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Thoughts from the President

We enter a new era of politics and government. Many people are disappointed, but I suspect everyone is curious to see what will happen.

For me, the big message is that we must increasingly rely on each other to make our community better. I have long emphasized our efforts to increase YAANW's involvement in community service projects. "From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and from him who has been entrusted with much, even more will be demanded." I hope you will find it within yourself to contribute to our community.

But along the same lines, we must communicate positive messages. There has been so much negativity in the news. To that end, we are working on a project to emphasize the positive contributions Yale alumni have made to the growth and development of Minnesota. It's a fun project, and I will talk more about it in coming months.

Thanks to all who give so much.

Ron Goldser '75

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Announcements

Alumni Schools Committee

We NEED alumni from any Yale school interested in interviewing prospective Yale College students from all parts of Minnesota, western Wisconsin and along the Dakota and Iowa borders. Interviewing has proven to be an excellent way to connect with the next generation of Yale students. We hope you can join us and the many other alumni interviewers. Resource and training materials are available.

Time commitment: on average, four applicants per year. For more information, please email:

- St. Paul/Outstate: Malcolm McDonald, malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net
- Minneapolis: Tony Leung, TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov
- Rochester: Jon Tilburt, Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu
- Dakotas: Dominique Fenton, dominique.a.fenton@gmail.com

Bulldogs on the Lakes

Many of you are aware of our summer internship program, [Bulldogs on the Lakes \(BOTL\)](#). We host approximately 15-17 students each summer, providing them world class internship experiences, and housing them together for an enjoyable bonding experience. Occasionally, we will feature some of their comments from the program. Most students come from outside Minnesota, and all are paired with alums as mentors. BOTL is one of the best Bulldogs internship program in the country! [We would love to have more mentors for the summer of 2017!](#) Kudos to Bill Messinger '67, Bob Sidenberg '69, and Malcolm McDonald '58 for all they do to make this program possible.

Yale Book Award

Each year, we ask high schools throughout our territory to nominate an outstanding rising senior

for the [Yale Book Award](#). The criteria allow high school teachers and counselors to identify the student whose academic prowess, community involvement, school service and personality single out those students for recognition. Last year, we gave awards to 76 high schools, with a number of volunteers attending the individual ceremonies to present the award in person.

As always, we can use additional volunteers to present these awards. This is a good opportunity for outstate alumni to be of service to Yale and YAANW. Questions: Denise Levitan denise.levitan@aya.yale.edu.

Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

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Special Events

Feb Club Emeritus: Margaritas at the Mall!

Feb 8
6-9 pm
Cantina Laredo, MoA

[Feb Club Emeritus](#) returns! Since 2008, Yale alumni all over the world have attended parties every night in February. This year, we'll be at [Cantina Laredo](#) at the Mall of America (3rd Floor,

southwest corner by Macy's) on Wednesday, February 8.

OUTSTATERS!!! Set up your own Feb Club! Contact Denise and Max for more info.

Questions to Denise denise.levitan@gmail.com or Max max.musicant@gmail.com

What is Feb Club Emeritus? Nothing complicated. An international series of multi-generational parties every night from February 1-28, in cities, towns, and incorporated entities around the world where Yale alums, significant others, friends, relatives, and random party-crashers answer the question "what college were you in?" in a relaxed, informal setting just to have fun with a group of people who share something in common. The inaugural Feb Club Emeritus, in 2008, was a worldwide affair where thousands of alums from the classes of 1945 through 2007 got together in cities from Seattle to Shanghai, from Paris to Philadelphia. Nothing formal, no fundraising, no speeches, just casual, laid-back parties hosted by random alums of all ages, shapes and sizes. Twin Cities alumni and friends are getting in on the fun again this year!

Habitat for Humanity

Feb 11

8:30-4:30

North Minneapolis

Come build houses! We are looking for 10-13 volunteers on Saturday, February 11 from 8:30 to 4:30. We will be doing rehab construction - working on interior finishing and trim work in North Minneapolis. We can be warm while we watch progress being made! Check out all the work Habitat is doing in the Jordan Neighborhood of North Minneapolis [here!](#)

Sign up with and/or ask questions to Vicky Stoneman, Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org.



