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**Proposed Program 2016-17
(Program begins 11:30 AM at SYC unless otherwise
indicated)**

Sunday, October 30th: Welcome Back Cocktail Party 5-7PM
Sarasota Yacht Club

Tuesday, November 15th (note 3rd Tuesday as 11/8 is election day). Speaker: Mary Lundeborg, Nature photographer and conservationist

Saturday, November 19th Yale-Harvard Game get together at noon at Mercado's on Hillview Street

Tuesday, December 13th Joint luncheon with Mt Holyoke College, Speaker: Susan McManus, Professor USF, Topic: US government and international affairs

Tuesday, January 10th Joseph Volpe, Director of the Sarasota Ballet and retired General Manager of the Metropolitan Opera

Friday, February 10th Joint YHP Luncheon at Michaels on East

Monday, February 20th docent led Medieval Art Exhibit at the Ringling Museum

Tuesday, March 14th Yale Professor Meg Urry, astrophysicist and head of the Yale Department of Physics

Thursday, March 23rd 5-7PM Evening cocktail party at SYC featuring Alumni Whiffenpoofs (the “Peals”)

Tuesday, April 11th Speaker: Jon Thaxton, Sr. VP for Community Investment at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation

April Events: Stand Down and Lobster Bake: Dates TBD

Tuesday, May 9th Speaker: Dr. Virginia Brilliant, curator of European Art at the Ringling Museum of Art

YCS Summer Drop in Luncheons

2nd Tuesday of June-October, upstairs at Marina Jack’s Restaurant at noon. Guests are welcome and Reservations are requested. Watch for email and contact reservation coordinator for the month.

Newly Elected Officers for 2016-2017

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Larry Thompson - “Ringling on the Move” March speaker



At our March luncheon, we were treated to a lecture by Larry Thompson, President of Ringling College of Art and Design (RCAD). He described the exciting new projects that are ongoing at Ringling College. Currently there are four projects, three on campus. On campus there is the new library, a visual arts center and a post- production sound stage and at the former Sarasota High School is the new Museum of Modern Art.

He explained that Ringling College is the most technically advanced art school in the US and the most wired campus in the country. Every student receives a MacBook Pro upon entry. He noted that Ringling College is “shattering the myth of the ‘starving artist’, as today we are living in a world of visual communication and no less than 85 recruiters from diverse companies like GM, Disney, Hallmark and the CIA, come to campus each year to recruit Ringling College students”.

He described a new concept, in partnership with Patterson Corporation known as a “collaboratory”. Through diverse internships it provides every student with real world experience, guaranteed! Some companies come to RCAD for a reverse internship. Currently Cirque de Soleil is working with teams of students both in Sarasota and Montreal providing creative thinking and problem solving, giving students both references and experience during their education.

RCAD is part of a four college consortium on the coast, known as C4. It includes New College, Eckert College, USF and RCAD. There are 20,000 students in the four colleges comprising a multiversity in which students may take classes at any of the schools as space is available.

The new Museum of Modern Art will rent upper floors to the College of Lifelong learning. Revenue from rental will cover operating expenses and will provide a revenue stream.



