des Champ of *Waste Free Greenwich***, a local organization which, in collaboration with others, launched a very successful municipal food scrap recycling program.

**March 13: Sharon Huttner of the *Town of Branford's Clean Energy Ad Hoc Committee*** responsible for several town-wide initiatives that have increased the use of clean energy throughout Branford.

**April 10: Jim Finch, Branford's Finance Director** on how a person in his role can promote resiliency and sustainability. Jim worked extensively with State Senator Christine Cohen to draft the 2019 PA19-77 "An Act Authorizing Municipal Climate Change and Coastal Resiliency Reserve Funds" – a critically important opportunity for Shoreline communities.

**May 8: Report back on sustainable initiatives in your local community.** Begin your research any time! 🤔

### **Suggested (not required) background reading:**

- *Speed and Scale* by John Doerr provides an Action Plan for what we need to do and by when. Learn more at: [www.speedandscale.com](http://www.speedandscale.com)
- *Electrify: An Optimist's Playbook for our Clean Energy Future* by Saul Griffith.
- *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams