Greetings Region I Members:

We are almost halfway through winter and ready to welcome spring! Excitement is building for IAIP's Regional and International Conferences! In the coming weeks, we hope that you will make your reservations and register to attend the 2015 IAIP Region I Conference. The members of the six Connecticut Associations of IAIP are pleased to be hosting this special event. We hope that you will come to New Haven and “Branch into the Future” with us. The information contained in this registration packet will give you a great glimpse of what we know will be a fabulous, not to be missed conference.

We are honored to have International President-Elect Debra C. Kuhne, AAI, AIC, AIS, CIIP, DAE, CELS; Region I Vice President, Donna Varin, AIT, CIIP; and Beth Chitnis, CAE, Executive Director IAIP with us for the weekend.

The Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale is a great setting for all that is planned. Enjoy the history of the city while experiencing wonderful accommodations and dining; benefit from quality educational offerings and speakers; make plans to reunite with old friends from across Region I and make new ones. Invest in you and your personal and professional development. See you on April 9th!

In fellowship,

Kimberly Fitzgerald, CPCU, API, CLP, CPIW
Sandra Woodhouse, CPIW
2015 IAIP Region I Conference Co-Chairs
"Branching into the Future....."

2015 Region I Conference
April 9th - 12th, 2015
Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale
155 Temple Street, New Haven, CT 06510
(203) 772-6664
http://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/new-haven-yale

REGISTRATION FORM

1. Registration Information – Please Print Clearly

Name: ___________________________
Mailing Address: ___________________________
City/State/Zip: ___________________________
Is this your mailing address for: ___ Office ___ Home ___ Ext. ___
Daytime Phone Number: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________

Email will be used for confirmation and updates.
All information listed above will be printed on the Conference Roster.
___ Please check if you do not want your email listed on the roster.

Name as it should appear on badge: ___________________________
IAIP/NAIW Member Since: ___________________________
Designations: ___________________________
Employer: ___________________________
Local Association: ___________________________
I AM A: _____ First Timer _____ PRO _____ Young Professional
_____ First Timer to CT _____ 25 Year Member
_____ Legacy Foundation Donor (Have Donated $25 or more
as a Pacesetter or Trendsetter) *

2. Full Registration Includes: Admission to all meetings, classes, meals from Friday Breakfast through Sunday Breakfast and close of meeting. Thursday evening welcome events are listed separately below. Please sign up for the event you wish to attend, if any.

Full Registration Fee (Members):
___ Early Bird Registration prior to 2/10 $285
___ Registration after 2/10, but prior to 3/3 $325
___ Registration after 3/3 $350

Ala Carte Registration Fees (Please check which you will be attending, if not a full registration).
___ Friday Education - $10/hr max of $50 $___
___ Friday Breakfast $30
___ Friday Luncheon $50
___ Friday Opening Ceremonies, Dinner and Keynote Speaker $70
___ Saturday Business Meeting, Lunch & Banquet $150

Full Registration Fee (Non-Members & Guests):
___ Early Bird Registration prior to 2/10 $335
___ Registration after 2/10, but prior to 3/3 $375
___ Registration after 3/3 $400

Welcome Events
(limited space available)
___ Taste of New Haven ___ 5:30 ___ 6:30 ___ 7:30 ___ $50
___ Cherry Blossom Painting Party – paint your own 7:00 ___ $50

We need a head count for “Full Registration” attendees – please check all items you plan to attend.
___ Friday – First Timers Breakfast 7-8 AM
___ Friday – Breakfast 7-8 AM
___ Friday – Luncheon 12-1:30 PM ___ Grilled Salmon or ___ Chicken w/jasmine Rice
___ Friday – PRO’s Luncheon 12-2 PM ___ Grilled Salmon or ___ Chicken w/jasmine Rice
___ Friday – Opening Ceremonies, Dinner and Keynote Speaker 6-10 PM
___ Saturday – Breakfast 7-8 AM
___ Saturday – Awards Luncheon 12-2:30 PM
___ Saturday – Cocktail Reception 6-7 PM, Banquet & Dancing 7-11 PM
___ Beef Tenderloin & Jumbo Shrimp ___ Vegetable Lasagna
___ Sunday – Breakfast and Closing Ceremonies 8-11 AM