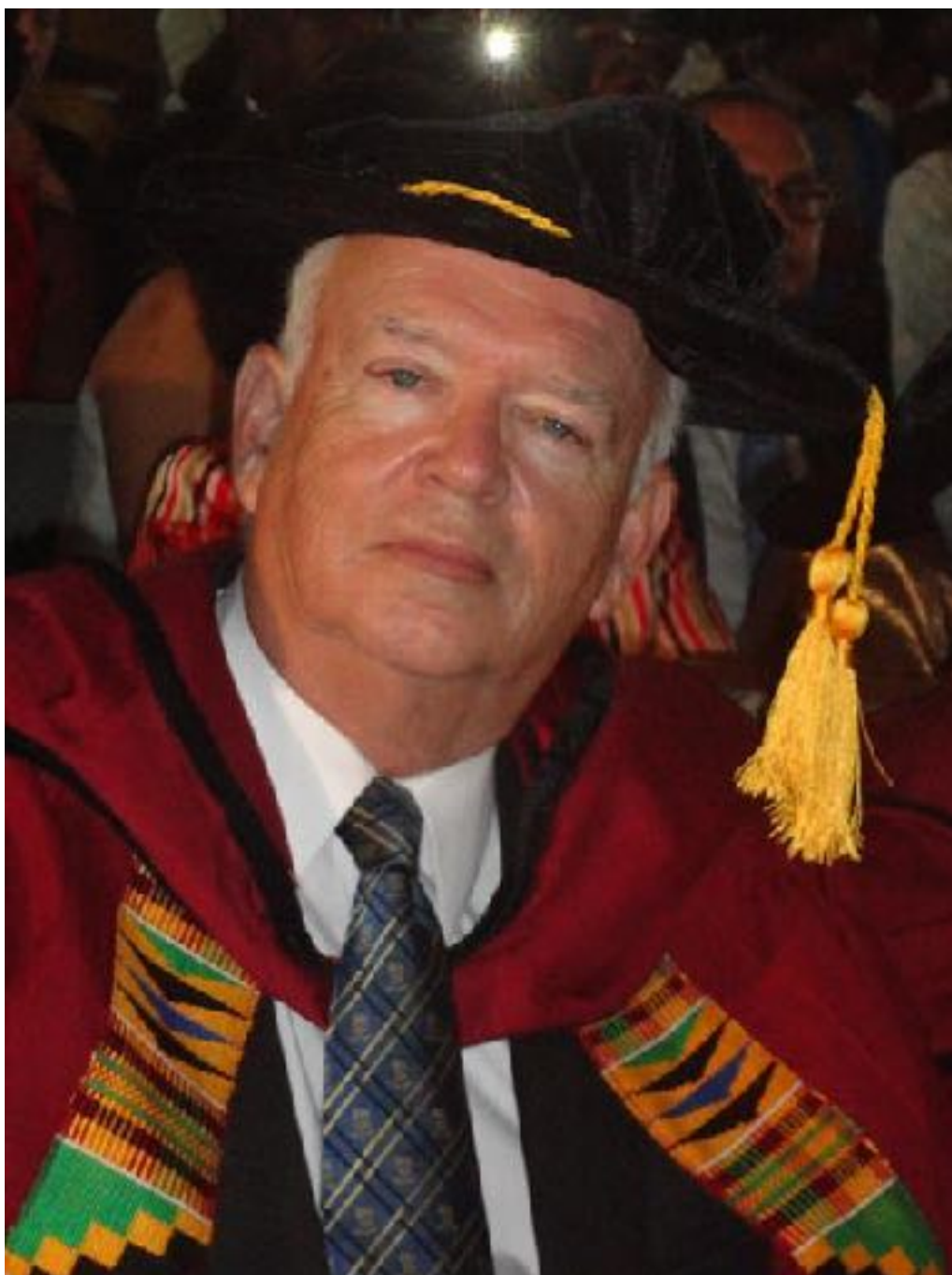
Cost to attend RCAD is approximately \$51,000 for tuition, room and board. There are about 1700 applicants for 400 openings. Admission is based primarily on portfolio review.

RCAD has about a \$45 million endowment and about \$30,000 debt. Upon the completion of the new Ringling College Library, funds from the RCLA will likely be used for scholarships and the endowment.

It was a pleasure to learn about this incredible and unique educational resource here on our doorstep.

Elaine Gustafson Y'86

YALE IN GHANA
By Peter French



March 23rd concluded three days of celebration at the University of Ghana's campus in Legon outside of Accra as it conferred honorary degrees on three Yale P.Hd's. These are Peter French, Dean Emeritus of the University of South Florida and our own YCS Board Member,

Christopher Udry, the Henry Heinz II Professor of Economics at Yale, and Ian Shapiro, the Sterling Professor of Political Science at Yale. They were honored along with eleven Ghanaians of national and international stature including a woman judge of the International Criminal Court and the first black African to successfully perform a heart transplant operation

The conferral of degrees at the special Congregation for academic recognition was preceded by Professor Shapiro's delivery of the annual Aggrey-Frazier-Guggisberg lecture series which honors three contributors to the development of education for Africans during Ghana's colonial era. Begun in 1957, lecture series has been presented by such notables as Sir Julian Huxley, Prof. Sir Arthur Lewis, H.E. Mary Robinson and James Wolfensohn of the World Bank.

Speaking on the evenings two days prior to and at the opening of the Congregation, Professor Shapiro who is South African by birth focused on a theme of "Fighting Political Domination." The topics included: "The Responsibility to Protect from Rwanda to Libya and Beyond", "Lessons from South Africa's Transition I: The Role of Leadership" and "Lessons from South Africa's Transition II: The Role of Business."

