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Thoughts from the President

With privilege comes opportunity and obligation.

Our project about Yale in Minnesota history has made great progress this summer. It has been great fun working with one of our Bulldogs interns, Christine Wang '18. Christine has conducted a number of interviews, undertaken substantial research and compiled the results into a solid outline and the beginnings of a book.

Particularly telling have been the comments of several non-Yale people about the impact of our alma mater on the development of Minnesota. Jim Ulyot (Harvard '62) has told us:

In today's frequent call for higher education to lead more directly to jobs, the stories of these influential Yale-educated families in Minnesota remind us how a liberal arts education can have a positive lifelong effect on lives and careers. The common denominator throughout this book is the Yale experience. It undoubtedly played an important role in shaping values and developing leadership qualities that helped these memorable Minnesotans make such a big difference in their lives "back home."

And Lori Sturdevant (Coe '76), a member of the Star Tribune editorial board and coauthor of the Pillsbury

family history, said:

As I researched my 2011 book “The Pillsburys of Minnesota,” I was struck by the unusually large number of Minnesotans I encountered who were alumni of Yale University. When the Pillsbury twins John and Charles wanted to go “back East” to college in the 1890s, Yale was the only school on their list. It was where their Minneapolis friends were enrolled.... The males in those generations went to Yale, and when Yale became coeducational, some of the females did too.”

It has been inspiring to learn how these great Minnesota families have invoked their Yale privilege and sense of obligation to create opportunity for all who came after. Let us follow their examples.

Ron Goldser '75



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News and Announcements

Summer Outing

Our annual Summer Outing will be held on August 22 at Somerset Country Club.

Bulldogs on the Lakes

This year, our sixteen [Bulldogs on the Lakes](#) interns are serving twelve organizations in the

Twin Cities:
Headwaters Foundation for Justice
Milkweed Editions
Hmong College Prep Academy
InnerCity Tennis
MicroGrants
Great Plains Institute
Minneapolis Heart Institute
Minnesota History Center
Project for Pride in Living
Hmong American Famers Association
Juxtaposition Arts
Advocates for Human Rights

We can't thank enough the alums who host and help arrange events and opportunities for the interns.



2017 Bulldogs on the Lakes Interns

Seeking Alumni Interviewers

We're looking for alumni interviews for the upcoming application season. ASC coordinator Malcolm McDonald notes, "Tony Leung [Minneapolis], Jon Tilburt [Rochester] and I [St. Paul/Outstate] expect way over 400 applicants this coming season and welcome having you as an interviewer. We have had good success with Early Action applicants and expect a record number applying early this fall. Greatly appreciate your working with us! Currently have close to 100 from this area at Yale."

Our regional ASC coordinators:

- St. Paul/Outstate: Malcolm McDonald, malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net, 651-387-7050
- Minneapolis: Tony Leung, TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov
- Rochester: Jon Tilburt, Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu
- Dakotas: Dominique Fenton, dominique.a.fenton@gmail.com

Send us your news!

If you know of local events involving Yale alumni, students, or faculty, please feel free to [send us information](#) for inclusion in the newsletter or on social media (like our [Facebook events page](#) or [Twitter](#)). You can also share Yale-related news and events in our [Facebook group](#). If you have any photos of YAANW or Yale events to share, please send them to social@yaanw.org.

Recent Events

FOODIES!





FOODIES! at Obento-Ya in July

Upcoming Events

Click on an event to learn more!

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Special Events

An Evening with Salome at the Minnesota Orchestra Sommerfest

Aug 5

**5:30 pm
Hilton Minneapolis**

**8 pm
Orchestra Hall**

Dinner and pre-concert "play by play" with Minnesota Orchestra Violist Ken Freed (Yale College '83, School of Music '87) at the [Hilton Hotel](#)'s Director's Row Room August 5, 5:30 pm. The [Concert Opera](#) begins at 8 pm.