YAAANW and TCAN members volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in October 2016.

Hockey Night in Minnesota

Feb 17
6 pm
University Club, St. Paul

Yale vs. Harvard Men's Ice Hockey

Well, we beat Them in football. Can we beat Them again in men's ice hockey? Come watch. February 17, 6:00 pm face off. University Club, St. Paul. Cash bar, order from the menu. Small donation to cover rental costs. RSVP to Malcolm McDonald, malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net.

Wine Tasting with Knudsen Vineyard

Mar 29
5 pm
North Loop Wines

Come visit with Page Knudsen Cowles '77, proprietor of the Knudsen Vineyards in Willamette Valley, Oregon, as she shows her special Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. We'll have a tasting and discussion at North Loop wines with Jason Kallsen, North Loop's wine educator. RSVP to Page Cowles at page@knudsenvineyards.com.

Miroslav Volf

Mar 30
U of M

Miroslav Volf, the Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology will be giving a named lecture at the University of Minnesota on March 30.

<http://anselmhouse.org/religion-and-human-flourishing/>

Professor Volf is the founding Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. His books include Allah: A Christian Response (2011); Free of Charge: Giving and Forgiving in a Culture Stripped of Grace (2006), which was the Archbishop of Canterbury Lenten book for 2006; Exclusion and Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness, and Reconciliation (1996), a winner of the 2002 Grawemeyer Award; and After Our Likeness: The Church as the Image of the Trinity (1998), winner of the Christianity Today book award. A member of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. and the Evangelical Church in Croatia, Professor Volf has been involved in international ecumenical dialogues (for instance, with the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity) and interfaith dialogues (on the executive board of C-1 World Dialogue), and is active participant in the Global Agenda Council on Values of the World Economic Forum. A native of Croatia, he regularly teaches and lectures in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, and across North America. Professor Volf is a fellow of Berkeley College.

Day of Service

May 13

Coming to a location near you, the annual Yale Day of Service!

Bring yourself, family and/or friends and join Yale Alumni around the world in providing service to others in our local communities. Projects involve a commitment of 2-3 hours, and there will be a potluck lunch following at the home of one of the YAANW board members for all to join in who can.

More details to come, but if you have questions in the meantime, contact Vicky Stoneman 507.339.2897 or vstoneman@s-sm.org

Minnesota Opera: La Boheme

May 13
7:30 pm
Ordway Theater

If you've never attended an opera before, this is a great one to start with. Sung in Italian with English translations projected above the stage.

The Minnesota Opera has reserved seats for us at the May 13, 7:30 PM performance at generous discounts:

- \$75 in Section B (normally \$125)
- \$60 in Section C (normally \$100)
- \$45 in Section D (normally \$75)

Refer to the [seating chart](#) for details.

This event is co-sponsored by the Yale and Harvard clubs. Call the Minnesota Opera ticket office at 612-333-6669 by Friday April 28 and mention the Yale-Harvard event. The office is open Mon-Fri 10AM-5PM.

Join us for dinner first at Sakura, in St. Paul, at 5:15 PM. No prix-fixe, just order off of the menu (with separate checks). We will have a short presentation from a member of the Opera. Then we'll walk over to the Ordway for this wonderful performance of one of opera's great classics. RSVP once per dinner attendee at <http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=377>

Alternately, you may wish to attend Opera Insights at 6:30 PM in Ordway Music Theater's Marzitelli Foyer, led by Minnesota Opera Artistic Director Dale Johnson. Enjoy a free, fun and informative half-hour session which includes an overview of the characters and music, historical and cultural context for the opera and highlights to watch for during the show.

Questions: Cynthia Lee cynthiaylee@gmail.com

Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School

May 23
5:30

Gloria Dei, St. Paul

Dean **Gregory Sterling** of the Yale Divinity School will be coming May 23, 2017 to speak to our Yale alumni and the larger community. Dean Sterling will come for an evening event that will be hosted by YAANW. Dean Sterling is highly regarded and is very involved in interfaith discussions domestically and around the world as well as issues as broad as faith and sustainability. We are very pleased we have received such a commitment so far in advance from the dean of one of Yale's oldest and most established professional schools. **We invite Yale alumni and the larger community.** Reservations are required.

