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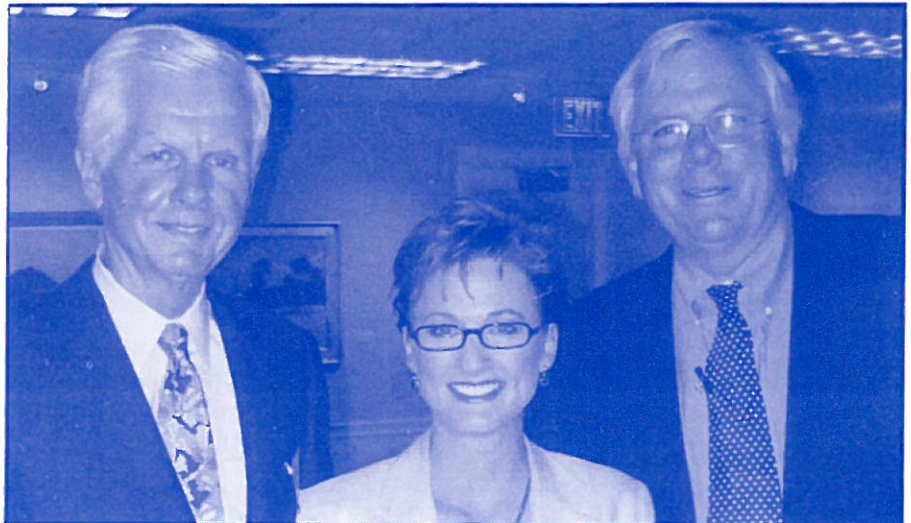
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## Richard Thornburgh Speaks at Monthly Luncheon

*Former Attorney General of the U.S.  
talks of his legal and government  
experiences*



*Dick Harris '54 and Richard Thornburgh '54*



*Tom Wheeler '58, Judy Bricker and Jock Reynolds*

Richard Thornburgh '54 was the guest speaker at the Yale Club monthly luncheon on January 17<sup>th</sup> held at the Vineyards Country Club. His legal career encompassed serving as the U.S. Attorney in Pittsburgh, Assistant Attorney General, and as the United States Attorney General. In addition he served as Governor of Pennsylvania, Under Secretary General for Administration in the United Nations, Director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and as a leader together with his wife for the Americans with Disability Act.

Thornburgh opened his comments about his experiences in the international business world. He prosecuted companies, including Lockheed Corporation, under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. He was involved in looking at the operations of the World Bank and establishing anti-corruption efforts and programs with many organizations.

He was appointed Examiner by the bankruptcy court to investigate the irregular accounting practices of World Com which entered bankruptcy in 2003.

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## Lecture Series Kicked Off with Talk by Yale Art Gallery Director Jock Reynolds

*Jock Reynolds highlights history of 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest university museum*

Leading off the Yale Club's lecture series this season was a presentation by Jock Reynolds, *The Henry J. Heinz II Director* of the Yale University Art Gallery. Over 90 members and guests attended the event which was graciously sponsored by Northern Trust Co. at its Park Shore Larson community room.

Reynolds pointed out that the gallery is a teaching museum and is organized with eight collecting departments. Although the gallery was initially founded in 1832 with a gift from Colonel John Trumbull, it has been added on to, redesigned, and grown to include more than 185,000 works of art. It contains stunning examples of early American portraits of well known revolutionary leaders, including George Washington, and a number of paintings depicting the signing of the Declaration of Independence by John Trumbull, and various battle scenes of the revolution.

The Peale portraits of early Americans are significant because they are the only real representations of the people of the times. And the gallery has a great collection of miniature portraits.

The Yale gallery is the third oldest university art museum in the world after Harvard and Oxford. In 1864 it initiated the first art school in the country, and it was the first school to grant women degrees in Master of Fine Arts.

In 1868 the museum acquired its first paintings of renaissance art. In 1928 the museum entered into a major expansion, and started to develop one of the four greatest collections of American decorative art. The museum sees one of its most important missions is to be a leader in public education.

Reynolds concluded his remarks by pointing out that the university is spending over the \$500 million in renovations which are underway. And he showed many slides of significant and important pictures and paintings in the university collection.

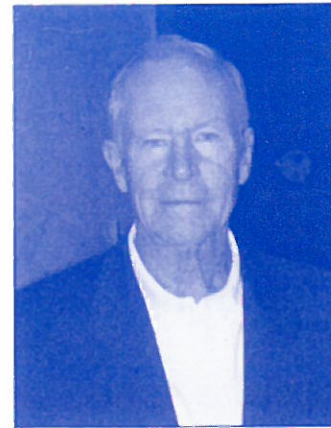
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## Trustee Profile



**Samuel P. Cooley '53**

### **Reynolds**, *continued from page 1*

Following Reynolds presentation, Northern Trust treated the guests to wine and hors d'oeuvres. The proceeds from the event will be donated to the Club's Endowment Fund for the benefit of scholarships to deserving students.

### **Thornburgh**, *continued from page 1*

Thornburgh pointed out how there was a breakdown in corporate governance, internal audit procedures and almost bribery by outside auditors. The Sarbannes-Oxley Act was enacted as a result of lack of corporate attention to ethics and accurate reporting.

