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Dear Fellow Members of the Yale Club of the Suncoast,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you back for the 2016-2017 season of the Yale Club of the Suncoast! We have a great year planned as you will see from the enclosed schedule of events, including wonderful speakers from the Yale faculty, our annual confab with the Harvard Club for The Game, a Spring Lobster Bake and a special tour of the new Medieval Art Exhibit at the Ringling Museum. The season began with our Welcome Back Cocktail Party at the Sarasota Yacht Club on Sunday evening, October 30, 2016.

**Speaker Luncheons.** Regular Yale Club luncheon meetings with guest speakers will again be held throughout the season on the second Tuesday of each month at the Sarasota Yacht Club on John Ringling Boulevard, just over the Ringling Bridge but before St. Armand's Circle. The annual Yale-Harvard-Princeton Luncheon will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017, at Michael's on East (We are the hosts this year!). The price of our monthly speaker luncheons will remain at \$25.

**Membership Renewal Form.** If you have not already done so, please complete and return the Annual YCS Membership Form and enclose your check for \$40 plus any voluntary donation for the Alumni Schools Committee (ASC) Book Awards Program. ASC activities, including the Book Awards Program, represent our Club's most visible support for Yale College and have been successful in inspiring bright students and their parents to give serious consideration to Yale. In addition, we will continue to interview all local applicants to Yale and to staff a booth at the various college nights and at the Ivy League Fair in January. Our ASC team headed by Patrick Whelan generated 5 offers and 4 acceptances from our local area at Yale College in 2015-16, the most in our 60-year history. We will also renew our commitment to public service by participating in the Sarasota Veterans' Stand Down, as we continue to look for other ways to help our local community. Please return the YCS Membership Form as soon as possible in order to assist us in beginning production of the 2016-2017 Membership Directory

As always, we invite your participation and suggestions to make this season another meaningful experience for all. Please let any officer or member of our Board know of ideas you may have on how we can improve our programs. I personally look forward to seeing you at our Welcome Back Reception or whenever you next join us for a Club event.

Kind regards,

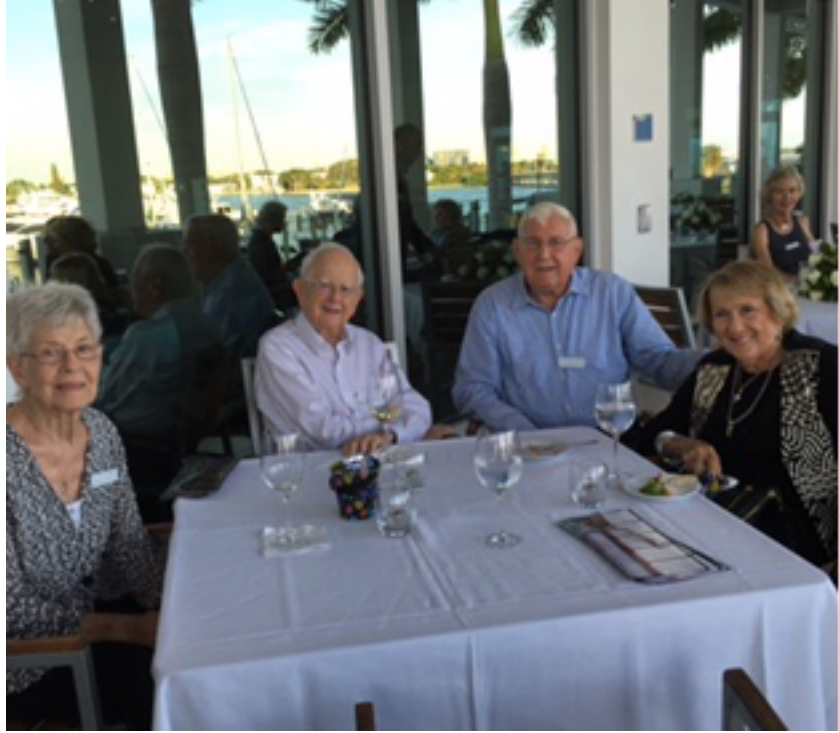
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# WELCOME BACK PARTY