Special/Dietary Needs
In accordance with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we invite all registrants to advise us of any disability and any request for accommodation for that disability. Your request should be submitted in writing as far as possible in advance of the conference.
___ Nut Allergy ___ Diabetic ___ Vegetarian ___ Shellfish Allergy ___ Wheat Allergy ___ Other Request: ___________________________

3. Member Ribbons: Received your CIIP/CPFW/CPIM, CLP or DAE since the last Regional Conference? ___ Yes ___ CIIP/CPFW/CPIM ___ Yes ___ CLP ___ Yes ___ DAE
___ Alternate ___ Delegate ___ Past Council Director
___ Assistant (to RV) ___ Exhibitor ___ Past Regional Officer
___ CIIP ___ CPIM ___ Young Professional
___ CLP ___ CPFW ___ 25+ Year Member
___ Council Director ___ Current Local President ___ * Young Prof are members Age 40 and under
___ Council Director Elect ___ Current RV ___ * First Timers are those attending their first Regional Conference.
___ CWC Contestant ___ CLP ___ National Officer
___ DAE ___ Delegate ___ Legacy (Pacesetter or Trendsetter)
___ DAE Contestant ___ First Timer ___ Member-at-Large
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** CIIP, DAQ Qualifier
** CLP Qualifier

EDUCATION TOTAL: $_____

5. Parking Fees

Please keep in mind that all parking fees are the responsibility of the attendee. The hotel does not provide daily or overnight parking validation. The following are the fees for the underground parking garage at the hotel.

** Hotel Garage: **

| Daily Rate | $12.75/day | Overnight Rate | $17.75/day | Valet Overnight | $28.75/day |

6. Payment Information:

By submitting the registration form, I agree that I have read the information below regarding payment information, and to abide by the terms therein.

1. Full Registration
2. Ala Carte Fee
3. Education Fees (Maximum $50)
4. Material Costs for Education
5. Welcome Event (Taste of New Haven or Painting Party)
6. 2015 Region I Conference Cherry Blossom Pin $10 each

My check is enclosed in the amount of $_____. Please make check payable to: 2015 Region I Conference

Mail Registration to:

C/O Nancy Clarke, Treasurer
30 Luke Street
Prospect, CT 06772

All Cancellations Received by March 1, 2015 will incur a $50 processing fee. No Refunds after March 1, 2015.

By offering both a full registration as well as a la carte we can provide cost effective options. In doing so, we still need to know what you plan on attending for planning purposes and to give accurate counts to the Hotel. Please be sure to check off all that you will be attending.

Any additional questions, please contact a member of the Registration Committee:

Nancy Clarke (203) 910-1666 n.clarke@sbcglobal.net
Kim Fitzgerald (203) 232-2914 kmfits@gmail.com
Liz Lyons (203) 840-8877 liz@ipmiinsurance.com
Tracey Colonair (860) 274-0900 colonaire@sbcglobal.net

Reminder: Hotel Reservations must be made separately directly with the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale (203) 772-6664

Be sure to mention that you are attending the "IAIP Region I Conference" for the special conference rate.

We have a block of rooms being held until March 10, 2015 at a rate of $139 per night plus applicable taxes – Please reserve your room prior to this date.

http://www.omnihotels.com/new-haven-yale
2015 IAIP Region I Conference
"Branching into the Future"

Conference Mini Agenda

Thursday, April 9th
2:00—9:00 PM
Arrival / Registration
Nominating Committee Meeting
Hospitality Suite Open
Welcome Parties—Please sign up on Registration
(Taste of New Haven or Painting Cherry Blossoms)

Friday, April 10th
6:00—7:00 AM
Fit Program
Breakfast & Exhibitor Hall
First Timers Breakfast — Whalley Room
Registration Open
Members-at-Large Meeting — Crown Room
Education Classes and Continuing Ed.
Luncheon
PROs Luncheon & Meeting - Whalley Room
Education Classes and Continuing Ed.
CWC Speak-off Rehearsal
Meet the Candidates (should be attended by all)
Delegates Briefing (should be attended by all)
Opening Session, Dinner and Keynote Speaker