The CBS debacle in reporting on President Bush's National Guard service again brought Thornburgh to the investigative forefront. He headed the committee to investigate the network's failure to meet basic standard of fairness and accuracy.

In 1989 Thornburgh was part of a delegation focusing on the rule of law and educating Russian leaders on how to implement western concepts on the legal system. He noted also that organized crime is now a big problem in Russia.

We appreciate the efforts of Dick Harris '54 in organizing the luncheon which was attended by over 50 members and their guests.

Sam was born July 7, 1931 in Hartford, Connecticut and has lived in the Hartford area most of his life. He entered Yale in the fall of 1949 following his graduation from St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire. Not wishing to abandon the student life, he next attended the Columbia Graduate School of Business, receiving an MBA degree in 1955.

Sam married Trig Norstrand (Smith 1952) during his senior year at Yale and was fortunate to have her to support him during three years of education.

Following graduation from Columbia, he returned to Hartford where he joined Hartford National Bank and Trust Company. The bank expanded, acquired other banks, and changed its name twice by the time Sam retired at the end of 1993 as the senior credit officer of Shawmut National Corporation. Shawmut was subsequently acquired by Fleet Financial which was in turn purchased by Bank of America, the current source of his pension checks.

Sam served on the boards of several business entities, the last two of which he retired from in 2004. Though he misses the active involvement, in the current environment he does not miss being the audit committee chairman of two public, SEC reporting companies.

Sam's community activities over the years included serving as a church vestry member, hospital trustee, foundation trustee and treasurer, cemetery trustee and treasurer, member of the Greater Hartford Arts Council board, and the boards of two clubs one of which he served twice as president. He has been an Alumni Fund agent for Yale since 1964, and has been active in fund raising for his class at St. Paul's School for which he currently serves as "Form Director".

Yale has been a long tradition for the Cooley family starting with Sam's grandfather, class of 1891.

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**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005  
THE CLUB AT PELICAN BAY**

**MEETING TO FOLLOW REGULAR  
MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

## March Luncheon with Professor Brewer

By Ted Gault '54 MDiv

On Thursday, March 17, at the Fort Myers monthly luncheon, we will have an opportunity to hear a presentation by Garry D. Brewer, Professor of Resource Policy and Management in Yale School of Management. Dr. Brewer's topic is "Bridging the Business-Environment Gap: Preparing Future Leaders - With a Special Look at Yale." All members, spouses and guests are welcome.

The Fort Myers luncheons are held at the Royal Palm Yacht Club, 2360 West First Street, Fort Myers. We gather at 11:30 a.m. Program is at noon followed by lunch at 12:30. Reservations are essential. Please call Ted Gault at 239-481-9631 and leave a message, or e-mail to [esgault@comcast.net](mailto:esgault@comcast.net) by noon on Monday, March 14th.

Driving directions from Naples: I-75 or US 41 to Colonial Boulevard. West on Colonial to intersection of McGregor Boulevard. Right on McGregor to first left turn past Edison-Ford Winter Estate, which is West First Street. The Yacht Club is at the end of the block. Park in the lot on the right side of the street.

## Record Number of Applicants to Yale from Southwest Florida

By Tom Mackelfresh '51

This year has set a record for applicants from southwest Florida. There have been a total of 27 students from Lee and Collier County schools who have applied to Yale for the class of 2009. Six applicants applied for early action which means that they must have their application filed by December 1, 2004. The applicant would know if they were admitted by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The ASC Newsletter from Yale reports that there were 3,931 early action applicants this year. This figure is down slightly from last year, and admission was offered to 704 students. The students came from 46 states and 48 foreign countries. Two of our candidates were admitted and have until April 1, 2005 to let Yale know their decision. I feel that both will matriculate this fall.

During December and January we were bombarded with interviews. The majority of the students were from Ft. Myers, but Naples schools did well, too. Mike Reilly from Ft. Myers did an outstanding job of interviewing these high school students. Rebecca Totaro also helped out. The students from Collier schools had to put up with me. As of this writing, it appears that the interviewing is coming to a close, and now we wait for the results.

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His father, uncle, brother and cousin also attended Yale as did all three of his sons. (His daughter went to Smith). Sam's oldest son married a Yalie and was a Whiffenpoof. Sam and Trig have thirteen grandchildren, and though none are yet of college age, at least two so far want very much to follow the family tradition.

The Cooleys are snow birds and divide their time between Connecticut, Nantucket and their condo in Naples which they purchased in 1998 after renting for several seasons. Though no longer a golfer, Sam enjoys fishing and hunting which are the primary reasons he does not spend more time in Naples. Nevertheless, as the winter weather up north continues to worsen, the Cooleys are definitely rethinking their priorities.



## New Executive Secretary, Jeri Bush, Joins The Yale Club

By Tom Wheeler '58

Starting March 1, it is my pleasure to introduce you to our new Executive Secretary, Jerilyn (Jeri) Bush. Jeri lives in Naples as a full time resident. She is a retired elementary school teacher from Ohio. We are delighted to have someone with her abilities, personality and accomplishments to be our Executive Secretary. Please join me in congratulating Jeri and welcoming her to our Club.