Also, the day before the Congregation, Professor Udry delivered one of the Vice-Chancellor's Special Lectures on the role of "Big Data in Shaping the Capacity for

Social Science Research in Developmental Economics.” Dr. Udry’s research interests have long centered on Ghana where he first was a Peace Corps volunteer in the early 1980’s. Continuing return trips to Tamale in northern Ghana have built a longitudinal base of more than five thousand people who continue to provide data for on-going studies. During that time he has had a close relationship to the Institute of Social Statistics and Economic Research at the University of Ghana.

Professor French has served as the Carnegie Corporation of New York Consultant to the University of Ghana from 2008 to 2015. The citation for his honorary Doctor of Laws degree reads in part, “Notable among your achievements in this position are: the development of the four-year degree programme in August 2010, mentoring faculty and providing guidelines for effective teaching and learning, and restructuring the University into four Colleges with a primary emphasis on advancing the University as a research intensive institution....Your understanding of the University’s governance structure and enabling laws led to your appointment as a co-chair of a Select Committee to recommend statutory changes for policies and procedures on promotion of academic staff. During your stay in Legon, you built lasting friendships, and often went beyond the call of duty to offer assistance in improving academic and administrative practice at the University”

At a banquet following the ceremonies, Professors Udry, Shapiro and French were joined by Justice Dr. Samuel K. Date-Bah, Chairman of the University Council and recipient of an LLM degree from Yale Law School (1977). Everything considered, it was a very Yale day in West Africa.

Nancy Detert



April 2016 speaker

Senator Detert was elected to the Sarasota County School Board, where she served until 1992. She then joined the State House, representing Florida's 70th District, based in Venice, for 4 terms, from 1998-2006. Forced out by term limits, she moved up to the Florida Senate, where she represented Sarasota and parts of Charlotte County from

2008 until last month, when the spectre of term limits again intervened. She will look to continue her efforts on our behalf closer to home on the Sarasota County Commission, if elected this November.

A moderate Republican, the Senator developed a widespread and bi-partisan following, winning elections with 72, 79 and 82% of the vote. During her first Senate campaign, The Sarasota Herald described her as follows: “Detert is pragmatic. In the complicated world of the Legislature, she didn’t look for glory or ideological victories. She went for moderate strategies that got things done. With that approach, she won multiple legislator of the year awards and chaired important committees.”

In her second Senate race in 2012, opponents finally got the message: she ran unopposed in both the primary and the general elections.

Senator Detert described her legislative legacy to include advocacy for the rights of foster children and the elderly, passing bills to protect seniors and the disabled from guardian overreach and extending foster care from age 18 to 21 to permit foster children to finish high school and begin college in a safe environment. She also pioneered legislation in Florida, later adopted by Congress, to allow foster children to experience proms, travelling teams and other activities free of overly restrictive rules.

Ken Schneier Y’74



YCS April 12, 2016 - Y'20 Students and Parents







Rick Piccolo
May speaker

At our final speaker luncheon of the season on May 10, the YCS was addressed by Rick Piccolo, CEO of Sarasota Bradenton International Airport. Head of SRQ for over 20 years, Rick has been a leader in aviation control throughout his career, currently chairing the international congress of airport managers. He has also served as Chairman of the Sarasota Chamber of Commerce and is active in local business affairs. His informative and entertaining presentation touched on the progress made at SRQ during his tenure, despite intense airline consolidation resulting in a reduction in national airlines from 15 to 4 and the virtual elimination of independent regionals. In addition to rebuilding the SRQ flight schedule and handling 1.3 million passengers

in 2015, he has shepherded substantial improvements to security, baggage handling, private aviation, energy efficiency and passenger capacity, all at no taxpayer expense. The airport has also established many public/private partnerships for the effective use of (for now) excess land, generating revenues and tax dollars for Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Five airports now service the region between Tampa and Fort Myers, resulting in a much more competitive environment for airports than for airlines. Meanwhile, airfares are almost entirely outside the airports' control, allowing Tampa International, for example, to undercut SRQ on the cost of some popular flights. Rick encouraged us, however, to take a look at SRQ when planning flights to any destination. Getting to your first flight inexpensively and on time may save money and aggravation in the long run.

I think the consensus of those attending is that our local flying future is in good hands.

Yale Day of Service at Veteran's Stand-Down
another Success in 2016



Continuing what is becoming an annual tradition, the Yale Club of the Suncoast was again a lead sponsor and active participant in the 2016 Sarasota County Veteran's Stand-Down. Held April 16, 2016 in central Sarasota at the Health Department and in nearby Payne Park, your Club provided even more financial support, footwear, and volunteers than in previous years. Beginning its fund-raising in fall 2015, the Yale Club of the Suncoast garnered over \$1800 to purchase 58 pairs of boots and other appropriate footwear for homeless veterans in our area. Along with cooperating merchants, (Sears in particular), we were able to stock a variety of needed sizes by purchasing at heavily-discounted prices. Even with expanded inventory, we could have distributed at least another 15 pairs of footwear (size 10 and 10 ½ and 11 especially). This goal of 75 pairs of footwear will become our mission for Stand-Down 2017 as we plan our FIFTH anniversary Yale Day-of-Service in our community.