Saturday, April 11th
6:00—7:00 AM
Fit Program
Breakfast
CWC Judges Breakfast—Church Room
CWC Contestants Breakfast — Whalley Room
Registration and Credentials Open
CWC Speak-off
Second Business Session
Awards Luncheon
Free Time
State Photos (Stairs to Mezzanine from Lobby)
Cocktails
Banquet—Dinner and Dancing

Sunday, April 12th
7:00 — 8:00 AM
Worship Service—Church Room
Breakfast and Closing Session

Please remember to bring a sweater or jacket as the conference rooms and banquet hall temperatures can get cool.
Thank you to the sponsors who have filed these courses for credit. All attendees are welcome to attend these classes. Happy Learning!

Friday: April 10, 2015
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Hoarding**
Carolee LaMarre
Presented by Paul Davis Restoration at IAIP National Convention in 2014, this program drew rave reviews. The CE class will discuss hoarding disorders and how the insurance industry reacts to the increased risk of insuring hoarders.

Personal Umbrella*
Diana Brooks
Presented by Liberty Mutual/Safeco
This course will look umbrella and excess policies and how each policy is different. We review the different types of liability – negligence, statute, absolute, vicarious and contractual. We will review requirements for underlying policies and limits. We will list some endorsements that may be used to added or exclude coverage’s.

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Identify Theft*
Diana Brooks
Presented by Liberty Mutual/Safeco
You will learn to identify the three different types of identity fraud. We will look at who commits identity fraud and the information that they use. We review coverage available for identity theft and ways to eliminate or minimize the risk of identity theft.

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Cyber Liability ***
Oanh Nguyen
Presented by CT Society of CPCU and Travelers Insurance
This course provides an explanation of what exposures a company faces in storing and maintaining personal information including potential costs, the legal and regulatory environment that may apply, explore risk analysis perspectives and risk management ideas, and discuss how insurance may or may not apply to data compromise or other internet related exposures.

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Ethics*
Diana Brooks
Presented by Liberty Mutual/Safeco
This course will discuss professional behavior for insurance agents. We review codes and conduct for insurance professionals. Work case studies for different ethical dilemmas.

Filed for CEU:
*CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  ** CT, ME, NH, PA – may be filed in other states   *** Filing in progress

FOCUS on IAIP Programs
Our Association has recently developed and updated many programs. This year, the Regional Conference is offering you a taste of many of these programs. These programs will qualify for hours towards the CPIW/CPIM/CIIP and DAE designations. Our instructors will be happy to provide tips on how you can offer many of these in your own associations.

IAIP Certified Leadership Program
The IAIP Certified Leadership Program provides individuals a premier learning program to develop essential leadership skills for career development. The program consists of four modules encompassing 17 course topics. Individuals completing the entire program are eligible to apply for the Certified Leadership Professional (CLP) designation. Region 1 is proud to present 8 hours towards the CLP designation.

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
From Module Three “Leadership through Business Mentoring”
Diversity
Debra Kuhne
Understand how to make diverse individuals work as a team and how failing to embrace diversity can also have serious legal costs for corporations.

Separate fee for material
10:15 AM to 12:15 AM and 1:15 PM to 3:15 PM

**Speaking Under Pressure**
Barbara Miller-Nelligan

Improve your skills and learn new techniques to give you the persuasive edge when you are making a presentation, fielding difficult questions, or presenting complex information. **Separate fee for material**

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**From Module Two Leadership through Practical Managing**

**Accounting Skills for Supervisors**
Lark Covell

Understand accounting terms like depreciation, cash flow, balance sheet, and budgets and learn how they are important concepts if you’re going to succeed in today’s business world. **Separate fee for material**

**Career Development**

Professionals who drive their own career development are far more likely to be motivated and optimally productive on a consistent basis. IAIP Career Development courses can assist in shaping the future direction of your career by gaining competence and confidence in many areas including **Communicating and facilitating**. 22 courses are available, from 1-10 hours.

