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## Thoughts from the President

**Ron Goldser '75**

Cynthia Stuck (B. Mus. 1952) has graciously offered to auction several Yale items in her possession---a Yale captain's chair and a Yale serving platter. Pictures of these items are below.

So here's the plan: send your bids to me via [email](#). I will occasionally inform you of the current highest bid. BUT!!!! The final bidding will take place IN PERSON at the annual summer outing at Woodhill Country Club on August 30. So you have to be present to win!!

Proceeds will be generously donated to support our YAANW activities.



Keep up with news at Yale: <http://news.yale.edu>

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Make your contribution to YAANW today! 

Join the YAANW LinkedIn Group! 

**President: Ron Goldser, '75**

**Secretary: Rudy Hokanson, '74 M.Div., '81 MBA**

**Treasurer: Nick Johnson, '74**

## Upcoming Events

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Every Thursday, May  
through October:  
**FARMING!!!**

July 5: **French table**

July 18: **Knitting Group**

July 23 **People Serving  
People**

July 23: **Mn Orchestra  
Opera Finale—Otello**

July 25: **St. Paul Saints  
game**

Aug 14: **Richard Carter  
(YDS)**

Aug 14: **Camp Yale**

Aug 30: **Summer outing**

Oct 2: **Jim Hackney (YDS)**

Oct. 22: **Habitat for  
Humanity**

May 23, 2017: **Dean  
Gregory Sterling  
from the Yale Divinity  
School**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Minnesota Orchestra: Otello

July 23      7:30 pm      Orchestra Hall, Mpls

Come to the Sommerfest Opera Finale: Shakespeare's powerful tragedy inspired Verdi's most glorious music. Otello, Desdemona, and Iago become tangled in passion, jealousy, betrayal, and revenge—the juiciest elements of grand opera. We have a block of tickets for this event, to be followed by a conversation in the Green Room at Orchestra Hall after the show. Tickets are \$50. Call the box office for tickets: Chris Johnson 612.371.5671. **PLEASE PURCHASE TICKETS BY JULY 8.** Questions: Ken Freed [kenfreed007@gmail.com](mailto:kenfreed007@gmail.com)

### Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

ST PAUL SAINTS  
July 25      7:00 pm      CHS Field St. Paul

TCAN is having a group outing to the Saints game against the Sioux City Explorers. The date is Monday, July 25 at 7:00 pm, at CHS Field in St. Paul. We have a block of 25 tickets, at \$20 each. First come, first served. RSVP at <http://alumninet.yale.edu/clubs/mn01/saints2016.html>. Questions to Ron Goldser, [yaanw@yaanw.org](mailto:yaanw@yaanw.org)

### Summer Outing

Aug 30      Woodhill Country Club

Save the date for our annual summer outing at Woodhill. Opportunity to play golf or tennis. Questions to Larry Schuster at [SchusterClinic@aol.com](mailto:SchusterClinic@aol.com) or 952.920.8386.

### Habitat for Humanity

Oct 22      8:30-4:30      North Minneapolis

Come build houses! We are looking for 10-13 volunteers on Saturday, October 22 from 8:30 to 4:30. We will be doing new home construction. North Minneapolis homes are towards the middle of the builds, so the work will be very exciting—we can really watch progress being made. Check out all the work Habitat is doing in the Jordan Neighborhood of North Minneapolis [here!](#) Questions to Vicky Stoneman, [Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org](mailto:Vicky.Stoneman@s-sm.org) or Mark Capaldini, [mark.capaldini@gmail.com](mailto:mark.capaldini@gmail.com)

## Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School

May 23, 2017

TBD

Dean Gregory Sterling of the Yale Divinity School will be coming May 23, 2017 to speak to our Yale alumni and the larger community. Dean Sterling will come for an evening event that will be hosted by YAANW. Details are still being developed. Dean Sterling is highly regarded and is very involved in interfaith discussions domestically and around the world as well as issues as broad as faith and sustainability. We are very pleased we have received such a commitment so far in advance from the dean of one of Yale's oldest and most established professional schools. See <http://divinity.yale.edu/faculty-and-research/yds-faculty/gregory-sterling> and <https://yalealumnimagazine.com/articles/3431/new-div-school-dean-is-a-preacher-scholar>.

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### French Table

July 12

6:00 pm

Cave Vin, Minneapolis

**When:** July 12 at 6:00 pm (Cave Vin, Xerxes Ave, Minneapolis)

NOTE THE LOCATION AND TIME!! The tentative plan for the rest of the year is to alternate between Cave Vin (odd months) and Meritage (even months). Your feedback on this plan is invited. All levels of French are encouraged and welcome. RSVP to Ron Goldser at [rgoldser@gmail.com](mailto:rgoldser@gmail.com).

