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## Thoughts from the President

Happy New Year! What are your resolutions? Diet and exercise? Want to form a YAANW yoga group? Social involvement? We have lots of those opportunities! Giving back to the community! That too! Let us help make your resolutions a reality.

Hope to see you this year.

Ron Goldser, '75  
President, YAANW

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## WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Come to the Open House, **Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00 am** (dedication ceremony at 11:00 am). Come see what our partner school is doing for kids!

Webster is thriving! The morning literacy hour is an outstanding opportunity to connect with children, one on one and in small groups. Wednesday afternoon enrichment is another hour long opportunity to use your talents to nurture our next generation. And the lunch program will begin soon.

We need your help!!

Volunteers must sign up through the Minneapolis School District.  
[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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### **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. Interviews can now be conducted over the internet. We hope you can join us and the many other alumni interviewers. Resource and training materials are available.

### **Upcoming Special Programs**

**Jan 8, 10:** Yale Men's Hockey in Arizona! (or come watch the game against Arizona State in Minneapolis on January 8. Game time starts at 9:00 pm Central. We are gathering at Runyon's, 107 N. Washington Ave., Minneapolis

**YALE ALUMNI PACKAGE**

ASU HOCKEY	YALE	
	Vs 	<b>FRIDAY JANUARY 8 8:00PM</b>
ARIZONA COYOTES	NASHVILLE PREDATORS	
	Vs 	<b>SATURDAY JANUARY 9 7:00PM</b>
    	<b>Sunday, January 10</b>	<b>Consolation game at 12:00pm</b> <b>Tournament final at 3:00pm</b>

**\$149 for tickets to all hockey games!**  
Lower level center ice seating for collegiate hockey  
mix 1 Club seating for the Coyotes vs. Predators  
For more information contact Steve Bonczak at 602-772-5485 - [Steve.Bonczak@ArizonaCoyotes.com](mailto:Steve.Bonczak@ArizonaCoyotes.com)

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**GILA RIVER ARENA**

**Feb 6** Yale/Harvard hockey game. We'll gather with those other folks and see who has the better hockey team, at least for a night. Details: Game time is 6:00 pm Central. We

are meeting at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Menu service will be available.

### **Feb Club!!**

What is Feb Club Emeritus? **Feb 18, 5:30 – 8:00 pm, LynLake Brewery (2934 Lyndale Ave S., Minneapolis)**

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!!!

Questions to Denise Levitan [denise.levitan@gmail.com](mailto:denise.levitan@gmail.com) or Max Musicant, [max.musicant@gmail.com](mailto:max.musicant@gmail.com)

**March 16, noon:** Luncheon with Kent Pikel, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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. We will have a reception at 5:00 (light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar) and presentation at 6:00 pm at Windows on Minnesota, IDS Center, 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](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net) or 651.387.7050

### **Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **Sunday, January 10, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm**  
**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](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**

**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](mailto:max.musicant@gmail.com) or Denise Levitan [denise.levitan@gmail.com](mailto:denise.levitan@gmail.com)

### **People Serving People**

The next day of service at People Serving People (PSP) is **January 23 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: February 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm**

**Where: TBD**

NOTE THE NEW 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](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

### **FOODIES!!!!**

**Thurs, Jan 21 at 6:30 pm**

What: Flamingo! Ethiopian/Eritrean food at a restaurant run by East African women activists <http://flamingorestaurantmn.com/>

Where: 490 N. Syndicate St., St. Paul

RSVP: Hari Osofsky, [hosofsky@umn.edu](mailto:hosofsky@umn.edu) Please make your reservation by January 14!

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.

### **Calling All Lawyers**

We hold meetings quarterly. Our next meeting will be sometime early next year. Please send suggestions for topics and venues to 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 Career Network**

Yale has started a new career network!! You can find information here: <http://ocs.yale.edu/content/yale-career-network>

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.

### **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.

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

Brown, Columbia, and the University of Pennsylvania invite you to a  
**Warm Winter Gathering**



**Where**

The Calhoun Beach Club's Urban Eatery  
2730 W Lake St, Minneapolis, MN 55416

**When**

Wednesday January 20, 2016  
5 to 8 pm

**RSVP**

Please contact Brown Club's Andrea Radke at [andrea.radke@optum.com](mailto:andrea.radke@optum.com) or [\(612\) 309-3863](tel:6123093863)

**Payment**

Submit \$15 via Paypal to [dan\\_rutman@alumni.penn.edu](mailto:dan_rutman@alumni.penn.edu)  
Send a check to Dan Rutman, Penn Club, MN, 6728 Rosemary Lane, Edina MN 55439  
(please make check payable to Dan Rutman and write "Alumni Event" in memo)  
Or pay at the event

**Featuring**

Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar  
Free valet parking, coat check

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

**Event:** CEO Series: Mobile Disruption Deconstructed: MobCon 2015 in Review

**Time:** 6 PM - 8 PM

**Location:** Minneapolis Club, 729 2nd Ave South, Minneapolis

**Sponsored by:** Harvard Club of MN

**Cost:** \$\$40

**Contact us:** [admin@harvardmn.org](mailto:admin@harvardmn.org)

**Details:** See <http://www.harvardmn.org/events.html> for event details and to purchase tickets.