



### ***Genealogy Group***

The Genealogy Group is very active. They had a meeting on October 30 in the handsome Lucy Hammer Room of the Blackstone Library in Branford. Richard Radune, husband of YUWO member Eleanor Radune, spoke and shared slides concerning Connecticut's 17<sup>th</sup> Century Pequot Plantation and its families. Richard has authored a book on this subject. Attendance was high and even included Branford's Town Historian.

On Monday, November 13, the group met at the Family History Center (of the Church of the Latter Day Saints) in Woodbridge. They learned about the great resources the Center has to offer such as genealogical computer data bases, microfilm, microfiche and print collections. If you have your family information with you, help is available for your specific research. If you wish to join the group, contact Pat Whitestone (453-1351) or Anne MacMahon (772-1643).

### ***Lunch and Learn***

Lunch and Learn in January will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> in the Berkeley Master's House. The topic will be announced. Watch the web site and *Yale Bulletin* for details or call Beth Dock (488-7279).



### ***Holiday Party***

***Sunday***

***December 3***

***4 pm - 6 pm***

***Divinity School  
Common Room***

### ***New Haven Excursion***

On November 9, 27 members of YUWO enjoyed tours of the Furniture Study Collection of the Art Gallery at Yale. The tours were led by Assistant Curator John Gordon, who guided us through the extensive collection of historic objects, which ranges from small antique hardware to spectacular tables and tall chests. The core of the collection was the Garvan gift to Yale of antique furniture, but we learned that they continue to collect important items. John and museum assistant Katherine Chabla emphasized that the public may freely consult with experts at the collection about the likely history and proper care of their own special items, as well as requesting a personal visit to the collection. For more information call Lyn Howe (288-1217)

### ***Holiday Party***

Come and bring a friend and an appetizer. Help the scholarship fund by bidding on the silent auction items and buying raffle tickets for theme baskets. There will be holiday greens for sale. The video *One Story Many Voices*, a history of YUWO, has been made into a DVD which will be displayed and for sale for \$10. Help replenish the scholarship fund, a wonderful cause, by participating!

### ***November Books***

#### **Wednesday, December 6**

9-10:30 *Sophie's Choice* by William Styron

Genevieve Goff (467-3337)

#### **Monday, December 18**

2:30-4:30 *Poetry and choice of books for next year*

Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

#### **Monday, December 11**

2:00-3:30 *Come Back to Afghanistan* by Susan Burton and Said Akbar

Ginny Shaw (481-6176)

#### **Wednesday, December 6**

1:30-3:00 *March* by Geraldine Brooks

Leona Nalle (387-7932)

**NEW BOOK GROUP** - A new book group has started meeting, on Wednesday afternoons in the middle of the month. This group may sometimes go to a current movie instead of reading a book for discussion. Call Lyn Howe 288-1217.

Patty Pollard, President, 481-2766; Johanna Becker, Vice President, 248-6391

Alex Koontz, Newcomers Chairperson, 483-9629; Audrey DeFronzo, Membership Chair, 230-0592

Alice Loomis, Newsletter Editor 453-0036

## Message from the President and Vice-President

Holiday greetings to all of you. There's excitement in the cool air as we prepare to celebrate with friends and family. We hope that you will be joining us on Sunday, December 3, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Divinity School's Common Room. This is our special time to come together and support our Annual Scholarship Fund. Bring an appetizer to share and plan to bid on our beautiful silent auction items and take a chance on our raffle of holiday baskets donated by members. Carol Dhawan, Ellie Mattson, Leona Nalle, Roberta Thornton and Allie Loomis have been working to make this a special celebration.

We're always so impressed when we review the last month's activities. YUWO offers so much to stimulate the brain and satisfy the soul! We mention only some of the many events that took place since the last newsletter: the lectures on the U.S. relationship with the British monarchy continued with much acclaim for the speaker, Frank Prochaska, Lunch & Learn was presented by Ann Fortunato of Reading For the Blind & Dyslexic and was fascinating, Art Afficionados were treated to a wonderful tour of Art and Music in Britain led by John Cook, the YAG Furniture Study was amazing (picture around 30 elegant tall case clocks in a row) and we visited the Rose Center, a combination police headquarters and community center. Many other activities are meeting on a regular basis. While they don't make a big splash on the monthly calendar, members find fulfillment and are dedicated to their purposes. In that vein, we should mention the formation of yet another book group to meet the needs of our many avid readers. Join us in making a resolution to try a new YUWO activity in the new year,

Patty and Johanna

### *Meet Johanna*

In a crowd, it's easy to spot our YUWO president, Patty Pollard. It's time to recognize, as well, our vice-president, Johanna Becker, who modestly describes her role as a "sounding board for the president."