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Facilitation 101 - A How-To Guide for Presenters**
Michele Redman

This program is designed as a how-to guide for those considering presenting educational courses. Participants who attend this program can practice skills on the following programs. **Separate fee for material**

**INSURANCE EDUCATION: I CAN! And I CAN! A Step Above Series**

I CAN! A Step Above Series is a new program recently launched by IAIP. These one-hour courses offer more content than the 30 minute I CAN! insurance education courses and, just like the I CAN! Courses, they are a great addition to any local or regional meeting, or a quick “lunch and learn” in your area. Check back often as new Step Above courses will be added on a regular basis.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**Insurance Claims: A Basic Overview**
Michele Redman

Claims adjusters have a duty of complying with regulations pertaining to claim acknowledgement, notices of coverage or no-coverage, documentation, investigation plus additional requirements. The new I CAN! Step Above course, Insurance Claims: A Basic Overview, addresses these topics and more in this one-hour information packed class. **Separate fee for material**

The I CAN! Series courses are specifically designed to meet the needs of the busy Insurance and Risk Management professional interested in advancing their career through time-sensitive insurance education opportunities. These 30-minute courses are a great addition to any local or regional meeting, or a quick “lunch and learn” in your area.

**Materials for these two courses are included**

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Basic Surety: Can You Be Sure-ty About Bonds?**
Michele Redman and Lark Covell

This 30-minute I CAN! course is designed to give an overview of surety bonds. You will learn to identify the surety bond, the different classifications and what questions to ask to ensure it is the right bond for your client.

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

**Risk Management Process**
Michele Redman

30 minutes. Most risk managers agree that the practice of their profession is a combination of decision-making and problem solving. All risk management jobs have a dual goal: to minimize both the chances that a loss will occur and the financial impact of losses which cannot be prevented. Within the parameters of these descriptions is a five-step process that all risk managers adhere to. Because everyone faces the possibility of accidental loss, everyone must, to some degree, manage risk. Look at how professional risk managers do this and how it affects other jobs within the insurance industry.
Association Management
To assist our members in leadership roles, to develop strategies for association issues and to discuss common concerns with our current and past Regional and International Leaders.

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
Roberts Rules of Order
Kathy Beckwith
You will learn commonly used rules that will be invaluable tools to running a meeting, participating in meetings and you will have a great time working with Kathy to make these tools your friends, not your enemies.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Association Revitalization
Debra Kuhne, Beth Chitnis and Donna Varin
Open to all members, however all CDrs, CDEs, Local Presidents, Incoming Presidents, current and future membership chairs, as well as anyone else on a local Board of Directors or who may be considering sitting on a board should attend this class. Come see an in depth review of all the new leadership resources and toolkits. Will be followed by a Question & Answer Session with Debbi, Beth & Donna.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Solution Room
Debra Kuhne, Beth Chitnis and Donna Varin
Opportunities to discuss issues and look for solutions have proven successful in other associations. Debbi, Beth and Donna have a wealth of information to share and will draw on our seasoned members for their wisdom while entertaining the brave, new ideas of our young professionals.
Thursday Evening Welcome Event

Join fellow IARP Region I members to create your own painting of the beautiful Cherry Blossoms while "Branching into the Future".

The painting will begin at 7:00 PM in the Whitney Room and all supplies will be provided. Enjoy an evening of creativity and tasty light fare!

Cost: $50.00

Please mark your registration form accordingly.

For questions, please email or call
Sandy Woodhouse
sassandjo@att.net
203-415-7819
Take a guided walking tour to some of New Haven's finest establishments while having the opportunity to taste a variety of culinary appetizers and cocktails.

We will meet in the hotel lobby where the fun will begin. The restaurants are all within a 1 - 2 block radius from the hotel and will be a wonderful 2 hour experience. The tours will begin at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 in groups of 20.

The cost is $50 per person which includes tax and gratuity. Be sure to let us know of any dietary restrictions. Please mark your registration form according to the time slot you would like to request. The times will be first come, first served.

Be sure to check out the web site listed above!

Any questions please contact Sandy Woodhouse at (203)415-7819 or email her sassandy10@att.net.
ABOUT NEW HAVEN

100 Years and Full of Vigor
The Shubert Theater in New Haven opened in 1914 with all the magnificent frills that made a night at the theater such a grand gesture in that era. Except for a 7-year dark period, the Schubert has been going strong for a century. The theater’s archives and living memoirists can name dozens of national-caliber performers, e.g., Carol Channing, Katherine Hepburn, Al Jolson, the Marx Brothers, who performed there in the pre-1940s period when the New Haven was a regular stop on national tryout tours before shows opened on Broadway. In just the 2014-2015 season, some of the shows include “A Jew Grows In Brooklyn,” Three Mo Tenors, “Singin’ In The Rain,” Jim Brickman in concert, “Peter and the Star Catcher,” the Alvin Alley dance troupe, “Beauty and the Beast,” and “Matilda the Musical.” The New Haven Symphony Orchestra also performs there. People who love live theater should not miss this dynamic legend.

