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Thoughts from the President

Wow! We have a lot going on. It's really great to see the active participation of so many alums—undergraduate and professional.

When we did our strategic plan some time ago, we received a strong message about broadening the scope of our activities—different interests, different age groups, different geographic locations. We have tried to respond to as many of these suggestions as possible. Of course, if you have an idea, we are open to it!

It feels like we now offer a range of activities from kindergarten (Webster Elementary), high school (working with many fine students in our region), college (helping current students and recent graduates with their needs and interests—around the world!), working families, theatre, music, art, social issues. I am truly grateful to all who put these events on our map and our calendar.

But most of all, the camaraderie, the exchange of thoughts, ideas and contacts, and just the friendship and conversation I personally experience in all the events I attend, are worth every effort. I know it is difficult to find the time and energy to be involved—I feel it too. But I am certainly glad each time I do.

Hope you can join us!

Ron Goldser, '75
President, YAANW

Alumni Schools Committee

Coming down the home stretch for this year. 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. Interviews can now be conducted over the internet (Skype and Facetime). We hope you can join us and the many other alumni interviewers. Resource and training materials are available.

Upcoming Events

Feb 6 Join us at the University Club at Summit and Ramsey on February 6th starting at 5:30 PM in the President's Room and the Varsity Grill for drinks and food and the live telecast of the Harvard Yale men's hockey game starting at 6 PM our time sitting in comfortable seats with great camaraderie. We have seven players with Minnesota ties -

Harvard

91 - Jale Holton - Oakdale - Forward - Sophomore
26 - Jacob Olson - Saint Paul - Hill Murray - Defense - Freshman
32 - Peter Traber - Shattuck St. Mary's - Goalie - Senior

Yale

23 Charlie Curti - Mound - Defense - Freshman
15 Henry Hart - Stillwater - Forward - Freshman
34 Alex Lyon - Baudette - Goalie - Junior
18 Nate Repensky - Duluth - Defense - Sophomore

Valet parking available.

\$5 per person to cover room and television

RSVP - malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net

Feb 11 6:30 pm FOODIES!!!!!!

If you missed the last FOODIES!!! event, don't miss this one.

Where: Ghorka Palace, 23 NE 4th Street, Minneapolis <http://gorkhapalace.com/>

RSVP: Hari Osofsky, hosofsky@umn.edu Please make your reservation by February 4!

Please join us for the Yale Foodies group. We are meeting 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.

Feb Club Emeritus!!

Feb 18, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, LynLake Brewery (2934 Lyndale Ave S., Minneapolis)

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!

But this year, OUTSTATERS!!! Need to set up their own Feb Club. Calling on Rochester, Duluth, Fargo, Grand Forks, Madison, Sioux Falls, Eau Claire!!!

RSVP and questions to Denise Levitan denise.levitan@gmail.com or Max Musicant, max.musicant@gmail.com

Feb 21, 1:00 pm EVENT WITH MU PERFORMING ARTS AT THE GUTHRIE

Mu Performing Arts (Minnesota's own Asian-American performing arts company) is presenting "You for Me for You," a play about 2 sisters attempting to flee North Korea, at the Guthrie's Dowling Studio. YAANW has secured a limited number of seats for this Sunday matinee performance, as well as a post-show Q&A (moderated by Rohan Preston, '89) with the playwright, Mia Chung (Yale '94). Seats are limited, so RSVP to cynthiaylee@gmail.com by **February 5**.

Come see a culture crossing tale critics have hailed as a "rich and startling North Korean escape epic" (The Guardian), and a "brilliantly imaginative journey ... not to be missed" (The Independent). As they attempt to flee the Best Nation in the World, North Korean sisters Minhee (Sun Mee Chomet) and Junhee (Audrey Park) are torn apart at the border. Each must race across time and space to be together again – navigating the perilous Land of the Free and the treacherous terrain of personal belief.

Tickets for the play are \$26 each.

March 16, noon: Luncheon with Kent Pekel, President and CEO of Search Institute, talking about "Education: Beyond the Tests." Minneapolis Club, tickets are \$40.

Questions or reservations to Larry Schuster, at SchusterClinic@aol.com or 952.920.8386.

March 26, 7:30 pm: Love and Honor vs. Power: Puccini's Tosca

Enjoy high drama set to beautiful music!

The Minnesota Opera again offers significant discounts to members of the Yale and Harvard Clubs and other TCAN organizations.

A fiery prima donna, an idealistic artist and a manipulative chief of police find themselves entangled in a web of drama in this spellbinding classic. Tosca's allegiance to her lover, Cavaradossi, is put to the ultimate test by the obsessive Scarpia who will stop at nothing to possess her. This magnificent tale of deceit, love and honor brims with sumptuous music and unforgettable arias.

Sung in Italian with English translations projected above the stage.

The Minnesota Opera has reserved blocks of tickets for us at generous discounts: \$60 (Sec B, normally \$125), \$50 (Sec C, normally \$100) and \$40 (Sec D, normally \$85). Call the Minnesota Opera ticket office at 612-333-6669 by Friday, March 18 and mention the Yale-Harvard event.

Join us for dinner first at Pazzaluna, in St. Paul at 5:15 pm. No prix-fixe, just order off the menu. The Opera's General Director, Nina Archabal (Harvard) will be there, and we will also have a short presentation on Tosca from a member of the company. Please RSVP for the dinner to Cynthia Lee at cynthialee@gmail.com

Alternatively, you may wish to attend Opera Insights at 6:30 in Ordway Music Theater's Marzitelli Foyer, hosted by Rob Ainsley, the Minnesota Opera's Head of Music. 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.

