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## Thoughts from the President

Last month I wrote about the enjoyment of summer. How quickly time passes: it is already time to start thinking about back to school.

This year, the YAANW region sends 21 new freshmen (freshpeople?) to New Haven. What a great journey they are about to begin. It is a good reminder to alumni about how we can help our undergraduate students in their course: internships, job opportunities, networking.

And it is a good time to renew YOUR commitment to interviewing high school applicants to Yale. While it is frustrating to see such outstanding students face long odds of admission to Yale, it is a marvelous benefit—to both students and interviewers—to connect, and to understand each other. For student applicants, to know there is a human face to this highly regarded institution is a very valuable lesson. For interviewers, it is reassuring to see the quality of high school students who will inherit our planet. Help them along the way—even if they go somewhere other than Yale.

Even earlier than that, we can help children in their earliest formative years. I am particularly excited about our new partnership with Webster Elementary School. Come join in this program—there are so many ways to get involved.

Ron Goldser, '75  
President, YAANW

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## WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our relationship with Webster Elementary School is off to a strong start! However, WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!! Come join the fun:

- Help with setting up the school in late August
- Reading hour in the morning
- Assisting students at family style lunch
- Teachers' aides
- Children's Garden
- Helping the art, music and computer geography programs

Webster is starting as a K through Grade 2 school, adding a new grade each year up to Grade 5. School hours will roughly be 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday; we will learn more about when the volunteer programs are most needed throughout the school day. In addition, teachers will likely need assistance outside of regular school hours. They anticipate having a broadly diverse student body, with up to 70% receiving assistance with the lunch program.

Volunteers must sign up through the Minneapolis School District, after July 15. [http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/vol\\_info](http://volmps.mpls.k12.mn.us/vol_info)

For more information, and to volunteer, contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@gmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

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### Upcoming Special Programs

#### **August 4, 5:00 pm Social speed networking.**

Ok, this should be fun. You have no doubt seen or heard of speed dating. Well, this is an opportunity to make new friends, not only within YAANW, but all across TCAN. The location will be determined shortly. The idea is NOT to find a new significant other, to find a job or to sell cell phones or insurance. The idea IS to find new friends who share your social interests.

Location: 612Brew, 945 Broadway St. NE, Minneapolis

Price: \$15

Reservations: Dan Rutman [danrutman@comcast.net](mailto:danrutman@comcast.net)

Questions or comments to Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@gmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com)

**August 18 Annual summer dinner with golf and tennis.** We are scheduled to be at Somerset Country Club, Mendota Heights, this year for our annual summer event. Tune up your golf and tennis games! For further information contact the office of Dr. Larry Schuster at [SchusterClinic@aol.com](mailto:SchusterClinic@aol.com) 952.920.8386.

**November 18:** Annual meeting and financial panel

**November 20 and 21** Yale women's hockey

Yale's women play Gophers at Ridder Arena November 20 at 6:00 and November 21 at 7:00. For more information, contact Rick Luis at [luis@luislegal.com](mailto:luis@luislegal.com)

### **November 21 Yale vs. that other school football game**

Note that the time has been moved back to 1:30 to allow for national TV coverage. Details of our gathering will be forthcoming later.

### **Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **August 2 2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Where: Northfield Yarn, 314 Division St., Northfield, MN 55057

Preferred but Optional RSVP to: Cynthia Gilbertson at [cfgilbertson@mac.com](mailto:cfgilbertson@mac.com) or 507.645.4327

The group 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 (YDS) Alums**

**Saturday, October 3** with Derek Larson, a visit and tour to St. John's in Collegeville. A very special day of touring exhibits (the St. John Bible, pottery, and more), facilities and visiting with the Benedictines who reside there.

**Sunday, November 8 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. *A Very Special Treat***

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

**RSVP to [rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:rhokanson@gmail.com)**

**Discussion: "Divine Radiance: Keeping Faith with Beauty" (The 2015 Spring Edition of Reflections); leader will be Ken Freed, Yale '83 M.M '87 Ken plays viola with the Minnesota Orchestra and may bring his instruments.**

**In February or March,** Howard Bell will lead a discussion on The Righteous Mind by Jonathan Haidt

More details and materials on all of these are available. Please save the dates. RSVP [rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:rhokanson@gmail.com)

The focus of the group is networking and sharing. The group is open to spouses and friends and other Yale alums who have interest in YDS and the subjects we focus on.

### **Young Alumni Happy Hour**

**Wednesday, August 12:** Next Young Alumni Gathering will be in concert with the Tour de TCAN. See details below.

YAANW has a special focus on the needs and interests of young alumni in our territory. Whether this is simply social, networking, or about meeting other Yalies when you are new in town, we hope to reach out and connect with younger Yale grads (college or any professional school) and them with each other.