Sarasota Yacht Club  
October 30, 2016







### **Mary Lundeborg – November Speaker**

A full-time resident of Englewood, Florida, Mary Lundeborg is a conservation photographer and writer who celebrates the natural world through her art. Her goal as a photographer is to create appreciation for the beauty and fragility of this planet, especially water ecosystems, such as the coastal regions and estuaries in Florida, the rivers in Wisconsin and Colorado, and the glaciers in Antarctica and the Arctic region of Norway. Mary's specialty is wildlife, which requires stillness, patience and a passion for understanding animals.

Mary's photographs have been exhibited in juried art galleries in several states and published in books, calendars, and newspapers, and she has won awards from state, national and international associations. A retired professor and department chair from Michigan State University, she

currently teaches photography part-time at the Englewood Art Center through the College of Ringling Art and Design. She writes nature books for children and adults, and authors a column for the Sun Tribune called “Noticing Nature.” Mary has contributed pro bono work to Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, the National Park Service, Stump Pass State Park, the Science and Environment Council, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, Lemon Bay Conservancy, Audubon and Coastal Wildlife Club.



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**Yale Club of the Suncoast—2016-2017 Calendar of Events**

Sunday, October 30, 2016: Welcome Back Party at Sarasota Yacht Club, 5 to 7 p.m. Pre-registration and payment required.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016: Monthly speaker luncheon at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Meet Ringling College photographic artist Mary Lundeberg.

Saturday, November 19, 2016: THE GAME. Watch the Yale-Harvard Game with the Sarasota Harvard Club. Kick-off at 12:30 pm, at Mercato's Pizzeria and Bar, 1936 Hillview Street, Sarasota.

Tuesday, December 13, 2016: Monthly speaker luncheon at the Sarasota Yacht Club to be held jointly with the Sarasota Mount Holyoke Club. Meet USF Political Science Professor Susan McManus, who will discuss the November election results.

Tuesday, January 10, 2017: Monthly speaker luncheon at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Meet Joseph Volpe, Director of the Sarasota Ballet and former longtime Director of the N.Y. Metropolitan Opera Company.

Friday, February 3-Sunday, February 5, 2017: Theatre Weekend to be hosted by Yale Drama Professor Murray Biggs at principal Sarasota theatres. Details to follow.

Friday, February 10, 2017: Annual Harvard-Yale-Princeton Luncheon at Michael's on East. This year's host is our Yale Club of the Suncoast, featuring Yale professor Matthew Spence, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Mid-East Policy and member of the White House National Security Council.

Saturday, February 18, 2017: Performance and gathering with the Florida-based Whiffenpoof Alumni Group, the "Peals". Time and venue to be determined.

Tuesday, March 14, 2017: Monthly speaker luncheon at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Meet Physics and Astronomy Professor Meg Urry, Chairman of the Yale Department of Physics.

Monday, March 20, 2017: Tour the Ringling Museum special exhibit: “Medieval Art: A Sense of Beauty”, followed by lunch at Ringling’s Muse Restaurant.

Tuesday, April 11, 2017: Monthly speaker luncheon & annual Members Meeting at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Meet Jon Thaxton, Gulf Coast Community Foundation Sr. V. P. for Community Investment.

Saturday, April 15, 2017: Yale Day of Service at the Sarasota Veterans’ Stand Down.

Sunday, April 23, 2017: Lobster Bake Dinner at the Bath Club on Casey Key.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017: Monthly luncheon at the Sarasota Yacht Club. Meet Ringling Museum Curator Virginia Brilliant.

Other special events such as the High School Counselor Breakfast, joint programs with other Ivies, visiting musical groups from Yale, the January Ivy League College Afternoon, and the Yale Book Awards and June Book Awardees’ Reception will be announced as details are arranged.