"Building Bridges--National and Global Politics and Religious Tensions"

Gregory E. Sterling, The Reverend Henry L. Slack Dean and the Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament, Yale Divinity School

The globalization of our world has raised the profile of religion as a factor in international relations. The last two US presidents have established three different offices in the State Department and White House that deal with religion globally and nationally. Within the US the recent presidential campaign set religion in high relief both as a rallying factor and as a factor in determining who enters the US. Dean Sterling will address the role of religion as a source of conflict and as a source of peace. He will discuss how religion can serve as a means to build bridges rather than walls and will share how Yale Divinity School is preparing future leaders for this new reality as an example of how communities of all types can flourish together.

We will have a reception at 5:30 (light hors d'oeuvres) and presentation at 6:30 pm at **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**, 700 Snelling Ave. S., St. Paul. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/sterling.htm>

For more information, contact Rudy Hokanson at rhokanson@gmail.com or 651.249.8283. RSVP required (by PayPal or pay at door with reservation.)

Regular Events and Special Interest Groups

French Table

Feb 7
6 pm
Cave Vin

Once a month, fellow Francophiles meet for a fun evening of talk. All levels of French are encouraged and welcome. RSVP to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com. We will be meeting at our regular spot, **Cave Vin**, 5555 Xerxes Ave. S., Minneapolis.

People Serving People

Feb 25
11:30 am
PSP

People Serving People (PSP) is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP. The next day of service at PSP is February 25 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

Feb 25
3-5 pm
Northfield Yarn

Come join us for a lovely social time, and knit some hats, scarves, sweaters or socks. Or anything else.

Dates: Saturday Feb 25 from 3 to 5 pm; Sunday March 19 from 2:30 to 4:30

Contact: Cynthia Gilbertson at cfgilbertson@mac.com or 507-645-4327

The group typically meets at the creative fiber-crafts store of Yale alumna Cynthia Gilbertson, called **Northfield Yarn**, in Northfield, MN. Join other alumni and friends, experienced or otherwise, who share an interest in fiber-crafts. Interested persons are welcome at any time.

Yale Divinity School Alumni

Mar 5
2-5 pm
Lund's

When: March 5, 2015, Sunday 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Lunds, West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room

RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com

Discussion: The Fall 2016 issue of Reflections. Spirit and Politics: Finding Our Way. <http://reflections.yale.edu>

Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange

Mar 4-9
Mexico City

The Yale Global Alumni Leadership Exchange is an AYA initiative with the mission to share best practices in alumni relations to strengthen higher education. In other words, we take the AYA show on the road! We have been invited to bring our YaleGALE Exchange to Mexico City! **Tecnológico de Monterrey (Tec)** has invited us to visit their campuses in Mexico City and Puebla, along with receptions and exchanges. Exatec, the alumni association of Tec, has many regional associations and many volunteers in leadership.

We will go to some of the most spectacular sites while we are in Mexico City including: Teotihuacan, Castillo de Chapultepec (National History Museum, formerly an imperial palace and

presidential residence), Museo Soumaya, Frida Kahlo Museum, Templo Mayor (Aztec temple excavation in the heart of Mexico City).

Bring your family; bring your friends. Sample the traditional flavors of Mexico including churros and hot chocolate (mmmm!). Enjoy the warmth of the Mexican people and the warm weather!

Here is the [full itinerary](#) and [click here to register](#) for the trip. Contact Rosa Brambila Fuller '80, rosa.fuller@gmail.com

Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. Check the TCAN website for upcoming events: <http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org>

Join the TCAN LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4075580>

Like the TCAN Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TwinCitiesAlumniNetwork>