We wish to thank the 30 volunteers who signed up, including five colleagues from the Harvard Club who were recruited at the February 2016 Yale-Harvard-Princeton luncheon. In all, 27 volunteers contributed 135 hours of volunteer-time at a value of just under \$3000, plus countless goodwill. As is usual through these activities, we gained clearly as much as we may have given, in a win-win for all.

The Honor Roll of individual YCS Day-of-Service volunteers is shown at the Yale AYA website under the www.yaleDOS.edu registration at keyword “Sarasota Homeless Veterans”. Special Kudos to YCS’s Mark Magenheim and Ed Williams for their leadership roles. And Thanks to ALL for Job Well Done





YCS Sunset Cruise Aboard Marina Jack II



The 2016 edition of the Yale Club of the Suncoast Sunset Dinner Cruise was held aboard the Marina Jack II on a warm Sarasota spring evening with an ample dash of sun-drench. The YCS ships roster included an all-time record high of 54 sailors. Boarding began at 1830 hrs and provided more than ample time for the administration of beverages for all mates and maties. The MJ II upper deck was entirely reserved for YCS. Boarding began at 1830 hrs and provided more than ample time for the administration of beverages for all Eli mates and maties. The fan tail open area, which seated at least 20 was packed with additional members at high top tables. The upper deck cabin had very refreshing air conditioned

seating for all 54 Yalies. With picture perfect weather and smooth seas as a starter, there was good-natured, animated conversation by all right from the boarding. Early in the cruise both Captain Kelly and V.P. Elaine Gustafson attempted to take pictures of the cheerful boaters. You may be the judge of how well they performed by the attached photos. The first leg of the cruise journeyed out Big Pass, almost to a viewpoint of John and Becky Maypole's residence. Alas, the good ship MJ II turned and provided all on board a magnificent viewing of a Sarasota sunset. There were absolutely no obstructions and several claimed to have witnessed the proverbial "green explosion" at the moment of final sunset! Others surmised that the innkeeper assigned to the upper deck had a hearty hand in serving the "grog" portions.



Following the successful viewing of the sunset the Yale upper deck was called below for a delicious serving of

prime rib, salmon, accompanied with bounteous choices of vegetables, bread, cakes and key lime pie. Upon returning to their respective tables, our upper deck staff continued to ply the “Poor Little Lambs” with additional beverages of choice. The word “sumptuous” came to mind when describing the total dinner.

The ship’s tour included very close viewings of Bird Key and Sarasota Bay as well as an amazing panoply of sailboats, fishing boats and impressive cruisers. While all had been provided song sheets for The Whiffenpoof Song and Bright College Years, it became quite apparent that all Elis were totally enjoying the company of their fellow Blues - so the singing part of the Cruise will have to be postponed to a Next Cruise! In retrospect, the absence of group singing simply underlined the high level of camaraderie which reached on this 2016 YCS Cruise.





Your Loyal Captain
Brian T. Kelly Y'61

Yale Theatre Weekends - FYI

Yale Drama Professor Murray Biggs announces the second season of the Yale Theatre Week-end in Sarasota.

Tentative plans include at least three live theatre performances over the week-end of

February 5-7, 2017 in Sarasota. Bookings in process include productions of the Asolo Repertory Theatre, the West Coast Black Theatre Troupe, the Florida Studio Theatre, and possibly the Players Theatre. Interspersed among plays will be group dinners, lectures, discussion groups, and behind-the-scenes tours with principals and actors. Combination packages at the Hotel Indigo will be available for those needing lodgings. In addition to the full subscription, “a la carte” ticketing of partial programs and options may be available depending on interest and logistics. Stay Tuned for details in coming notices as this tried-and-true Yale theatre program again makes an appearance in Sarasota in early 2017.

In addition, Professor Biggs has informed us that there will be a Chicago Theatre weekend this fall, on September 30, October 1-2.

If you wish to obtain more details directly from Professor Biggs, he may be reached at murray.biggs@yale.edu. Or to: Education Theatre Week-ends, 36 Morse Street, Hamden, CT 06517; telephone: (203) 997.6493. Don't get left out!