KEEP UP WITH THE YOUNG ALUMS ON FACEBOOK!!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>

If you are interested in participating in another gathering or event, or have any questions, please contact Max Musicant, [max.musicant@gmail.com](mailto:max.musicant@gmail.com) or Denise Levitan [denise.levitan@gmail.com](mailto:denise.levitan@gmail.com)

### **Yale Alumni Book Club**

After over 10 years of fascinating reading, **the Book Group needs your input!!!** Regular participation is down and we wonder how the Group can re-invent itself to better serve our Yale alumni community. If you have interest in books and reading, please write to [jan.kleinman@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kleinman@gmail.com) with your thoughts on any/all of the following topics:

- how you would like to interact with fellow alumni on the topic of books
- when you are available to interact with fellow book-loving alumni (day of week, time of day)
- topics of books that interest you
- frequency with which you are available to interact with fellow book-loving alumni
- suggestions/ideas?

### **People Serving People**

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **August 22 at 11:30 am**. YAANW has a small group volunteering to serve meals at PSP (11:30 to 1:00). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@gmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

PSP is a homeless shelter in downtown Minneapolis, serving children and their families.

### **French Table**

**When: August 4 at 5:30**

**Where:** Vincent, a Restaurant, 11<sup>th</sup> and Nicollet, Minneapolis

**When: September 8 at 6:30 (note the time change)**

**Where:** See the FOODIES group below

Note!! We are joining forces with the new Foodie Group for this month. Should be fun!

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](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

## **FOODIES!!!!**

**When: Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 pm**

**Where:** Cheng Heng, 448 University Ave W, Saint Paul, MN 55103

**RSVP:** Sept. 1 (though we'll do our best to expand to accept those who don't RSVP in time) to Hari Osofsky: [hosofsky@umn.edu](mailto:hosofsky@umn.edu)

Please join us for the inaugural event of a Yale Foodies group. We will meet monthly to explore the Twin Cities' wide variety of interesting restaurants featuring food from around the world. We will focus on restaurants at which people will pay no more than \$20-\$30 per person--and sometimes less!--and rotate around different parts of the Twin Cities. Our first event will be held at Cheng Heng, <http://www.yelp.com/biz/cheng-heng-restaurant-saint-paul>, a wonderful family-owned Cambodian restaurant in St. Paul. It does not have a liquor license, so please bring a bottle of wine to share with the group. The meal will feature a wide range of dishes that can accommodate dietary restrictions--please let Hari know if you are vegetarian or have any other restrictions so that the menu can be planned accordingly.

## **Calling All Lawyers**

In July, a small group gathered on a perfect summer evening on the patio at Republic on Seven Corners, for a rousing discussion!

**October 20**, 4:00 PM, Northrop Auditorium, University of Minnesota, Justice Antonin Scalia will deliver the U's Stein Lecture. Whether you are conservative or progressive in your views, this is a must see!! Registration information yet to come.

The group meets quarterly, at varying times and locations, so stay tuned. Several members will share thoughts and stories, of five to ten minute duration, to spark conversation.

For more information, contact Dorothy Whelan at [whelan@fr.com](mailto:whelan@fr.com)

## **Forestry School Alums and Environmental Scientists!**

If you are an FES grad, have an environmental degree, or are otherwise interested or engaged in work connected with those fields, keep your eyes on this page for the next gathering of the FES Midwest Alums Group! If you have an entrepreneurial idea in the energy or environmental arena, this is the place to come. Questions or comments to Victoria Thompson [victoria.thompson@outlook.com](mailto:victoria.thompson@outlook.com)

## **Yale Alums in the Arts**

**August 27, 7:30 PM:** Stillwater Music Festival  
Anne Sofie von Otter and Brooklyn Rider

Tickets and Info at [www.stillwatermusicfestival.com](http://www.stillwatermusicfestival.com)

Have an art/music/theatre event you wish to promote? Let us know!!

### **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 Malcolm McDonald at [malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net) or call 651.387.7050.

### **Yale Career Network**

Yale has started a new career network!! You can find information here: [https://yalecareer-csm.symplicity.com/attachments/191/Yale\\_Career\\_Network\\_FAQ\\_-\\_Alumni.pdf](https://yalecareer-csm.symplicity.com/attachments/191/Yale_Career_Network_FAQ_-_Alumni.pdf) If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Yale at [career.network@yale.edu](mailto:career.network@yale.edu) or by calling 203-432-0805 and asking for Stephanie Glover.