Join the Young Alumni Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>

Signature Expressions: How They Can Help You Quickly Size Up Others

Feb 23

6-8 pm

Dorsey & Whitney

50 S 6th St. #1500, Minneapolis

Sponsored by: Brown and Harvard

Cost: \$20 includes delicious appetizers with vegetarian options

RSVP: <http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=376>

Contact us: madeleine_filloux@alumni.brown.edu

Details: The Brown and Harvard Alumni Clubs invite you to an evening with Dan Hill, an internationally renowned expert on facial coding and emotional dynamics. "Everything is in the face," wrote the Roman philosopher Cicero. When we interact with others, our obvious identifiers are gender, race, relative age, and beauty. However, at a deeper level exist subtle clues about who you're interacting with or observing. These delicate expressions come from facial muscle movements that reveal whether a person is emotionally engaged or not, and if engaged when and how so. Are you winning them over? Creating distrust inadvertently? Confusing them? And how about their personality Is this somebody you want to hire, ally with, or even marry? Dan Hill learned facial coding from Dr. Paul Ekman, an advisor for Pixar's Inside Out movie and Fox's hit series, Lie to Me. For almost 20 years, Hill has applied facial coding to everything from market research for blue-chip companies, to work in Division I and pro sports, to critiquing presidential candidates for major networks. Dan will provide insights on the little clues that capture big truths about who we are and how we behave while touching on some key examples from his most recent book: 100 Celebrities from the Silent Generation to the Millennials Era which will be available for order at the event. Dan received his Ph.D. from Rutgers University, following studies at Brown University, Oxford University and St. Olaf College.

Food Group Volunteering

Feb 7

6-7:30 pm

The Food Group

8501 54th Avenue North, New Hope

Sponsored by: Dartmouth Club of the Midwest

Cost: Free

RSVP: by Tuesday, January 31st to leslie.mclauchlan@gmail.com

Details: Please join us for the next DCMW volunteer event at The Food Group on February 7th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We'll be sorting donations & packing food in their warehouse. Open to all ages, but guests must be in at least the 6th grade in order to participate

FINNEGANS and "Drink Like You Care" Happy Hour at Kieran's

Feb 28

5:00 pm

Kieran's Irish Pub

85 N 6th St. #1500, Minneapolis

Sponsored by: Penn Club of Minnesota

Registration details coming soon. For now, be sure to save the date!!

Join FINNEGANS and the Penn club at the Titanic Lounge at Kieran's Irish Pub on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 for a "Drink Like You Care" happy hour! We'll raise a pint, have some fun, and hear the story of FINNEGANS. FINNEGANS brews the world's only beers to donate 100% of profits to food banks to buy fresh produce from local farmers. Through the [FINNEGANS Community Fund](#), FINNEGANS turns beer into food to help alleviate hunger in our community. We will have great food, cash bar, and FINNEGANS specials throughout the event.

"Sip and Serve" Tennis Mixer

Mar 11

6-10 pm

Life Time Athletic

5525 Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park

Sponsored by: Dartmouth Club of the Midwest

Cost: \$35 per player for tennis. \$20 to socialize only.

RSVP: <https://form.jotform.com/USTANorthern/TCANtennisevent>

Contact: ketang78@gmail.com

Details: Dartmouth Alumni Club in partnership with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) is hosting a Tennis Mixer for TCAN members and guests. Come enjoy food, adult beverages, friendly competition and prizes! Match play will be team-based and divided by ability level. Never played before? There will also be a court for new players to experience and learn the game (space is limited). Cost is \$35 to play tennis or \$20 to socialize only. Life Time Fitness membership is NOT required. If you have questions, please contact Ken Tang

at ketang78@gmail.com.

The Siege of Leningrad

Mar 18

2:30 pm

The Museum of Russian Art

5500 Stevens Ave S., Minneapolis

Sponsored by: Harvard Club of Minnesota

Cost: museum admission (various rates)

RSVP: <http://hcmnnesota.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=383>

Contact us: james_p_richardson@msn.com

Details: A private tour of The Museum of Russian Art's multimedia presentation of one of the most tragic events of WWII: the 900-day siege of Leningrad in 1941-1944. Limit 20. Pay admission at the door, free to museum members. As part of Hitler's Operation Barbarossa, German forces laid siege to Leningrad (now St. Petersburg), resulting in an estimated one million deaths among its residents. The exhibition will focus on the city's struggle and survival through photographs, films, maps, and stories of the war period. It will highlight both the gruesome side of the war and the life-affirming effort of the people who lived through the horrible ordeal.

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