#### Young Alumni: Camp Yale

August 14

afternoon

TBA

The team behind Feb Club Emeritus is starting a summer version, **Camp Yale**. We're tentatively scheduling an afternoon/evening picnic for Sunday, August 14, but are still working on a location, so check next month's newsletter! Email [denise.levitan@aya.yale.edu](mailto:denise.levitan@aya.yale.edu) to RSVP or volunteer your lawn!

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. Join the Twin Cities Alumni Network Young Alumni Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TCANYA>

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

## Yale Alumni NonProfit Alliance (YANA)

TBA

YANA has decided to meet regularly with this format: a) an informal “social hour” for purposes of individual or small group conversation and networking; b) a presentation by a group member on his or her non-profit, describing strengths and struggles of his/her program, and c) an opportunity for announcements or special interests raised by others

YANA is a SIG (Special Interest Group) of the AYA focused on bringing alumni together who volunteer or work in the non-profit and public sector. The YANA website is

<http://yalenonprofitalliance.org/> and their newsletter can be found at:

<http://yalenonprofitalliance.org/media-events/newsletter/>

## People Serving People

July 23

11:30 am

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

## Yale Alumni Knitting Group

Next date: July 18, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Tavern Restaurant, Northfield

**When:** July 18 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm

**Where:** Tavern Restaurant, Northfield, MN

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

## Yale Divinity School (YDS) Alums

August 14 and October 2

The YDS Alumni Group will be meeting **Sunday August 14th** at Lund's ("tentative" until we secure the space) from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., West Lake Street (612-825-2440), Community Room. RSVP to [rhokanson@gmail.com](mailto:rhokanson@gmail.com).

Richard Carter ('81 STM) Professor/Teacher/Lecturer who is currently stationed in Hong Kong will add a global perspective from his experiences. "Hong Kong is a Graduate Course in New Testament Exegesis." He wrote me, "The more we learn of Christians here and their context, the more I am driven to study and to understand Acts and the Epistles." This should be a fascinating topic.

On **Sunday October 2**, we will be meeting with a special guest, Jim Hackney '79 MAR, Senior Director of Development for YDS. Jim is traveling here from New Haven to be with us and will discuss the details of the YDS Strategic Plan. He will tell us about the many exciting programs, faculty, merger with Andover Newton Seminary and resources of Yale Divinity School we can take advantage of and that today's students are benefiting from. There is much that is happening. While all of our meetings are meant to be rich in value, this is a special opportunity for those of us in YAANW to learn more about today's YDS.

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](#).

## Wanna work on a farm this summer?

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.

They have decided to create ongoing Thursday volunteer opportunities available at the farm. Folks can sign up for a slot on Thursdays 9-12 and 1-3, May-October. There will be various types of work like landscaping, gardening in our demonstration high tunnels, maintaining the compost or picking rocks to improve the soil. If anyone has special skills like carpentry they have some special projects available.

An online registration form is being created. In the meantime, to volunteer, contact Winnie Zwick at [winnie@hmongfarmers.com](mailto:winnie@hmongfarmers.com)

## Alumni Schools Committee

Congratulations to Tony Leung for his 25 years of service to the Alumni Schools Committee!!

Also, thanks to all the volunteers who interviewed hundreds of applications to Yale for the class of 2020. We have 17 students who have accepted offers of admission to Yale for that class. The competition for admission was, as always, very great. But this year, the competition to have students choose to matriculate to Yale after being admitted was even stiffer. Next year, not only will our interviewers need to sell the qualifications of the applicants to the admissions committee, but we will also have to sell the benefits of Yale to the students! This is a great opportunity for outstate, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin alumni to serve the Yale community!! Questions to Malcolm McDonald (St. Paul) [malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net](mailto:malcolmmcdonald@comcast.net), Tony Leung (Mpls.) [TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:TNLeung@mnd.uscourts.gov), or Jon Tilburt (Rochester) [Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu](mailto:Tilburt.Jon@mayo.edu)

## Yale Book Award

Each year, we ask high schools throughout our territory to nominate an outstanding rising senior for the Yale Book Award. The criteria allow high school teachers and counselors to identify the student whose academic prowess, community involvement, school service and personality single out those students for recognition. This year, we gave awards to 76 high schools, with a number of volunteers attending the individual ceremonies to present the award in person. As always, we can use additional volunteers to present these awards. This is a good opportunity for out state alumni to be of service to Yale and YAANW. Questions, Ron Goldser, [yaanw@yaanw.org](mailto:yaanw@yaanw.org)

## 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/>