For four years Johanna has been an enthusiastic member of YUWO. She says we are lucky to have such a women's organization. She appreciates its variety of activities and its very stimulating members. Since joining, Johanna has not been sitting on the sidelines. For three years she has been chair of the gourmet group. In 2005, she volunteered to be a "conversation partner," meeting with a visiting scholar. Recently, with Lyn Howe, she started a newcomer's book group.

Johanna was born in New York of German parents. After attending Bard College, she earned her PhD in clinical psychology in 1967 from New York University. Johanna's connection to Yale is through her former husband, who taught Russian history here. In addition to doing private practice, she worked at Elmcrest Psychiatric Institute in Portland, CT, at Bridgeport Mental Health Center, and in Cheshire, where she was supervisor of the mental health unit at the Manson Youth Institution.

Johanna and her husband live in Hamden near Sleeping Giant. Her son, 34, graduated from Hampshire College and now works in coastal planning and management in Rhode Island. She smiles when she calls him a "water person." He was for a while captain of a replica ship which attracted children of all ages.

For exercise, Johanna likes to hike and workout at a gym. She is a valued volunteer for Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic, where her background enables her to read new psychology text books. She also serves on the Farmington Canal Commission and is merchandising manager of Sleeping Giant Park Association. For fun, she enjoys painting with watercolors.

With canoes, both heavy and light, she has ventured to Connecticut's rivers. Once on the Quinnipiac, her canoe was entangled in a tree. She laughs as she describes how she raised her arms and caught a tree overhead. But the canoe continued down the river with her camera and lunch. Yes, she dropped into waist deep water. She did manage to catch the overturned canoe before it got away completely. But not so with lunch and camera.

Johanna loves music, especially piano. As our visit is over, we hasten to a concert featuring Peter Frankl, Yale Pianist. As Johanna points out, New Haven and Yale are good places to live.

*By Manette Adams*

**Art Aficionados**, is planning a meeting in January on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The program will be announced and for further information you may call Nancy Ahlstrom (865-2028) or Joan Binder (624-3316).

For the **Genealogy Group**, contact Pat Whitestone (483-1351) or Anne MacMahon (772-1643). The group meets occasionally to exchange tips, share progress, and solicit advice. Now and then an expert will be consulted.

The December concert for **Music Together** will take place on Friday, December 8, at Woolsey Hall at 8:00 pm. Meet at Naples Restaurant on Wall St. at 6:30 for supper. The music program will feature De-Qing Wen - Trace IV, Suona and Orchestra with De-Qing Wen Suona, Mozart – Clarinet Concerto with Romie Deguise-Langlois, clarinet (2006 Woolsey Competition winner), and Brahms Styphony No 1 in C minor. The January concert will take place on Saturday, January 20 at Woolsey Hall at 8:00 pm. It will be a concert performance by the Schola Cantorum with Helmuth Rilling as guest conductor. Meet at 6:30 for dinner at Naples Restaurant or at 7:45 at Woolsey Hall. Call Ileana Tombank (288-5363) or Raejeanne Kier (287-2443).

**Conversational French** meets at 1:30 pm. every Monday at Chestnut Fine Foods, 1012 State Street, New Haven. All are welcome, but intermediate proficiency and above is recommended, since French is spoken at the meetings. Contact Debbie St. Thomas (488-1859) or Julie Crowder (288-7157).

**Luncheon Gourmet** began in 1964 when members met to cook, eat and socialize as they do today. Participants share the meal's expenses and take turns planning the menu, preparing and presenting the luncheon. Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month. Dues covering printing costs and other incidentals are \$10. Contacts: Marty Sherman (605-5773), Carol Sirot (453-5755), Carol Dhawan (562-0017), or Johanna Becker (248-6391).