If you purchased tickets and have questions, please contact Ken Freed via email at kenfreed007@gmail.com or mobile, 952-457-6508. Tickets can be picked up at dinner.

Summer Outing

**Aug 22
Somerset CC**

Still working out details, but please mark your calendar for our annual summer outing and dinner! It will be held at [Somerset Country Club](#).

Habitat for Humanity

**Nov 4
8:30-4:30
South Minneapolis**

Come build houses! We are looking for 10-13 volunteers on Saturday, November 4th from 8:30 to 4:30. We will be doing new home construction. This is our third Habitat event and the first two were really fun and productive.

Contact [Vicky Stoneman](#) to sign up.



YAANW volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in October 2016

"Rigoletto" at the Minnesota Opera

March 2018

We'll be doing another [Minnesota Opera](#) event next spring. Stay tuned!

Regular Events and Special Interest Groups

French Table

Wednesday, Aug 2
6 pm
Cave Vin

Note: Moved back a day for Neighborhood Night Out events! 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.

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

Aug 14
5-7 pm
**Tavern Pub and
Restaurant**

We will be knitting on the porch of the Tavern Pub and Restaurant (212 Division St. South), just a block down from Northfield Yarns. Enjoy a glass of wine or mug of beer while knitting if so inclined!

Come join us for great knitting and fun conversation. Bring your current project(s) or start a new one. Get advice, opinions or ask questions. Total beginners through advanced are welcome. Come whenever it works for you or attend on a regular basis!

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.

People Serving People

Aug 26
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. We volunteer on the fourth Saturday of every month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

FOODIES!!!

September

Our next FOODIES!!! event will be a French-themed brunch in September. Stay tuned for details!

The Yale Foodies group meets periodically to explore the Twin Cities' wide variety of interesting restaurants featuring food from around the world. We 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.

Contact: Paula Bentabol: bentabol@gmail.com

Yale Alumni in the Arts

Aug 5
Edina Arts Center

Book and Ballad, August 5, Edina

This month, North Star Press released a memoir by Elisa Korenne '96, [Hundred Miles to Nowhere: An Unlikely Love Story](#) about a singer-songwriter who moves from New York City to rural Minnesota and finds somewhere, and someone, in the middle of nowhere.

The book is a finalist for the Next Generation Indie Book Awards, and Elisa will be doing a reading with live songs at the [Edina Arts Center](#) on August 5 from 10-11 am.

Hmong American Farmers Association Volunteer Days

Sep 10
11 am

The [Hmong American Farmers Association](#), run by Pakou Hang (Yale '99) was formed in the fall of 2011, on the premise that family farming could be a way of the future for Hmong immigrant farmers, as well as a way of the past. Conceived of and governed by Hmong farmers themselves, HAFA is dedicated to advancing the prosperity of Hmong farmers through cooperative endeavors, capacity building and advocacy.

HAFA is looking for volunteers for the Harvest Fest on September 10th from 11 am to 2 pm. The theme is "Planting, Growing and Sharing Community."

To volunteer for Harvest Fest or at other times, contact Mee Thor at mee@hmongfarmers.com or 651-493-8091.

Programs from Yale and AYA

Yale Alumni Real Estate Association

Yale AREA has a new listserv! Please join [here](#). The Yale AREA National Conference 2017 will be held in New Haven on November 10.

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>

The True Story of How Politicians Get Elected

**Aug 17
6-8 pm
McNamara Alumni Center**

Sponsored by: Barnard Club

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/TCAN170817>

Cost: \$10

Contact us: Elissa Verrilli, everrilli@barnard.edu or 646-745-8313

Location: Heritage Gallery at McNamara Alumni Center, University of MN, 200 SE Oak St in Minneapolis

An Assistant Professor of Political Science at Barnard and former federal campaign consultant, Michael G. Miller will share results from a new national survey of local party leaders, describing how the decisions they make have ramifications for who runs for—and wins—elected office in the United States. The event will include a cocktail reception.

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