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### **Thoughts from the President**

School's out for the summer!

And YAANW has many offerings for kids, families, students and alums. Come to the Zoo, to Sommerfest, play golf, tennis, listen to your Governor at a luncheon, happy hour on Lake Minnetonka.

Of special note is the Bulldogs on the Lake program. BOTL, a separate organization from YAANW, sponsors 15 summer interns at various locations throughout the Twin Cities. Interns live for the summer at Danebo, the Danish American Center. In addition, to their job functions, interns are invited to a variety of social functions—both their own and YAANW. They hear from a variety of alumni speakers. They had a special evening at the Indian restaurant Gandhi Mahal, with the owner Ruhel Islam. They will have their own event at the Minnesota Orchestra. Many of the interns are not Minnesota natives, so if you run into one or more, make them welcome! After all, some decide to migrate here after they graduate.....

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**

#### **July 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

The newly appointed Executive Director of the Yale-China Association, David Youtz (pronounced "Yoots") will be coming to the Twin Cities in July. The Yale-China Association is doing really interesting work. Alumni generally know about the Association's historic work, but not how it has changed with the times and is relevant and dynamic - even in rapidly changing China!

Where: Kate Sandweiss, 2515 Lake Place, Minneapolis

RSVP (by July 3) and information: [kate@sandweissconsulting.com](mailto:kate@sandweissconsulting.com)

#### **July 9, 4:30 - 7 p.m.**

Yale Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Judson Brewer

[http://psychiatry.yale.edu/people/judson\\_brewer.profile](http://psychiatry.yale.edu/people/judson_brewer.profile)

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The Minikhada Club, Minneapolis

Judson Brewer, MD, PhD, is the director of research for The Center for Mindfulness and associate professor in medicine and psychiatry at UMass Medical school. He is also adjunct faculty at Yale University. Brewer has developed and tested novel mindfulness programs for addictions, including in-person and app-based treatments for smart

phones and tablets. He has published numerous peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, presented to the US President's Office of National Drug Control Policy, been featured at TEDx, Time magazine (top 100 new health discoveries of 2013 for his work with smoking), Forbes, Businessweek, NPR and the BBC among others.

Register today for this complimentary event exclusively for donors of the Penny George Institute Foundation and their guests.

Email: [laurie.hennen@allina.com](mailto:laurie.hennen@allina.com)

**July 29, noon GOVERNOR DAYTON!!!! At the Minneapolis Club.**

For information and reservations, contact Dr. Larry Schuster at [SchusterClinic@aol.com](mailto:SchusterClinic@aol.com) 952.920.8386.

**August 1 Family Fun at the Minnesota Zoo: Exclusive Behind-the-Scenes Tour**


This will be a fun and unique opportunity to see a whole new side of the Zoo and meet fellow Yale alums. We ran a similar event 3 years ago and it was totally fabulous as well as inspiring, interesting and great fun. It is truly for adults and children of all ages!. We will start off by gathering in a private meeting room in the Grizzly Coast Exhibit area and meet some live animals up front and personal, followed by a private tour of some of the most popular exhibits with special behind-the-scenes stops. We will come back to the meeting room for a reception with some delicious hors d'oeuvres and treats and time to mingle. There will be optional free time to explore the zoo on your own before or after our gathering. Everyone will get a ticket to ride the new carousel too. All are welcome to attend, whether a family or just those young at heart with a passion for animals, and please feel free to bring friends. There are also mobility chairs available for anyone not comfortable walking for a tour. Don't miss out on the fun!!

Location: Minnesota Zoo

Time: 1:00pm (remember you can come earlier if you want to do some touring on your own beforehand or you can stay after to do so).

Cost: \$26 Adults, \$11 children (3-12), children 2 and under free (includes entrance fee, carousel ride, parking and food)

RSVP or questions: Vicky Stoneman at 507 339-2897 or [vstoneman@s-sm.org](mailto:vstoneman@s-sm.org) RSVP appreciated by July 22nd, but please contact Vicky even if you are after this deadline.

Register via Paypal here:  or mail checks to Vicky Stoneman at 1000 Shumway Ave, Faribault MN 55021

**August 1 5:30 pm Minnesota Orchestra**

Come hear the Minnesota Orchestra's Sommerfest performance of Puccini's heartbreaking classic Madame Butterfly on August 1 at Orchestra Hall in downtown Minneapolis. We will meet for pre show dinner, plot summary, and an orchestra state of the state with violist Kenneth Freed in the Cunningham Green Room.

Price: \$85

Please contact Ken at [kenfreed007@gmail.com](mailto:kenfreed007@gmail.com) to make your reservation. Please mail your checks made out to YAANW to Nick Johnson, 1818 Kenwood Parkway,, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Tickets are limited and reservations will be first come first serve.

**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: \$25

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.

**Yale Alumni Knitting Group**

When: **July 19 2:30 to 4:30 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**

**Sunday, July 19 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

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

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

**Discussion: The Future of Theological Education; leader will be Chris Thomforde.**

**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. See attached.

**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**

**July 22, 6:00 pm 6Smith, Wayzata**

A lovely evening on the Lake!!

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 **July 25 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: July 7 and August 4 at 5:30**

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

## **Calling All Lawyers**

For our second quarter meeting, we attended Solicitor General Donald Verrilli's presentation at the U of Minnesota law school on April 9 and then went out for drinks and discussion afterwards. Our third quarter meeting tentatively will take place **July 22, at 6:00 pm**. Location yet TBD

**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!!

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**

**All weekends in July**

**Saturdays 7:30**

**Sundays 5:30**

## **Minneapolis Pops Orchestra**

Since 1987 Jere Lantz, '71, has been conductor of the Minneapolis Pops Orchestra, the only professional orchestra in the Upper Midwest organized exclusively to present outdoor free concerts to the public. Their primary venue is the Lake Harriet Bandshell, where they offer 10 concerts each summer

For detailed time, location and concert playlist, contact Jere at [ijklantz002@aol.com](mailto:ijklantz002@aol.com), 612.859.7170

**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!!

## **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>

**Event:** Summer Happy Hour!!!

**Date:** **Wednesday, July 22, 2015**

**Location:** 6Smith in Wayzata

**Sponsored by:** Brown and Columbia Clubs

**Details:** Details coming soon!