Art Museum Trail Focuses on Yale
Here is an activity that can keep you busy year-round: explore the 15 world-class museums and historic sites that comprise the Connecticut Art Trail. The trail meanders among historic sites, bucolic farms, art studios and artists’ houses to grand and modern art museums in vibrant downtowns. Discover diverse, quality collections rich in history and heritage, including European masterpieces, American Impressionism, ancient art and contemporary culture. The trail includes a feature called Trail Getaways that presents recommended itineraries along with helpful suggestions for nearby places to visit and dine. In the Greater New Haven region the trail includes the Yale Center for British Art and the Yale University Art Gallery in New Haven.

Explore Yale’s Architecture on Foot
The city of New Haven, along with its ivy encampment, Yale University, wants to make it easy for visitors to enjoy the wide variety of public art and fine architecture attractions in the city. A self-guided walking tour of art on the Yale campus is available, stopping at works by Maya Lin, Alexander Calder, Roy Lichtenstein, and others. Also, the Yale Visitor Center at 149 Elm Street leads free group walking tours of public art at Yale by request; call the Visitor Center (203-432-2300) a week before the requested date. A walking tour of New Haven architecture includes part of the Yale campus, along with Science Hill and the Yale Medical Center. The tour visits buildings by Louis I. Kahn, Paul Rudolph, Cesar Pelli, and Eero Saarinen. On the tour, you can soak in a wide range of architectural styles and see how those styles mesh to create a distinctive city, making this one of the most interesting things to do in the area.

Yale University
Teaching and research are supported by the University’s extensive collections—the Yale University Art Gallery, the Yale Center for British Art, the Peabody Museum of Natural History, and the Collection of Musical Instruments. All the collections are open to the public.

Yale University Art Gallery
The Yale University Art Gallery, founded in 1832, today houses a collection that has grown to rank with those of the major public art museums in the United States. Its two connected buildings house ancient, medieval, and Renaissance art, Near and Far Eastern art, archaeological material from the University’s excavations, Pre-Columbian and African art, works of European and American masters from virtually every period, and a rich collection of modern art. Across the street, the Yale Center for British Art, which opened in 1977, holds the largest collection of British art and illustrated books anywhere outside the United Kingdom.
Peabody Museum of Natural History
Yale’s Peabody Museum of Natural History, founded in 1866, contains one of the great scientific collections in North America. Among its holdings are the University’s comprehensive mineralogical and ornithological collections, the second-largest repository of dinosaur artifacts in the United States, and the largest intact Apatosaurus (Brontosaurus) in the world. The Peabody is truly a working museum, where public exhibition, research, conservation, teaching, and learning intersect.

Yale Center for British Art
Institutions like the Art Gallery, the Center for British Art, and the Peabody Museum hold only a portion of the treasures in the University’s collections. From paintings by Picasso, to pterodactyl remains, to a 1689 tenor viol in the Collection of Musical Instruments, Yale’s possessions are meant to be accessible to the communities they enrich.

Collection of Musical Instruments
Exhibitions are also frequently mounted at the following venues on campus: Art + Architecture Gallery (School of Architecture), Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Green Hall Gallery (School of Art), and Sterling Memorial Library, including the Arts of the Book Collection.

Cherry Blossoms
Although we will miss the Cherry Blossom Festival by two weeks, we are hopeful for a mild winter and perhaps may be able to catch the Cherry Blossoms as they begin to bloom. Below is some fun information regarding the festival and the history behind it.

