



Holiday Party Report

Roberta Thornton reports that the raffle, silent auction, and sale of greens made it possible for a donation of \$1330 to be made to the scholarship fund. She thanks Joan Binder, Shirley Johnson, Stephanie Rank and Marty Sherman for their help.

Lunch and Learn

The topic for February is "Celebrating Midwifery and the Yale School of Nursing Nurse-Midwifery Program: History and Practice" by Helen Varney Burst. It will take place on February 13 at twelve noon in Room A 247 at the Yale School of Nursing, which is on the corner of Church Street South and Columbus Avenue (south of the connector).

Free parking is available at the Yale School of Nursing parking lot on the corner of Columbus Avenue and Cedar Street. For information call Priscilla Kissick, 483-9377.

Movie Matinee

On Thursday February 8 at 1 p.m. at the Blackstone Library in Branford, YUWO will present *The Day of the Jackal* (1973, 143 minutes). The movie, which will be introduced by Leona Nalle, is a political thriller. A French paramilitary

group disgusted with DeGaulle's decision to free French Algeria plan to assassinate DeGaulle. To carry out their task, the group hires a British hit man known as "The Jackal" (Edward Fox). The plan is discovered by French police, and soon investigator Lebel is hot on the trail of "The Jackal."

Save the date!

***Annual Luncheon
Wednesday
May 2, 2007
At the New Haven
Country Club***

New Haven Excursion Second Chance, Furniture Tour

Those who missed the fall tour of the Furniture Study Collection of the Art Gallery at Yale may have another chance to view the collection in February. Any members interested in signing up for a tour on February 7, please contact Lyn Howe at 288-1217. YUWO members may bring interested friends along, depending on available space.

February Books

Wednesday, February 7

1:30-3:00 *Pearl* by Mary Gordon

Leona Nalle (387-7932)

Monday, February 12

2:00-3:30 *Moo* by Jane Smiley

Ginny Shaw (481-6176)

Wednesday, February 14

9-10:30 *Thirteen Moons* by William Styron

Genevieve Goff (467-3337)

Monday, February 19

2:30-4-30 *The Quest for Christa T.* by Christa Wolf

Ellie Mattson (453-4274)

New Book Group: We have started a new group and are looking for members. In January the group read *Hudson River Bracketed* by Edith Wharton. We will sometimes attend a film of interest to all as a basis for our discussion. Meeting times remain flexible but will occur after noon, probably on Wednesday. On film days, discussion will follow over tea and coffee at a nearby place. Contact Lyn Howe, 288-1217.

If you would like to join an ***excursion*** to NYC on May 9 to see the Morgan Library and the Tenement Museum, please call Leona Nalle, 387-7932. She would like to plan for the proper sized bus!

Message from the President and Vice-President

Happy New Year to all of you!

We thank all of you who made our holiday party at the Divinity School Common Room such a success. The room was beautifully decorated with many fresh greens by Ellie Matson and Leona Nalle. We all enjoyed your delicious culinary contributions. Thank you to Carol Dhawan for coordinating the food and making the wonderful punches. Roberta Thornton was a great master of the silent auction and holiday basket donations, bringing in donations of more than \$1300 for our Annual Scholarship Fund. A big thank you to the Chair, Allie Loomis, for making this a special celebration. If, during the coming months, you think of an idea to make our next holiday party special, please let us know and plan to join us next fall as we plan the 2007 event.

There are many exciting activities planned for the coming months. We look forward to seeing you at the Lunch and Learn planned for Tuesday, February 13, when Helen Varney Burst will talk about Celebrating Midwifery and the YSN Midwifery Program: History and Practice. This will be from 12 to 1:30 at the Yale School of Nursing, the Conference Room in YSN Building #A247, 100 Church St. South. Parking is available.

— *Patty and Johanna*

The YUWO Scholarship Funds — How You Can Donate

If you wish to contribute to the scholarship funds, you have four choices. The two annual funds are the Annual Scholarship Fund and the Magee Fenn Fund. The Community Foundation handles two endowment funds; each year, income from each is added to the Annual Scholarship Fund. These are the YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund and the Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Scholarship Fund.

Separate checks should be issued for each fund, with a designation on the check of the fund to which you wish to contribute. Send your checks to Audrey DeFronzo, 35 Mowry Street, North Haven, CT 06473. Remember: your donation is tax-deductible.

Manette Adams talks with one of our [very special!] 2006 winners — see page 4

Art Aficionados

Art Aficionados will have the opportunity to get acquainted with another art form — film. The February meeting will be addressed by Margot Fassler, the Robert S. Tangeman Professor of History of Music. Don't be put off by the title, Margot's second love is film and she is the producer of several films that are connected with the history of music, e.g., "Cathedrals." We will have a unique opportunity on Wednesday, February 14, to hear about film-making and to see clips of her finished films and ones that are "in the works." Margot will also lead us on a tour of the facilities for film-making that are located at the Institute of Sacred Music.