April 24 (Tentative) Environmental Sustainability Event

Come hear Dr. Derek Larson (Yale, '93 M.A.R.) Professor of History and Environmental Studies The College of St. Benedict|St. John's University and his colleagues), Dr. Jean Lavigne (geographer and professor of environmental studies), and Dr. Matt Lindstrom (political scientist and director of the Eugene McCarthy Center on Civic Engagement) discuss the recent Climate Change Conference in Paris

May 7 Day of Service

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

The Yale Day of Service will take place Saturday, May 7th, and we hope you can participate whether or not you have been involved in the past. 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. We have 5 volunteer sites in the larger Twin City metro area. More info on the sites to come.

Outstater!!! If you would be interested in setup up a site outside the metro area, please contact Vicky (see below for contact info).

Many thanks, Vicky Stoneman 507.339.2897 or vstoneman@s-sm.org

May 12, 5:00 – 7:00 pm (RESCHEDULED!!) Dr. Peter Schulam, who was recently appointed Interim Director, Smilow Cancer Center at Yale New Haven Hospital <https://medicine.yale.edu/cancer/about/director.aspx> will be visiting our club. Dr. Schulam plans to discuss the Yale Cancer Center and provide an update on accomplishments of the last year and how things have gone through the transition. He will also talk about their initiatives and goals for the coming year

We will have a reception at 5:00 (light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar) and presentation at 6:00 pm at the Minneapolis Club, Minneapolis. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/schulam.html>. For more information, contact Malcolm McDonald at malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net or 651.387.7050

This event will also be our annual fund raiser, so please consider your contribution to YAANW for this year.

Coming this summer and fall:

- We hope to volunteer on one or more occasions with the Hmong farmers in Dakota through the Hmong American Farmers Association, headed by Pakou Hang (Yale, '99) <http://www.hmongfarmers.com/>
- We are working on an outing with Habitat for Humanity to help build houses in September
- The annual summer outing will be at Woodhill Country Club in August

Yale Alums in the Arts

Mar 6 5:00 pm Nightingale Trio, Icehouse, 2528 Nicollet Ave S., Minneapolis
The Nightingale Trio are birdsongs in the spring, new buds blooming, and dancers with flowers in their hair. The Nightingale Trio is returning to Minneapolis, bringing their exuberant interpretations of Eastern European folksongs with them.

\$8 in advance/\$10 at the door

This is The Nightingale Trio's first appearance at Icehouse; please arrive early to ensure a good seat!

Yale Alumni Knitting Group

When: **Saturday, February 27, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm**

Where: Northfield Yarn, 314 Division St., Northfield, MN 55057
Preferred but Optional RSVP to: Cynthia Gilbertson at 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

February 28, 2:00 – 5:00 pm:

Where: Lunds, West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room [RSVP to rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:rhokanson@gmail.com)

Facilitated by Rev. Howard K. Bell '72: A Discussion of The Righteous Mind by Jonathan Haidt on February 28, 2016. Here is a link to the Moral Foundations website where you will find the research process used by Haidt, a link to the book, and an excellent video of Haidt interviewed by Bill Moyers: <http://moralfoundations.org>. Attendees are welcome to read the book, explore the website and, hopefully, everyone will at least watch the video prior to our discussion.

The focus of the group is networking and sharing. The group is open to spouses and friends and other Yale alums that have interest in YDS and the subjects we focus on. Any questions can be directed to Rudy Hokanson.

Young Alumni Happy Hour

Watch the YAANW and TCAN Facebook pages for the next event. 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 or Denise Levitan denise.levitan@gmail.com

People Serving People

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **February 27 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.

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

French Table

**When: March 1 at 6:00 pm (Cave Vin, 56th and Xerxes—location tentative)
April 5 at 6:00 pm (St. Genevieve, 50th and Bryant, Minneapolis)**

NOTE THE LOCATION AND TIME!! We will be trying different locations in the Twin Cities for French table throughout 2016, so if you have suggestions, please make them!

All levels of French are encouraged and welcome. RSVP to Ron Goldser at rgoldser@gmail.com.

Calling All Lawyers

We hold meetings quarterly. Our next meeting will be jointly held with the Environmental Sustainability event described above

Please send suggestions for topics and venues to Dorothy Whelan at 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

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.

<http://www.twincitiesalumninetwork.org/groups.php?m=3&y=2014>

Event: Bill George - HBS Professor and Former CEO of Medtronic

Date: **Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

Time: 6:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Dorsey & Whitney, 50 South 6th Street, 15th Floor, Minneapolis

Sponsored by: Harvard Club of MN

Cost: \$20

RSVP: www.harvardmn.org

Contact us: admin@harvardmn.org

Details: Respected Twin Cities business leader and HBS Professor Bill George returns to the Harvard Club of Minnesota to present his newest book, Discover Your True North. Written as a follow-on to True North, it is based on 47 new interviews with authentic leaders and details the lessons learned in the past decade through teaching and working with thousands of leaders. Even if you have already read True North, you will find that the added perspectives of the diverse leaders interviewed and insights about how leaders have changed will make reading Discover Your True North well worth your time.

Among the new leaders profiled in his book are Warren Buffett, Indra Nooyi, Mark Zuckerberg, Arianna Huffington, Nelson Mandela, Sheryl Sandberg and Hank Paulson.