The 42nd Festival will be held on Sun., April 26, 2015

About the Cherry Blossom Festival:

Entertainment on the Festival Stage - Includes jazz, steel band, big band music, and salsa music. year opera. Specifics: Tuxedo Junction, the Big Band Sound; HAND, progressive rock; Orquesta Momento Musical (salsa); St. Luke’s Steel Band! Also, Horizon Wings Raptor Rescue, Nappy’s Puppets (shadow puppets), Cherry Tree planting. Children’s activities, Pet Friendly areas, and special this year – New Haven Clock Company Exhibit.

The Pre-Cherry Blossom Concert … will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at St Michael’s Church on the Wooster Square Park. This will be the 17th annual pre-Festival concert, performed by the wonderful musicians of Wooster Square.

Getting to Wooster Square & Parking - Wooster Square Park is across from the 500 block of Chapel Street. The Park is a 5-10 minute walk from the New Haven Green. Bus transit routes have stops at the Park on Chapel Street and nearby on Grand Avenue and State Street. Limited parking is available on neighborhood streets at no charge.

HISTORY OF THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

This celebration of spring commemorates the planting of 72 Yoshino Japanese Cherry Blossom trees in 1973 by the New Haven Historic Commission in collaboration with the New Haven Parks Department and residents of the neighborhood. The Festival has grown from a modest event with a local band entertaining a handful of neighbors under lighted trees to a major New Haven event that draws well over 6,000 visitors.

Cherry Blossom Fun Facts:
Hanami (cherry blossom viewing) has been a Japanese custom since the 7th century when the aristocrats enjoyed looking at beautiful sakura (cherry trees) and wrote poems. Sakura is a symbol of Japan, and it’s said that there are over 400 varieties of cherry trees in Japan. The most popular kind of sakura which can be viewed everywhere in Japan is somei-yoshino (Yedoensis). Unlike other varieties of cherry tree, Japanese cherry trees do not yield fruit.
New Haven Fun Facts

1. Alexander Graham Bell's first telephones were installed and the New Haven District Telephone Company's first list of subscribers — the first phone book — was printed. A New Haven telephone book believed to be the first one containing more than a single sheet of names sold at auction in 2008 for $170,000.

2. Interesting Fact: The first hamburger was made and served at Louis' Lunch Sandwich Shop in 1895. Still in operation today, you can experience "the greatest burger on the world" without condiments or none at all.

3. Once called Elm City, the Dutch Elm Disease wiped out most of the name sake trees in the mid 1900s.

4. Birthplace Fact: 43rd President George W. Bush was born here in 1946; Charles Goodyear inventor of vulcanized rubber was born here as well.

5. Other Birthplace Facts: Actor Paul Fusco (voice of Alf) and actresses Lauren D'Ambruso (Six Feet Under) and Madeline Zima (The Hand that Rocks the Cradle) were all born in New Haven.

6. Sweet Fact: In 1974 the Vienna, Austria PEZ Candy company headquarters were moved to nearby Orange. The original peppermint PEZ was marketed as a smoking alternative.


8. Fun Fact: Always ahead of the curve Yale students in the 1940s recycled Frisbie pie tins into flying toys which would later become the Wham-O Frisbee.

9. Smart Fact: The nine-square plan was developed in 1638. Eight squares of 4 x 4 streets frame the 16 acre town green. The design is a National Historic Planning Landmark.

10. Pizza and the hamburger both began in New Haven.

11. New Haven is the undisputed cultural capital of Connecticut with free concerts on the Green every weekend in the summer, and New Haven's International Arts & Ideas Festival draws more than 150,000 people to downtown.

12. The upper Green is the resting place for 5,000+ souls, and Grove Street Cemetery is the final home of many worthies like Noah Webster and Roger Sherman, the only signatory of all four basic documents of our nation's founding.

13. There are 130+ parks & playgrounds in New Haven, covering 17% of the City's land.

14. The 1st lollipop, corkscrew, fish hooks, stone crusher, sulfur matches, corset, almanac, American English dictionary, Frisbee, silly putty, rubber boots, artificial heart, Erector Set, lobster roll & thermo scan all began here in New Haven.

15. There are more than 100 restaurants downtown, with choices from Malaysian to Eritrean, Italian, Caribbean, Spanish, French, Soul, Mexican, Turkish, Japanese, Indian, Korean, Chinese and more.

(information gathered from the following sources: VisitNewEngland.com; NileGuide.com; Yale University Cityscape 2011 website)