**SAVE THE DATE**



As Captain of the Good Ship Yale Club of the Suncoast I ask that all good crew members plan to attend our **Lobster Feast on Sunday, April 23rd** at the Venice Bath Club. The menu will feature baked Maine lobster or lobster rolls as well as steak or vegetarian options. A more detailed menu will be available to you in the new year.

**Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> PM**  
**at**  
**Venice Bath Club**

Libations are on a BYOB basis - attendees are invited to bring their own grog - appropriate glasses and ice will be available. What is a certainty is that great fun and total Yale spirit will prevail. While the program is yet to be finalized, it is certain that there will be group singing. After all, what is a group of Yalies without a great dose of singing. This is what distinguishes us from those other "wannabes" e.g. Tigers and Crimson! With a plethora of YCS "professionals" such as, but not limited to, Baskey, Schneier and Levin how could we not enjoy a great group songfest. The Venice Bath Club venue, delicious Maine lobsters

and guaranteed perfect April weather will create a perfect event. Please mark your calendars now - Sunday, April 23rd - to attend this superb Yale Club event. It is my pleasure to be your event planner. If you have any ideas how we may yet improve the event please call or email me.  
Thank you and see you on April 23rd.

Capt Brian Kelly

## **REPORT OF THE 2016 ANNUAL YALE ALUMNI (AYA) ASSEMBLY**

NICHOLAS C. GLADDING

YALE CLUB OF THE SUNCOAST AYA

### **REPRESENTATIVE**

My wife, Danielle, and I arrived in New Haven on November 10, 2016 in order to attend the 2016 Annual Yale Alumni (AYA) Assembly. Our Yale Club of the Suncoast President, Ken Schneier, and his wife, Cynthia, also attended this year's AYA Assembly. The weather was clear and crisp, and it was a marvelous November day in New Haven. The theme of this year's Assembly was titled "Teaching to Our Strengths" and it allowed alumni delegates to see for ourselves the programs, facilities, faculty and students that make up Yale's four professional schools in the arts- architecture, art, drama and music. President Peter Salovey in his keynote address stated that "the arts are perhaps the signature strength of this University" and "Yale's four professional schools drive the vibrant and wide-ranging creative community that distinguishes Yale from other major universities." For the next two days, we all certainly enjoyed numerous opportunities to hear from

the deans, the faculty, the students and to see for ourselves the fantastic creative work on campus. I particularly enjoyed the “behind the scene tours” of the School of Art and the School of Architecture, as well as the Yale University Art Gallery. Danielle was particularly impressed by the Yale Center for British Art.

At a reception in Woolsey Hall early on Thursday evening, five alumni received the 2016 Yale Medal award, which is the highest award presented by the AYA in recognition of outstanding individual service to the university: Roland W. Betts '68, Thomas B. Ketchum '72, Susan E. Lennon '85 M.P.P.M., James C. Lu '77 and Indra K. Nooyi '80. In addition, two alumni and two current students were honored at the Yale-Jefferson Public Service Awards ceremony: Evan Wolfson '78, Dan Rubins '16, Zlatko Minev '14 M.S. (applied physics), and Sophia Sanchez-Maes '19 (recipient of a Jefferson Award for Outstanding National or Global Service by a Young American 25 or Under. After a brief walk up Science Hill and getting a first glimpse of the two new residential colleges, the Gladdings and the Schneiers were guests for a buffet dinner curtesy of the AYA at the iconic New Haven Quinnipiac Club.

First thing on Friday morning, Ken and I attended an informative AYA session on Yale Clubs. This was full of intriguing ideas, and was focused on the ways in which Yale Clubs can better communicate with the different age “tiers” of Yalies in their communities. Interestingly, we learned that there are now more Graduate and Professional School Alumni than there are Undergraduate Yale Alumni = “Reachable Total Alumni of approximately 160,000. We also learned about the resources that the AYA has available

such as “I Modules,” which we might use to customize better communication with our YCS members.