The format for this meeting will be different from our regular style. Because the Institute is located at the Yale Divinity School, it is not convenient to go to lunch at a nearby restaurant. Therefore, please feel free to bring a sandwich to eat before (or quietly, during) the beginning of her talk. Coffee, tea, and dessert will be available. If possible, please plan to arrive somewhat before our regular meeting time of 12 noon. The session should still last about 1 hour.

The Institute is located at 409 Prospect Street. The entrance to the building is located up the driveway off of Prospect Street, on the side of the building. Our meeting will be in the Great Hall of the Institute. It is essential to make a reservation for this session. There is plenty of room for those who wish to attend, but we need to know how many people to plan for. Please call Nancy Ahlstrom, 865-2028, if you wish to attend.

Activities

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

The February concert for ***Music Together*** will take place on Saturday, February 24, at Woolsey Hall at 8:00 pm. The Yale Symphony and Yale Glee Club will perform the Faure Requiem, Saint-Saens, Symphony no. 3 in C minor, and Prelude a Apres-midi d'une Faune. Meet at Yorkshire Restaurant on York St. at 6:30 for supper. Call Ileana Tombank (288-6363) or Raejeanne Kier (287-2443) to reserve and obtain a ticket.

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 the first Sunday of each 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, 9:30-11:30. Call Carol Dhawan at 562-0017.

The ***Travel Gourmet Group*** will resume trips in March or April. Call Nancy Ahlstrom with questions or ideas.

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

There are eleven people signed up for ***skiing*** this year. If you would like to join them, call Shirley Johnson, 389-5399 or email her at seajay826@sbcglobal.net.

The ***Yale New Haven Hospital Auxiliary*** is presenting a meeting "Chronic Pain Management: Where East Meets West" on Thursday, February 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Yale New Haven Hospital East Pavilion Cafeteria. This informative talk will be presented by Shu Ming Wang, M.D., attending anesthesiologist at Yale New Haven Hospital and associate professor at the School of Medicine and Pat Skiba, Pain Management Clinical Nurse at the Advanced Diagnostics Pain Treatment Center. To register call the hospital, 203-688-2000 or Stephanie Jatlow, 389-2044. A light supper will be provided.

Study Group will take place in late February with Alan Plattus, Professor of Architecture, lecturing. Watch for a mailing!

Meet a YUWO Scholarship Winner ‘Up Close and Personal’!

Each year at the annual luncheon we watch our scholarship winners come up for their awards. It is an exciting highlight of the luncheon for all of us. I have sometimes thought “Wouldn’t it be nice to sit down and talk with one of these exceptional women?”

I had such a chance the first week in January when I had lunch with Margaret Valentino. Margaret is a working mom of three children, the proud winner of a 2006 YUWO scholarship which will be used to help pay for courses at Quinnipiac College. Eventually she hopes to earn her BA, one step at a time.

Margaret Valentino was born in Springfield, Mass. She has three sisters, one of them a gymnast in the 1980 Olympics. Like all of her family, Margaret loves sports: tennis, boating, water skiing, basketball, running and soft ball. After high school, she spent one semester at Southern Connecticut State University, then chose to travel for a year in Europe. “I learned a lot about the beauty of each country and about relating to people of different cultures,” she says.

“Would you recommend travel after high school for young people today?” I asked. “I only know it was right for me at that time in my life,” she smiles.

Back in the states, Margaret attended Stone School of Business and worked at the Corporation Council’s office for the city of New Haven in New Haven. There she met Joe Lieberman, state senator, who asked her to work for him in Hartford at the Attorney General’s office. In 1998 Lieberman became a United States Senator and asked her to work for him in Washington. “He was a great guy, a family man,” she says, “but I said no because I was pregnant with Michael, our second son.” Their third and youngest son, Garrett, was born shortly after.

Margaret took a part time job at Yale’s Office of International Scholars and Students (OISS). Margaret’s outgoing nature and genuine interest in other people makes this job a perfect fit. She meets Yale visiting students, faculty and staff and prepares documents which enable them to apply for visas.

Four years ago, the Valentino family suffered a devastating tragedy. Vincent, her husband, was in an automobile accident which crushed his entire torso, leaving him in a coma for two months suffering from brain damage. Margaret and the boys visited him every day. He spent many months at Gaylord, then returned home to Branford. Margaret became his primary care-giver. During that stressful time, their oldest son was also saddened by the death of a best friend in an automobile accident. He started commuting to Xavier High School in Middletown, where he found a caring, supportive environment. Today Margaret continues to work as Senior Administrative Assistant at OISS. Her boys play ice hockey and lacrosse.

Walking with Margaret to her car, I asked if she had dreams of what she might do in the future. “I love helping the internationals here at Yale. It is a great place to work,” she said, “But my ultimate goal, after I finish my degree, is to become a teacher in an elementary school.”

Fortunate is the foreign student who walks into the office of Margaret Valentino, where he will never be just a name. Just across the desk he will find a friendly person to answers to his questions.

We at YUWO are glad we were able to help Margaret and many like her through our scholarship program.

— *Manette Adams*

To join YUWO, call Audrey DeFronzo, 230-0592 or download a membership form from the web site (<http://www.yale.edu/yuwo/memberinfo.html>).

Additions and Corrections to YUWO Membership Directory for 2006-2007

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