### **Mentoring Undergraduate Yale Students**

There are several opportunities for Yale alums to mentor current Yale students. First, YAANW is working with the Yale Entrepreneurial Institute to connect with students at YEI to assist in start up business opportunities. Second, Yale is starting its own undergraduate mentoring program, which you can access via [https://yalesurvey.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_07cIRcNAnqvAJcp](https://yalesurvey.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_07cIRcNAnqvAJcp)

For more information, contact Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@gmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com)

### **YAANW LinkedIn Group**

YAANW now has a LinkedIn Group! Join the group! Have a job you are trying to fill? Looking for a job? Communicate with fellow alums and use LinkedIn for all it is worth.

### **Courses & Lectures Direct from the Yale Campus**

Did you know that you can access a plethora of outstanding lectures and symposia by Yale faculty? Just visit [Yale's YouTube](#) channel and you will see a listing of offerings. While most are from the archives, occasionally there are live productions from the campus in New Haven. Subscribe to stay informed!

## **Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN)**

Join alumni from other local alumni clubs at various events hosted by their clubs. (Amherst, Brown, Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, MIT, Northwestern, NYU, Penn, Princeton, Smith, Stanford, Virginia, Wharton, Williams, Yale, Interclub and IvyLife.)

Check the TCAN website for upcoming events, such as the one noted below:  
<http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org/groups.php?m=3&y=2014>

### **Wednesday, August 12, 2015**

#### **“Tour de TCAN” – Twin Cities Alumni Network Biking Event**

**Time:** 6:00pm to 9:00pm

**Location:** 6:00 p.m. Meet at LynLake Brewery 6:15 p.m. Depart on Bikes 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. "Tour de TCAN" on Minneapolis bike Trails 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Return to LynLake Brewery for beverages/food/socializing

**Sponsored by:** Stern Club

**RSVP:** Planning to attend? Please RSVP to [info@twincitiesalumninetwork.org](mailto:info@twincitiesalumninetwork.org) with your name and alumni club affiliation or feel free to contact either Dick or Hugh below. Hope to see you there! [dick@mvpdesign.com](mailto:dick@mvpdesign.com) or [hughwilliams@williamsglobalmarketing.com](mailto:hughwilliams@williamsglobalmarketing.com)

**Details:** Please join alumni from NYU/Stern and the Twin Cities Alumni Network (TCAN) for our 5th annual summer bike ride event. We will pedal around the Minneapolis bike trail system for about an hour followed by food, drinks and socializing at LynLake Brewery in Uptown. All biking skill levels are welcome, and with bike rentals available at nearby Nice Ride MN stations you don't even need your own bike to participate. And for those who would like to meet us just for the socializing at LynLake Brewery that's cool too.

### **Thursday, September 03, 2015**

#### **Meet World Press Institute Fellows**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** University of St. Thomas Room 341 Anderson Student Center 2115 Summit Ave St. Paul, MN 55105

**Sponsored by:** Dick Weinrib (NYU & Stern Clubs); Jack Hoeschler and Dave McDonald (NYU Law Alumni)

**RSVP:** [jghoeschler@gmail.com](mailto:jghoeschler@gmail.com) by Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

**Contact us:** [jghoeschler@gmail.com](mailto:jghoeschler@gmail.com)

**Details:** The NYU Club of Minnesota invites all TCAN clubs to meet the World Press Institute Fellows on September 3, 2015 at the University of St. Thomas. The World Press Institute (WPI) has for over 50 years brought young and emerging foreign reporters to the US for an intensive 9 week introduction to learn about the United States of America and American journalism practices and techniques. This has consistently proven to be a life-changing experience for the fellows. Through a partnership with University of St. Thomas, the WPI fellows spend a month based in St. Paul before they head out to visit media centers and entities throughout the country. They return to Minnesota for one week in October before heading home. Previous fellows have

finished their careers as editors and publishers of major news outlets and significant authors and opinion leaders in their own countries. This year's fellows come from Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bulgaria, Finland, Germany, India, Kenya, and Ukraine and have worked in all types of print and electronic media. More about them can be found on the WPI homepage <http://www.worldpressinstitute.org/fellowship> The event will allow plenty of time to speak with individual fellows who might interest you but the event will lead off with 10 minute TED-type talks by two of the fellows to provide a deeper understanding of their interests and previous work. We would like to provide an opportunity for these young reporters to meet contemporaries in the Twin Cities business community and vice versa and we are testing this format to facilitate such an exchange. The event will be held in the wonderful, new Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas, and is worth a visit on its own right.