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# Collier Car Collection Tour Raises Monies for Endowment Fund

By Bob Wenzel '53E, V.P. Endowment

The purpose of the Yale Club of Southwest Florida Endowment Fund is to provide scholarships or financial aid for the benefit of students attending Yale University, and to support any activities or programs that facilitate, sponsor, encourage or maintain understanding between Yale University, its alumni and residents of Southwest Florida.

Happily for our Club and for Yale University, members in Southwest Florida are a generous lot. So far, in our fiscal year, which began October 1, 2004, we have been quite successful. Contributions to our Endowment Fund with 2005 dues were made by 62 members and amounted to nearly \$5000. We appreciate these contributions, which are tax-deductible and welcome even greater participation in future years, whatever the amount. No contribution is too small ( or too large!)

Our major Endowment Fund solicitation event of the 2004-2005 year, the Yale Club Tour of the Collier Collection was wonderfully successful. It was a spectacular cocktail tour chaired by Don Williams '53 on January 10, 2005, and netted a record amount to our Fund for a single event. 152 visitors to the Collection that evening contributed not only the suggested minimum of \$10 per person, but additional contributions for a total just over \$3000. We are indebted to all of you for your generosity and especially to Miles Collier, class of 1969, for making his Collection available to us.

We promised that members who contributed \$100 or more with their 2005 dues and/or as contributions to the Collier Tour would become Collier Collection Tour Sponsors and so recognized in the Tropical Bulldog. Here they are with our applause and thanks.

## Collier Collection Tour Sponsors

Pete Broadbent  
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## SEEN AT YALE CLUB ACTIVITIES...

### Thornburgh Luncheon



Tom Wheeler '58, Richard Thornburgh '54 and Betty Brewster '51MN



John Gephart, Nancy and George Gephart '50



Shannon and Gene Stillman '46



Chet Hawley '44E, his wife, Lorena Hawley and Newton Burdick '39



Richard Malloy and Sam Cooley '53



Trig Cooley and Nancy Bruce

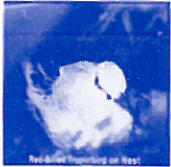


Mary and George Gould '51 with Bertha and Dick Bennett '52



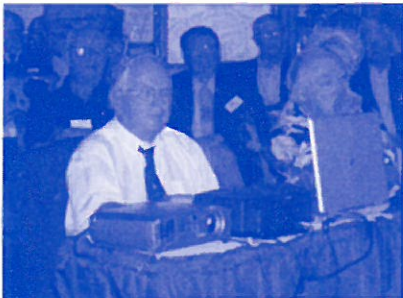
Bob Hattemer '53E and Ken Abernathy '58JD

# Lecture Series with Reynolds



## Frank and Sue Moore Bird Picture Presentation

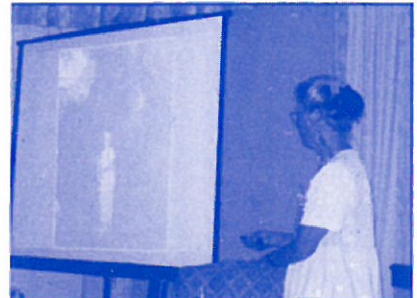
February 10, 2005, The Club at Pelican Bay



Frank Moore '55 runs the presentation



Yalies enjoy gathering for the presentation and luncheon.



Sue Moore presents the beautiful pictures



Don Williams '53, Bob Wenzel '53E and Carol Gault



Sue and Frank Moore '55



Ken Bruce '53E and Jim Carthaus '62

## 2005-2006 SEASON ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CHAIR
Mar 8, 2005	Yale President Richard Levin Reception	Pelican Marsh Country Club	Torrey Foster
Mar 23, 2005	Tom Beckett, Yale Director of Athletics	Northern Trust Co.	Ken Bruce
Apr 8, 2005	Naples Dinner Theater "Cabaret"	Naples Dinner Theater	Dick Bennett
Apr. 10, 2005	Ivy League Picnic	Naples Beach Hotel	Bob Hattemer
Apr 14, 2005	Monthly Luncheon, Semi-annual Trustees Mtg.	The Club - Pelican Bay	Tom Wheeler
Apr. 2005	Frank Moore Bird Slide Presentation	TBA	Ted Gault
Oct. 2005	HYP Financial Seminar	TBA	Tom Wheeler
Nov. 2005	Welcome Back Party	TBA	Tom Wheeler
Nov. 10, 2005	Annual Meeting of Members	Naples Yacht Club	Tom Wheeler
Nov. 19, 2005	"The Game"	Naples Beach Hotel	Dick Harris
Dec. 2005	Holiday Party	TBA	Sam Cooley

**Naples Monthly Luncheons** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at The Club at Pelican Bay.

Reservations are mandatory by the preceding Tuesday – No exceptions.

Please call Bob Bennett at 239-352-0219 or e-mail: robertbennett3@comcast.net

**Ft. Myers Monthly Luncheons** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month (except Dec. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) at the Royal Palm Yacht Club. Call Ted Gault for reservations (481-9631)

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