**The Bridge Group** will meet for lunch at the New Haven Country Club every second and fourth Friday. They are looking for new members, singles or couples. Play will last about three hours after lunch. Call Britta Chambers (453-5813).

**Scrabble**: On October 1 and the first Sunday of each succeeding month, there will be a meeting of the Scrabble group at the home of Inge Ladenbauer-Bellis, 114 Vineyard Road, Hamden (288-2436).

Play intermediate or advanced **Tennis** at Yale's Indoor Cullman Courts. The group meets weekly on Tuesdays, from 9:30-11:30. Call Carol Dhawan (562-0017).

**The Travel Gourmet Group** has added a previously unscheduled trip to New Britain, to have lunch at a well-recommended German restaurant, and visit the newly reopened art museum which has been remodeled and redesigned. The museum traces the history of American art from 1740 to the present. The trip will be on Tuesday, November 28. Participants will car pool. Please call Ann Childs (393-2417) for more information and to register.

**Needlers** will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Call Betty Ann Levitin (488-5862).

In January on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>, the **Movie Matinees** at the Blackstone Library in Branford at 1:00 pm will be Shekhar Kapur's *Elizabeth* (1998, 123 minutes). Mara Cunningham will discuss the movie, in which Kate Blanchett plays the bastard queen suddenly released from custody and thrust upon the throne of England after her half-sister Mary's death. Dodging court intrigues, arranged marriages and assassination plots to be with her lover, Robert Dudley (Joseph Fiennes), she finally invents a brilliant stratagem to subvert the demands of clergy, state and court bureaucracy. No lunch is planned. Contact Mara (772-4007) or Eva Ewing (evaewing@yahoo.com).

#### **Rose Center Tour**

On October 16, despite traffic closures, a large group of YUWO women gathered for a tour of the Rose Center on Ashmun Street. Sargent J. Vitalli showed us around the facility, from the beautifully appointed community center to the spectacularly up-to-date police station. The Yale Police, a division of the New Haven police department, have the most advanced equipment available, and can serve as the university nerve center for any emergency. They are also equipped to serve as staging point for town and federal forces if necessary. One of the highlights of the tour was the firing range, which allows officers to practice their skills while reacting to real-time videos, and electronically tracks their actions. After the building tour, the group followed Lisa Fernandez, president of the Farmington Canal Rail-to-Trail Association, along the short section of trail that has been completed from the Rose Center to Whitney Ave. The day was beautiful, and everyone enjoyed seeing New Haven from "below" and "behind".

## *Membership Registration Form for 2006-2007*

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

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Please CLEARLY print your e-mail address if you wish to receive general YUWO announcements via e-mail:

I would like to receive the YUWO Newsletter via e-mail only \_\_\_\_\_

Membership is open to any woman who by virtue of her own or her family, past or present, is associated with the Yale community. Check as many as apply:

Yale Affiliation: Self \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Other Relative \_\_\_\_\_

As: Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty \_\_\_\_\_ Student \_\_\_\_\_ Postdoc \_\_\_\_\_

Position of above is: Active \_\_\_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_\_\_ Former \_\_\_\_\_

I am a new member of YUWO \_\_\_\_\_ OR I am renewing my membership \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed

YUWO Annual Dues	\$ <u>25</u>
Annual Scholarship Fund*	_____
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The Gustave and Carol Sirot Fund*	_____

\*Please remit separate checks for YUWO dues and any scholarship donations you wish to make. If you wish to contribute to more than one scholarship fund, please send a separate check for each in order to allow our treasurer to record your donations properly. Return this form and check(s) to Membership Chair Audrey DeFronzo, 35 Mowry Street, North Haven, CT 06473.

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### **Newcomers to YUWO**

Miriam Brody	500 Elm Street, #15-4	North Haven, CT 06473	239-2553
Morfydd Glaser	205 Millbrook Road	North Haven, CT 06473	248-4638
Sally Monaghan	371 Walden Green Rd	Branford, CT 06405	488-5069
Lynn Weiner	25 Forest Street Apt. 17B	Stamford, CT 06901	203-324-4899 chweiner@aol.com

*Welcome!*



**Mike Check...**

*Has anyone seen the microphone which was purchased by YUWO 6-8 years ago to use for Lunch and Learn or other meetings?*

*If you know of its whereabouts, please call Patty Pollard at 481-2766.*

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