Later on Friday morning, President Salovey briefed the Assembly delegates on the Mission of the University: “Yale is committed to improving the world today and for future generations through outstanding research and scholarship, education, preservation and practice. Yale educates aspiring leaders worldwide who serve all sections of society”. He posed the question: “where are we going academically in the next 5-10 years? He started off with a quip: “there’s no need to make Yale great again, because Yale is already great.”

During his first three years as Yale’s president, Peter Salovey stated that he had put in place a **strong leadership team** of 15 deans by adding 8 new deans, 6 of whom were women. Yale now has 10 vice president-level positions, half of which were also recently appointed. All of Yale’s business operations will now report to Vice President Jack Callahan. He then moved to the theme of a **strong commitment to mission** by stating that the leadership team had been bringing together pieces to create new areas of research and teaching, and specifically mentioning the joint degree programs between the School of Management and the Schools of Drama, Public Health and Forestry & Environmental Studies. He indicated that “we are the research university in the world that is the most committed to teaching.” Turning next to **shoring up Yale’s financial positions**, President Salovey mentioned that Yale has run a balanced budget with a small surplus for three years in a row by managing the endowment: “we are in a far greater position now to absorb the ups and downs of the market,

and to create reserves for initiatives and new projects.” Finally, he dealt with the critical area of **shoring up resources and physical management**. He spoke of necessary strategic investment in facilities that support Yale’s core mission by “building on Yale’s iconic strengths and by bolstering areas where we can’t afford to fall behind.” Some specific facilities he mentioned were the two new residential colleges (which will house 800 more students/200 each year for a 15% increase); the new Yale Science Building (Gibbs is “coming down”); the Sterling Chemistry/Kline Chemistry Teaching Laboratories; the Schwartzman Center (Commons will be closed two years for renovation); and the improvements to the Hall of Graduate Studies (the new “Hub for Humanities”).

President Salovey stressed the need to emphasize science and that in order to support leadership in science, Yale would “need to raise a couple of billion dollars” in order to avoid falling behind our peers. During a subsequent Q and A session, he articulated the three political issues which were most affecting Yale: 1) Federal support for research (the NIH budget); 2) Immigration (one-third of the students in Yale’s graduate schools are not U.S. citizens); and 3) the tax treatment of Yale’s endowment (Republicans at the Federal level and Democrats at the State level). He characterized this as his greatest concern and stated that it also affected churches, synagogues and other charities/not-for-profit organizations. He also detailed the situation and study underway on the “renaming principles” (principally Calhoun College) and indicated that a final recommendation would likely be forthcoming early in 2017. He encouraged

the Assembly delegates to participate in the process by calling into his Alumni calls and also by communicating with the renaming advisors.

After a wrap-up lunch at Commons, we all went our separate ways. I attended the November 11th Veterans Day ceremonies outside Commons where I met numerous other Yale Veterans Association (“YVA”) members and heard moving stories about Yale veterans.



The next day was a very cold Saturday, and it must have negatively impacted the Bulldog’s quarterback, because Princeton trounced Yale in the Yale Bowl. However, I was very glad to return to the Bowl and to show it off to Danielle, and of course we know that the Bulldogs did much better the following week by beating Harvard in The Game! Perhaps our new mascot, Handsome Dan XVIII, will bring us good fortune in The Game again next year? I for one, can’t wait!

## **Yale Theatre Weekend 2017**

Yale Drama Professor, Murray Biggs will host the second season of the Yale Theatre Weekend in Sarasota.

There will be three live theatre productions over the weekend of February 5-7, 2017. The program will include productions at the Asolo Theatre, The West Coast Black Theatre Troupe and the Florida Studio Theatre. Interspersed among the 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 lodging. In addition to the full subscription, “a la carte” ticketing of partial programs may be available depending on interest and logistics.

If you wish to obtain more details directly from Professor Biggs, he may be reached at: [murray.biggs@yale.edu](mailto:murray.biggs@yale.edu) or to Education Theatre Weekends 36 Morse Street, Hamden, CT 06517: telephone: 203-997-6493



Murray Biggs